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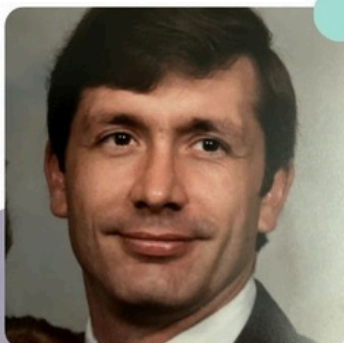
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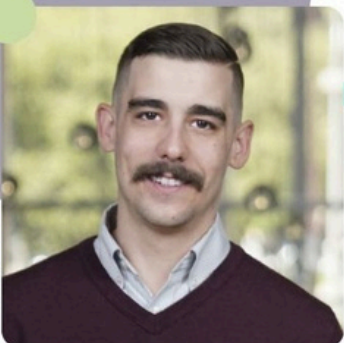
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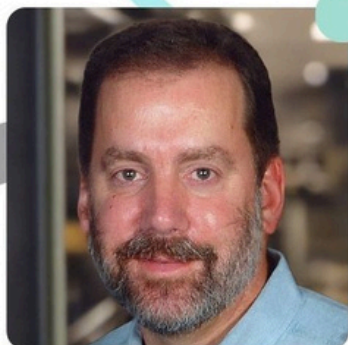
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Schedule of Meetings

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DATE	Topic	Speaker
SEPT 22	Plumbing Piping Codes and Standards Updates	Brian Conner - Charlotte Pipe
OCT 20	Water Heater DOE Updates	Lauren Berenato - Bradford White
NOV 17	Vacuum Waste Systems	Hari Patel - McWane
DEC 15	LEED v5 Plumbing Points: Water Efficiency & Innovation Topics	Aaron Rubin - Mueller Associates
JAN 19	ASPE DC/UA5 Industry Night	---
FEB 16	Networking throughout your career - Panel Discussion	Panel Discussion
MAR 16	Fire Protection 101	TBD
APR 20	Artificial Intelligence in Plumbing Engineering	TBD
MAY 18	Design Development	Joe Niedzielski, 2RW Consultants

If you have a specific topic, speaker, or case study you would like to see included in our program, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your firm would be interested in presenting at one of our sessions, we encourage you to share your availability.

PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings, Newsletter Readers!

This season is off to a fantastic start for the DC Chapter, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make our last technical meeting such a success. We were thrilled by the amazing turnout, which brought tremendous energy to the evening and made it a memorable gathering for our chapter.

The turnout and participation were a strong reminder of what makes our chapter special. We look forward to building on this momentum throughout October and hope to see even more members, colleagues, and guests at our upcoming events!

A special thank you goes to our speaker, Brian Connors, for delivering an outstanding presentation. His engaging approach captured everyone's attention and inspired meaningful discussion throughout the evening. We truly appreciate the time and expertise he shared with our chapter.

On a side note, I hope to see many of you in Oklahoma City for the 2026 Expo. For those of you who are attending, please travel safe, have fun, and please say hi if you see me.

Upcoming Events:

October Technical Meeting – Seasons 52 (10/20)

Remember that your Chapter survives with your involvement in our events, activities, and meetings

As always, if anyone has any suggestions regarding ways to make our chapter better, or if there are any questions, please reach out to us via email: president@aspedc.org. Please try to spread the word to your friends and coworkers in the industry who may be interested in joining our chapter

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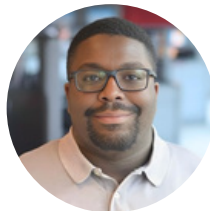
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Becoming involved is not a one-way street. Volunteering provides you with resources to keep up with the technical aspects of our industry. You will make new contacts and increase your voice. You also will have direct influence on plumbing engineering and become a recognized leader in the industry.

Here are some ways you can get involved to help foster technical innovation and professional advancement.

