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**From the President:**



I would like to thank Nick Tabar, Mike Kennedy, and Ron Bohnak with RL Deppmann for being our guest speaker and hosting the April Technical Meeting on the topic, Water Heaters and Start-up Procedures.

Election Day is May 10, 2023! If you are interested in becoming an ASPE Cleveland Chapter Officer, please let us know so that your name can be added to the ballot!

The May Technical Session will be on the topic, Fire Protection Design, presented by Dan Kascak, P.E. with AECOM.

The May 10, 2023 Dinner Meeting will be held at Harry's Steakhouse located at 5665 Old Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131.

5:00 – 5:30 Chapter Board Meeting  
5:30 – 6:00 Sign-In / Meet and Greet  
6:00 – 6:30 Dinner  
6:30 – 7:00 Presentation

Please RSVP by Noon on May 8, 2023, with Kevin Noble at [knoble@sbmce.com](mailto:knoble@sbmce.com). Dinner price is FREE. Lunch is sponsored by ASPE Cleveland Chapter. Please support your local chapter by attending. Please note, if you RSVP and are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation ASAP. ASPE is financially responsible for no-show attendees.

Registration is now OPEN! The 2023 ASPE Technical Symposium will be held in Bellevue, Washington, September 28 – October 1, 2023. Register at [www.aspe.org](http://www.aspe.org).

Let us know if there are any specific topics you would like to see our chapter sponsor. We are always looking for new ideas. Remember, without membership and participation, there is no local chapter.

Regards,  
John A. Varga, P.E.  
President, ASPE Cleveland Chapter

**2022-2023 ASPE Meeting/Plumbing Class Schedule  
May 2023**

<u><b>Date – Time – Place</b></u>	<u><b>Topic</b></u>	<u><b>Speaker(s)</b></u>	<u><b>Exhibitors</b></u>
September 14, 2022 – 6:00 PM Cleveland Yachting Club	Clam Bake Topic – Social Event ASPE Cleveland Chapter	N/A	N/A
October 12, 2022 – 12:00 PM Disney McLane  Cost: Free (Limit 30 people)	System Startup Procedures – Emergency Gas and Digital Mixing Valves	Kim Metzger – Disney McLane	Disney McLane
November 9, 2022 – 12:00 PM S.A. Comunale  Cost: Free	Constructability Fab Shop Tour immediately following	Representative from S.A. Comunale	N/A
December 14, 2022 – 12:00 PM Antonio's Brew Wall - Copley, OH See Newsletter for additional info  Cost: Free	Boiler Room Gas Safety	Tony DeDionisio - AGS	Diversified Spec Sales
January 11, 2023 – 12:00 PM Harry's Steakhouse  Cost: Free	NFPA 99 Medical Gas Systems Medical Gas Zone Valve Box Layout	Josh Pedraja – Pattons Medical	Pattons Medical
February 8, 2023 – 12:00 PM Midwest Spec  Cost: FREE! (Limit 25 people)	Polypropylene Piping Presentation and Demonstration	Jim Devlin – Midwest Spec Sales	N/A
March 8, 2023 – 6:00 PM Harry's Steakhouse  Cost: Free	Siphonic Roof Drain Design	Lindsay Maher - Mifab	Pinnacle Sales
April 12, 2023 – 12:00 PM R.L. Deppmann  Cost: FREE	Water Heater Startup Procedure	Nick Tabar Mike Kennedy Ron Bohnak	N/A
<b>May 10, 2023 – 6:00 PM</b>  <b>Harry's Steakhouse</b>  <b>Cost: FREE</b>	<b>Fire Protection Design</b>  <b>This month we will be holding our Chapter Board Elections! Please show your support and attend to cast your vote!</b>	<b>Dan Kascak, P.E.</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**2022-2023 ASPE Meeting/Plumbing Class Schedule  
May 2023**

The above is the meeting/plumbing class schedule for the 2022-2023 ASPE year. Updated information will appear in subsequent newsletter issues. All meetings will be at Harry's Steakhouse, 5664 Old Brecksville Road, Independence unless otherwise indicated. The meeting/plumbing class, including dinner, is \$20.00. Reservations are required. A mini product show will be held before each meeting/plumbing class highlighting some of the materials discussed in class or products that will assist the engineer in understanding what they are designing or specifying. All plumbing classes will qualify for 0.1CEU hours and will assist in preparation for the ASPE CPD examination.

The following times will be enforced as strictly as possible.  
Make your reservations a minimum of two days before the meeting/class and try to be on time.

