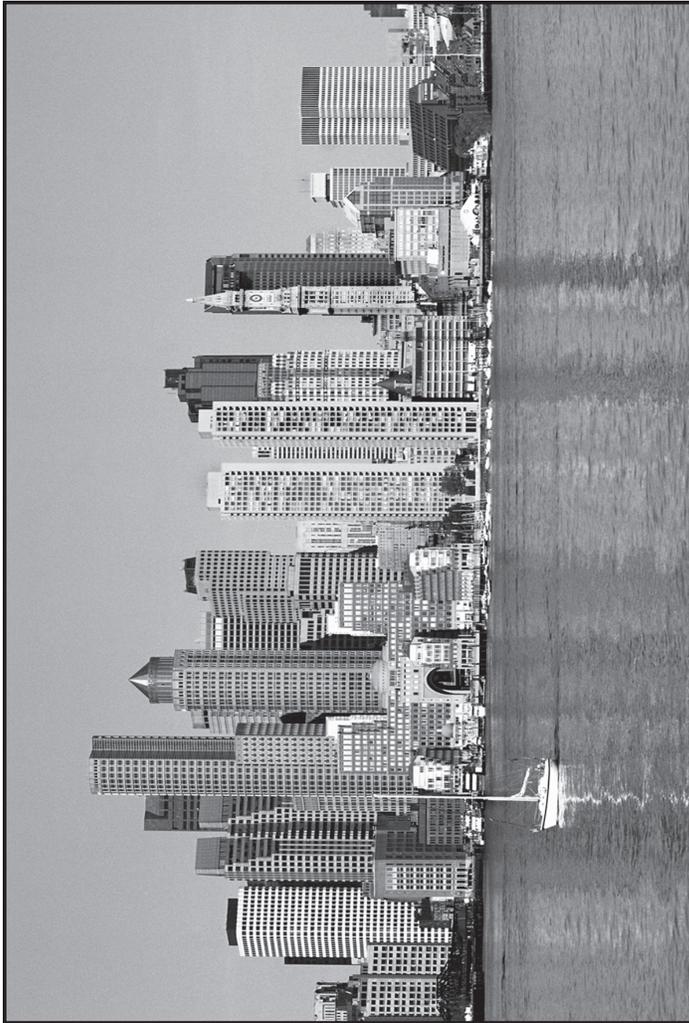




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Tuesday, March 15, 2011



***Harpoon Brewery,
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Arrival	5:15 – 5:30
Meeting Begins Promptly	5:30
Tour & Tasting	5:30 – 7:00

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Boston Chapter ASPE Product Show

November 8, 2011 at Lantana, Randolph, MA.

This month, due to the revised monthly Chapter Meeting, we kicked off the Product Show Planning Meeting on March 8, 2011. Thank you to Pokorny Associates for the use of your office. Nancy and I are busy working with several committee chairpersons to ensure we all have plenty of time to organize this Anniversary Event for our Chapter. If you did not receive the email broadcast or notice on the Boston Chapter website, please feel free to give us a call or email us. Your help would be appreciated. Our goal to spread as much out to many and respect everyone's individual time.

This month we are featuring our first of many Affiliate Spotlights in appreciation for their years of support. We encourage all affiliates within the Boston Chapter to participate. We hope to continue this feature in the Newsletter each month and post them on the Boston Chapter Web site. We plan to incorporate full page line cards with contact information into our Anniversary Show Booklet as one of the many items the attendees will walk away with on November 8, 2011. Each month we will provide you with updates and subtle changes to the Anniversary Show.

J. H. POKORNY ASSOCIATES



J.H. Pokorny was started back in 1942 by John Pokorny Sr. He was transferred from the New York office of Edwards and Platt to become the new Sloan Valve Company representative for Northern New England. He worked out of his home until the early fifties when he rented his first office. It was also in the fifties when he hired his first salesman, Woody Crimp.

In 1965 John Pokorny Jr. joined the team. John first worked part time while going to college. Then full time upon graduation. In 1970 Woody retired due to health problems. Then in 1971 sadly John Sr. passed away. Prior to John's passing another salesman was hired by the name of Harold Rogers. Why is his name significant? If you look at the ASPE Boston Chapter Charter his name is on it. John Jr. was an ASPE member at the time of the Boston Chapter Charter signing but relinquished the signature to the elder Harry Rogers. J.H. Pokorny Associates is very proud to say we are a member of the charter group of ASPE Boston Chapter.

