

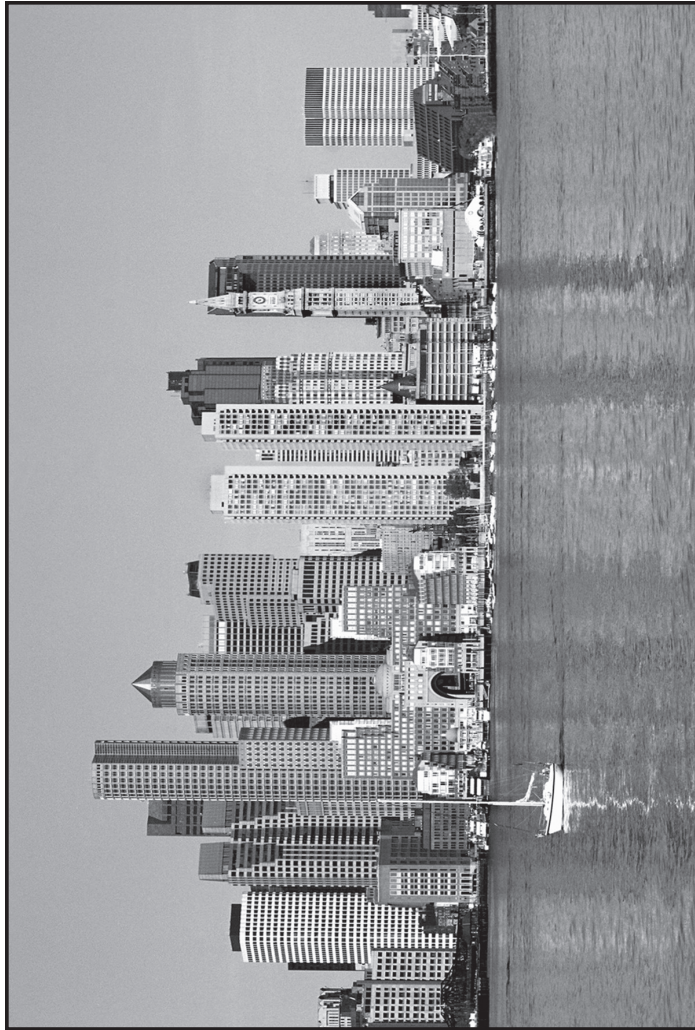


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Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

**Double Tree Hotel,
Waltham, MA**

MAIN PROGRAM

**JOINT MEETING WITH ASHRAE
UL Listed Fire Rated Assemblies**

Presented By:

Gerry Saieva, DuraSystems Barriers Inc.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Social Hour	5:30 – 6:00
Dinner	6:00 – 7:00
Presentation	7:00 – 8:00

MENU

Tomato Bisque, Roast Prime Rib of Beef
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MEETING RESERVATIONS

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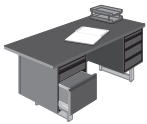
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President's Report

As everyone noticed I am sure the product show was scaled back this year. This happened both because of our lousy economy and also by accident. The economy has everyone tightening their belts and we can not blame them. All our firms have been affected by this in one way or another. Secondly the product show committee had problems nailing down speakers for an all day seminar. This just highlights that our organization is a volunteer one and we need all our members to step up and help out every once in a while. I felt given all our challenges the product show committee did an exceptional job and I once again would like to Thank Frank, Paul, Nancy and all the committee members for their hard work and dedication.

I would like to reiterate a point that was made at the conference given by Joe Peluso at the product show. If there are any issues that our members feel need to be addressed by our community any member can suggest a sub-committee be. We will then approach the Plumbing Board and talk with them about the validity of doing this. Also the membership should be paying attention to the Gas check list which was distributed a few years ago and then again at the Product show. This check list is for applying for Elevated Pressure Gas permits. It is important when we send these permits in you have all the proper documentation from the list.

By Frederick Neth, CPD, President, Boston Chapter ASPE



Membership News

New Member

This month the Boston Chapter has a new member: It's **Mr. Doug Palmquist from BRB Consulting Engineers in Cambridge, MA.** Welcome Doug.

Emergency Safety Equipment System Design Committee

The Boston Chapter ASPE has formed a committee addressing the issue of proper emergency safety equipment design. Part of their task is to address proper system design, simultaneous usage of multiple stations, water quality issues, and proper system sizing. The committee would like to ask for your assistance. If you would like to offer assistance with this undertaking, the committee would like to hear from you.

