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## **President's Report**

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday feast with family and friends. As we quickly approach the end of the year, let's make the most of this final month of 2025. Embrace it with joy and happiness! Reflect on past failures and mishaps, and take pride in our victories and achievements.

For the year 2026, I encourage all members of the Boston Chapter of ASPE to make it a year dedicated to enhancing their knowledge and skills in plumbing and fire protection design and engineering. ASPE offers Continuing Education (CE) credits through various resources, including online webinars, conferences, and other training programs that are pre-approved for recertification. Professional members can access more than 30 pre-approved webinars each year. Additionally, members can earn credits by participating in ASPE committees or item reviews, as well as by submitting requests for pre-approval for other activities.

The education committee will be offering a plumbing design class for those interested in enhancing their plumbing design knowledge and skills. Information regarding registration and class details will be provided in early 2026.

The 2026 CPD Exam will be conducted remotely from April 13 to April 24, 2026, with the exam occurring annually each April. To qualify for the CPD Examination, candidates can meet one of the following criteria:

- Acquire full ASPE membership or have prior approval to sit for the exam; or
- Accumulate a minimum of four years of experience in plumbing system design and hold a relevant baccalaureate degree.

For those without an accredited degree, it's possible to substitute up to four additional years of practical experience in plumbing system design, bringing the total to eight years. Additionally, one year of education in an accredited plumbing engineering program can be credited as half a year of practical experience.

If you hold a CPD credential, check your expiration date to ensure it's not expiring on April 30, 2026. Recertification enrollment opens November 30, 2025, on the ASPE Education website.

To recertify:

- Review the online instructions and watch our recertification video.
- Click the green "Recertify" button in MyDashboard starting November 30.
- Complete any additional CEUs needed to reach 240 points (24 hours/2.4 CEUs).
- Pay the recertification fee and agree to the terms.

There's no penalty for early recertification.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to John Callahan from JH Pokorny Associates for his efforts in ensuring our membership remains healthy and continues to grow. John consistently goes above and beyond to help members with upcoming membership expirations. He is also part of the task force that actively seeks new members within our industry.

We kindly ask all readers to keep an eye on their membership deadline. Please review the membership section of this newsletter to check if your name is on the renewal list. If you recognize anyone on the list, we encourage you to reach out to them, as some individuals may have changed their contact information and may not have received our updates. Thank you for your continued support!

**With gratitude and excitement,  
Luther Thevenin, President, ASPE Boston Chapter**

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**Boston ASPE AYP – December 2025 Newsletter**  
**Hello Boston ASPE AYP Members and Friends!**

As we arrive at the final month of 2025, the Boston Chapter of ASPE would like to extend our gratitude for another successful year filled with learning, collaboration, and community. December is a natural time to reflect on what we’ve accomplished together—and to look ahead to an exciting new year of chapter initiatives and events.

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**A Big Thank You to Everyone Who Joined Us at the ASPE AYP Fall Social!**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Fall Social at Cheeky Monkey!

It was an excellent night of good food, great company, and outstanding networking. We were thrilled to see both long-time members and new faces come together in such a fun, relaxed environment. Events like this strengthen our chapter community and remind us just how valuable our professional and personal connections truly are.

A special thank-you goes out to the ASPE board and AYP sponsors this year! Your generosity allowed us to host such great events and facilitate opportunities to connect with young professionals in the industry.

We look forward to hosting more social events in the coming year!

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**Not a Member Yet? Join Us This Month!**

If you haven’t joined Boston ASPE AYP yet, December is a great time to get involved! Membership gives you access to exclusive networking events, ongoing professional development, and a supportive community of peers who are just as passionate about the industry as you are.

By becoming a member, you’ll stay connected to industry trends, build meaningful relationships, and gain access to mentorship opportunities that can elevate your career. Don’t wait—become a part of the Boston ASPE AYP community today!

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**Wishing you a Wonderful Holiday Season!**

Thank you for being part of the Boston ASPE Chapter. Whether through technical meetings, social events, volunteering, or behind-the-scenes support, your participation makes our chapter strong and vibrant.

We wish you a joyful holiday season and a successful start to 2026. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

**Dan Kelley**

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## Legislative Report

On November 5 I attended the Mass Plumbing Board virtually. Of significant news is the appointment of a new executive director, Michael Auerbach. The meeting proceeded with a legal report of regulation modifications and the announcement of the next code sub-committee meeting on November 19. By the time you read this it will already have passed, but if you follow ASPE Boston on LinkedIn I tagged a notification.