Over the years J.H. Pokorny acquired many new product lines. Halsey Taylor, Leonard Valve, Guardian Equipment, Acorn Engineering and their family of products, and Just Manufacturing to name a few. In 1994 Richard Pokorny came to J.H. Pokorny to work for the summer. Now in 2011, 17 years later, he is the proud owner of J.H. Pokorny Associates. On March 1 2011, John Pokorny will be retiring from J.H. Pokorny Associates and the plumbing industry. His many years of dedication and service to the industry and the Boston Chapter of ASPE certainly is something to be admired!

Now moving forward J.H. Pokorny has already committed to four booths at the 20th ASPE Boston Chapter Product Show. We are proud to have been supporters of all 20 product shows!! We look forward to working with the Engineering community for years to come. Congrats ASPE on your 20th anniversary of product shows!

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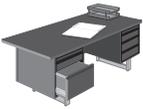
2008 brought together two rep agencies that each had significant history and influence in the plumbing and heating industries. Stratford Associates was founded in 1966 by Bob Pink Sr to become the first independent sales rep for Chicago Faucet Co in the northeast. Stratford matured over the next 40+ years to become one of New England's respected commercial plumbing rep agencies. Bob Sr was a charter member of the Boston Chapter of ASPE and was recognized as one of the first 'Keystone' award recipients for his many years of service to ASPE.

The merger of Stratford with Emerson Swan in 2008 created a complimentary match with two agencies. The Swan family was already well established as one of the leading agencies in the US, with a robust 80 year history themselves. Adding the Stratford sales team created a division inside of Emerson Swan that could be focused on the commercial plumbing market like never before. With some of the industries most highly recognized commercial manufacturers this group now services over 400 specifying engineers providing training, design assistance and field support throughout the 6 New England states and Upstate New York.

We have many manufacturers who have participated alongside us as enthusiastic supporters in each of the 20 Boston Chapter product shows. We are proud to be part of the most active and engaged ASPE Chapter in the country, congratulations on celebrating this anniversary.

All comments, suggestions and support are welcome at any time to:

Paul Taylor (ptaylor@ber-engineering.com)
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President's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to tell everyone I have had a long conversation with our new executive director Jim Kendzel. Jim has been hired by the Society board as Stan Wolfson's replacement. I was pleasantly surprised by both the content of our conversation and the tone of the conversation.

Jim seems like a real up front gentleman who is seriously concerned with trying to help with both the membership and education of our members. His feelings are the members are his clients. This to me is a refreshing attitude from society. He wants to reach out to societies like NFPA to help the chapters with getting speakers for our meetings.

Our conversation included the need to start student chapters at universities and colleges which has been one of my pet projects. I know I brought this up my first year as President but other issues have taken up my time as President. The need to start bringing younger people into the society both as Engineers and affiliates has been well documented and needs to happen.

But Jim's concerns are not just with attracting younger members but also with giving existing members more say in the society. For this reason he has asked me to give him a forum to the chapter. I will be asking Jim to attend a board meeting in May and I will also be asking him to hold a Town Hall meeting at the product show this November. I feel that Jim should give full disclosure to all the Boston Chapter members for the direction of the society.

We will also be inviting Jim to our May board meeting where the board members can ask Jim about the operations of society. I promise all Boston chapter members that I will report on that meeting and give everyone a heads up on what was said.

Lastly we will be having the CPD prep class and it will be run by my education chair Blair Chamberlain. The dates are at the end of March so please email the board with your interest.

By Frederick Neth, CPD, President, Boston Chapter ASPE



Membership News

New Members

The Boston Chapter would like to welcome its newest members;

Donald S Tauer	Full Member	Harry Grodsky & Co	Springfield, MA
Stephen D. Byron	Full Member		
Timothy J. Gillis	Full Member	RDK Engineers	Boston, MA
Jonathan Willard	Special Member	Certified Med Gas Svcs	New Boston, NH
Christina Smith	Affiliate Member	Viega, LLC	Wichita, KS

Membership Drive

Our membership drive is well underway, and the new membership applications are starting to roll in. The membership drive runs through May 1st, 2011. We will be holding a Membership Drive Prize drawing at the May meeting where the names of all new members and all sponsors will be entered into the drawing and one name will be selected at random. The winner will receive a \$250 Best Buy gift card. Qualifying Members and Sponsors must be in attendance at the May meeting to win.