**Evening Seminars:**

- Chapter Board Meeting 5:00 - 5:30 pm
- Sign-in / Meet and Greet / Vendor Product Displays 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Dinner 6:00 - 6:30 pm
- Presentation 6:30 - 6:45 pm
- Vendor Product Displays 6:45 - 7:45 pm

**Lunchtime Seminars:**

- Mini Product Show 11:30 - 11:45 am
- Sign-In / Meet and Greet / Vendor Product Displays 11:45 - 12:00 pm
- Lunch 12:00 - 12:30 pm (Seminar to begin during lunch)
- Presentation 12:00 - 1:00pm

### May Speaker:



Mr. Kascak is a registered professional engineer (P.E.) in the state of Ohio who currently manages the Cleveland Ohio fire protection team at AECOM. He has seventeen years of experience providing consulting and design services and is considered a fire and life safety expert. He is responsible for the design of active fire protection systems, including sprinkler, fire pump, alarm / mass notification systems, special hazard, and underground fire water distribution systems. Furthermore, he has extensive experience with the International Building and Fire Codes, NFPA codes and standards, UFC standards and FM Global Loss Prevention Data sheets. Mr. Kascak has been involved with the design of government (DoD, GSA, NASA, USCG), industrial, warehouse, high-rise, cultural centers, health care, corporate headquarters, and higher education projects. Mr. Kascak has passed the fire protection engineering written examination administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and is a member of the Northeast Ohio Chapter Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

In addition, Mr. Kascak taught fire protection PE prep courses for the School of PE, A Division of EDUMind, on Water-Based Fire Protection Systems and Means of Egress from 2019 through 2021. He was responsible for developing all teaching material for the inaugural courses in 2019 and maintaining the courses throughout his tenure. The Courses were designed around NCEES' exam specifications and provides interactive, instructor-led lectures and workshop sessions to help students prepare with exam-like practice problems.

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If you would like to volunteer and help out the organization that you have chosen to belong to, please read the brief description of available positions. If any of these positions is of interest to you, please contact John Varga at (330) 526-2715 to get your name on the Ballot! No experience is necessary. These positions will be filled at the ASPE in-person meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

**Committees** (non-elected position): The Cleveland Chapter has numerous committees (Golf, Handbook and Membership) and Volunteering for Special Events.

**Liaison:** (non-elected position): Responsible for organizing activities and events to raise funds for the Chapter, advertising events and acting as the conduit between the Chapter Officers and the Chapter's Affiliates. Supports Vice President of Technical soliciting contacts to provide technical presentations, assists other board members and Newsletter Editor as necessary.

**Newsletter Editor / Web Master:** (non-elected position): Responsible for organizing articles sent in from the Chapter Officers and publishing them in a monthly newsletter. Forwarding the newsletter and other miscellaneous announcements to our members as well as maintaining a current email / mail directory.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Responsible for all intra-chapter correspondence and communication with Society including forwarding copies of meeting minutes to Society and the Region Chairman.

**Administrative Secretary:** Responsible for keeping all meeting minutes and forwarding copies to all Chapter Officers.

**Treasurer:** Responsible for collecting, depositing and disbursing funds related to Chapter finances. Submit a monthly financial report to Chapter Officers and prepare year-end financial reports.

**Vice President, Membership:** Responsible for maintaining an accurate Chapter roster. Planning and implementing membership recruitment programs and membership retention.

**Vice President, Legislative:** Responsible for providing viewpoints on codes, ordinances, regulations and standards. Be a liaison to code writing, regulatory organizations and agencies as necessary.

**Vice President, Technical:** Responsible for planning, organizing and directing all technical activities and events of the Chapter. This also includes arranging the technical presentations for monthly Chapter meetings.

**President:** Responsible for providing the Chapter's leadership. Represent the Chapter at other professional society functions and wherever else attendance may be required. Organize and manage Chapter meetings, appoint Committee Chairpersons and maintain and grow interest in the Chapter.

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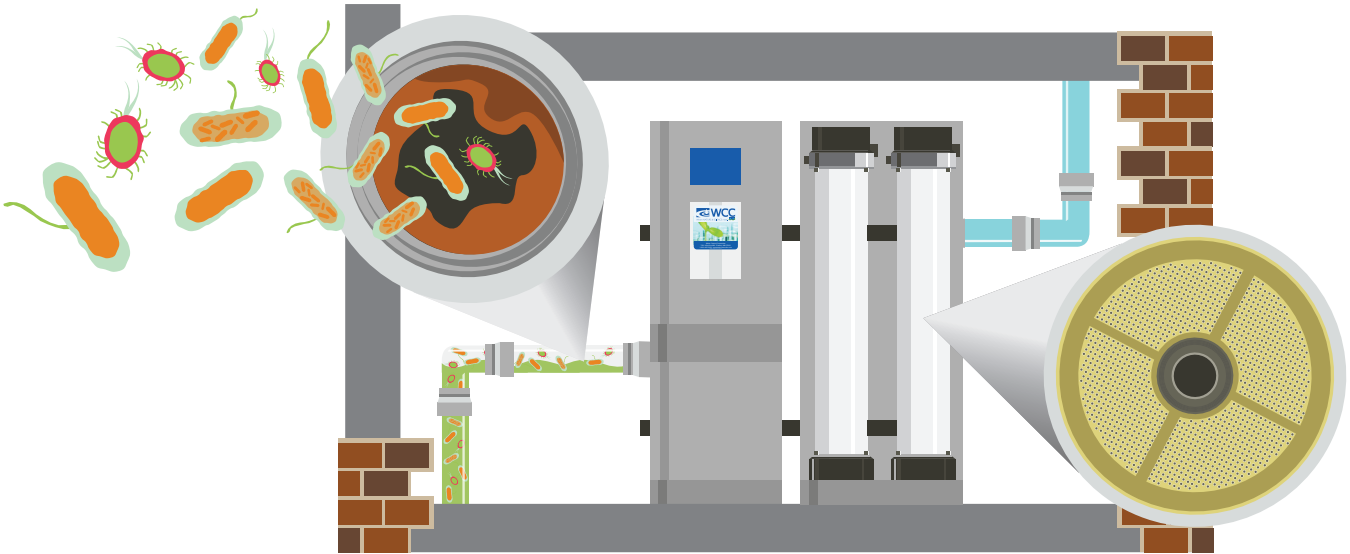
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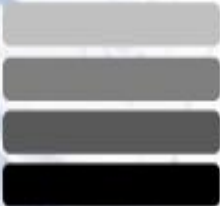