When attending Plumbing Board meetings, I'm always reminded of interesting issues that come up. One that came up was "occupancy". While the board was trying to determine if a physical therapy office was a "gym" I was reminded that 248 CMR lists occupancies that are sometimes different than the building code. What are your experiences with this? I noticed that 248 CMR § 10.10 Table 1 lists both gymnasiums and health clubs with health clubs requiring a shower. I could see how this could cause some confusion. If you have the opportunity, be proactive and help your friendly architect increase awareness of these requirements in the Plumbing code.

Also of interest to me in the November meeting was the approval of a composting toilet for a new MBTA train station next to Gillette stadium, allowed under 248 CMR § 10.10(2)(h), the text of which is here:

(h) *Alternative Technology Toilet Systems.*

1. *Innovative alternative technology toilets may be installed in place of a liquid sealed toilet.*
2. *Alternative technology toilets are considered plumbing fixtures under 248 CMR 10.00 and therefore, plumbing permit requirements must be satisfied.*
3. *The alternative technology toilet system shall be manufactured to NSF/ASNI standards and shall be installed in compliance with the manufacturer's instructions.*
4. *For additional fixture requirements, refer to 248 CMR 10.10, (15) Table 1.*
5. *Installations in areas where no potable water is available, hand sanitizer stations may be installed in lieu of the required lavatory with prior approval from the local board of health.*

Respectfully Submitted, Ethan Grossman, P.E.,

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## Technical Report

I hope everyone had a great and safe Thanksgiving with family and friends, and a nice long weekend. This December meeting will be our annual joint meeting with ASHRAE. This year ASHRAE will be hosting the meeting.

Date: Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2025  
 Topic: Beyond MEP: Holistic Strategies to Enhance Building Performance  
 Speakers: Richard Barbera, Ted Hetzel, and Dr. Masih Alavy.  
 Time: 5:30 PM- 8:00 PM  
 Location: The Hilton- Boston/Woburn, 2 Forbes Rd Woburn MA 01801

**Beyond MEP: Holistic Strategies to Enhance Building Performance:** The solution to building energy efficiency includes more MEP systems. In this guide, we'll explore some of the most impacting strategies to improve the building performance that involves collaboration with others in the AEC industry, including architects, owners and developers.

Achieving optimal building performance requires a holistic approach that integrates not only MEP but also building design, occupant behavior and environmental content. This will explore Passive Solar Design, Building Envelope, Energy Management/ Internet of Things, Geothermal Energy Systems and Energy Production and Distribution as means to achieve building performance goals. By bringing together architects, engineers, owners, and developers the guide will show how early and ongoing cooperation leads to innovative, sustainable solutions that optimize energy use, reduce operational costs, and enhance occupant comfort. Whether through integrated design processes, smart technologies, or shared performance goals, the future of high- performing building likes in a comprehensive, team- oriented approach to energy efficiency.

A couple items to note:

This December meeting, we will be collecting toys for the "Toys for Tots" charity. So please bring a new unwrapped toy to the meeting for collection. The actual meeting is hosted by ASHRAE this year.

The January meeting will be a social/holiday event, more info to come.

Hope to see everyone at the December meeting.

Best regards, Ed Nadeau, VP Technical, ASPE Boston Chapter

# ASPE Mentoring Program

This program has been designed to connect ASPE members who have a particular skill set (mentor) with individuals (mentee) who are searching to acquire the same skills to develop and make progress toward their personal and professional goals.

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# Membership Report

## New Boston Chapter ASPE Members

The Boston Chapter ASPE is pleased to welcome our 4 newest members:

Vincent Dembro	Full Member	Rimkus	Boston, MA
Keira Ahern	Associate Member	RW Sullivan	Boston, MA
Kyle Bieschke	Affiliate Member	Quick Fitting	Oklahoma City, OK
Padraig O'Donnell	Associate Member	Vanderweil	Boston, MA

## ASPE Updated Contact Information Winner!

Congratulations to **Joseph (Joey) Myers at Milwaukee Valve** for being this month's winner of a **\$50 Visa gift card**. Joseph emailed me shortly after reading last month's newsletter and told me he logged on and verified that all his contact information on the [www.aspe.org](http://www.aspe.org) website was up to date. Just signing in and verifying your contact information on file at ASPE Society office is accurate qualifies you for the drawing if you email me and tell me you actually did it. Simple. That's what he did. Congratulations Joseph!

