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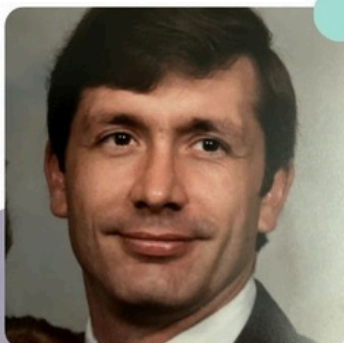
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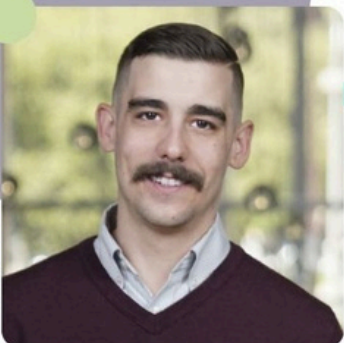
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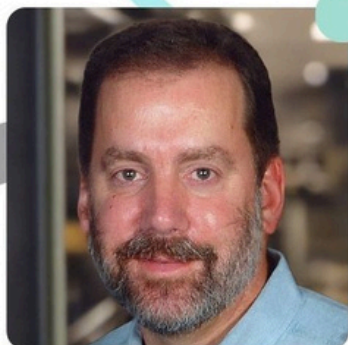
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DATE	Topic	Speaker
SEPT 22	Plumbing Piping Codes and Standards Updates	Brian Conner - Charlotte Pipe
OCT 20	Water Heater DOE Updates	Lauren Berenato - Bradford White
NOV 17	Vacuum Waste Systems	Hari Patel - McWane
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JAN 19	ASPE DC/UA5 Industry Night	---
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PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings, Newsletter Readers!

September is shaping up to be an exciting month, and we're looking forward to kicking off the season with two great events. Be sure to mark your calendars for DC's Annual Golf Outing on September 17 and our first technical meeting of the year on September 22.

A special thank you to Blue Mash Golf Course for hosting us once again. Last year's outing received overwhelmingly positive feedback, and we're pleased to return to a venue that our members enjoyed so much.

We're also excited to announce that this year's technical meetings will be held at Seasons 52 in Tysons Corner. The board spent considerable time evaluating locations and selected Seasons 52 because of its central location and improved accessibility for members who commute via Metro.

We hope this new meeting venue is as well received as Blue Mash has been, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events!

Upcoming Events:

DC Golf Outing – Blue Mash Golf Course (9/17)
September Technical Meeting – Seasons 52 (9/22)

****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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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.

Become a Mentor

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ASPE's Chapters are run by dedicated individuals who provide high-quality technical and networking opportunities for local industry members. Many levels of participation are available; positions range from being the newsletter editor or golf outing chair to vice president, technical and president. By becoming a Chapter leader, you will increase your presence in your local area while helping others grow and succeed.

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.

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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

September is here, the kids are back in school, and traffic has returned to the roads. But don't be dismayed - a new season is here, bringing fresh opportunities to learn, reconnect, and grow together as a chapter.

Our first technical session will be held on Tuesday, September 22, when we will examine the latest changes to plumbing piping codes and standards. The ASPE DC Chapter is pleased to welcome Brian Conner, who will guide us through these important updates and share his professional insight into how they may affect plumbing system design and everyday practice.

About the Speaker: Brian Conner is an experienced plumbing industry professional with expertise in plumbing codes, standards, and system design. His practical perspective will help attendees better understand recent developments and how to apply them to current and future projects.

With 15 years of experience in the plumbing industry as a producer, trainer and installer, he manages the Inside Technical Services department at Charlotte Pipe. His responsibilities include; management of customer service activities related to technical inquiries, administration of Charlotte Pipe's Product Knowledge Training program and the company's work on model codes and product standards.

We have an exciting year ahead, and I encourage everyone to get involved, attend our meetings, and share ideas for future programs. I hope to see both familiar and new faces at our first chapter meeting of the season.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to learning, growing, and connecting with you throughout the year.

