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### **Next Chapter Meeting** November 18, 2015

Speakers:	Mr. John Peterson from Urell
Topic:	Topic: Water Conservation in Plumbing Fixtures
Location:	Baci Grill 134 Berlin Road Cromwell, CT
Time:	6:00pm – Welcome 6:30pm – Dinner / Presentation
Cost:	\$30 per person
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## **President's Message**

Nicole Parker, CT ASPE President



November 2015

Just a reminder to all that this month's meeting will one week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving. the meeting will be Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup>. The December meeting will also be earlier due to Christmas, the meeting will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

For the December meeting we are looking to have a special Christmas Party with tabletop presenters, this will be a great opportunity to display your products. If anyone is interested in purchasing a tabletop for the event, \$100 per table, please contact our Vice President Technical Anthony Carosielli at acarosielli@silverpetrucelli.com. We will need to get a count of tabletops soon enough to see if we need to reserve the larger room.

Also, we seem to be having a difficult time in finding presenters for our monthly meetings, if there is anyone interested please let us know!!

It was great to see some new faces at the October meeting, we have increased our numbers to 52 members, and it would be great if we could increase our number of attendees at the monthly meetings. I know everyone has family life that gets in the way, but the meetings are a great way to network and exchange information in the Plumbing world!

#### CTASPE Chapter News

Our Chapter has been chosen for the host site for the 2016 Region 1 Presidents Meeting. This means that our Board will be working hard to find a hotel to host this 1 day business meeting in which all of the Presidents from the Chapters in Region 1 will attend, along with our Regional Director, Paul Silvestre and typically two members of the National Board. As the host Chapter we will be asking for any Sponsorships to help assist with the cost of the Meet & Greet on night before the meeting and for the cost of the meals for the Business meeting. Anyone who is interested please contact me at nparker@lindgrensharples.com

#### Tabletop Presenters!!!

We will be charging a \$100 fee for those who wish to present a tabletop of their products at the meeting. If you wish to be a tabletop presenter, please contact either myself at <u>nparker@lindgrensharples.com</u> or Anthony Carosielli at <u>acarosielli@silverpetrucelli.com</u>.

The money for these tabletops will help keep the cost of the monthly meetings at the low \$30 cost per person. I look forward to having many tabletops at our monthly meetings!

#### <u>Sponsorship</u>

If there is anyone interested in sponsoring any of the monthly meetings the cost would be \$600. This would give the members an opportunity to come to the meeting free of charge. Again if you are interested please contact either myself at <u>nparker@lindgrensharples.com</u> or Anthony Carosielli at <u>acarosielli@silverpetrucelli.com</u>.

#### Newsletter Advertisement's

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#### Proof of Attendance

I would like to mention to all of the CPD's in the chapter to be sure to sign in at every meeting. They are auditing more people each year and it is a pain to scramble to collect all the proof of your credits. We will not be publishing in the newsletter the list of attendees, so please ask for a Certificate of Attendance if you need one. Also, if the course is a CEU accredited course you MUST sign in and out of the meeting. I will be keeping track of all of the attendance records so if anyone needs proof please contact me.

Note: For our Inspector friends attending the monthly meetings, you need to be sure to sign in as well and I can email you a Certificate of Attendance.

#### CTASPE Membership

As of October 7, 2015, The Connecticut Chapter's membership is 52. Our membership breakdown is as follows:

Oct 2015		Aug 2015
Full Members:	33	32
Associated Members:	1	1
Affiliate Members:	16	12
Government Members	s: 1	0
Special Members:	1	1
Student Members:	0	0
Total Chapter Members: 52		47

Of the 52 members we have 13 PE's, 8 CPD's and 1 PE & CPD.

We have passed my goal as President of having 50 members; let's set a new goal and try for 60 members!

#### New Members

If you are a new member of ASPE, the Connecticut chapter would like to welcome you and invite you to attend your first chapter meeting on us. All new society members will have their first chapter dinner paid for by the local chapter as a "Welcome to the Society". All you need to do is attend your first meeting and let one of the Chapter officers know, and we'll take care of the rest. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

#### Chapter Treasury

The Chapter is in fair shape for our size. We need to make an effort to become in the plus each month instead of in the negative. Although we are struggling somewhat, I am proud to report that the Chapter is still able to remain selfsufficient. I would like to say "Thank You" to all of the Chapter's members and our Affiliates for their continued support.

