



# Newsletter

## Western Michigan Chapter

### October 2023

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**This months meeting info:**

**Grand Rapids Meeting:**

**Kalamazoo Meeting:**

**Dates:**

**October 11th & 12th**

**Location:**

**Canopy by Hilton - Grand Rapids Downtown  
131 Ionia Avenue SW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

**Location:**

**Park Club of Kalamazoo  
219 W. South Street  
Kalamazoo , MI 49007**

**Speaker:**

**Josh Pedraja**

**Patton's Medical**

**Time:**

**11:30 Social  
12:00 Presentation & Lunch**

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**Subject:**

**Medical Gas 101**

**Cost:**

**\$30 per person**

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### **Important Information:**

#### **Lunch Meeting in Grand Rapids!**

The Grand Rapids meeting will once again be held at lunch. Please join us at the Canopy by Hilton in downtown Grand Rapids for this months meeting. The presentation will begin at noon sharp. See you there!



















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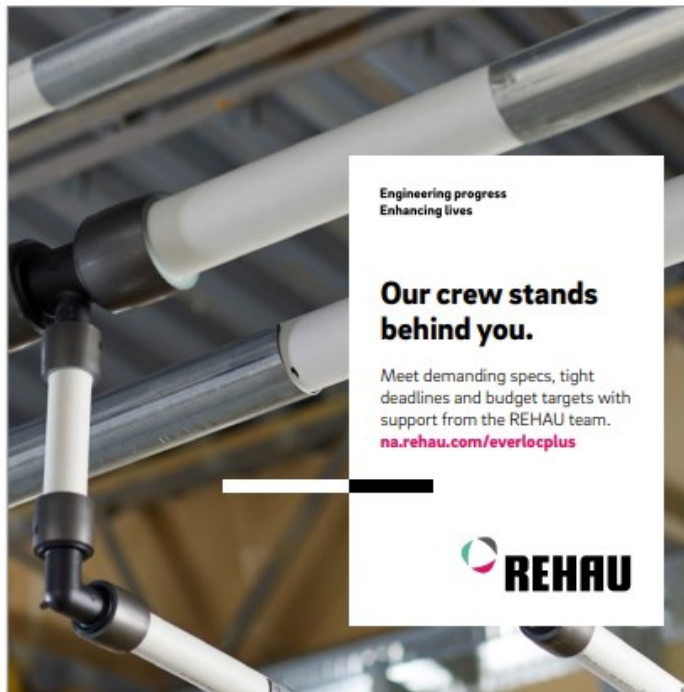
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## **Chapter President—Brian Peceny**

First, I'd like to thank all those who attended our meetings in September. A special thank you to those who tried the ASPE meetings for the first time or the first time in a long time. We also need to thank our speaker who educated our groups with the subject of grease removal while we enjoyed our lunches. I understand our Kalamazoo meeting went well, as usual. For our Grand Rapids meeting, we tried a new time and new location. We were very happy with our turnout, but this led to a rather tight room. We've spoken with the facility, and we are NOW SCHEDULE FOR A LARGER SPACE, WITH WINDOWS. So please keep this in mind when considering joining us again for lunch.

This month's meeting will cover Med Gas. I recommend attending our meeting. It's a unique branch of plumbing design. Even if you aren't doing hospital work, I bet you'll be able to use lessons learned from the meeting in your future work. So please join us this month, enjoy our new larger space, and get some valuable CEU's.

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## **VP Membership—John Cassady**

We are currently at 89 members in the West Michigan chapter. Please join me in welcoming Gabriel Polega and Tom Frey to our chapter.

All new members moving forward will receive a voucher for a free meeting, redeemable at checkout when registering for an event.

For those of you who have a membership expiring by the end of October, you should have received an email reminder from the national society already. I will send out follow-up reminders to you all as well.

When you are renewing your membership, please be sure to select West Michigan as your "home chapter". Any "at large" members may miss out on communication from the chapter.

You can also update your chapter affiliation by logging in to [ASPE.org](http://ASPE.org) and following My Account > My Profile and editing your information. If you have a coworker interested in joining our chapter, please have them reach out to me with questions about membership.

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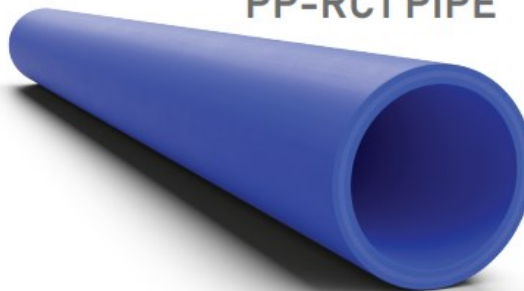
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**VP Technical—Nick Von Myhr**

First off, Wow! What a great turn out for our first ASPE meeting of the year. It was very exciting seeing so many new faces. Also, I would like to extend a big thank you to Tyler, Brent and the Schier products team for doing such a wonderful job of presenting grease interceptors. I know I learned a lot from their presentation.

For the month of October, I am pleased to introduce Josh Pedraja with Patton's Medical. Josh will be presenting the topic of Medical Gas Design 101, as well as sharing best practices for designing medical gas systems for hospital patient rooms and operating areas. Josh brings a lot of valuable knowledge to the industry from his many years of experience. This presentation is recommended for all levels of plumbing designers and mechanical engineers.

I hope to see you there!



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## **VP Education—Tom Kingshott**

Did you know that your ASPE membership provides a number of free or very low cost educational opportunities?

Free for members are the ASPE Read-Earn-Learn learning articles with quizzes? There are (12) of these each year with 0.1 CEU's that are not only good for the credits offered, but also have excellent content. They can be found at: <https://education.aspe.org/RLE>.

