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**MONTHLY  
BOSTON CHAPTER MEETING**

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026  
The Chateau  
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5:30 - 8:00 PM

“Cryogenic Piping Syste<sup>m</sup>s  
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Presented by: Tyler Jordan  
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A short survey will be coming soon  
to help shape the future of ASPE Boston Events.

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## President's Report

As the warmth of late spring begins to settle in and the sunny summer season beckons, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the progress we have made together. With our 2025-2026 season drawing to a close before the summer break, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to every one of you for the incredible support and encouragement you have shown me during my first term as your President. It has been a true honor to serve in this role and to lead such a dedicated community of professionals. Please know that the Board of Directors and I have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the 2026-2027 season is our most educational and extraordinary yet, filled with high-level technical content and opportunities for all our members to thrive.

The 2026 ASPE Convention and Expo is officially landing at the Oklahoma City Convention Center from October 8-14, offering a premier opportunity to connect with thousands of plumbing engineers, designers, and contractors. Online registration is now open, inviting you to advance your career through more than 25 professional development sessions where you can earn valuable CEUs directly from the show floor. We encourage all members to visit the official expo website to view current rates and sign up for updates to ensure you don't miss a moment of this industry-leading event. **Expo website: <https://expo.aspe.org/>**

Back at the local level, we are excited to distribute the 2026-2027 ASPE membership pins at our upcoming monthly meeting on May 12th at the Chateau in Andover. If you are unable to make the May meeting, please don't worry, we will continue distributing pins throughout the beginning of the 2026 season this fall and winter, as well as at upcoming social events like AYP and WOA gatherings.



While you prepare for the new season, please review our membership roster as several colleagues are nearing expiration, often due to outdated contact information following a job change. If you recognize a name on the list, please reach out and help them stay connected to our network.

The social calendar is also heating up, starting with the AYP and WOA event at TopGolf, which is now only eight days away. If you have not received your email invitation or completed your registration, please contact us immediately to update your records and secure your spot.

Looking further ahead, our Golf Committee Chair will soon be sending out a "Save the Date" for the 2026 ASPE Golf Outing. Keep an eye on your inbox for more information on how to participate in these excellent opportunities for networking and recreation with your fellow ASPE members and friends.

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

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## Swing Into Spring With AYP!

Dear ASPE Boston AYP Members and Friends,

We hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and the start of spring here in New England. As the days get longer and the temperatures rise, it's the perfect time to reconnect with colleagues and spend time with fellow members of the ASPE Boston Young Professionals group.

The AYP group is excited to kick off our first social event of the year, and we hope many of you can join us.

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### AYP May Social – Topgolf Canton

Join us for an evening of networking, friendly competition, and fun at Topgolf in Canton, MA on Wednesday, May 13th from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Whether you're an experienced golfer or trying Topgolf for the first time, this event is a great opportunity to connect with other young professionals in the plumbing engineering community in a relaxed setting. Come swing a club, enjoy some food and drinks, and build new connections within the Boston ASPE network.

#### Event Details

Location: Topgolf – Canton, MA

Date: Wednesday, May 13

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Please register via the ASPE website. Link to the event is here: <https://aspebostonchapter.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php?id=17&ts=1776981533>

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

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



**Dan Kelley**

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# Legislative Report

Legislatively, in Massachusetts, the Plumbing Board continues to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9am. Here is a list of upcoming meetings for your information:

- May 6
- June 3
- July 1
- August 5

Regarding code news in the Northeast, everyone should be aware that our neighbor to the south, Connecticut, had adopted code updates which are planned to take effect in the middle of this year. These codes will be know as the 2026 Connecticut Building, Fire Safety, and Fire Prevention Codes respectively.

Generally, the 2026 Connecticut code will include 2024 International codes. There were almost 100 public comments to the development of the code which attests to the engagement of the professional design community.

What's been new with you? For me, I've had some interesting scenarios come up related to Factory Mutual. One being sprinklers in ductwork. My whole career I've always wondered why this in on some details and when would you ever need sprinklers in ductwork or air-handlers. I learned that there are some scenarios where combustible residue can accumulate in exhaust systems and that is when sprinklers become imperative. Where would that sprinkler flow go? To a drain naturally and henceforth a neutralization system. Keep and eye-out for this scenario because your neutralization flow could quickly become quite substantial.

Speaking of FM, there is also a requirement for leak detection and automatic shut-off that I became aware of. This is another design element that we should all be aware of when working on jobs that are FM insured.

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

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# Membership Report

## New Boston Chapter ASPE Members

The Boston Chapter ASPE is disappointed to announce that we did not have a single new member this month. Adding to our disappointment is the fact that the Bruins and Celtics are now out of the playoffs. On the bright side for our MLS Soccer fan members, the *New England Revolution* have extended their *Undefeated-at-Home* winning streak to 5-0 at Gillette Stadium. (Always focus on the positive).