#### <u>National News</u> 2016 Certified in Plumbing Design exam will be held March 31 and April 1

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#### CPD Review Manual is now available for download

To help you prepare for next year's CPD exam, ASPE has released a revised and updated *CPD Review Manual*, which is available for download at our <u>online store</u>. This study guide contains design information on all of the most common plumbing systems, as well as a practice exam that includes explanations of right and wrong answers. A print version of the manual will be available by the end of the year. Note: Only the print version, not the PDF download, will be allowed into the testing center on the exam day.

#### ASPE seeks presentation proposals for the 2016 Convention and Exposition

If you want to share your knowledge and design expertise with others in the plumbing industry who are eager to learn, then you need to submit a presentation proposal to be considered as a speaker for the 2016 Convention and Exposition taking place in Phoenix from October 28-November 2. We are looking for presentations on a variety of design topics, so go to <u>aspe.org/CallforPresenters</u> by February 1 to submit your proposal for a technical education session.

#### *New code reference for water efficiency is published* 2015 WEP: Water-Efficiency Provisions of the

*International Green Construction Code*, published by ICC and ASHRAE, includes indoor and outdoor water-efficiency and conservation provisions from the 2015 IgCC, 2015 IPC, and ANSI/ASHRAE/USGBC/IES 189.1-2014.



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- If you are an ASPE member **you can earn 1 free hour of continuing education every month** by visiting <u>https://aspe.org/content/read-learn-earn</u> (aspe.org under the education tab).
  - Every month a new article and quiz are added and one quiz expires, so if you're diligent you can earn these 24 hours without incurring any other fees and from the convenience of your home or office. I strongly recommend this option.
  - Keep detailed records of what continuing education you've completed. I can't stress this enough. Many times people earn credits while they're employed at one firm, then change firms and can't access what they earned. Or they have trouble locating them within their email. Make a PDF of all certificates you earn, forward a copy of them to your personal email address, etc.
    - If you're an ASPE member login to aspe.org then visit <u>https://aspe.org/CEUCenterInfo</u> to see a log of CEUs earned through ASPE. If this method doesn't work for you create your own method but be diligent and accurate, and keep backups!
    - Proof of attendance must be kept. I'm sure you're aware of what is acceptable, but if you're not please let me know and I'll show you a sample. Many ASPE chapters award CEU certificates after monthly meetings. If they don't, have your chapter officer speak to me and we can show them how to award certificates to attendees.
    - Here are examples of what is *not acceptable* in the event you are audited: calendar invites, announcements of an event, etc. These don't show proof of attendance.
- Here's resources of all nationally recognized **continuing education opportunities**:
  - **Webinars**: <u>https://aspe.org/WebinarArchives</u> Most webinars are 1 hour and offer 0.1 CEUs, we offer live webinars every month and the archives are available too.
  - **Online Education**: <u>https://aspe.org/content/online-education</u>
  - **CEU Provider Program**: <u>https://aspe.org/content/aspe-ceu-provider-program</u> Many companies have signed up to become an ASPE CEU Provider and their name and courses are listed there.
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  - **ASPE hosted workshops**: varies throughout the year and award high amounts of CEUs.
  - ASPE Conferences: Odd years is the <u>Technical Symposium</u> and even years is the biennial <u>Convention</u> and <u>Expo</u>. Most conferences award more than half of your required CEUs and are an excellent opportunity to meet other CPDs.

#### If you are interested in presenting at a CT ASPE Chapter Meeting please contact:

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#### **Technical Program**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Place of meeting:	Baci Grill Cromwell, CT
Date and time:	October 28, 2015 @ 6:30 PM
Attendees:	12

Proceedings:

- 1. President Nicole Parker welcomed everyone to the Connecticut ASPE chapter October 2015 meeting.
- 2. President Nicole Parker announced that the CT Chapter had been chosen for the host site for the 2016 Region 1 Presidents Meeting. Sponsorships are being requested to help assist with the costs of the Meet & Greet and the Business Dinner meeting. Please contact her for details on this high profile event.
- 3. President Nicole Parker noted a reminder to all on the Boston ASPE Chapter 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Product Show on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at The Lantana, Randolph, MA. Technical seminars with vendor product booths. Information and registration on the Boston ASPE web site.
- 4. President Nicole Parker announced that the chapter would be charging a \$100 fee for those who wish to present a tabletop of their products at any of the upcoming meetings. Monies for the table tops will help keep cost of the monthly meetings at the low cost of \$30. Please contact her or Anthony Carosielli for the details.
- 5. President Nicole Parker announced there is an opportunity for sponsorship of any of the upcoming monthly meetings. The sponsorship fee of \$600 would give members an opportunity to attend to the meeting at no charge. Please contact her or Anthony Carosielli for the details.
- 6. President Nicole Parker introduced the technical presenter for the evening Mr. Tom MacKinnon from Knauf Insulation. The Role of Insulation in Energy Efficient Designs was presented.
- 7. Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

We believe the above to be an accurate representation of the events of the evening. Should any corrections be warranted, please notify within 48 hours of receipt.

By: James B. McCauley Administrative Secretary

# Casino Competition Increases As Deadline Looms Friday

Hartford Courant

By: Kenneth R. Gosselin and Mikaela Porter November 6, 2015

With Friday's 4 p.m.deadline for submitting proposals fast approaching, the competition to land a third casino in Connecticut has suddenly grown more intense.

Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks is jumping back into the fray and the owners of the Enfield Square mall may still push ahead — even though the towns where they are located did not sign off on the proposals.

East Hartford is pushing a bigger, flashier venue along I-84. And East Windsor is targeting property along I-91.

With authorization from the state, the tribes that operate the Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos are seeking to jointly open and operate a gaming venue in the capital region to dilute competition from a mega-casino now under construction by MGM in nearby Springfield. For the last month, the Mashantucket Pequots and the Mohegans have sought casino proposals from communities.

Recently, the tribes changed the proposal submission process, reviving both the Bradley and the mall plans, which had appeared dead due to local opposition.

Initially, the tribes had required that both the town and the landowner sign off on proposals. But earlier this week, the tribes posted on their joint website for the third casino that they would accept "incomplete" applications, rather than push back the deadline, to cast as wide a net as possible for potential locations.

That meant both signatures would not be needed at the deadline but would have to eventually be secured. Public hearings, referendums and other local approvals might also be required later by the towns.

The tribes noted that the proposal process had become complicated by Tuesday's local municipal elections, coming just three days before the proposal deadline.

The airport dropped its bid for the casino two weeks ago, after the Windsor Locks Board of Selectmen rejected the proposal. Part of the reason behind the rejection in Windsor Locks was that two of the three selectmen were not running for re-election and said they did not want to make such a major decision as they left office.

"We thought it was dead," Kevin Dillon, the executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority, said. "Now, it's a whole new board. We're going to ask them to take it up at their first meeting Nov. 24."

There are two potential sites at the airport: on the site of the old Murphy Terminal, now being demolished, or atop a new transportation center planned nearby for car rentals and additional visitor parking.

Dillon said an "interim casino" could also be established quickly at the Sheraton hotel at the airport.

"It could open almost immediately," Dillon said.

Chris Kervick, who was elected first selectman of Windsor Locks Tuesday, said he is in favor of at least entering discussions with the tribes — but the full board must first vote. He's also concerned that the state legislature could alter the law that authorized the third casino to allow the tribes to negotiate directly with the airport, which is on state property. The state's approval of the tribes' selection would be needed in the next legislative session.

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"We wouldn't be able to protect our interests," Kervick said.

In Enfield, the mall owners envisioned a massive makeover for the aging mall, including a 152,000-square-foot casino with a hotel, dining, entertainment and a 1,200-space parking garage. But securing backing from the town could be an uphill fight, after residents panned the idea early last month because of concerns about traffic and crime.

Enfield Mayor Scott Kaupin, who said last week the town did not intend to submit a proposal, expressed frustration Thursday with the changes made by the tribes in the application process.

"I don't think you're going to have a willing partner in the town of Enfield or wanting anything to do with a company or a developer that isn't following the rules of the game as they were set out at the beginning of the process," Kaupin said.