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Every two years, Chapter delegates vote on the 12 national officer positions. Serving on the ASPE Board of Directors is the highest level of volunteerism and marks individuals as achieving the pinnacle of leadership within the Society. To learn more about becoming a candidate, review the Guide to the Board of Directors Nomination Process on the members-only page: <https://www.aspe.org/membership-global-community/membership/members-only/>.



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To learn about the roles of Chapter officers, go to <https://education.aspe.org/products/chapter-officer-training-video>.

If you aren't ready to join the Chapter Board of Directors, volunteering for a Chapter committee is the perfect way to get your feet wet. Contact information for your local Chapter can be found at <https://www.aspe.org/membership-global-community/chapters/>.



Share Your Expertise

Volunteering doesn't necessarily mean a long commitment. Several opportunities are available to share your knowledge and skills on a short-term basis.

- You can review and revise a chapter in one of the four Plumbing Engineering Design Handbooks, which are updated annually. Contact gpienta@aspe.org.
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ASPE's Board of Directors and Staff appreciate you volunteering and providing your knowledge and experience for the betterment of the Society, the advancement of plumbing engineering, and the protection of the public's health and safety. Thank you for your support.

VICE PRESIDENT- TECHNICAL REPORT

A Message from the VP Technical

October is here, and September seems to have passed in the blink of an eye! We had a great start to our season, and I want to thank everyone who attended.



Let's keep the momentum going!

Roy Adams
Cannon Design
VP Technical - ASPE DC Chapter



VICE PRESIDENT- TECHNICAL REPORT

Our next technical session will be held on Tuesday, October 20, when we will examine the Department of Energy (DOE) updates to water heaters. The ASPE DC Chapter is pleased to welcome Lauren Berenato, who will guide us through these important updates and share her professional insight into how they may affect hot water system design.

About the Speaker: Lauren Berenato is Senior Manager of Business Development at Bradford White, specializing in plumbing and mechanical engineering. Since entering the plumbing industry in 2016, she has presented at 34 ASPE local chapters and delivered seven national ASPE presentations.

She holds a Master's in Patent Law from the University of Notre Dame, a Juris Doctor from Widener University School of Law, and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University.

We have an exciting year ahead, and I encourage everyone to get involved, attend our meetings, and share ideas for future programs.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to continuing to learn, grow, and connect with you throughout the year.

P.S. Please remember to register for each meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

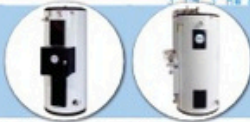
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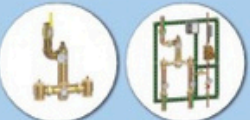
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VICE PRESIDENT- MEMBERSHIP REPORT

One of the best things about starting a new ASPE season is seeing familiar faces reconnect and new ones join the conversation. Our DC Chapter continues to grow, and we're excited to welcome Sebastian Njei, Tyler Woolsey with Bay Associates, Jason, and John Carney with Virginia Maryland Associates to our ASPE community! What's especially interesting is why our newest members are joining. Sebastian is working toward his CPD, while Jason and John are looking to strengthen their relationships and expand their professional networks. Different goals, but all great examples of the value ASPE brings to our industry. Whether you're pursuing certifications, expanding your technical knowledge, building relationships, or looking for leadership opportunities, ASPE offers resources and connections to support you at every stage of your career. And the more you participate, the more valuable those opportunities become!

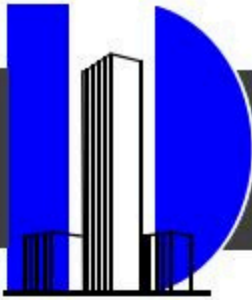
Speaking of opportunities, join us on Tuesday, October 20th at Seasons 52 in Tysons, where Lauren Berenato with Bradford White will present on Water Heater DOE Updates. With evolving efficiency requirements and industry standards, this is exactly the kind of timely education that makes our chapter meetings so valuable. And here's a membership benefit worth highlighting: ASPE engineer members attend our chapter meetings for just \$20, compared with \$50 for non-members! That's a \$30 savings per meeting, in addition to the technical education, professional resources, and networking opportunities that come with membership.