Membership applications can be downloaded off the www.aspe.org website. Completed membership applications should include the sponsor's name on the applicable line at the bottom of the application. The application and membership dues payment should then be mailed to me, John Callahan, c/o J. H. Pokorny Associates, 1502 Providence Highway, Norwood, MA 02062.

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Technical Report

February Meeting Wrap-up

The topic for our February Meeting was a presentation on natural gas systems. The speaker was Mr. Ted Lemoff, who has just retired from NFPA after 25 years of service. The focus was purging of the piping systems. Ted pointed out how it is a common practice to purge the piping systems with natural gas and there are particular code requirements to be followed. Part of his discussed focused on two separate accidents that had fatalities and numerous critical injuries. Purging explosion are more common and generally go un-reported due in part that the injuries may be. The latter he attributed to as they may appear to be minor to those involved. A couple of key terms that anybody involved in the design, specification or installation should be aware of:

Odor Fade: Natural gas in its pure state is odorless. Chemicals are added to make people sensitive to its presence. New piping systems sometimes neutralize the odor, possibly through oxidation in the piping. When this occurs it is called odor fade and it is import to remember that natural gas even without its distinctive odor is still combustible.

Odor Fatigue: This is a loss of sensitivity to the odor in natural gas. This may happen to a person who is constantly exposed to natural gas. This fatigue can be temporary or sometimes permanent.

NFPA 54, 2012 edition will be officially issued in September 2011 with a handbook to follow in December 2011.

March Special Technical Topic & Meeting

Mark your calendar. The next chapter meeting will be held **March 15th** and at the **Harpoon Brewery in Boston MA**. The format and time are also different; **5:30 to 7:00pm**. The format for the meeting is a Tasting and Tour. The address is 306 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA. You can arrive between 5:15 and 5:30. The meeting starts promptly at 5:30 so please arrive a few minutes early. Pizza and admission to the brewery are compliments of the Boston Chapter. **Reservations are required and will be strictly enforced. We ask that you contact us (Cathy at WP Haney) no later than March 7th.** Limited parking is available in the west lot (the side of the building facing downtown Boston). There may also be metered spots on the street as well as a public garage across the street. The Brewery's Website has additional details on access and directions www.harpoonbrewery.com.

Other ASPE Items for Your Attention

Residential Fire Sprinkler Webinar - The next webinar that ASPE Society will be presenting is titled "Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems: A Design Engineer's Perspective". This webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23rd and is designed to help engineers and designers understand the requirements of NFPA 13D. The speaker, Jim Schifiliti will discuss the basic requirements of the International Residential Code, the differences between NFPA 13, 13D and 13R, system requirements and essential calculations. The webinar will begin promptly at 1 PM Central Standard Time and will last for one hour. You can register online at <https://aspe.org/ResidentialFireWebinar> and the cost is \$69.95 for members and \$129.95 for non-members. Non-members can also join ASPE and receive the webinar at no cost. Please contact Pam Newman. Her contact information is at the end of this newsletter for more information.

CPD Reviews & Exam - Please note that there are two separately run CPD Review seminars. One is the Webinar and is being run by Society and the other is a lecture being organized by the Boston Chapter. See below for additional details on both review seminars.

CPD Review Webinar by ASPE Society March 23, March 30, April 6 & April 13th, 2011 - A CPD review webinar series has just opened for registration for those interested in taking the CPD exam. This will be a four-part series and each session will last one hour. This series is intended to be a supplement so someone who is planning on taking the exam should plan on spending additional time to study for the exam. The sessions will be presented on March 23, March 30, April 6 and April 13 at 2 pm EST. It is recommended to register for the entire series, but individual webinars can be purchased. If attendees register for the entire series in advance, they will receive a FREE copy of the CPD Review Manual. This \$50 value is for series registrants only. To register for the four part CPD Review Webinar, please go to <http://aspe.org/CPDReviewWebinar>

Boston Chapter CPD Review - The Chapter is sponsoring a face to face lecture and review seminar. There is still time to register. Please contact Rick Neth at Fneth@pbworld.com. The times and location are being worked out. Rick will notify those who are interested on the date and times. We will try to post the information on the chapter website once it has been finalized.