The tribes are under pressure to select a site quickly. They must be ready for the next legislative session; but they also want to open a year or more before MGM Springfield, whose scheduled opening is the fall of 2018.

The tribes have said they want the easiest possible site to develop in the shortest amount of time with the fewest costs, and with benefits such as visibility and proximity to large populations.

In East Hartford, where the town council has already endorsed a casino plan, Anthony W. Ravosa Jr. has assembled a development team to draw up plans to convert the long-vacant Showcase Cinemas into a casino and entertainment complex. Ravosa said he will submit a new set of plans Friday that features the full Vegas treatment, building on ones he presented earlier this year.

The new design expands the building, brings it 80 feet closer to I-84 and adds an LED billboard facing the highway that is 30 feet high and 80 feet long. The billboard would advertise coming events at the East Hartford casino as well as the flagship venues of Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun in Uncasville.

"Nobody has the frontage and the closeness to the interstate that this property has," Ravosa, of Glastonbury, said. "Can you imagine if you are driving in from Boston, the impulse patron capture?"

The 130,000 cars that pass East Hartford daily is a number that far surpasses East Windsor and the airport, Ravosa said, citing traffic studies.

"East Hartford is the nexus of every interstate and state highway coming into the Hartford area," Ravosa said. "[I-]91, 84, Route 2, Route 15, Route 5, 291, 384. It's all there."

The new plans also add a six-level parking garage that can accommodate 2,100 cars, plus another 900 cars elsewhere on the property. There also are surrounding properties, including the rundown Silver Lane Plaza, which could provide options for expansion, Ravosa said.

Ravosa has the backing of town officials in East Hartford to submit the proposal.



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East Windsor First Selectman Denise Menard did not return telephone calls Thursday seeking comment on the status of proposals from her town. Last week, Menard said the town was poised to submit a proposal covering two adjoining properties: the Showcase Cinemas and a Wal-Mart, both vacant.

The tribes envision a casino with 2,000 slot machines and 100 to 150 tables, with an estimated development cost of \$200 million to \$300 million. The size of the casino and other amenities would range from 150,000 to 350,000 square feet.

The goal is to keep casino-goers in Connecticut with a location that provides gambling, but not all the glitz and attractions of Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos. The tribes and the state say the effort is designed to keep revenue and jobs in Connecticut amid an increasingly competitive gambling industry.

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A southwest aerial rendering of a \$138 million casino being proposed at the vacant Showcase Cinemas in East Hartford along I-84. The development team is pitching the proposed structure to the Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot tribes.

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## Proposed XL Center Makeover Comes With A Hefty Pricetag

Hartford Courant By: **Kenneth R. Gosselin** November 15, 2015

HARTFORD — A \$250 million plan to transform the XL Center into a modern venue envisions swapping ugly concrete for glass at the corner of Ann Uccello and Church streets, bringing some of the vibe that's inside the arena out to the street.

"When you're in it, you feel the city and when you're outside on the street, you can look inside," Michael W. Freimuth, executive director of the Capital Region Development Authority, said. "In other cities, these buildings deliver an energy level, and that's what we have to achieve here."

The goal is daunting and the redesign of the back of the XL Center is just the latest component of a proposed, top-tobottom makeover and expansion of the 40-year-old arena. The \$250 million project would be spread across several fiscal years and paid for almost entirely by the state.

The authority, which oversees the XL Center and the renovation, will have to marshal the political support from both Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and the state legislature to secure funding. The project will have to compete with a myriad of other projects, including Malloy's sweeping statewide plan to improve transportation and comes at a time when the state is mired in deepening financial woes.

The first chunk of funding — perhaps as much as \$50 million — could get the project fully underway next year. If legislative approval is secured, construction could start the following year and be completed by 2019.

The plans envision a dramatic change that would essentially create a new arena: a second concourse to relieve congestion and irritating waits at concessions; more "premium" seating lower in the arena; and more amenities and restrooms.

"The objective is to make this building a new building," Freimuth said. "It has to look, feel and smell new."

Physical changes could make the XL Center more competitive with promoters of concerts and other events — and increase profits both for promoters and the XL Center. Historically, the venue has been a money-loser, about \$3 million annually in recent years, a loss that typically was all or at least partly covered by the state.

A spokesman for the state's budget office said Malloy's administration supports improvements to the venue, but gave no hint of the scope.