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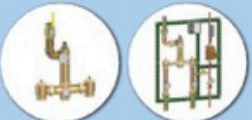
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VICE PRESIDENT- MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We talked last month about starting the new ASPE season with a challenge: don't just come—bring someone with you. This month, we're excited to see our chapter already growing and to officially welcome three new members to ASPE DC!

Please join us in welcoming Samantha Givans, Mirwais Azizi, and Milad Rafiei. They each came to ASPE looking for something a little different—from networking to expanding plumbing knowledge and supporting career growth. And really, that's a perfect example of what ASPE membership is all about. There isn't just one reason to join or one way to get involved. Whether you're looking for technical education, professional development, industry resources, mentorship, leadership opportunities, or simply a stronger professional network, ASPE gives you the opportunity to make your membership work for where you are in your career.

And we have plenty of opportunities to put those benefits into action this month! We'll be back at Blue Mash for our 36th Annual ASPE DC Golf Tournament on September 17th, giving us a full day to reconnect, network, and have some fun. Then, on September 22nd, Brian Conner with Charlotte Pipe will kick off our chapter meeting season at Seasons 52 in Tysons with a presentation on Plumbing Piping Codes and Standards Updates.

So, we're keeping our challenge going: don't just come—bring someone. Have a coworker who wants to learn more about plumbing? Bring them. Know an engineer looking to expand their network? Bring them. Have a young professional who could benefit from meeting others in our industry? You guessed it—bring them!

Every invitation is an opportunity to introduce someone to ASPE, and every new member brings new knowledge, connections, and energy to our chapter.

Welcome, Samantha, Mirwais, and Milad—we're glad you're here! We can't wait to see everyone at the golf tournament and throughout another great ASPE DC season.

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VICE PRESIDENT- LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Hello, my fellow Designers and Engineers,

It's a new season! I know how much you guys and gals love hazardous materials, so, let's talk about it in this month's legislative section! Hazardous materials are very common in everyday occupancies; they can be found in common occupancy classifications such as Groups F, M, and S, to name a few. Why is it important? The presence of Haz-mats will influence the plumbing and fire protection design of your building. It is important to familiarize yourself with the codes that handle this topic, such as the IBC, IFC, and NFPA codes and standards. Each Haz-mat is unique and presents different challenges to designers. Today, I would like to present a small road map on how to address Haz-mats on a project using the building codes.

- Determine the nature of the hazardous material.
- Determine the type of utilization and quantity of hazardous material.
- Determine if the hazardous material quantities exceed the code's allowable quantities (MAQs).
- Apply the appropriate code sections.

DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.

The IBC and IFC categorize Haz-mats into two main categories:

- **Physical Hazards**
- **Health Hazards**

Determining which classification your Haz-mats fall into is the first step in tackling the challenges of hazardous materials. Sometimes, you may receive a design professional's report giving a list of the chemicals and the nature of the hazard classification, or you may have to request safety data sheets (SDS) to extract the data that you need to determine what classification the hazardous materials fall into. A hazardous material may also present both physical and health hazards so be aware.

Ameen Osman
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VICE PRESIDENT- LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Hey Everyone,

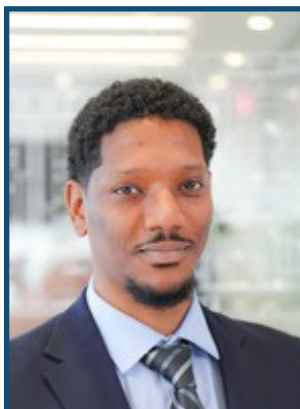
For this month's edition of the Legislative Section, I would like to provide an update on the upcoming 2027 edition of the International Code Council (ICC) I-Codes. As of this writing, several of the 2027 editions have been released electronically, including the 2027 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) and the 2027 International Mechanical Code (IMC).