It only takes six easy steps:

Go to [www.aspe.org](http://www.aspe.org).

Log in with your primary email address and your password. Your initial password is your ASPE membership number.

(Once you log in successfully it is recommended to change your password)

Click on the "My Account" link up top

Click on the "My Profile" link to the left to see your current contact information

Click "Edit" and update your information and then click "Save".

Email me at [johnc@jhpokorny.net](mailto:johnc@jhpokorny.net) and let me know you updated your contact information.

## November's "What is it?" Contest Photo Winner

Congratulations to **Jeff Hodgkin at J.H. Pokorny Associates** whose name was selected at random to win a \$50 Visa gift card. Jeff was one of many members that took a few minutes to look at the attached photo and emailed me the names of all the Boston Chapter Past Presidents he could identify in the photo. He knew almost all of them, so good for him.

For our younger members who haven't been a member for very long, and for our older members whose memory isn't quite like it used to be, here is the list of people in the photo

Front Row, left to right: James Craig, Jim Johnston, Frank Teebagy, Al Marzullo, Joe Barbera

Back Row, left to right: Ron Cox, Jim Luce, Rick Neth, Joe Vela, Manny Garcia, John Callahan, Bahig Kaldas, Bill Brady, Rich Dean, Bill Hughes

There are some great guys in that photo, but sadly four out of five in the front row are no longer with us.



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**November's "What is it?" Contest Photo**

I recently saw this and couldn't help wonder what the heck the rationale was for installing it this way? It makes no sense. If you want to qualify for this month's "What is it?" photo contest, simply email me at [johnc@jhpokorny.net](mailto:johnc@jhpokorny.net) and comment on the photo. That's all it takes to qualify. I want to see who is reading the newsletter besides the regular dozen or so people that reply month to month. So who wants to be in the drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card? Let me know.



**How large is the Boston Chapter ASPE?**

If you were wondering how large the Boston Chapter is compared to other chapters, here are the largest eight ASPE chapters with over 200 members. Boston is the second largest with 328 Members. Only the New York City chapter is larger than Boston. With your help, we hope to be close to 400 members soon. Please encourage your coworkers to join ASPE. There are many great benefits to being an active, participating member of the Boston Chapter. Spread the word.

New York City	434
<b>Boston</b>	<b>328</b>
Chicago	297
Dallas/Ft. Worth	283
Philadelphia	259
Houston	252
Los Angeles	235
Atlanta	224

**Members with a November Membership Renewal Date**

If you are listed below, you are a Boston chapter member that has a November membership renewal date. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible.

David L. Bazer	John A. Davis CPD-Emeritus	Ethan Grossman P.E.	Joseph M. Myers
Sumeet Chani P.E.	Zachary DiSlavo	William M Jimenez CPD	Anthony J. Petrillo
Eric Cummings P.E.	George Dubin P.E.	John Mattera	

**Members with a Lapsed Membership (The Naughty List)**

If you are a member listed below, you are overdue to renew your annual membership. Please do so as soon as possible. We don't want to lose you as a member, nor do you want to have to reapply by filling out another membership application. Save yourself the hassle and time of re-joining. Just renew online now at [www.aspe.org](http://www.aspe.org). It only takes a few minutes. And while you are at it, **update your contact information** and let me know and I'll add you to the list for the \$50 gift card.

Kevin N. Doty	Harold Saint-Surin	Janna Cohen	Richard Seiden P.E.
Joshua Goudreault CPDT	Conor Driscoll	Eric Laforge	Cole Tessar
Brett Hanson	Taylor Knapp	Jennifer McHale P.E.	
Thomas Lynch	Thomas Reilly P.E., LEED AP	Jason Moura	
Kacey Russo	Corey Auerbeck	John O'Brien	

**Members with a December Birthday**

Wishing the following Boston ASPE members a Happy Birthday!

Gerard R Audet CPD	Russell E. Drummey P.E.	Jennifer McHale P.E.	Kristen Talatinian G.E.
Mark Bordelon	Timothy A. Elliott P.E.	Jason McKinnon	Cole Tessar
Bess Brunton	Stephen Fulgoni CPD	Liam Mone	Rudi Tillman CPD
Courtney G Bunker	Bradley Gahagan CPD, GPD	Jason Moura	Jonathan Willard LEED AP
Vincent Dembro	Jeffrey Gooding	Ed Nickerson	Shane Wise CPD
Conor Driscoll	Eleni Liapopoulou CPD	Robert A. Petronio CPD	

By John Callahan, CPD, V. P. Membership, Boston Chapter ASPE

ASPE's Pipeline to the NCEES PE Plumbing Exam

Those in the plumbing engineering community who hold their Professional Engineering license would have taken the PE exam in Mechanical Engineering, or, after 1995 or so, one of the related exams under the Mechanical category - HVAC & Refrigeration or Thermal & Fluid Systems. Others may have taken the PE exam in Fire Protection. There has never been a "plumbing" specialty discipline among professional engineers, but a Plumbing & Piping exam will join these exams under the general Mechanical Engineering category.

