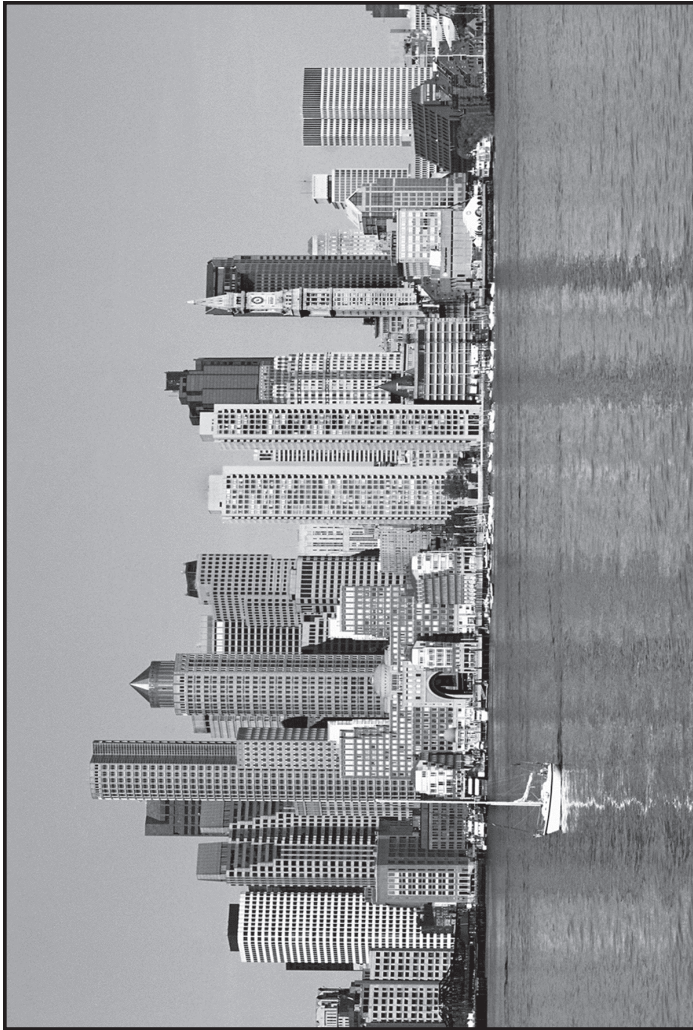




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Next Meeting

TUESDAY, May 8th, 2012

BOSTON WINERY, Boston, MA

MAIN PROGRAM

Wine Tasting
Tour of Winery
Including Piping Systems

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Reception - Wine to be Served	6:00 - 6:30
Wine Tasting	6:30 - 7:00
Tour of Winery	7:00 - 7:30
Chapter Business	7:30 - 7:31
Sit Down Meal	7:31

MENU

*Pizza, Pasta & Salad
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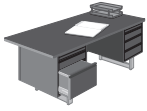
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President's Report

The May Chapter meeting will mark an end to our 2011-2012 cycle of events. The milestone event was the Biennial Product show held this previous November. Chairpersons Paul Taylor and Nancy Bonnetti put in hundreds of hours to organize and execute this successful product show. They were able to delegate many tasks to a couple of dozen of volunteers. The word is that the Boston Product show is one of the most prosperous shows next to the ASPE Convention & Exposition. This Boston Chapter event would not have achieved its goals if it were not for our volunteers, but also the Chapter members who attended. Again, I want to thank those that volunteered, those that attended, and of course those that sponsored the Show.

As one cycle ends another will begin. We are in the process of organizing a Technical Topic Committee. This committee is tasked with planning the 2011-2013 technical topics and coordinating the Plumbing 101 Lectures. A crucial part of this committee is finding qualified, non-proprietary subject and speakers. The committee is also looking at different venue locations and times for upcoming meetings.

This committee can always use assistance in targeting the topics, venues and times. If you really don't think you can help consider the following; The Boston Winery location was suggested by a member. The Board of Directors considered the idea and decided to pursue it. A volunteer, Jeff Gooding, offered to visit the Winery and talk to the manager about hosting an event. Jeff was able to report back to the board with vital information and it was decided to hold a meeting there. So again we are appealing to you as chapter members to help us by giving your feedback and possibly lending a hand.

The means of communication are changing for better and worse. Electronic media is more effective at reaching a majority our members. The Board of Directors also recognizes that we are inundated with electronic garbage emails all day. Despite this we ask that you not delete, but, read the emails that come from our Broadcast Service Constant Contact. Most of these emails will have "ASPE Boston Chapter" in the subject line. The Board of Directors really wants to keep in contact with you.

The Boston Chapter has been utilizing this email program for several years now. The contact information is stored on a secure site and we do not share this with anybody. The information is used to reach our members for chapter business only. This contact database is also different from the ASPE Society's contact information. There are many members who will not put their email address on their renewal application for various reasons. Consider sending your information to myself or any other Chapter Officer if you are one of these people.

The May Chapter Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8th, at the Boston Winery, which is located at 26 Ericsson Street Boston, MA. This will be a tasting and tour of the facility. There are various piping systems and equipment that we can view during our walk-thru. The cost is \$30 per person and is open to Chapter Members and a guest. Space is limited to the first 60 people. Reservations are required. Please call Cathy at WP Haney (508) 238 - 2030.

I hope to see you at our upcoming meetings. These meetings cannot be a success without your involvement. Please stay in touch!

Sincerely, Rich Dean, CPD, President, Boston Chapter ASPE

Driving Directions to the Boston Winery:

From Points South of Boston

Take 93 North to Exit 11 (Granite Ave/Ashmont) right at second set of lights onto Gallivan Blvd. Follow for 1/2 mile to Neponset Circle. At Neponset Circle follow signs to 93 North, just before on ramp take sharp right onto Redfield Street. After Redfield Street take a left onto Walnut Street. Take a left onto Ericsson St and you should immediately see the Boston Winery.