In addition, there are on-demand webinars through ASPE (no cost to members) at <https://education.aspe.org/on-demand-webinars>.

There is, of course, the ASPE Technical symposiums every other year (this year's is in Bellevue, WA). You can earn up to 1.2 CEU's over three days and there are 3-5 different subjects available for each time slot of learning, which offers a variety of subjects and experience levels.

ASPE regularly teams with manufacturer's to offer webinars; the ASPE on-line publication 'Pipeline' is the best place to find these: <https://www.aspe.org/pipeline/>

Finally, our monthly meeting also offer a opportunity for 0.1 CEU's per session while enjoying a great speaker, good food and great company.

Some other learning opportunities:

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## **VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo**

The State of Wisconsin finally got its first major Plumbing Code update in 14 years. If you perform plumbing work in Wisconsin, read below for some important information.

In a significant development for the state's construction and plumbing industry, Wisconsin is gearing up for its first comprehensive update to the plumbing code since 2009. The changes are set to come into effect on October 1st, making into a new era of regulations and standards in the field. However, it's important to note that related licensing exams will not align with the updated code until November, allowing professionals a brief grace period to adapt.

These inputs were shaped with input from professional groups through the Plumbing Code Advisory Committee in the state's administrative code. Some of the key revisions in the code include expanded options for bacterial control in healthcare facilities, the adoption of nationally recognized standards for water reuse, improvements in energy efficiency, and the inclusion of tankless water heaters, all of which aim to enhance the quality and safety of plumbing systems across the state.

To assist with understanding these plumbing code changes, the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) has created a helpful summary of the plumbing code changes.

While the new plumbing code officially takes effect on October 1st, DPS is extending a short grace period specifically for licensing exams affected by these changes. Throughout the entirety of October, exams will continue to be administered in accordance with the old code. However, in November, exams will align with the updated regulations, ensuring that professionals are tested on the most current standards.

The following list highlights the exams that will be impacted by the updates to the plumbing code:

- Automatic Fire Sprinkler Contractor
- Automatic Fire Sprinkler Contractor-Maintenance
- Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Tester
- Commercial Plumbing Inspector
- Journeyman Automatic Fire Sprinkler Fitter
- Journeyman Plumber
- Journeyman Plumber Restricted Appliance
- Journeyman Plumber Restricted Service
- Master Plumber

## VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo (continued)

- Master Plumber Restricted Appliance
- Master Plumber Restricted Service
- POWTS Inspector
- UDC Plumbing Inspector

It's important to note that there will be no grace period for plan reviews. Any plans submitted to DSPS for review on or after October 1st will be evaluated under the new plumbing code.

The significance of this update was underscored by DSPS Secretary-designee Dan Hereth, who, along with representatives from several professional groups, participated in a ceremonial signing of the code at Plumbers Local 75 in Madison. Hereth emphasized the collaborative effort that went into shaping the state's first plumbing code update in 14 years, emphasizing the code's local and homegrown nature.

As part of the transition, DSPS is in the process of finalizing training programs related to the new plumbing code. These training opportunities will soon be available to ensure a smooth transition.

For any questions or inquiries regarding the new plumbing code, professionals are encouraged to reach out to DSPS at [DSOSSBPIbTech@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSOSSBPIbTech@Wisconsin.gov)

To access a plain language document summarizing the significant plumbing code updates, please follow this link: <https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/SignificantPlumbingCodeUpdatesPlainLanguage.pdf>

The updated code language can be found on the Wisconsin Legislature's webpage: [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/register/2023/813b/register/final/cr\\_23\\_006\\_rule\\_text/cr\\_23\\_006\\_rule\\_text](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/register/2023/813b/register/final/cr_23_006_rule_text/cr_23_006_rule_text)



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Tyler Ismert  
Schier Products  
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December 14th (Christmas Party)  
Cody Mack  
Caleffi North America  
Mixing And Balancing In Domestic  
Hot Water Systems

March 13th & 14th  
Stadium Design  
Julius Ballanco

October 11th & 12th  
Josh Pedraja  
Patton's Medical  
Medical Gas 101

January 10th & 11th  
Thad Kuzma and Joe Hancock  
Flow-Tech Systems  
Legionella Filtration

April 3rd & 4th  
Marco DeAngelo  
Arkema Inc.  
Codes And Standards In The  
Plenum With Corrosive Waste  
Drainage

November 8th & 9th  
Dawn Cole  
Quality Water & Air Inc.  
Siphonic Storm Drainage Systems

February 7th & 8th  
Bob Taylor  
McWane Plumbing Group  
The History Of Cast Iron

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ASPE Annual Golf Outing

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## Western Michigan Chapter

Help promote your business and support your local ASPE chapter by advertising in the 2023/2024 Western Michigan ASPE Society Newsletter which reaches local plumbing and mechanical engineers as well as local wholesale members. Choose the advertising level that best suits your needs. This increase in publicity for your company will be an asset for all parties involved.

**Business card: \$150**

**Manufacturer Ads:**

**1/8 Page \$260**

**1/4 Page \$475**

**Full Page \$880**

Included with your fee:

(9) issues of the newsletter

(9) inserts of the Business Card Ad in the newsletter

**ASPE will once again be allowing you to rotate your advertisement throughout the year!** If you wish to change your ad during the 2023/2024 session, email the new ad to me, and it will be changed in the following newsletter.

**Advertising space can be purchased on the West Michigan ASPE website:**

[Click here to purchase advertising space in the 2023/2024 newsletter](#)

Please send a copy of your ads and/or business cards to Jonathan Burke:

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Thank you for supporting your local ASPE chapter.