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## ASPE - Wisconsin Technical Seminar & Product Show w/ PHCC

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026**

**7:45 AM - 3:15 PM**

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**Save The Date:**

**ASPE - WI Brewer Outing**

**June 17, 2026**

**5:00 PM - 8:40 PM**



**Save the Date:**

**ASPE - WI Golf Outing**

August 20, 2026

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Broadlands Golf Club

18 Augusta Way

North Prairie, WI 53153

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

BY: JON MILLARD, PE



This past weekend I attempted to replace the brakes on my car. The key word here is attempted. I've changed brakes before, but it had been a while. To prepare, I spent about 30 minutes watching a YouTube video on how to change the front brakes on my specific car. I watched the whole thing through, and thought "ok, that's not too bad. I should have this done in a few hours." I then proceeded to begin changing the rear brakes.

Everything was going smoothly, I was making good time, and thought for sure I'd be done in no time. Then I went to compress the brake caliper on the rear wheel I was working on, and it wouldn't go in. I thought that was strange, so then I googled "how to change rear brakes on a Mazda CX-9". Because I was in such a rush to do this, I hadn't taken the time to watch the steps needed to change the rear brakes (spoiler alert: the rear brakes are different).

My car (like a lot of newer cars) has an electronic parking brake. As I found out, the electronic parking brake was stopping me from fully pushing the brake caliper back in. Once I watched a video on how to change the rear brakes, I learned that you have to put your car into "EPD maintenance mode." So, off I went, putting my car into EPD Maintenance Mode. Well, after I put my car into maintenance mode, I saw that the brake piston was now sticking all the way out, and there was no possible way to push it back in.

A key detail that I missed because I was in such a hurry was that for the maintenance mode to work correctly, it first must tighten onto the brake pads, and then it will retract itself fully. Because I had already removed the brake caliper assembly, there was nothing for the brake piston to clamp onto, and it just kept pushing out until the piston had pushed itself all the way out. If I had slowed down and read everything fully, I would've seen that I could've put a block of wood in place for the piston to clamp onto.

Long story short: I had to order a new brake caliper assembly off eBay, which should be here in a few days. There is a lesson that can be learned from this that can apply to all of our careers. That lesson is: slow down. When you're tackling a complex problem, take a step back, gather your thoughts, gather as much information as you can, and ask a colleague or someone else in the industry for their thoughts.

One of the unique things about the world of plumbing is that the rules are different everywhere – every jurisdiction seems to have their own version of an "EPD Maintenance Mode" that you may not know about. A great benefit of ASPE is the ability to network with professionals from all over the country – we can all learn from each other's experiences and mistakes. Whether it be connections you've made at conventions, or posts on the ASPE Connect open forum, there are a ton of great ways to connect with others and learn the nuances of a specific problem or jurisdiction.

# Upcoming Events

VISIT [ASPEWI.ORG](http://ASPEWI.ORG) TO SIGN UP

<b>APRIL</b>	<b>16th</b>	ASPE / PHCC - Technical Seminar & Show
<b>May</b>	<b>13th</b>	Lunch Meeting - Madison
	<b>14th</b>	Lunch Meeting - Milwaukee
<b>June</b>	<b>17th</b>	ASPE - WI Brewer Outing
<b>July</b>	<b>TBD</b>	TBD
<b>August</b>	<b>20th</b>	ASPE - WI Golf Outing
<b>September</b>	<b>TBD</b>	TBD
<b>October</b>	<b>TBD</b>	TBD





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# LETS GET TECHNICAL WITH VP TECH

BY: JUSTIN MONK, D.E.S.



## **ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER?**

AS WE APPROACH THE END OF APRIL FOLLOWING ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON, WE TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE FUTURE OF THE ASPE WISCONSIN CHAPTER. IN MAY 2026, WE WILL HOLD OUR ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS, AND WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER SERVING AND HELPING SHAPE THE DIRECTION OF OUR LOCAL PLUMBING ENGINEERING COMMUNITY. SERVING ON THE ASPE-WI BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY WHILE ADVANCING YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

## **WHY SERVE ON THE ASPE-WI BOARD?**

- INCREASE INDUSTRY VISIBILITY: TAKE AN ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN CHAPTER INITIATIVES AND EVENTS.
- EXPAND PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS: COLLABORATE WITH FELLOW ENGINEERING AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS ACROSS THE INDUSTRY.
- GIVE BACK TO THE PROFESSION: SUPPORT TECHNICAL EDUCATION, NETWORKING EVENTS (INCLUDING GOLF OUTINGS AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS), AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY THAT BENEFITS WISCONSIN PLUMBING ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, AND LICENSED PROFESSIONALS.
- DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS: GAIN EXPERIENCE THAT SUPPORTS CAREER GROWTH AS A SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERT, LEAD ENGINEER OR DESIGNER, PROJECT MANAGER, PRACTICE LEADER, OR FIRM PRINCIPAL.