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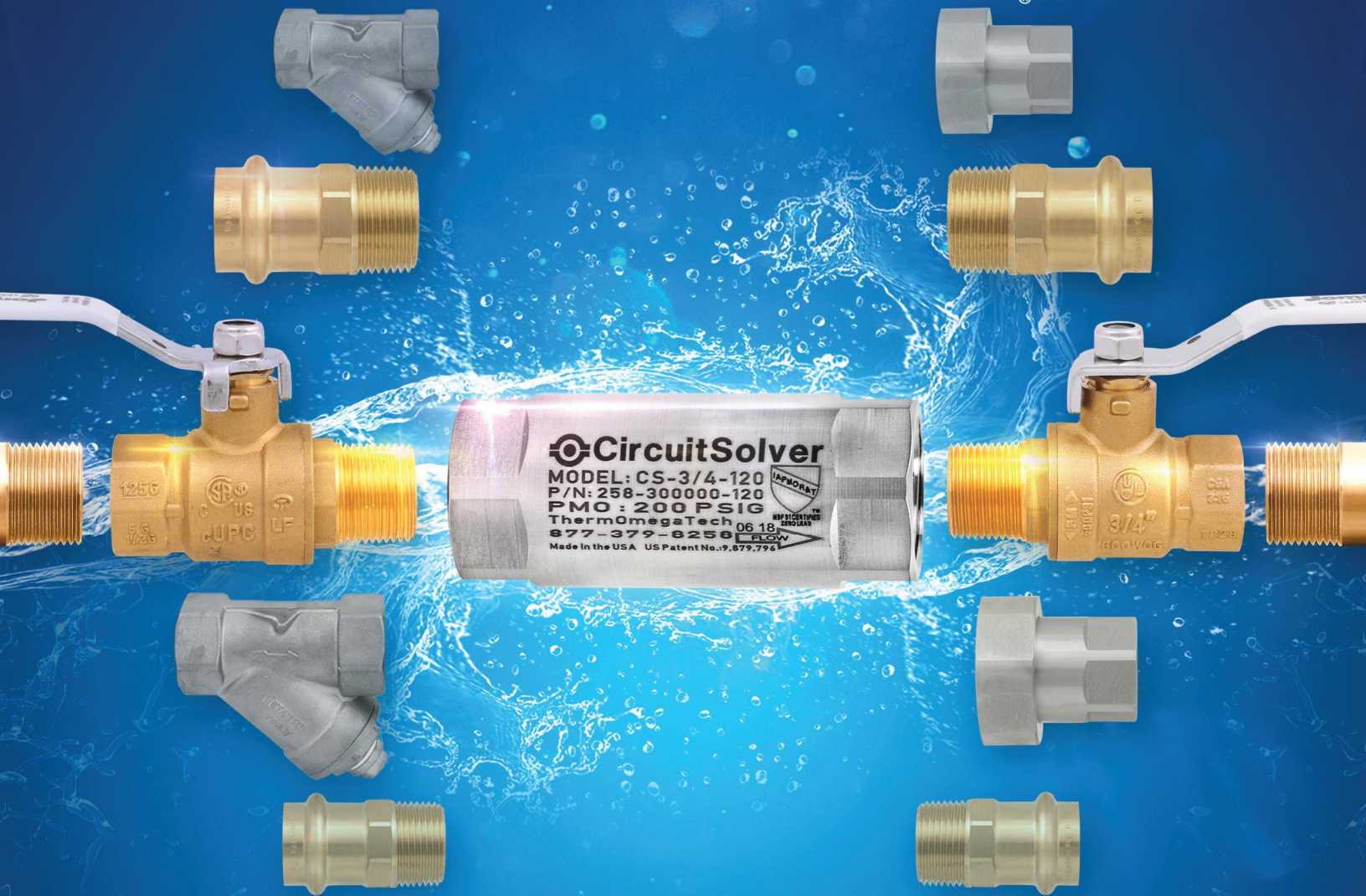
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