From Points North of Boston

Take 93 South to Exit 12 (Neponset Circle) bear left onto Neponset Circle. At Neponset Circle follow signs to 93 North, just before on ramp take sharp right onto Redfield Street. After Redfield Street take a left onto Walnut Street. Take a left onto Ericsson St and you should immediately see the Boston Winery.

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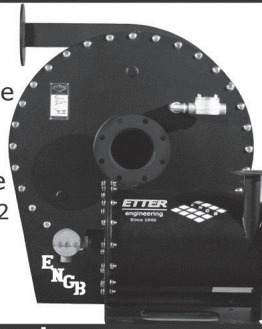


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Membership News

New Members

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Christopher Maskwa
John Dodge

Associate Member
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Georg Fischer

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The Boston Chapter May Still Be the Largest Chapter

Who knows, maybe we aren't. Unfortunately I haven't received our monthly membership standings report, roster updates, or pending membership list yet this month from Society so your guess is as good as mine. Society usually emails it to me the first week of the month. It is now the 16th as I write this report and I haven't received it yet. This isn't a gripe against Society, we're all busy and these things happen on occasion.

My point is I'm hoping we didn't have our usual two to three dozen members who didn't renew in time and were dropped from our roster. Unfortunately that seems to be the norm rather than the exception lately. To try and reverse that trend I have been customizing newsletter mailing labels to notify specific members that their membership has recently expired. I honestly can't tell if it is helping much. Frankly I'm running out of ideas on how to get our members to renew on time. Isn't getting three renewal notices sufficient? I honestly don't understand what is so hard about renewing your membership on time. You can even do it online and in less than four minutes. It takes longer than that to go through the Dunkin Donuts drive through every morning, and you find the time to do that every morning. I'm just saying.

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Please take a quick look at the mailing label on your newsletter. If you see "Membership Expired" in red below your name it simply means that your membership has recently expired and you need to renew your membership ASAP. Please take a few minutes today to renew your ASPE membership. If you already have, thank you. If not, you can either renew online by going to www.aspe.org or renew via mail by sending in your dues payment with one of the three invoice notices that Society mailed to you. If you see "You Won \$1,000" on your mailing label then someone is playing a joke on you. I was only kidding about the \$1,000.00, but at least it got a handful of you to read this far.

Look into My Crystal Ball...

It may take many years and countless hours of practice to become perfect at it, but I am learning how to foresee the future and read minds. Soon our Boston chapter members will no longer have to notify me of their respective changes of employment, change of address, or even if their office is moving to a brand new location in a completely different city.

I've already begun predicting changes of employment well after the fact, and I truly expect that I will get better at it in time. So don't waste your time to notify me of changes to your employment status or mailing addresses...I'll foresee it sooner or later and forward a psychic message on to Society so they know as well. I'm not sure how good they are at reading minds on that end though so I can't make any promises. (Maybe you should just send me an email, just to be safe.)

Photo Caption Contest

Do you have a clever caption for this photo? If so, email it to me at johnc@jhpokorny.net. The top submissions will be posted in next month's newsletter with one winner being selected for a \$10 Dunkin Donuts Gift Card.



Remember this photo from last month?

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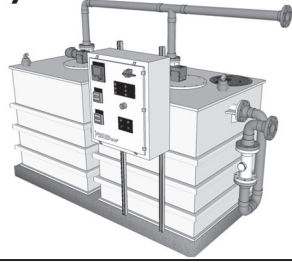


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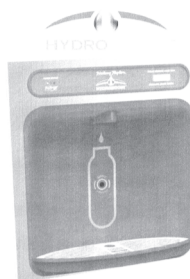
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The May meeting will be held at **Boston Winery**, <http://bostonwinery.net/>. This should be a fun time to taste and see how wine is made in the only winery in Boston. This open to Boston Chapter members. Reservations are required and we are limited to the first 60 people. Chapter Members are allowed to bring one guest. The cost is \$30 person. Please when calling in your reservation tell Cathy your name and how many, e.g. one or two persons.

- 6:00** Reception, wine to be served.
- 6:30** Wine tasting of three different wines from Boston Winery. The winery's sommelier will explain the nuances of each wine and explain what foods each wine should be served with.
- A tour of the winery to concentrate on the processes, including the piping system. Type of piping being used, valves how they are kept up etc. (this is the technical part)
- 7:30** ASPE Chapter Business. This will be very brief!
- 7:31** Sit down meal of pizza, pasta and salad. And of course more wine.

A fun time to be had by all!

By Jeff Gooding

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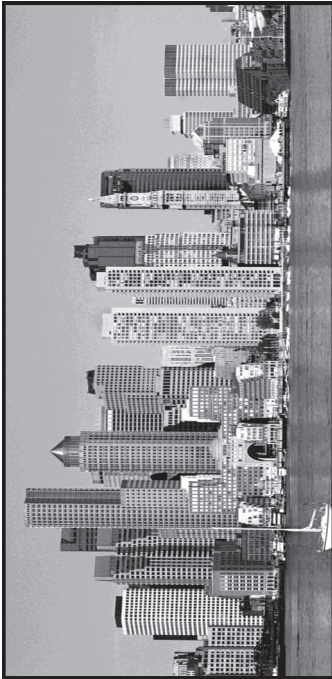
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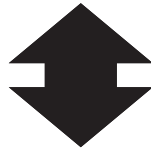
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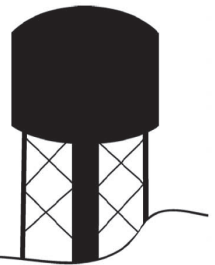
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