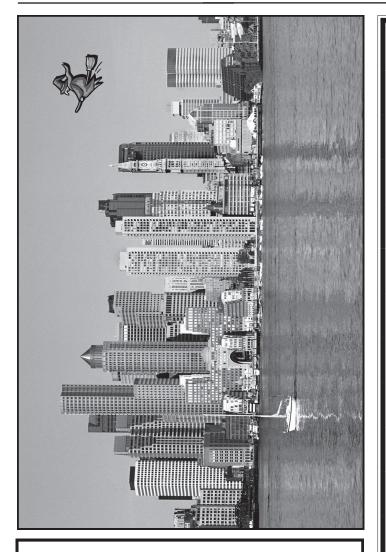


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Project Management 101

GUEST SPEAKER

Susan Davis Of Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates of Cambridge

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5:00 – 6:00
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President's Report

As things have been

As things have been so hectic with the convention coming up and all the society functions I have not had much chance too update the chapter on board decisions and where the chapter is heading. So I would like to do that now.

First off the board has made a conscious decision to be more helpful to the Boston Chapter Members. We are trying to do this by having more events this year. We are also trying to make the newsletter more of a vehicle for disseminating information to the Boston Chapter members. Take for example the work of Manny Garcia and the Legislative Committee. I hope this has been helpful for all chapter members. We have also included the calendar as an insert in the newsletter keep members updated on important up coming dates.

As I said in my last article it has been a busy few months with the golf outing in august and the summer party in July. When this newsletter comes out we will have already had the 35th Anniversary party, I know it will have been a great time because I saw how much work went into it. I would like to thank the whole 35th anniversary committee for all their hard work.

Now to update you on the convention. I would like to ask as many Boston Chapter members who can afford the time off and the expense to possibly attend the convention in Long Beach California. I have seen the program for the convention and it looks to be a very informative and enjoyable time. I realize it is a great expense however in the end I believe it will be worth it.

By Frederick Neth, CPD, President, Boston Chapter ASPE



Membership News

New Member

It is my pleasure to welcome the following new member to the Boston Chapter:

Christine A. Lyle, P.E. Oak Point Associates Full Member

Membership Renewal Notices

There is a proposed ASPE Bylaw change coming up for discussion and vote at the National Convention next month in Long Beach, California. What it amounts to is that if passed by the delegates, membership renewal notices will be sent out roughly three months earlier than they are now. If Society hasn't received payment before your membership expiration date, you will be dropped from the membership roster. According to Society, getting the notices out earlier streamlines the process for them, lessens the workload, saves money, makes it easier to maintain an accurate membership roster, tastes great and is less filling. I'll let you know more about this exciting proposal after the convention (yawn).

Here's how I imagine it works now for most of you:

Society sends out a dues invoice a couple of months prior to your membership expiration date. You open it and think to yourself, *"Is it that time of year again? I should send this back right away."* and you throw it on top of the pile of mail on your desk. A number of weeks go by and you get your second notice. You intuitively recognize it as being a second notice mainly because you can read the red *"Second Notice"* through the envelope window. You place the envelope unopened on top of the pile of mail on your desk as you reach over to answer your phone.

A few weeks later (during the first week of the month) Society sends out the updated Chapter Roster and Delinquent Member List to every Chapter V.P. Membership, (including yours truly). Lo and behold, your name is now on the Boston Chapter Delinquent Member list (who would have guessed!). I review the list, recognize the same old dozen or so names from last year, and forward the roster and delinquent list to the head of our Membership Retention Committee; Joan "The Enforcer" Panora. At this point, Joan calls and/or emails you to ask if you'll

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Technical Report

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Join us for a enlightening presentation about project management, presented by Susan Davis of Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates of Cambridge. The presentation will focus on the duties of a project manager, their role in managing the client and the design team, the expectations of Project Managers and what they need for team members and why.

