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Next Chapter Meeting

December 16, 2015

Speakers:

Topic: CT ASPE Christmas Dinner

Location: Baci Grill

134 Berlin Road Cromwell, CT

Time: 6:00pm – Welcome

6:30pm – Dinner / Presentation

Cost: \$30 per person

RSVP: Tuesday, November 17, 2015

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President's Message

Nicole Parker, CT ASPE President



On behalf of the Board and myself I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Although the weather is unusually warm, Christmas is only two weeks away. Hopefully the snow stays away!!

This month's meeting is the Chapter Christmas Party; I am hoping that we will see a larger group of attendees than what we have seen the last two months. The Board has been trying our best to figure out a way to get the attendance up, but have not been successful.

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!!

My contact information has changed; I can now be reached at NicoleP@BVHis.com

CTASPE Chapter News Region 1 Presidents Meeting

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 NicoleP@BVHis.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 Nicole P@BVHis.com or Anthony Carosielli at acarosielli@silverpetrucelli.com.

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!

Sponsorship

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 NicoleP@BVHis.com or Anthony Carosielli at acarosielli@silverpetrucelli.com.

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 December 7, 2015, The Connecticut Chapter's membership is holding steady52. Our membership breakdown is as follows:

	December 2015
Full Members:	33
Associated Members:	1
Affiliate Members:	16
Government Members: Special Members:	0 1
Student Members:	0
Retired Members:	1
Total Chapter Members:	52

Of the 52 members we have 13 PE's, 9 CPD's and 1 PE & CPD.

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.

National News

Registration for the 2016 CPD exam opens January 4

The Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) designation provides formal recognition of outstanding professionals with advanced skills in the design and specification of plumbing systems, and the 2016 exam will be held at testing sites around the country on March 30 and April 1. To learn more about the program and eligibility, go toaspe.org/CPD.

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.

Want to earn your GPD designation this winter? ASPE and IAPMO are holding Green Plumbing Design workshops in Baltimore (January 18-19) and Chicago (February 22-23) for those who want to showcase their sustainable design skills with a GPD designation. You must be a CPD or PE to qualify for the exam. More information and registration are available ataspe.org/GPD, but space is limited to 18 participants in each workshop, so register soon.

The latest edition of ASPE Journal is available The November 2015 issue of ASPE Journal, ASPE's only member-only publication, includes case studies on rainwater harvesting and hospital potable water systems, a message from ASPE's Membership Committee Chair, and a legislative update. You can read the articles online or download the whole publication ataspe.org/ASPEJournal.

ASPE Board of Directors applications will be accepted starting January 4

The Nominating Committee will begin accepting applications from members who are interested in running for one of the 12 national officer positions on the 2016-2018 Board of Directors starting January 4.

Meeting Minutes

Place of meeting: Baci Grill Cromwell, CT Date and time: November 18, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

Attendees: 8

Proceedings:

- 1. President Nicole Parker welcomed everyone to the Connecticut ASPE chapter November 2015 meeting.
- 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 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.
- 4. 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.
- President Nicole Parker introduced the technical presenter for the evening Mr. John Peterson from the Urell Agency. Water Conversation in Plumbing Fixtures.
- 6. 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

Ways to Earn CEU's

- If you are an ASPE member **you can earn 1 free hour of continuing education every month** by visiting https://aspe.org/content/read-learn-earn (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.**
 - o If you're an ASPE member login to aspe.org then visit https://aspe.org/CEUCenterInfo 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**: https://aspe.org/WebinarArchives Most webinars are 1 hour and offer 0.1 CEUs, we offer live webinars every month and the archives are available too.
 - Online Education: https://aspe.org/content/online-education
 - o **CEU Provider Program**: https://aspe.org/content/aspe-ceu-provider-program Many companies have signed up to become an ASPE CEU Provider and their name and courses are listed there.
 - o **Read, Learn, Earn**: https://aspe.org/content/read-learn-earn Again, earn 0.1 CEUs every month for FREE (applies to ASPE members)
 - o **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:

Vice President Technical: Anthony Carosielli III

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Share Your Knowledge at the 2016 Convention & Expo

If you are looking to share your knowledge and design experience with others in the plumbing industry who are eager to learn, then you need to contact ASPE to be considered for the 2016 Convention & Expo taking place in Phoenix, AZ from October 28 - November 2, 2016. ASPE is currently taking submissions from individuals who are interested in presenting technical sessions.