We are compiling system design information and could use some assistance in collecting historical use data, as well as testing protocol as it relates to water quality. Any information or data that you can provide would be extremely helpful, and ultimately may lead to proposing specific code changes to address this ongoing issue.

If you can help out, please contact either myself at johnc@jhpokorny.net, John Rattenbury at Vanderweil at jrattenbury@vanderweil.com or Ron Howie at BR+A Engineers at rwh@brplusa.com.

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Technical Report

This past month our chapter hosted the 19th Biennial Product Exhibition and Seminars. To put this event together it takes many months of planning and a few dozen volunteers. I want to thank those who gave their time and energy to help put this together. A very special thank you to both the exhibitors and attendees; you are the reason that his event is held!

At the exhibition I was fortunate enough to talk to many colleagues and to introduce myself to many more. I was able to get a thorough understanding of many events that are occurring within the industry which ultimately are issues within the chapter. Some of these issues discussed were monthly technical topics, codes and education. In one discussion I was asked point blank "...how come ASPE does not do more in these areas?" The short answer is that there are only a few of us to do the work; the plain and simple truth is that we need more members to step up and help out in whatever capacity they can (this is exactly why I decided to become an active member). The product show by far draws the most volunteers. I can only imagine what we could do as a chapter if we had as many volunteers to help on subcommittees for code changes, technical research, etc. Fortunately we have been approached by a few individuals via email and candid discussions. They have offered suggestions and help to chapter. Their enthusiasm is greatly welcomed; I am looking forward to working with these people. However we still need more people.

So the question that one person asked of me I will turn around and ask of all: "How can we, together, make progress?"

Broadcast Email

In the past the official communication channel between the Board of Directors and the membership was through our newsletter and selected mailings. The idea of mass emails was discussed as a potential method of improving the communications. The Board had this idea in the works for some time and finally this past January we launched an email broadcast program. As part of the program requirements the Board mandated that the information be secure and that we limit the amount of emails. We then selected a broadcast email service through a company called Constant Contact.

We are now approaching our 1st full year of the broadcast email service. Having your email address and keeping it secure is paramount. We also do not spam our members with unnecessary junk. There are mixed reviews but are confident that we have yet to reach our fullest potential with this system. A critical challenge with the maintenance of this system is to maintain an up-to-date database of email addresses.

I encourage you to be very pro-active in helping us to keep it current by letting us know when you are moving or if there is a change in your address. Also when you receive an email from ASPE please look to see if it from The Boston Chapter. It will usually contain information that may be useful to you. If you have not received any of the broadcast emails please feel free to contact myself or any board member and we will add you to the database.

December Technical Topic

The month of December is one of our joint meetings with fellow professional organizations. This year the Boston Chapter of ASHRAE will be hosting the meeting at the Double Tree Hotel in Waltham. The meeting's technical topic is "UL listing for Fire Rated Assemblies". The meeting will be held on December 8th, 2009.

I look forward to seeing in December.

By Rich Dean, CPD, V.P. Technical



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Membership Issue?

If any Boston Chapter Member has a question or concern related to their membership, please feel free to call me directly. If you aren't getting your monthly newsletter, or have changed your address, or want a membership application for a co-worker, just send me an email.

Just so you know, Help is always available through Society as well. **Stacey Kidd** ASPE's *Membership Director*, and she can help you with all Membership inquiries (dues status, status of application), CPD examination registration & information, membership renewals, PSD magazine questions as well as any questions or issues related to continuing education – CEUs.

Jinnie Yoo is ASPE's *Membership Coordinator* and some of her numerous responsibilities include Convention & Symposium registration, new member registrations, new member packets, new member cards/certificates, chapter changes, chapter reports, PSD Subscriptions and PSD Address changes.

Finally, don't forget that ASPE has a new address:

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Please Bring Your New Unwrapped Children's Toy or Gift to The December 8th Meeting.

19th Biennial Boston Chapter Product Show

Wow! What a great show for all the attendees. It was great to see so many old friends again and catch up on what is going on. On behalf of the Boston Chapter of ASPE Board of Directors, Joan Panora and myself we would like to once again add a special Thank You to all of the Affiliate Organizations listed below that once again have gone above and beyond to show their continuous support and dedication for ASPE and the Boston Chapter. This year as you all know has been tough with the economy in a down turn but once again these Affiliates have gone above and beyond to show their dedicated and continued support of ASPE.