This session will be a valuable part of any aspiring Project managers and seasoned engineering project managers alike. Susan has many years of experience as a Project Manager with a full-service A/E firm so her perspective may be quite different from a Project Manager in an engineering consulting firm.

Susan will share some of the tools that she employs to facilitate her duties, and help us all understand the daily and monthly duties associated with Project Management.

Come and learn about the value of:

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<<<CONVENTION UPDATE>>>

Just a reminder, that your representatives at the upcoming convention represent the Boston Chapter members, so even if you cannot attend, you can participate in voicing you opinion of the proposed By-Law changes, and can as a delegate gather information from the convention or technical sessions.

The schedule of seminars is in the Convention Brochure that you all have received, and is also available at <u>www.aspe.org</u>.

By-Law changes should be discussed with one of the delegates.

The Boston Chapter will be represented by the following delegates:

Rick Neth Jim Polando John Callahan Rich Pokorny Pat Haney Manny Garcia Paul Taylor Joe Barbera Roger Wardwell Frank Teebagy Rich Dean

By James Polando, PE, CPD, V.P. Technical



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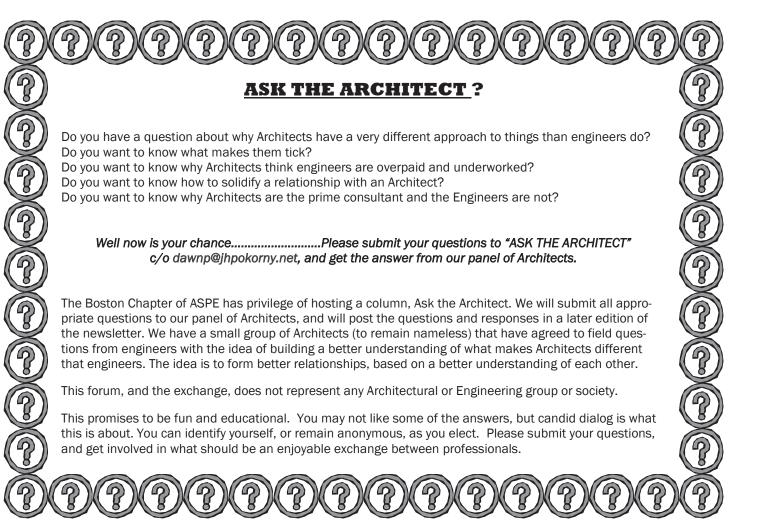
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please submit your dues payment as soon as convenient. Maybe you know Joan, maybe you don't. Either way, you promise you'll send it in right away, and you intend to. You briefly wonder how she ever earned her nickname, but decide you really don't want to find out. You politely thank her for calling.

Somewhat embarrassed by the call, you hang up and begin digging down through the pile of mail still stacked up on your desk. Below the unread trade magazines and an R.F.I. that you have also yet to respond to. You see a familiar ASPE envelope and open it up. "Strange", you think to yourself, this one says *Final Notice* in bold letters on the invoice. "I don't remember getting this". You decide to dig down further and get the original dues notice that was sent to you. You fill it out and then hand deliver it to accounting so they can promptly cut a check for you (yeah, right). If unfortunately your company doesn't pay for your ASPE dues, you instead place the envelope in your bag to take home with you so your wife can write out a check for you.

A few days later, your dues renewal check is mailed to Society. Unfortunately, before your check reaches Society, the following month's updated rosters have already been emailed to the Chapter VPs Membership. Not surprisingly, your name is no longer on the Boston membership roster because the payment grace period has long since passed. When the monthly newsletter mailing labels are created from this new chapter roster, there won't be a mailing label with your name on it. You won't get a newsletter. (...Yeah, I know, you were really look-ing forward to reading the newsletter, checking out the help wanted ads, and answering the trivia questions.)