The Education Committee is seeking presenters who have spoken on areas such as:

- Beginner topics
 - Project composition and set up
 - Construction administration
 - Introduction to plumbing theory
 - Introduction to medical gas
 - Backflow devices what's the difference?
 - The engineer and code official relationship
- Intermediate/advanced topics
 - Fire pump testing procedures
 - Hot water recirculation v. heat trace systems
 - Master thermostatic mixing valves v. point of use valves
 - Liabilities in construction administration and site observances
 - Diesel/gas distribution systems
 - FOG
 - Medical gas
 - High-rise design (fire, etc)
 - Project management for mid- and senior-level
- Speciality topics
 - Bulk oxygen storage and distribution
 - Industrial Vacuum
 - Legionella awareness
 - Case studies on international rainwater harvesting practices
 - High-purity water design
 - Research finding or case studies

Call for Presenters – www.aspe.org

Share Your Knowledge at the 2016 Convention & Expo

Please send in your contact information (including your mailing address, email address and phone number), if you're an ASPE member, a brief professional biography about yourself or the person who would present and a description of the presentation topic which would be covered and what would be contained in the presentation. Keep in mind the following:

- Each session will be a minimum of **75 minutes** in length and you must ensure the presentations are such that they cover a topic in detail.
- These presentations need to remain **non-proprietary** in nature as the Education Sessions are about learning—not selling.
- The Education Committee will review all submissions and select the topics they feel are appropriate for the conference.

Should you have any questions, please contact ASPE Education at 224-217-9016 or speakers@aspe.org. If you wish to include additional attachments for consideration please do so by email.

Please complete the form located at www.aspe.org before the February 1, 2016 deadline. **Please note:** submission of your information does not guarantee acceptance to present. You will be notified by May 1, 2016 about the Committee's decision.

ASPE.org Read, Learn, Earn

Do you find it difficult to obtain continuing education units (CEUs)? Through this special series, ASPE can help you accumulate the CEUs required for maintaining your Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) status or numerous regulatory-agency CE programs.

Visit, aspe.org and click on the education link to find the latest CE article and exam. Reading the article and completing the accompanying form will allow you to apply to ASPE for CEU credit. For most people, this process will require approximately one hour. If you earn a grade of 90 percent or higher on the test, you will be notified that you have logged 0.1 CEU.

Exams are posted on the first day of the month.

Download the article you wish to read with the accompanying quiz at the end, then submit your answers online! After reading the article, **log in** to our website (above) to verify your membership, then choose the respective quiz to submit online.

Nonmembers: select the appropriate link where you'll be prompted with a payment screen.

UConn Again Looking To Bring A New Hotel To Storrs

Hartford Courant KENNETH R. GOSSELIN December 3, 2015

The University of Connecticut is encouraging hotel developers to take a new look in and around the Storrs campus, with UConn possibly providing the land — but not the financing — for one or more hotels.

The university said it seeks a three- or four-star hotel "upscale enough to ensure that the hotel adds to the character of the Storrs community but not at a deterrent price point to university customers," according to a posting on UConn's website.

Potential university-owned locations include the "Depot Campus," the former Mansfield Training School, on Route 44 and the former Bergin prison site across the street. In addition, there is land along North Hillside Road, near the university's technology park, which is now under construction.

There is no timetable for construction, and the size, scope and cost of any project would have to be determined by the developer, said Alan Calandro, special projects manager at the university.

"There is enough demand that it warrants a hotel," Calandro said. "We want to make sure that anyone who needs a hotel doesn't have to travel to Manchester or Vernon; [we want] something that would be more convenient."

A hotel is an amenity that a university the size of UConn needs to offer, Calandro said.

Calandro said the university would likely lease the land, an arrangement similar to the one that preceded construction of the Nathan Hale Inn & Conference Center on the campus in 2001.

The 98-room hotel and conference center was losing money in recent years, and the university was renting half for much-needed student housing. Earlier this year, the university purchased the inn and conference center for \$8.4 million, with the intent of continuing to operate the inn as a mix of hotel and dorm rooms until a "viable" hotel was built on or near campus.

Calandro said the university was aiming for a "higher quality" hotel than the inn and conference center. He declined to elaborate. The hotel could be located close to the heart of the campus.

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The hotel would be on par with both the three-star Homewood Suites and the four-star Marriott Hartford, both in downtown Hartford, as rated by the hotel booking site Trivago.

In the online posting, the university noted that the fall enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students at the Storrs campus was 23,014, up from 21,000 five years ago. The university also noted that UConn annually pays \$1 million for hotel services in the area, and that doesn't include "a significant portion of hotel charges" that aren't paid by the university. Those payments come from visiting family, friends and businesses, according to the posting.

Operating a hotel near the university has been tricky, given the sharp ebbs and flows of bookings associated with the academic year.