Over the next several editions of the Legislative Section, I plan to take a closer look at some of the significant changes introduced in the 2027 code cycle and discuss how they may affect plumbing and fire protection design, service, and construction.

I also plan to continue covering hazardous materials, as this remains an interesting and increasingly important topic for engineers, designers, contractors, and code professionals.

As always, staying ahead of code changes is one of the best ways we can help reduce surprises during design, permitting, and construction.

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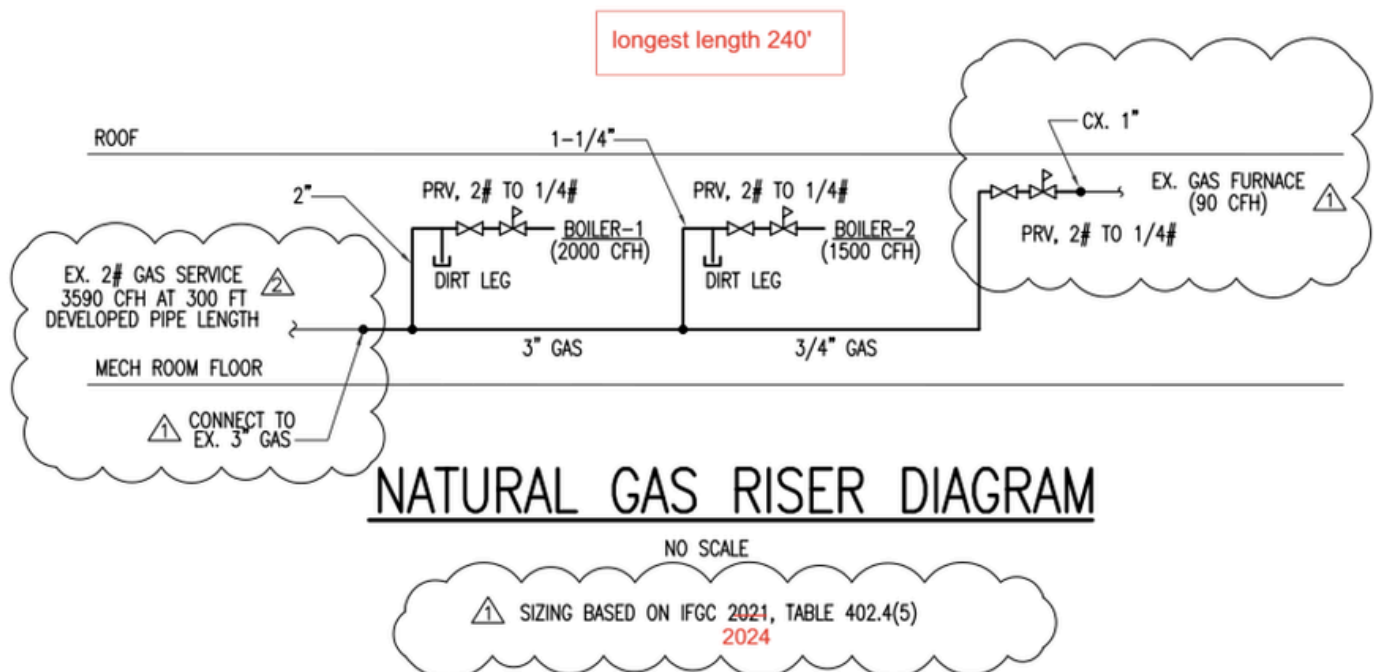
by
David Bailey

Greetings everyone. If you recall in the Summer DC Chapter Newsletter article, the applicant noted that the scope of work was limited to a flow-based grease trap and three-compartment sink replacements with the intent of retaining the manifold of the 3" receptors and the indirect discharge of the flow-based grease interceptor (FBGI) outlet into the 3" floor sink. There were several issues with this submission and they are as follows:

- The proposed Schier FBGI 35/50 GB2 model is discontinued. The Commission will only allow the latest edition of the Schier FBGI models, whereby the GB2 (and GB3) has one capacity flow rate, and ASME testing is Type D; therefore, no flow control valve is allowed.
- Thus, the flow control valve is to be deleted.
- Because the scope of work exceeds that of "simply" replacing the FBGI, the entire system associated with the FBGI must be brought up to current Code. Thus, the indirect receptors of the 3-compartment sink (per manifold) shall have traps, and a vent pipe is required before the FBGI inlet. The outlet of the FBGI must have at a minimum a single two-way cleanout that also serves as a grease inspection port followed by a vent pipe for the FBGI trap. The former indirect waste pipe from the FBGI must be directly connected, but only after the existing floor sink and its trap are abandoned.

This month's challenge is to determine what I had spotted wrong in the screenshot below of the approved riser with the redline markups. One responsibility I have as a Project Manager (PM) with the Commission is reviewing and approving amendments, whereby I must either research the drawing set or pass it on to the PM of record. Since I lingered longer than most, I researched this approved drawing set and voila!

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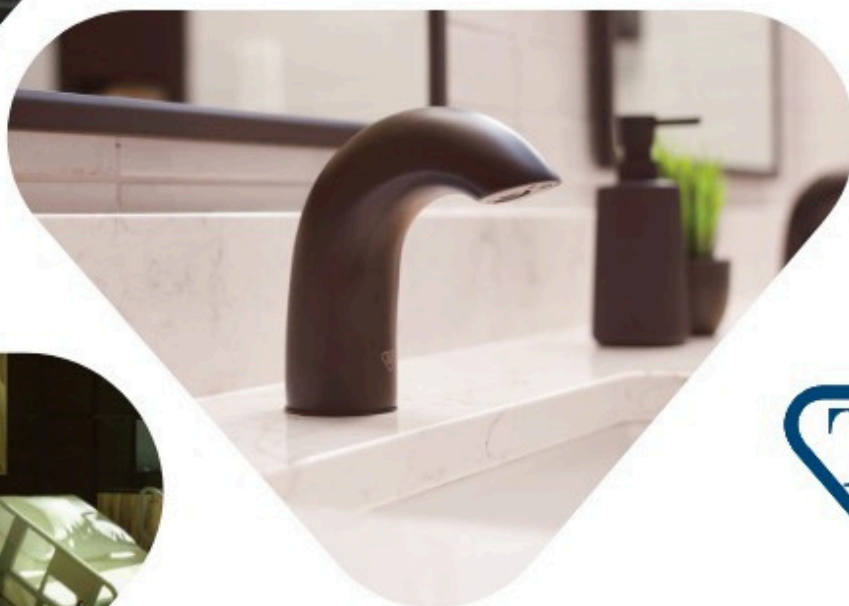
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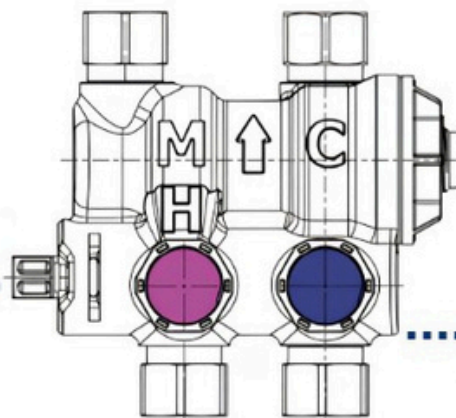