We want the Boston chapter to continue to grow, so please encourage your fellow coworkers to join ASPE if they are not already a member. Thanks

## ASPE Updated Contact Information Winner!

Congratulations to **Clara Yeonwoo Joo** at **WSP** in Boston, MA who is this month's random drawing winner of a \$50 Visa Gift Card. Clara logged onto the ASPE Society website and she verified that her contact information on file was correct. She emailed me a screenshot of the Contact Information website page to show me she updated her contact information. Doing so qualified her for the monthly drawing. Congratulations Clara, you just won a \$50 Visa gift card.

## Want to enter this month's \$50 Visa Gift Card Drawing?

Here is how you can do it:

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.



### May's "What is it?" Contest Photo

Here is this month's "What Is It?" photo. Can you tell me what is wrong in this photo?

Send an email to me at [johnc@jhpokorny.net](mailto:johnc@jhpokorny.net) with your answer and I will select one person at random to win a \$50 Visa gift card. It could be you, but you need to email me to be eligible.



### Did You Know?

The sound of water pouring changes with water temperature. Now you know.



### Boston Chapter Membership Pins

The Boston Chapter has received the 2026-2027 Membership pins shown in the adjacent photo. Each member of the Boston Chapter can pick up their pin at any of our upcoming Monthly meetings.

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## 2026 ASPE Convention in Oklahoma City

You should have recently received an email from ASPE Society telling you that registration is now open for the 2026 ASPE Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. It runs from October 8 to the 14<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't ever been to an ASPE Convention, I can assure you it is well worth the time. I've gone for years and it's an amazingly fun time, from a social, networking, educational, and career development perspective. The Boston chapter will once again have well over a dozen members attending, and hopefully, you will consider joining us. You are guaranteed to have a good time. Just saying.

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### Members with a May Membership Renewal Date

If you are listed below, you are a Boston chapter member that has an April membership renewal date. If you have renewed already, Thank You!

If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Edwin Barrios Jr., CPD, GPD  
Thomas P. Bowman  
Adrienne Harris

Jonah Israelit P.E.  
Greg McCarthy  
Abe Moniri

Connor Pugliese  
Nicholas A. Stephens  
Kristen Talatinian G.E.

Douglas Urell  
Alex Wheaton CPD

### Members with a May Birthday!

If your birthday is in May, I have listed you below. It's interesting to know that of the 24 Boston Chapter ASPE members listed below with a birthday in May, 12 members, literally half of the names, share a May birthday with someone else in the chapter. Who would have guessed?

5/1	Manuel B. Garcia P.E.	5/14	Leroy Le Lacheur CPD, LEED	5/24	Andrew W. Arsenault P.E.
5/3	Geoffrey F. Hamilton		AP, ASSE 6060	5/26	Terry Szeto
5/5	John P Callahan CPD, GPD	5/14	Kyle Lipkvich	5/28	Stephen Coduri P.E.
5/5	Matthew Ross	5/14	Jason A. Churches P.E.	5/30	Robert Long Jr.
5/7	Ryan Lacey P.E.	5/17	Connor Pugliese	5/30	Kurt E. Warren
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5/9	Tom LaRosa	5/19	Peter Rogers P.E.	5/31	Martha Jacobs
5/12	Josef Marcum CPD	5/21	Peter Palladino		
5/14	Maddie J Clemmons	5/22	Peter Kelly		

### Members with a Lapsed Membership

As of this writing, I haven't received the updated Boston chapter roster for May. As such, I don't know how many of the names below have since renewed their membership. If you were on this list last month, your membership renewal date had already come and gone. I am reprinting the list as another reminder to renew if you haven't already. Thank you

Please renew your membership by calling the ASPE Membership Department.

Here is the contact information:

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



## Technical Report

This past April meeting we had our annual joint meeting with the Greater Boston Plumbing Contractor Association (GBPCA). We had a great turn out to the meeting!

Please join us for our May Chapter & Technical Meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. This meeting will be held at Chateau Restaurant. 131 River Rd, Andover, MA 01810

The May technical topic will be on Cryogenic Piping systems ( Liquid Nitrogen), presented by Tyler Jordan from Vacuum Barrier Corporation. Tyler is an Application Engineer at Vacuum Barrier Corporation, specializing in sales and system design of cryogenic liquid nitrogen piping, and customer support for customers in food and beverage, defense/ aerospace, bio tech/ pharmaceuticals, parts manufacturers, and more. Focused on delivering tailored solutions, He collaborated closely with clients to address their needs and ensure optimal system performance. Prior to this role, he served as a Field Service Engineer at Vacuum Barrier, gaining valuable hands-on experience in customer training, equipment startup, and troubleshooting. Tyler has been working in Cryogenics for over 5 years.

The session will focus on the following areas.

- General Properties of Liquid nitrogen
- Applications for liquid nitrogen
- Design Consideration and safety Concerns

Hope to see everyone at the May meeting.

Best regards, Ed Nadeau, VP Technical,

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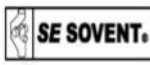
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