"The XL Center is an important economic driver for the city of Hartford and the entire region," Gian-Carl Casa, a spokesman for the state Office of Policy and Management, said. "CRDA has been studying the facility and we are working closely with CRDA to evaluate its needs and decide what should be done to address them."

The project would be part of the state's capital improvement budget, which is funded by the sale of bonds. Freimuth knows it could be a tough go in the legislature.

"If we don't do something, to me, we run, what I call the New Haven risk where the facility just runs down on itself," Freimuth said, referring to the decline — and eventual demolition — of the coliseum in New Haven.

The future of the XL Center arena, the Veterans Memorial Coliseum, has been debated for more than a decade. A long line of studies declared that it was too small and too outdated for major league sports.

The makeover and expansion now being contemplated would come on top of \$35 million already spent in the past two years. That work spruced up a drab interior, opened up a "fan club" facing the arena and added premium seating lower in the bowl. But those improvements were only intended to carry the XL Center through the end of the decade, or possibly a bit longer.

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Nine months ago, a consultant recommended three options for the arena: work with the existing building, embark on a major renovation and expansion; or replace the structure entirely on the present site. The authority settled on the second option because, even at \$250 million, it was half of the \$500 million for a new structure.

The consultant, SCI Architects of New York, noted that working within the current building was not a viable alternative for creating an engine of economic growth downtown.

Freimuth said SCI and the authority expect physical improvements to drive revenue higher. More concessions and attractions — now standard in new arenas would encourage ticket holders to spend more money, especially if they don't have to wait in long lines and miss a piece of the event they are attending, he said.

But the authority also is looking at how it can structure contracts to boost the arena's money-making potential.

Sports remains the venue's mainstay, with AHL hockey and UConn basketball and ice hockey teams as major tenants. The authority and UConn are negotiating a long-term contract that differs from the past and would go into effect should XL Center get the radical makeover.

The contract would make UConn more of a partner than a tenant. The deal calls for the university to play 30 games a year — men's and women's basketball and ice hockey — for 20 years. But instead of paying rent, as it does now, and keeping the majority of ticket revenue, UConn and the arena would share all revenue — tickets, concessions, sponsorships and premium seating — with UConn no longer paying rent.

"There would be a higher return to UConn than it is currently getting," Freimuth said. "And the idea is that the revenue stream for the arena would be better than break-even."

A profitable venue also would be attractive to an NHL team should one seek out Hartford, Friemuth said, because a professional team doesn't want to subsidize operations.

If the legislature financially supports pushing ahead next year, the authority would focus on drawing up detailed plans and purchasing the atrium, now owned by Northland Investment Corp., space which is needed for the second concourse. Adding the new concourse would also mean juggling space now leased by the University of St. Joseph's pharmacy school.

Freimuth said negotiations are already underway with Northland, which redeveloped the former Hartford Civic Center and built the adjoining Hartford 21 apartment tower in the early 2000s. Before the redevelopment, there was a second level when there was a shopping mall in the building.

The elimination of skyboxes, which would be converted to restaurants and clubs, and other changes throughout the structure could make room for another 2,000 or so seats, increasing the total to about 18,000 from the current 15,800.

The makeover at the corner of Ann Uccello and Church would be an improvement architecturally, incorporating the movement of people inside the building to enliven the streetscape — especially looking east on Church.

"Let's stipulate that this block as it exists is really bad urbanism, a confrontation of queasiness-induced parking deck angles with this marching Imperial storm trooper colonnade," Patrick L. Pinnell a Hartford-area architect and planner, said.

The redesign, Pinnell said, enlivens the corner and makes it more inviting. An LED billboard will serve as a "civic beacon" to welcome people to the city.

Pinnell said more still needs to be done with the stairs, perhaps incorporating benches and public art to further convey it is a public space.

"It will never be the Spanish Steps in Rome," Pinnell said. "That's the ideal of moving into a civic space, but there's more of an opportunity here."

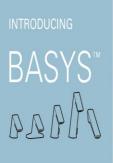
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May 25, 2016	Topic: <b>Roof Drains – The Whole Story</b> Speaker: Jeremy Ross Tabletop:			
<u>All Meeting to be held at Baci Grill unless noted</u>				

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