In 2013, the developers of Storrs Center, a mixed-use development on the southern edge of campus, proposed a 100-room Fairfield Inn & Suites. Developer LeylandAlliance said campus growth, including the building of the research park, justified another hotel.

Both the owners of the Nathan Hale Inn and an 87-room Best Western in Mansfield Center opposed the plan at that time, arguing it wasn't needed in an already thin market. The town of Mansfield subsequently rejected the Storrs Center plan, saying a hotel was not in keeping with the "pedestrian-friendly" focus of the project but did not say whether another hotel was needed.

This story was updated at 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 3, 2015 to clarify that UConn does not oppose having a hotel near the heart of the Storrs campus.

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Hard Rock sets 170-room DoNo hotel

Hartford Business Journal Gregory Seay December 14, 2015

The developer of downtown Hartford's north quadrant says it will open Connecticut's first Hard Rock Hotel, adjacent to the Yard Goats ballpark.

Middletown's Centerplan Cos. and Hard Rock International announced Monday plans for a new 170-room hotel at the corner of Main and Trumbull streets, tentatively to open in 2018. Centerplan would own it; Orlando, Fla.-based Hard Rock would manage it, officials said.

Centerplan CEO Robert A. Landino said Monday the price tag for the estimated seven-story hotel, plus pre-existing Phase 1 plans for apartments/townhomes and retail, including a supermarket, would "run north of \$100 million."

Centerplan is promoting the potential multi-phase, \$350 million redevelopment of the city's DoNo quadrant. Centerplan's contracting arm is building the ballpark, set to open next spring.

Hotel designs and planning are still underway, but if all goes as planned, hotel construction would begin in late 2016, Landino said.

According to Landino, the hotel's lavish amenities will include a rooftop pool and lounge; a Rock Spa; a Hard Rock Café; and a lobby area spacious enough to accommodate intimate, livemusic performances. There are no plans to put a casino within the hotel, Landino said.

Hard Rock has had a café-restaurant inside Foxwoods Resort & Casino, outside Ledyard, for more than a decade. Globally, Hard Rock has 157 cafes, 22 hotels and 11 casinos.

"We're excited to bring the Hard Rock brand to New England in a city as welcoming as Hartford," said Marco Roca, executive vice president of global hotel development at Hard Rock International. "We look forward to being a part of Hartford's Downtown North evolution as one of the most exciting new neighborhoods in the region."



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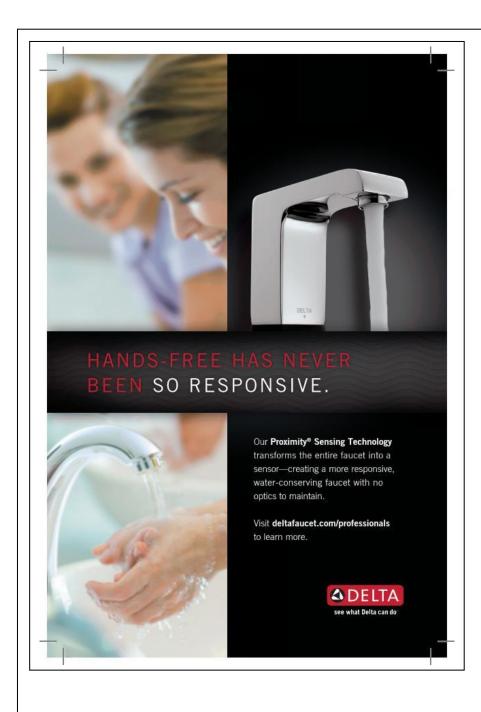
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ASPE Connecticut Chapter Technical Program 2015-2016

October 28, 2015 Topic: *The Role of Insulation in Energy Efficient*

Design

Speaker: Tom MacKinnon Tabletop: Knauf Insulation

November 18, 2015 Topic: Water Conservation in Plumbing Fixtures

Speaker: John Peterson

Tabletop:

December 16, 2015 Topic: CHRISTMAS PARTY

Speaker: Tabletop

January 27, 2016 Topic:

Speaker: Tabletop:

February 24, 2016 Topic:

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March 2016 Topic: ASPE/ASHRAE

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April 27, 2016 Topic: **NFPA 99 Medical Gas Alarm Wiring**

Requirements for the Plumbing Engineer

NFPA 99; "What edition should you be following?"

Speaker: Jay D'Agostino

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May 25, 2016 Topic: **Roof Drains – The Whole Story**

Speaker: Jeremy Ross

Tabletop:

All Meeting to be held at Baci Grill unless noted

<u>Proposed Program topics subject to change!!!</u>

Chapters are not authorized to speak for the Society