The Boston Chapter Board of Directors and the Product Show Committee would like to also express a very special Thank You to all the members, guests, and ASPE supporters of this great organization for their continued support and participation in attending the show and especially for participating in the prize drawings for the ASPE Research Foundation and Education Fund. This year was not a record setting year and we did not expect it to be with the economy even though there were many great prizes available. This year we were able to raise over \$ 1,260.00 before expenses. Again thank you all for making this night a success for the ASPE Research Foundation, Education Fund and ASPE Products Sales.

This great success was due to the hard work of Joan Panora. She helped me with ticket sales and assisted in the duties of the establishing the ASPE booth.

Listing of Affiliate Gift Donors for the various Prizes

Company Name	Gifts
Air Energy, Inc.	\$100.00 Gift Card to PJ Changs
AKR Associates	Car Emergency Road Kit
Beacon Medaes	SONY Digital Video and Music Player (MP3/WMV Video) – 16 GB
Component Hardware Group	\$50.00 Dunkin' Donuts Gift Card
David Gooding Inc.	4 Red Sox tickets for a game in June. Lower box section 142, row CC.
Emerson Swan Inc.	A pair of Bruins tickets (specific game to be determined)
Environmental Air Specialties	\$100.00 Lowe's Gift Card
G.E.D. Sales Company, Inc.	Bottle Dom Perigon
George Fischer Piping Systems	19" LCD Flat Screen TV
Gourley Company	IPOD Nano
Gustavo Preston Company	Hewlett Packard Model P Avillion dv7 Laptop Computer
Halsey Taylor	2 Bruins Tickets
Highland Tank	2 – \$50.00 Gift Certificates to Legal Seafood
J.H. Pokorny	2 Bruins Tickets
J & K Sales	Tool Box with assorted tools, hats and various products
Kirschner Associates, Inc.	Two Patterson-Kelley Spring Jackets
Kohler	Kohler Cimarron 1.28 toilet (K-3609) with a Cachet Slow Close toilet seat (K-4636) Total value of \$430. To be delivered to the winner
K Ross Company	\$100.00 Gift Certificate to "Legal Seafood" Restaurant
Leonard Valve	2 - \$50 Gift Certificates to Loews
Lubrizol	4 Dozen Golf Balls
Mar Cor Purification / Fluid Solutions	Patriots Weatherproof Pullover
Mechanical Solutions Inc.	2 Denim "Armstrong Pump" Shirts
Milwaukee Valve	Bottle of Wine
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R L Stone New England	\$75.00 Gift Certificate to Home Depot and Armstrong Shirt
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Symmons Industries	Kitchen Faucet and pair of Bruins Tickets
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Tower Hill Sales	2 Celtics Tickets Club Seats with pre-paid parking pass
T & S Farrell Pump Sales, Inc.	\$100.00 Gift Certificate to Davio's
Urell	Selection of Lenox Tools
Victaulic Co of America	\$100.00 Gift Certificate Morton's Restaurant
Walter Morris Company	\$100.00 Gift certificate to L.L.Bean
W.P. Haney	2 - \$50.00 American Express Gift Certificates

(All though we try our best) Due to the many gift deliveries the day of the show and all the activity in the booth some affiliates and gifts may have been accidentally missed or miss labeled. Please accept my apology for not having properly accounted for your donation. If I missed anyone or a correction is required please contact me so that you can be properly recognized in the next edition of the newsletter.

Again a special thank you goes out not only to all the affiliates listed above but to all the affiliates who participated in making this 19 Biennial Product Show another huge success.

By William F Hughes, Jr., CPD, LEED AP, Society Vice President Technical ,ASPE Booth Chairman

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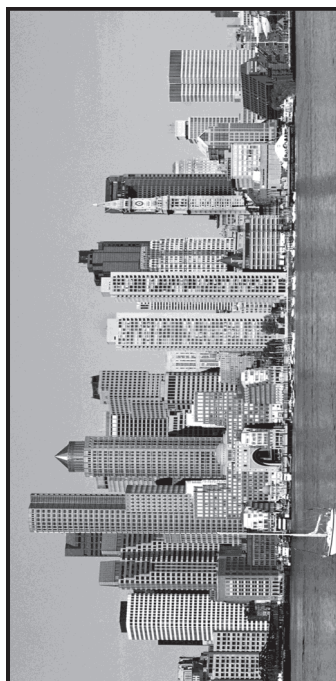
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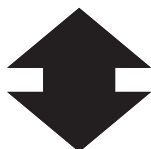
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