So, we're keeping our favorite challenge going: Don't just come—bring someone! Think about a coworker pursuing their CPD, a young engineer looking to build their network, or an industry colleague who could benefit from connecting with others. Share what ASPE has to offer and encourage them to experience it firsthand. Every new member brings fresh perspectives, knowledge, and connections that make our chapter stronger. We're excited to keep that momentum going and look forward to seeing everyone on October 20th!

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VICE PRESIDENT- LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Hello Everyone,

For this month's edition of the Legislative Section, I would like to highlight two important developments in our industry: the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo and the release of the 2027 International Plumbing Code (IPC).

The 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo is taking place October 8-14 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This event brings together engineers, designers, manufacturers, tradesmen and other industry professionals to exchange knowledge, explore emerging technologies, and discuss developments affecting plumbing system design.

In addition, the International Code Council (ICC) has released the 2027 edition of the IPC. This new edition introduces several changes that professionals in the plumbing industry should be made aware of, one example is the revision of Chapter 11, Section 1106.2, concerning storm drainage pipe sizing. The revised provisions, extending through Section 1106.2.4, address pipe sizing methods, including tables for different piping materials and hydraulic calculations using Manning's equation for open-channel flow.

As mentioned in last month's article, I plan to continue reviewing the 2027 code cycle and highlighting changes that may affect our work in plumbing and fire protection design, construction, and code compliance.

With the release of new codes and the opportunity to exchange knowledge at events such as the ASPE Convention & Expo, it is important that we continue to stay informed and engaged with developments throughout our industry. I will be attending the convention as a delegate representing our Washington, D.C. Chapter, and I hope to see many of you guys there!

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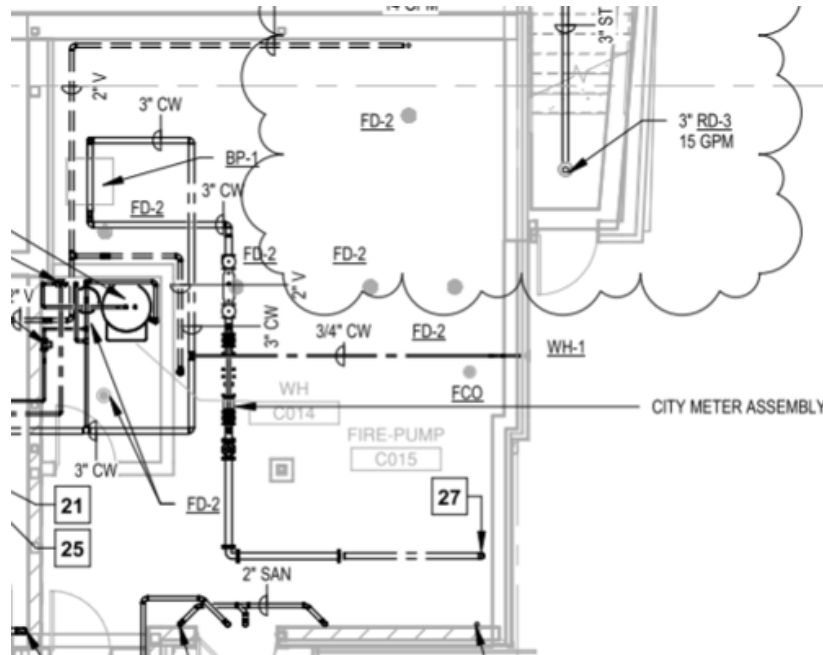