## **AVAILABLE POSITIONS WE ARE SEEKING QUALIFIED MEMBERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLES:**

- CHAPTER PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT – TECHNICAL
- VICE PRESIDENT – MEMBERSHIP
- TREASURER
- ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
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- AFFILIATE LIAISON

HOW TO GET INVOLVED FULL, ASSOCIATE, AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS INTERESTED IN SERVING ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT AARON BOCK AT [AARONB@EUA.COM](mailto:AARONB@EUA.COM) OR ANY CURRENT BOARD MEMBER BY THE END OF APRIL 2026 TO BE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT. THE OFFICIAL BALLOT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN MAY VIA EMAIL AND/OR THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER, WITH VOTING CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT: [HTTPS://ASPEWI.ORG/SERVING\\_ON\\_THE\\_BOARD](https://ASPEWI.ORG/SERVING_ON_THE_BOARD)

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL PLUMBING ENGINEERING COMMUNITY. PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD MEMBER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH ASPE-WI!



## TECHNICAL QUIZ - APRIL 2026

BE THE FIRST TEN ASPE-WI MEMBER TO REPLY TO OUR **TECHNICAL QUIZ - APRIL 2026 LINKEDIN POST** TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO WIN A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD FROM ASPE-WI. PROVIDE THE FINAL NUMBER IN INCHES OF THE QUESTION EQUATION BELOW USING INFORMATION FROM THE WISCONSIN UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE SPS 382 AND SPS 382 APPENDIX. (I.E. 5 FEET = 60")

### QUESTION EQUATION

THE RESERVE ZONE HEIGHT OF A SANITARY EJECTOR BASIN WITH A 48" INSIDE DIAMETER, THAT HAS DUPLEX 73.2GPM PUMPS, WHEN THE PUBLIC FIXTURES DISCHARGING INTO IT ARE 22 WATER CLOSET WITH FLUSHOMETER, 10 URINALS (WASH-DOWN TYPE), 16 LAVATORIES, 8 DRINKING FOUNTAINS, 3 SERVICES SINKS, 2 BAR SINKS, 1 FOOD PREPARATION SINK, 1 KITCHEN SINK, AND 1 ICE MAKER.

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THE MINIMUM VENT TERMINAL HEIGHT ABOVE A PARAPET WALL.

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THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SINKS DISCHARGING INTO A 15-GALLON ACID NEUTRALIZATION BASIN.

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THE MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN A CEILING OR OTHER OBSTRUCTION AND THE HIGHEST POINT OF THE EDUCED PRESSURE PRINCIPLE BACKFLOW PREVENTER ASSEMBLY.

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THE MAXIMUM HORIZONTAL SUPPORT HANGER SPACING OF CAST-IRON PIPE THAT IS 10 FEET LENGTHS OF PIPE ARE USED.

# MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

BY: RICH DAVISON



Welcome to spring fellow Wisconsin ASPE members!

The warm (ish) weather is sure to be on its way as soon as we are done with the next snowfall! (just kidding- I think) Our chapter membership is VERY strong this year. As of April our Wisconsin membership is 172! Let's keep it going into next year. One of the great parts about your membership is the networking opportunities with both engineers and manufacturers reps.

**MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #1 - BUILD A KILLER NETWORK** One of ASPE's greatest benefits is its members. Everyone is busy at home and at work, but members who attend Chapter meetings, Conventions & Expositions, and Symposiums are more likely to build a killer contact list. Our members are eager to help you in your next plumbing engineering problem, which undoubtedly will make you more competitive in the workforce. Whether you are in sales or engineering, you sell yourself every day. ASPE has many networking opportunities for you to meet professionals who possess the skills and training necessary to help you out of a tight spot or put you in touch with someone who can help you. If you are outside your comfort zone, ask your Chapter Board to make the introductions. Exchange business cards and remember to follow up with a brief conversation or email thanking them for their time. Before you know it, you will be a pro in engaging other members, which will lead to career growth and prosperity. If you are not able to attend a Chapter meeting, ASPE Connect offers you a way to build your network online.

**Happy April Birthdays fellow Wisconsin ASPE members!**

**Aaron Bock CPD, GPD, LEED AP, P.E.**

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# PRESENTER'S CORNER

BY: BRIAN GOGLIA



This month there is no individual presenter, however I encourage you all to take a “field trip” out to The Tributary in Madison for the Annual ASPE-WI / PHCC Product Show & Technical Seminars. It is a great opportunity to meet your local reps and catch up with them on the latest and greatest products they are all representing. Putting a name to a face is “in my opinion” more important than ever. Your ASPE rep members are all there to help our engineering community specify the best products for the jobs you are currently working on. As those products improve or change so will your specifications.

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