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Presidents Message

Happy September!
We have an incredible lineup of events ahead for the 2026–2027 chapter year.
September Chapter Highlights

- Annual Golf Outing: We are kicking off our year on September 17th at RiverWinds Golf Club. We are looking forward to seeing everyone out on the course for a great day of golf, networking, and friendly competition!
- Monthly Technical Dinner Meetings: Our Vice President of Membership, Lauren, and Vice President of Technical, Heather, have been working tirelessly behind the scenes. Thanks to their hard work, we have secured fantastic venues and top-tier speakers for our upcoming monthly technical dinner meetings. Please check out our website for more information. All topics, venues, and speakers have been published.
- ASPE Convention & Expo in Oklahoma City: Our delegates are gearing up to represent the Philadelphia Chapter at the upcoming ASPE Convention & Expo in Oklahoma City from October 8–14. We look forward to bringing back valuable industry insights, technical updates, and national policy perspectives to share with our local membership.

A huge thank you to our board members, committee chairs, and sponsors whose dedication keeps our chapter thriving. I look forward to seeing everyone on the links at RiverWinds and welcoming you all to our technical dinner meetings this fall!

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SEPTEMBER 24TH	Model Codes Overview: UPC, IPC, NSPC *Pennoni*
OCTOBER 22ND	Water Heater DOE Updates *Seasons 52 (KOP)*
NOVEMBER 19TH	Vacuum Waste Systems *Dinner location TBD in Philadelphia*
DECEMBER 17TH	LEED v5 Plumbing Points: Water Efficiency & Innovation Topics *Virtual*
JANUARY 21ST	Union Events *Local 690*
FEBUARY 18TH	Networking throughout your career - Panel Discussion *Urban Engineers*
MARCH 11TH	Fire Protection 101 *Seasons 52 (KOP)*
APRIL 15TH	Artificial Intelligence in Plumbing Engineering *Dinner location TBD in Philadelphia*
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Education Topic:

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For more information about our upcoming events please visit https://aspephilly.org/



Lauren Berenato
V.P. Membership

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Membership News

Hello all,

Welcome to the September newsletter. As we kick off our ASPE year our Board of Directors has been working behind the scenes to build out a great chapter year. All our chapter meetings are up on the website with the date, location, and meeting topic. As the dates get closer the information will be filled out more.

Our meetings this year will be a mix of restaurants, engineering firms, and another meeting hosted by the Local 690. Thank you so much to the engineering firms and the Local 690 for opening your doors to our chapter. This year we will have 9 fabulous chapter meetings in addition to our golf outing, plumbing school, as well as AYP and WOA events. It is a full calendar year all packed into September to May. Our November chapter meeting will be a special chapter recognition night where we will recognize our chapter members who have chapter anniversaries.

In May of 2027 we will have our chapter elections. It is never too early to start thinking about joining the ASPE Philadelphia Board.This season we have two new board members and hope to bring on new faces next year as well. Our goal for the board is to get more engineers involved.As you know, this is a volunteer organization and to keep our chapter great we need our members to stay active.

Please reach out to anyone on the board with comments, questions, or ideas with how to make our chapter better or if you are interested in joining the board.

Thank you.