Once your dues payment finally reaches Society in Chicago, they now have to go back and add your name back onto the Boston Chapter roster. If you are lucky, the chapter VP Membership (yours truly) will update the mailing labels next month, and you'll only have missed one newsletter. More likely though, I'll not update them for months and you won't get another newsletter until well after the next postal rate hike. Fear not, you can always send me an email asking why you didn't get a newsletter. I'll print it out and put it here on top of my mail pile... right next to all those unread trade magazines.

By the way, check your mailing label. If it says your membership has expired, you need to get that payment in before this month's roster gets sent out. Thanks.

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

ASPE Boston Chapter Golf Outing 2008

Your Golf Committee: Rich Dean, Larry Whalen, Patrick McAuliffe and John Carter would like to thank all of you who supported your association. A special thanks to all of the sponsors who gave their support especially the New England Plumbing, Gas, Mechanical Inspectors Association (NEPGMIA) for sponsoring the continental breakfast.

This year's event fielded 95 golfers for the Florida style scramble. That's a good turnout considering a new day, new venue and a new start time. We want to make this day out of the office as enjoyable for you as we can, so if you have any comments or suggestions please contact a Board or Committee member and be assured your suggestions will be considered. The Committee was very happy with Wayland Country Club as the new venue and would like to hear from you about the course and the day. Talk it up with your coworkers, clients and friends to get them to come out next year. Let them know how much fun you had this year, the great weather, the great food, nice new ASPE golf shoe bag you got and for the lucky ones the great prizes you won.

> Congratulations to our winners with a score of 60 the team from Air Energy, Don Mazanec, Jon Mazanec, Matt Mazanec, Steve Bergemesca.

Some of the individual highlights -

Men's longest drive won by Steve Bergemesca Women's longest drive won by Sue Loomer Closest to the pin on 4 for the women was Dawn Pokorny Closest to the pin on 4 for the men was Dave Thomas Closest to the pin on 14 for the women was Sue Loomer Closest to the pin on 14 for the men was Jeff Hodgins

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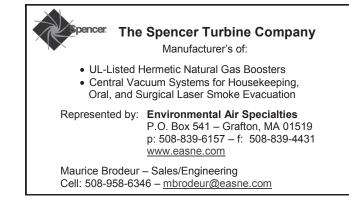
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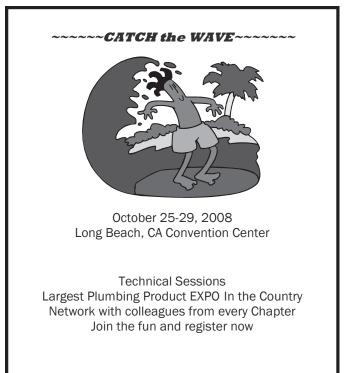


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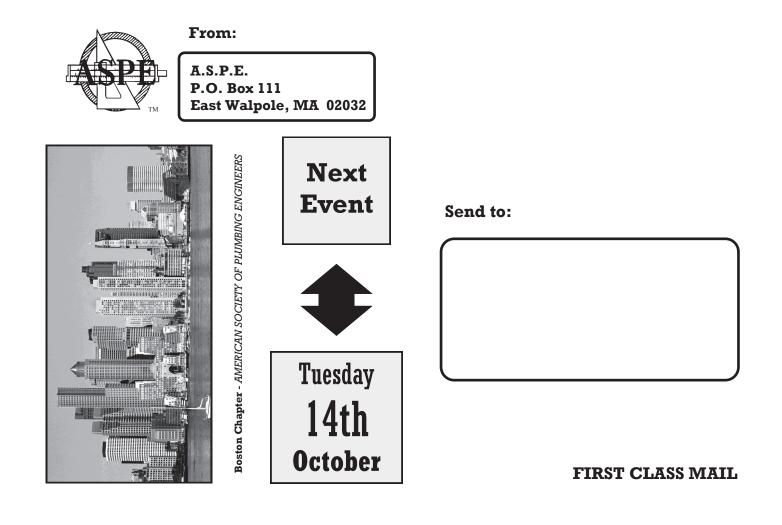
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