Led by the efforts of Mr. David Dexter, PE, CPD, FASPE, the American Society of Plumbing Engineers established a Professional Engineer Working Group (PEWG) to create a pathway to establishing a plumbing option within the framework of the Mechanical Engineering Principles and Practice (MEPP) examination developed by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

Although this information is public knowledge, NCEES is very protective of the exam development process, including the scope and depth of knowledge that will be tested. This is to ensure that the agencies relying on these exams (state licensing boards) can be assured of their consistency and relevance in predicting the minimum level of competency of applicants for licensure.

So, what do you need to know about this new PE exam? Mainly, this exam is not intended to be the Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) credential with more questions. Also, as with any other discipline of engineering regulated by the States through professional licensure, anyone pursuing a PE registration must first:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree in engineering or a related field from an institution accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) or an alternate degree approved by the licensing state.
2. Pass the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam, administered by the NCEES.
3. Have worked a minimum of four years of relevant engineering experience under the supervision (responsible charge) of a licensed PE.
4. Apply for licensure through their state's board of professional engineers, which may involve fees and documentation of education, references, documented experience, and exam results.

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These requirements can vary slightly by state, so aspiring PEs should check with their state's board for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

In Massachusetts, licensure is overseen by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, which operates under the Massachusetts Division of Occupational Licensure. The statutes and regulations for engineers and land surveyors in Massachusetts can be found here: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVI/Chapter112>

Massachusetts offers an alternative path to professional engineering (PE) licensure based on experience, specifically for individuals who may not have a degree from an ABET-accredited institution. The variations are too many to include here, but notably, according to Massachusetts General Law, Section 81J 1(e), candidates without a degree who have twenty (20) years of relevant experience in engineering can still qualify for licensure. However, no person shall be eligible for registration as a professional engineer without passing an oral or written examination, and who is “not of good character and reputation.” ASPE members, be forewarned.

To be able to apply to the Board, the final step to licensure is to pass the Principles and Practices Exam administered by the NCEES. For those who prefer to take the Plumbing & Piping PE exam, it appears to be on track to go live in 2028. In the meantime, anyone who feels ready to take a relevant exam in HVAC or Thermo-Fluids should do so, rather than wait. Whichever exam you take from the Mechanical category, your PE license will fall under the category of Mechanical. To distinguish your background and expertise in plumbing engineering, everyone is encouraged to take the CPDT, CPD, and GPD exams and include those credentials after your PE designation. The combination informs others of your impressive and unique skillset.

Any thoughts or opinions? Need more information? Feel free to contact the ASPE Boston Chapter.

Deep Thoughts:

“You don’t stop playing because you get older. You get older because you stop playing.”

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## Early Renewal Discount for First-Year Members

After you join ASPE for the first time, you can ensure continued membership benefits at a discount by renewing early. Any first-year member who renews by the end of the eighth month of their membership will receive a reduced dues amount of \$170 for the second year, therefore saving \$20 by renewing early. Eligibility guidelines for this discount follow:

- Only those who joined after July 1, 2018 are eligible.
- Only 125 members per quarter can take advantage of this offer on a first come first serve basis.
- Renewal must be done online at [aspe.org/MembershipRenewal](http://aspe.org/MembershipRenewal).

## Multiple Chapter Affiliation

Did you know that you can be a member of more than one ASPE Chapter? You can! Here's how it works:

- The first Chapter affiliation is the standard dues of \$190.
- Additional Chapter affiliations are \$80 per Chapter. There is no limit to the number of Chapters with which a member can affiliate.
- The member must designate a Home Chapter.
- Regardless of the Home Chapter affiliation, the member can serve on the Board of Directors for any Chapter with which the member is affiliated.
- However, the member can only serve as a Convention Delegate for his/her Home Chapter.
- Members affiliating with multiple Chapters will receive only one Plumbing Engineering Design Handbook (PEDH) per year when renewing.

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