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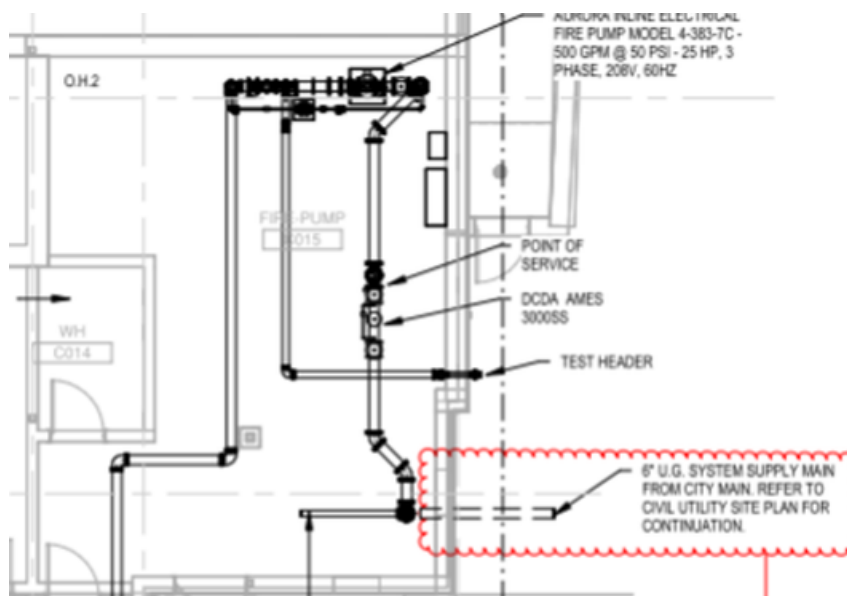
by
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Greetings everyone. If you recall in September's DC Chapter Newsletter article, you were presented with a gas riser diagram. There are both minor and major issues with the riser diagram. The minor issue is that the sediment trap was referred to as a dirt leg on the drawing. The major issue is that the sediment traps were located upstream of the respective isolation valves. Oops!

This month's challenge is to determine what is at issue with the installation per screenshot below that has resulted in the required submitting of separate code waiver requests. Are you able to spot the Code Violations?



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Note, drawing note #27 signifies 3" domestic water riser. Its location is shown further to the left on the FS plan.

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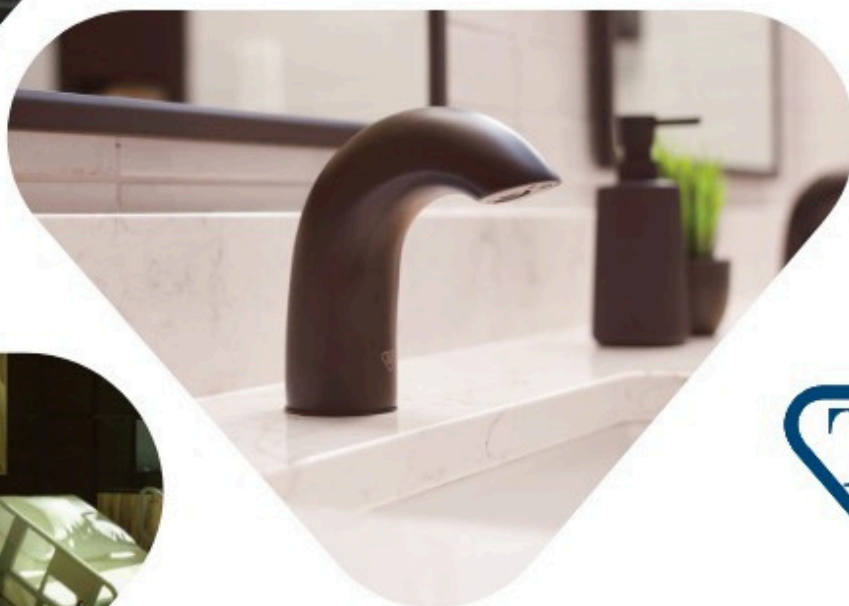
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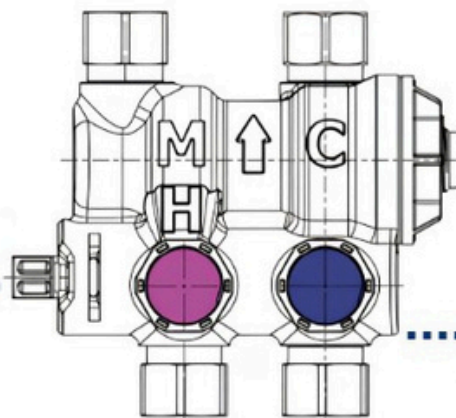