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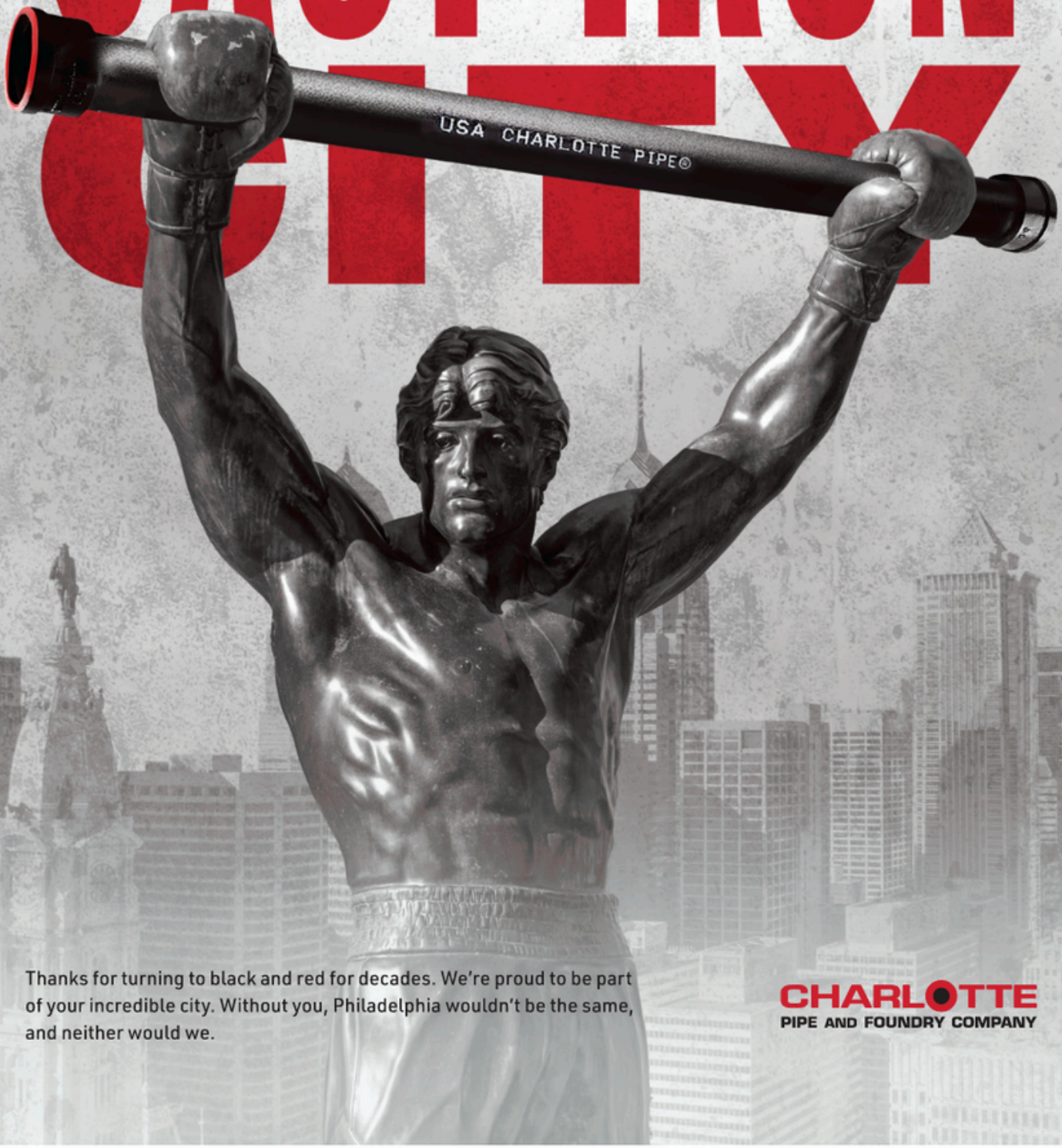






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AYP/WOA News

Welcome back, everyone!
As we return from summer break, we're excited for what's ahead! We have a fresh calendar of presentations, a few new faces joining our Board, and, of course, the highly anticipated ASPE Convention & EXPO to look forward to.
We can't wait to reconnect, learn, and make the most of another great season together.

If you are an engineer who has never attended this event, I encourage you to review the convention website which has links for the Education Sessions, Manufacturers/Reps with Booths at the EXPO, information about the social events (including the WOA Leadership Summit and AYP Social Event), and so much more. Jacob and I are working on a fun Fall event for our AYP/WOA interest groups, and I'm looking forward to an exclusive WOA event, too.

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Legislative News

Hello all!
The Senate will reconvene on Monday September 28, 2026 at 1:00PM, and the House will also reconvene Wednesday September 9, 2026 at 5:45PM Voting Session.
I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and staying cool!
Reminder that as of July 1, 2026, all new plumbing permit applications statewide must comply with the 2021 Uniform Construction Code (UCC). Plumbing engineers and designers should ensure that all new work meets the updated code requirements. For questions regarding the updates to the UCC, refer to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry and the City of Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections for helpful information.
This month's topic is the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research, and their standards regarding backflow preventors. Cross-connection occurs when two separate water systems are physically connected and mix due to backflow caused by negative pressure in the system. This is particularly troublesome when drinking water is involved, as cross-connection can introduce bacteria, chemicals or other contaminants to the water. The solution to this is a backflow preventor.
The Foundation for Cross-Connection and Hydraulic Research has conducted extensive testing of backflow preventors from different manufacturers to ensure that cross-connection does not occur. Testing criteria include backflow preventor size, installation orientation, shutoff assembly, and more. Approved backflow preventors meet the Foundation's standard for prevention of cross-connection and are compiled in the "List of Approved Prevention Assemblies". This list can be found on their website in the form of a pdf, which includes a legend for clear understanding of the data.
Many Pennsylvania water authorities are requiring backflow preventors for both domestic water and fire protection applications to meet the Foundation's cross connection standards, especially in the Philadelphia area. Using the "List of Approved Prevention Assemblies" will ensure that your proposed backflow preventor will function properly to avoid cross connection.

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05 **Class + Credential**
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Kyle Briggs
Affiliate Liaison

Affiliates Corner

Attention Affiliates! We are now accepting reservations for tabletop presentations during the 2026–2027 ASPE Philadelphia program year.

