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President's Report

Happy New Year to all our ASPE Boston Chapter members! I wish everyone a prosperous 2026 filled with professional growth and meaningful connections.

You are all invited to our upcoming holiday party on January 13 at Trillium Brewing in Canton, MA. You are welcome to bring a plus one to this exciting event, and I am very much looking forward to seeing you there. Space is limited, so RSVP as soon as possible to avoid missing out on what promises to be a memorable evening. For more information on event registration, please refer to this newsletter. Email invitations have been sent to all ASPE members regarding the event. If you did not receive an email invitation, please contact us, and we will update your email address for future correspondence.

I want to extend giant congratulations to Sabrina Randall for earning her GPD Certification. This is a tremendous achievement that demonstrates her dedication to sustainable plumbing practices and water conservation in both commercial and residential applications. Sabrina, your commitment to advancing your expertise in eco-friendly plumbing design will undoubtedly benefit our industry and inspire others to pursue excellence. Please join me in congratulating her on this outstanding professional milestone.

After our last Board of Directors meeting at the Emerson Swan office, I was very pleased to see our AYP (ASPE Young Professionals) and WOA (Women of ASPE) leadership gathering into a small group to brainstorm upcoming invites and educational ideas for our members. This meeting gave me the greatest confidence that our members are going to enjoy the social and educational events being planned for the 2026-chapter season. I want to give special recognition to Sabrina Randall from Smith Group, Adrienne from Peters Engineering, Dan Kelley from Emerson Swan, and Brian Glennon from Emerson Swan for their exceptional leadership and vision. The future of this chapter is looking brighter with the great ideas I have heard so far, and I truly appreciate their commitment to our community.



To all AYP and WOA members, keep an eye out for upcoming invites. These leaders are working hard to provide you with events that will cater to your future growth and career development. Show your appreciation by attending some or all of the AYP and WOA events planned for this year.

In conclusion, I would like to give a final thank you to Frank Teebagy and Pat Haney for their outstanding effort in getting this upcoming holiday party organized. I also want to recognize Rich Dean for always being the brain in the background who helps improve our ideas and makes all final decisions much better than we could imagine. Lastly, I want to compliment Pat Shea for the burst of energy he brought as the Product Show co-chair. His vision and delegation skills really helped make the



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Legislative Report

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone had a great year of minimal legislative curve balls. As we roll into the new year it's a good time to reflect on how we can improve our knowledge of codes and standards to help serve our clients and ultimately the safety of the public.

For myself I think the one shift in how we work is the speed at which we deliver projects. I've worked on many more design build type projects where the pace is increased. As engineers we are still tasked with knowing the codes and standards but sometimes the lines get blurred with contractors as they are brought on early to coordinate designs. One thing I've learned is the amount of respect owed to the many contractors I've worked with. Many times, their knowledge is deeper in their field than mine alone. While we are tasked with making determinations the rate that these occur can increase, including "on the fly" determinations.

One of my continued resolutions is to stay informed of the Codes and Standards related to our industry. As you all continue your careers, I encourage you to keep your heads in the books and always look to broaden your knowledge whether it be building codes or life safety codes. If you are in the thick of "doing markups" or wrestling with Revit, take time to look at the codes and understand why systems are engineered the way they are.

Respectfully Submitted, Ethan Grossman, P.E.,
VP Legislative, Boston Chapter ASPE

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Technical Report

I hope everyone had a great and safe holiday with family and friends. This January meeting will be a holiday party at the Trillium Brewery in Canton Ma.

Date: Tuesday, January 13th 2026
Topic: ASPE Boston Holiday Party
Speakers: NA
Time: 6:00 PM- 9:00 Pm
Location: Trillium Brewing 100 Royall Street, Canton MA, 02021

A couple items to note:
The February meeting will be on Dry Sprinklers.
The meeting will be held Beacons in Walpole, more to follow.

Hope to see everyone at the January meeting.

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



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Boston ASPE AYP – January 2026 Newsletter

Happy New Year! As we kick off 2026, the ASPE Boston Chapter's Young Professionals (AYP) Group is excited to welcome you to another year of networking, professional growth, and community building. Whether you're a returning member or new to ASPE, we're looking forward to connecting with you in the months ahead.

The start of the year is the perfect time to reconnect with colleagues, meet new peers in the industry, and get involved with everything ASPE Boston AYP has to offer.

We're thrilled to invite you to our January ASPE Meeting at Trillium Brewing Company in Canton on Tuesday, January 13th!

This casual social event is a great opportunity to unwind after the holidays, expand your professional network, and start the year off strong with fellow professionals in the industry.

Event Details:

- Location: Trillium Brewing Company – Canton
- Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

 Time: 6PM to 9PM

Spots are limited! Please register so you don't miss out on a great night!

Not a Member Yet? Join Us This Month!

If you haven't joined Boston ASPE AYP yet, January 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!

Looking Ahead in 2026

The AYP Committee is planning a full year of engaging events, including:

- Networking socials throughout the year
- Educational and technical opportunities
- Collaborative events with the broader ASPE Boston Chapter Community outreach and volunteer initiatives

We encourage members to get involved—whether by attending events, helping plan socials, or sharing ideas for future engagement.