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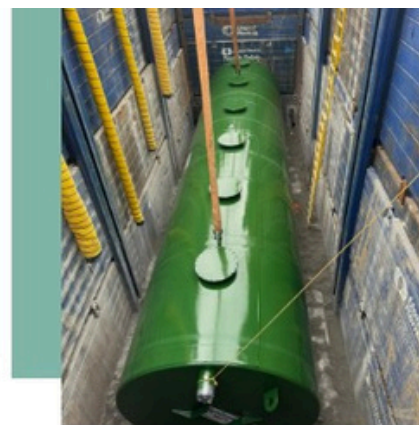
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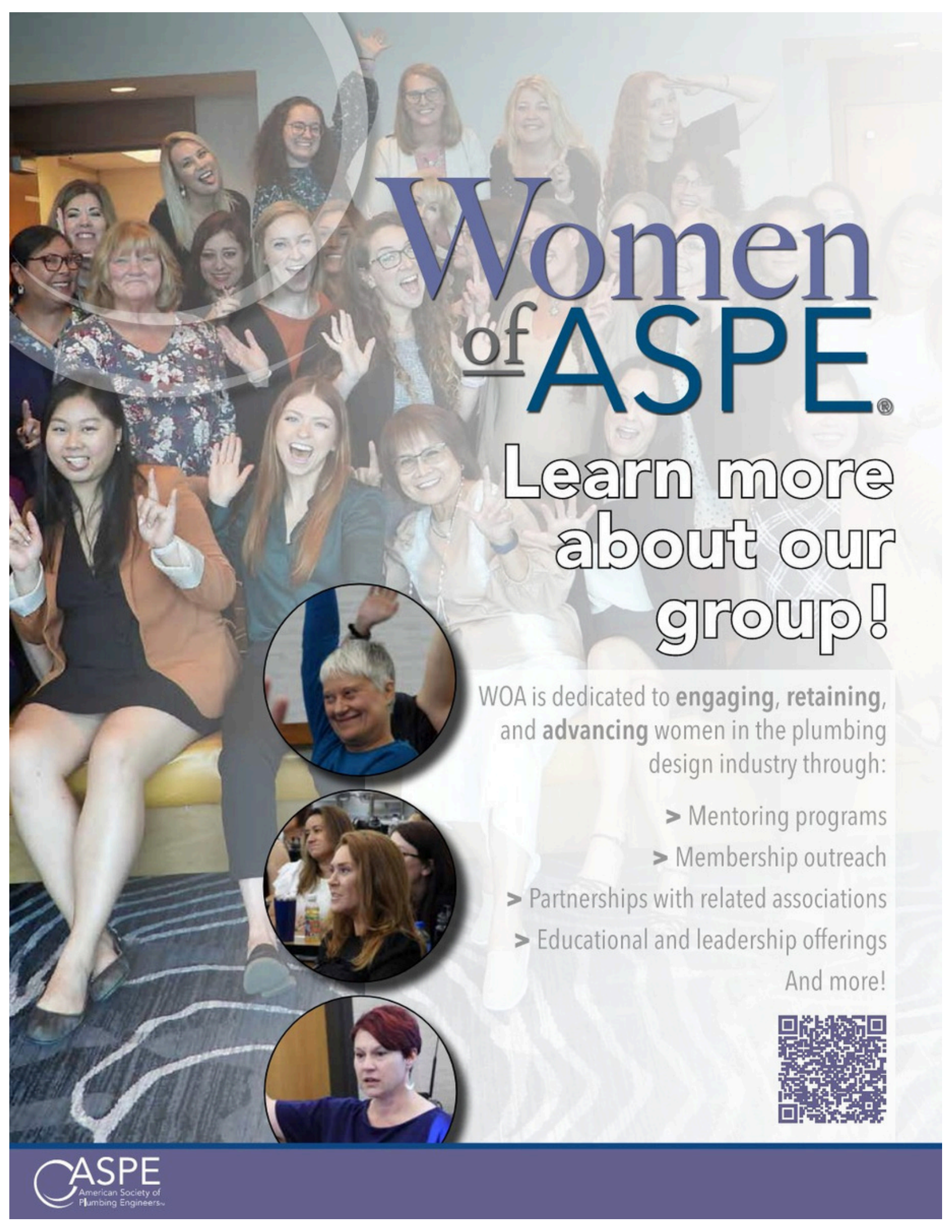


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