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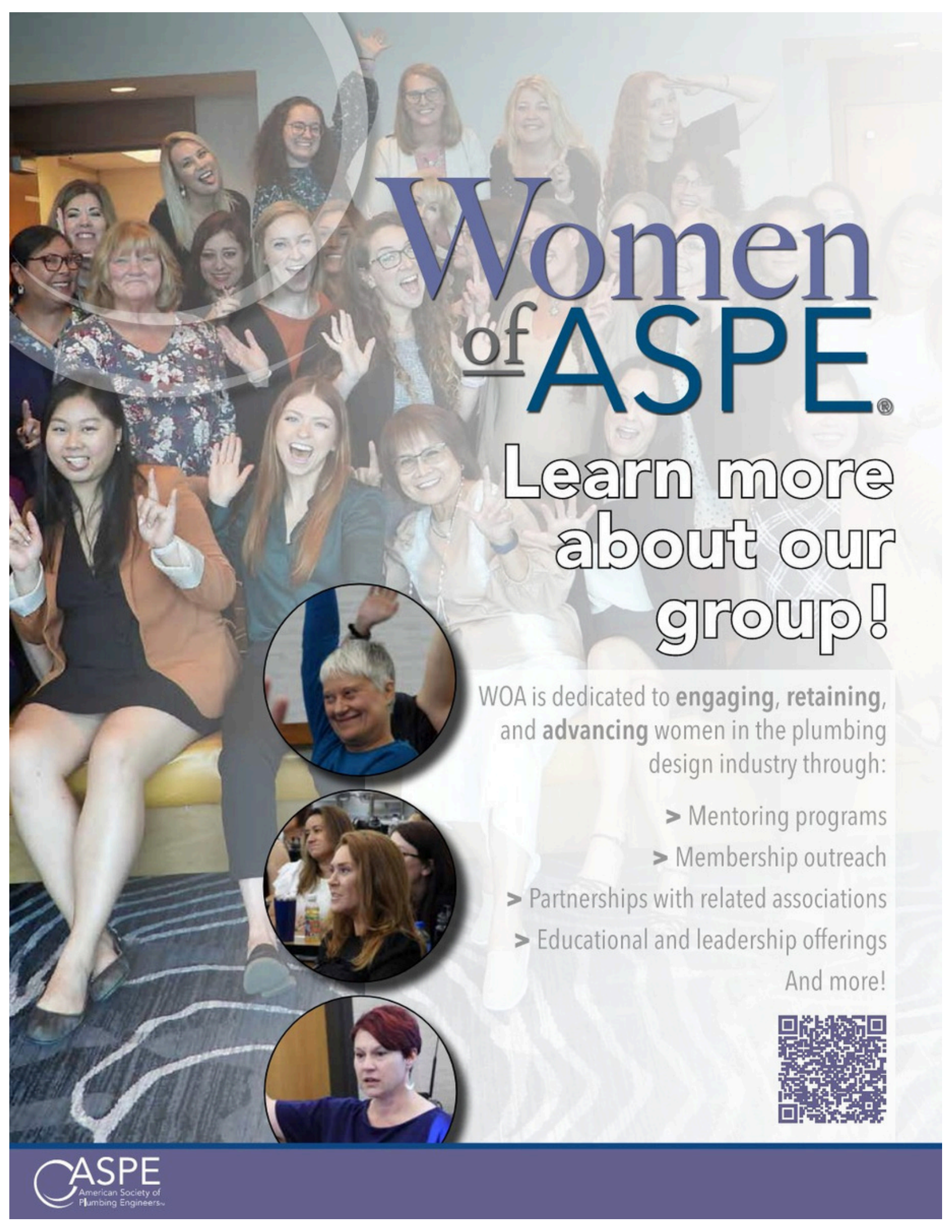


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