CPD Exam Reminder - If you or any of your members are interested in taking the CPD exam, registration is now open. The exam will be offered in electronic format on April 15 or April 16 at 200 testing facilities across the country depending on your location. Please go to www.aspe.com for additional information. In addition, the revised CPD Manual which is a must have to help prepare for the exam should be available by March 1st.

Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting!

By Rich Dean, CPD, V.P. Technical, Boston Chapter ASPE

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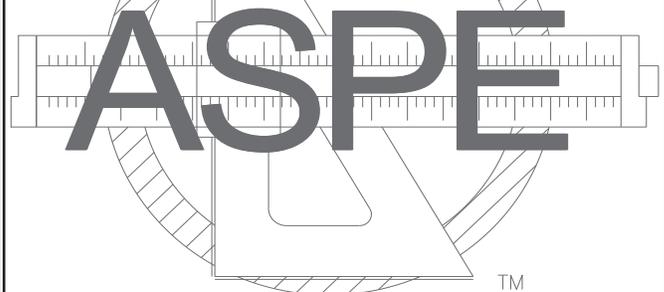
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This will allow me to accurately track all new members and their sponsors. I will forward your application and membership dues payment on to Society. It's that simple.

Plumbing Engineering Design Handbook

Volume 2 of the ASPE Plumbing Engineering Design Handbook was scheduled to be mailed to all members in good standing by mid-February. As of this writing, I haven't received my copy yet, but I expect to in the next few days. For what it is worth, there was an issue with the mailing of the previous PEDH. Some of us received empty boxes in the mail as a result of the shipping opening up during sorting and the book fell out. While ASPE took action to promptly resend missing books, my local Cliff Claven was kind enough to deliver my empty box.

This year, members had the option of receiving Volume 2 of the PEDH on a cd-rom, or if preferred, requesting the hard bound version. For those of you that were paying attention, I reported a few months ago that you needed to go to ASPE's website to request the hardbound version. Society also sent out a reminder in the ASPE Pipeline e-newsletter. Hopefully those of you that wanted the hard bound version didn't miss the February 3rd deadline. If so, you should have received the CD version by now as well.

Brewery Tour on the 15th

While I typically don't comment on upcoming monthly meetings, I do strongly suggest you attend this one. It will be held at the Harpoon Brewery and promises to be a good time. I recently had a similar brewery tour at the New Belgium Brewing Co in Fort Collins, CO back in early January and it was fascinating. New Belgium Brewing is known for their Fat Tire Amber Ale, among others. It was quite an interesting tour and I took a few photos along the way. I've submitted a couple to give you an idea of what the processing end of the brewery looks like with hundreds of bottles a minute zooming past you. Sampling a chilled bottle of ale right off the conveyor line was a treat as well. See you at the Brewery.



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

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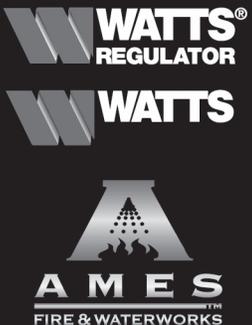
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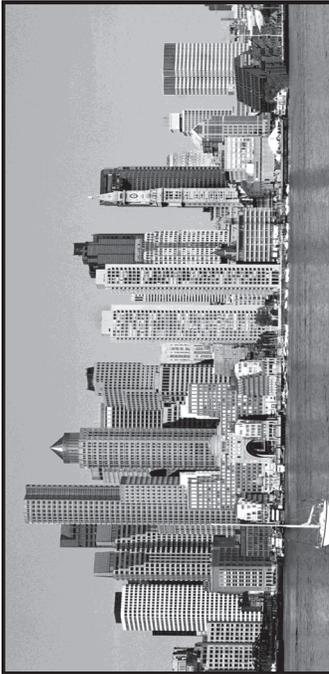
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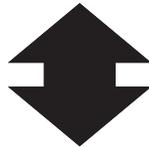
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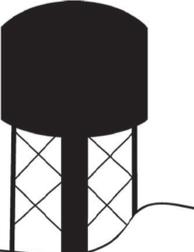
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