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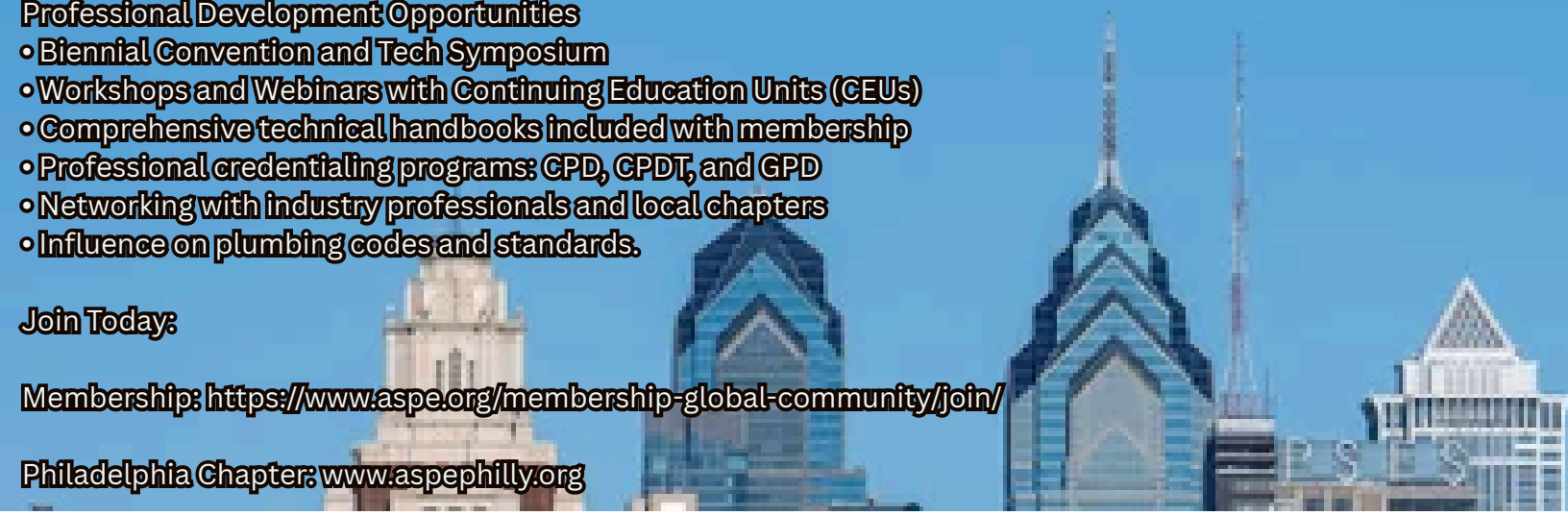
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Hello Everyone,

Our annual golf outing is sold out! Thank you to everyone who is participating this year. There are still plenty of sponsorship opportunities, please reach out if you are interested.

No big announcements from the AYP group. We will be planning our next social event soon, with plans to occur during late summer / early fall.

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Technical Corner



ASPE September VP Tech Newsletter

Welcome back everyone!! I hope everyone has had a great summer and ready tokick off fall. We have a very exciting lineup for you this year!

September 24th we are starting off with Brian Conners from Charolette Pipe to update us on Model Codes Overview – UPC, IPC & NSPC. Pennoni will be hosting the meeting.

"Industry Organizations" examines, codes, standards, and product listings. This presentation seeks to give the audience a look behind the scenes of these groups and how they work together to give us a road map for construction. I'll also talk about the current code and standard tracks, where things stand, and how to get involved

Get to know: Brian Conner – Director, Codes, Standards & Field Technical Support

Brian has 22 years of experience in the plumbing industry as a producer, trainer, and installer.

Currently Brian has responsibilities for Charlotte Pipe's Technical Service's Counsel, which oversee the company's activities within all industry codes and standards organizations and product compliance. Brian himself is a member of several committees in ASTM, ASME, ASSE, CSA, and UL. He works closely with ICC to develop the International Plumbing and Mechanical codes as well as with IAPMO in the development of the Uniform Plumbing and Mechanical codes.

Brian also has technical oversight within Charlotte Pipe's International department.

Brian has also authored several technical bulletins for Charlotte Pipe, the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute and the Plastic Pipe and Fitting Association and has been featured in various publications such as Facility Executive and Plumbing Engineer.

Our very own Lauren Berenato will be our speaker for October!





Mitchell Weiss
Education
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Hello everyone,

Exciting news, ASPE National finally did it! NCEES has agreed to produce and administer a Plumbing PE Exam. Our industry is being recognized in the engineering world in a major way.

I read that the test is being prepared to be administered for the first time in 2030, and that NCEES is currently assembling a committee to write questions for the exams.

Just wanted to make you all aware of this. Personally, I find this exciting

Mitchell Weiss

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