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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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Product Show a success this year. Pat has a genuine passion for the success and future of this chapter, and it truly shows in everything he does.

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 starts on 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.

Here's to a fantastic 2026 for the ASPE Boston Chapter!

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



Membership Report

New Boston Chapter ASPE Members

The Boston Chapter ASPE is pleased to welcome our 5 newest members:

Jeremy Powell LEED AP	Full Member	SmithGroup	Boston, MA
Jeffrey Law	Associate Member	STV Inc	Boston, MA
Garrett Curran	Full Member	Syska Hennessy	Boston, MA
Dan Pellegrini	Full Member	Gustavo Preston	Chelmsford, MA
Bryce Richard	Associate Member	BLW Engineers	Littleton, MA

ASPE Updated Contact Information Winner!

Congratulations to **Eric Laforge** at **Garcia Galuska DeSousa** for being this month's winner of a **\$50 Visa gift card**. Eric emailed me and told me he logged onto the www.aspe.org website and verified that all his contact information 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 Eric!

Here is how you can do it:

Go to 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)

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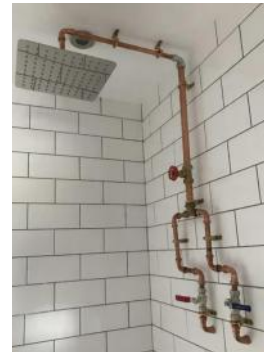
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Click "Edit" and update your information and then click "Save".

Email me at johnc@jhpokorny.net and let me know you updated your contact information.

December's "What is it?" Contest Photo Winner

Congratulations to **Gerard Audet CPD, EIT, LEED AP BD+C** at **Page Stantec** in Boston whose name was selected at random to win a \$50 Visa gift card. Gerard was one of ten members that took a few minutes to look at the attached photo and emailed a comment about the shower installation in this month's photo. Thanks to all that commented on this atrocious installation whether it was about the shower not having an approved shower valve, or lack of check valves, or the showerhead blocking the light above it, or just sending me photos of similar questionable installations they've seen in their travels. I appreciate any and all responses.



January's "What is it?" Contest Photo

I recently saw at a local bar and couldn't help wonder how this fairly common practice of putting ice in urinals came about. There are a number of ideas I've heard from people but I want to know your thoughts on it.

If you want to qualify for this month's "What is it?" photo contest, simply email me at johnc@jhpokorny.net and comment on the photo. That's all it takes to qualify. 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 Top Five ASPE chapters with over 200 members. Boston is the second largest with 332 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.

New York City	463
Boston	332
Chicago	295
Dallas/Ft. Worth	280
Philadelphia	263

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Members with a January Membership Renewal Date

If you are listed below, you are a Boston chapter member that has a January membership renewal date. If you have renewed already, THANK YOU!

If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you haven't received an email notice from the ASPE Society office with your 2026 membership renewal invoice, you need to update your contact information at www.aspe.org. Until you do, you won't be receiving emails from the Boston Chapter either. Our mailing list is generated off of the monthly roster we receive from ASPE.

Stephen S. Akian CPD	Russell E. Drummey P.E.	William M. McGrath	Donald Tauer
George G Baberkov G.E., CPD	David P. Gooding	Jens Meinig CPD	Darshan Yathambadi Raju CPD
Nancy Bonnetti	Peter D Gooding	Ralph Mulcahy P.E.	Stephen Zizza G.E.
Nicholas Campia P.E.	Eleni Liapopoulou CPD	Matthew Ploof	
Mia Catalini	Egla Luga	Sabrina Randall CPD, GPD	
Andrew Davies	Timothy Mahoney G.E., CPD	Bryce Richard	

Members with a Lapsed Membership

As of 1/6/26 the following Boston Chapter members haven't renewed their membership yet, and are at risk of having their membership lapse:

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. 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.

Taylor Knapp	Richard Seiden P.E.	John Mattera	Robert Long Jr.
Thomas Reilly P.E., LEED AP	Cole Tessar	Joseph M. Myers	Josef Marcum CPD
Corey Auerbeck	David L. Bazer	Marc R. Bryden	Christopher Ouellette
Janna Cohen	Sumeet Chani P.E.	Chuck Dudas P.E., LEED AP	David Pellegrini
Jennifer McHale P.E.	John A. Davis CPD-Emeritus	Brandon Hardy P.E.	Eric Pflugrad
John O'Brien	Zachary DiSlavo	Tyler Jordan G.E.	

Members with a January Birthday

Wishing the following Boston ASPE members a Happy Birthday in January. Of the 30 members listed, four have a January 1st birthday.

Grant A. Anderson CET	Kevin Dillon	Max Pilsmaier	Zhihao Wang
Daniel F. Barrett	Adrienne Harris	Peter G. Radzim	Dustin White
Thomas Betteridge P.E., CPD	Christopher Hoekstra	Gregory E. Riley P.E., CPD	Jonathan Wong P.E.
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John Cabral	Joseph Myers	Steve StHilaire P.E.	Jeremy Harold CPD
Seshappa Handrashekar P.E.	Robert Nesselle	Frank Teebagy P.E., GPD, FASPE	
David Desjardins P.E., CPD, GPD	Kevin Pelton CPD-Emeritus	Douglas Urell	

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

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