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Chapter Presidents Roster

1982-84	Robert J DeCurtins*	Heapy Engineering
1984-85	Larry P Acuff*	Mechanical Equipment Company
1985-86	C David Hudson*	KZF
1986-87	Fredrick R Siemers	Eckert Fire Protection
1987-89	William F Abell*	Fosdick & Hilmer
1989-90	Richard E Davis	Helmig, Lienesch & Associates
1990-91	William F Abell*	Fosdick & Hilmer
1991-93	James M Walde	Hixson
1993-95	W Everett Shuman*	Helmig, Lienesch & Associates
1995-96	James M Walde	KZF
1996-97	Ronald L van de Sandt*	Lockwood, Jones & Beals
1997-98	C David Hudson*	AM Kinney
1998-2000	David D Dexter	Korda/Nemeth Engineering
2000-01	Timothy W Nartker	Heapy Engineering
2001-02	David D Dexter	Korda/Nemeth Engineering

2002-06	Jeffrey S Watern	Helmig Lienesch
2006-11	R Albert Fike	Helmig Lienesch
2011-12	Brandt R Junker	TP Mechanical Contractors
2012-17	Ronald K Bartley	Elevar Design Group
2017	Robert M McGinnis	Heapy Engineering
2018-2022	Brian C Fraley	Danis
2022-	Andrew M Hemmelgarn	KZF Design

* Deceased

Chapter History

In 1974, the first ASPE Chapter in Ohio was chartered in Cleveland; in October 1980, the Central Ohio Chapter was chartered in Columbus. At that time, a number of plumbing engineers, designers, contractors, sales representatives and building officials from Southwestern Ohio were members of the Central Ohio Chapter and actively participated in that Chapter's functions. However, it was understood that the Cincinnati- and Dayton-area members would someday break away from the Central Ohio Chapter and form a Chapter of their own once membership reached sufficient levels.

In early 1981, while serving as a vice president of the Central Ohio Chapter, the late Robert J DeCurtins, CIPE, along with several interested individuals, compiled a list of potential ASPE members in the Southwestern Ohio/Northern Kentucky area. In an attempt to determine the interest of establishing a local ASPE Chapter, 56 letters were sent out in March 1981 to plumbing engineers, designers, contractors and sales representatives; favorable responses were received from 23 potential members. Organizational meetings were held in Middletown through the rest of 1981. When the Chapter was able to obtain the necessary 20 full or associate members, a petition for charter was prepared and submitted to the Society office in early February 1982. The Chapter was presented its charter on February 26, 1982, by the Society president, A Calvin Laws, PE, CIPE, of San Francisco, CA. Region II Chairman John Matthews, PE, CIPE, of Detroit, MI was also present at the charter presentation, held at the Manchester Hotel in Middletown.

Through 2000, the Chapter generally held its monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month from September through June. For 2001, the meeting night was changed to the third Tuesday of the month; this was done to provide more members with an opportunity to attend. From 1982 to 1989 and again from 2000 through 2008, the chapter held the majority of its meetings in Middletown to facilitate attendance by members from both the Cincinnati and Dayton areas. In other years, the meetings have generally alternated on a monthly basis between the two cities. From 2009 through 2020, NIBCO had graciously made the meeting room at its Lebanon, OH facility available to the Chapter for the majority of its monthly meetings. During the pandemic of 2020-2021, the Chapter held its monthly meetings virtually.

Periodically, the Chapter has held technical seminars and workshops to allow its membership the opportunity to further their knowledge of plumbing engineering. One such session involved Mr. Ralph Reeb of the State of Ohio, Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance discussing the 2002 edition of the Ohio Plumbing Code (OPC). Through the efforts of Chapter President David D Dexter, CPD, EI, it was arranged through the Ohio Construction Industry Examining Board (OCIEB) for the Chapter to make available Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for attendees with licensing or recertification requirements. The Chapter has routinely arranged through the OCIEB to offer CEUs for the technical sessions offered at the ASPE National Conventions, Technical Symposiums and Chapter-sponsored seminars.

Of major significance in the history of the Chapter was its serving as host of the 1990 National ASPE Convention and Exposition at the Albert B Sabin Convention Center in Cincinnati. The effort to obtain this convention was spearheaded by a committee chaired by C David Hudson, CPD, CPI. Hudson and his committee made their presentation at the 1984 National ASPE Convention in Chicago. Prior to the

convention, W Stephen Ashpaw led a major fundraising endeavor to obtain the capital for the Chapter to sponsor a number of events during the convention. Two of the Chapter's major contributions to this very successful meeting were sponsorship of an Ohio River evening boat cruise and the closing banquet.

Also of note in the Chapter's history was its serving as host of the 2001, 2011 and 2024 ASPE Region II Presidents' Meetings. Representatives from the Bluegrass, Buffalo-Niagara, Central Indiana, Central Ohio, Cleveland, Eastern Michigan, Evansville, Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Rochester and Western Michigan Chapters joined Southwestern Ohio Chapter representatives in Covington, KY (2001) and Dayton, OH (2011 and 2024). Efforts by several Chapter Officers and members made both events a well-received and successful gathering. It was at the 2001 meeting that Hudson was elected as the new ASPE Region II Chair.

The Chapter has also seen some of its membership distinguish themselves within the Society. For several years, past-Chapter President David D Dexter has served as Chair for the Society's Standards Committee, helping to guide the efforts in developing nationally recognized and accredited design standards for the plumbing engineering community. In 2013-2014, past-Chapter President and Region II Chair C David Hudson served on the Society's 50th Anniversary Committee and was instrumental in the development of the events that helped to make the Society's observance of this event memorable. And in addition to serving as the Chapter's ASPE Young Professionals (AYP) Liaison, Andrew M Hemmelgarn is serving as the ASPE Region II AYP Liaison as well..

The Chapter has also seen some of its membership take a highly active and visible role in advancing our profession on a national level. David D Dexter, F.NSPE, F.ASPE, through his involvement with both ASPE and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), helped to broker a Memorandum of Understanding of future cooperation between the two organizations. Also, Dexter, along with past-Chapter President Ronald K Bartley, PE, CPD, CPI/CPE, are Chair and Co-Chair, respectively, of the Professional Engineer Working Group, a committee working to establish a plumbing examination, as a subsection to Mechanical Engineering, for Professional Engineer registration. Bartley also serves at the Chair of the Kenneth G Wentink College of Fellows Nominating Committee, a committee of ASPE Fellows that votes from among nominated Society members for inclusion in the College of Fellows.

Also active in the development of Society publications, Dexter and Bartley were actively involved with the editing of the ASPE publication *Engineered Plumbing Design II*. Matthew T Sciarretti, PE, CPD, LEED AP and Dan Lampke contributed to the development of the ASPE publication *Fire Protection Systems III* with a review and rewrite of portions of four chapters. And Dexter chaired the effort and Bartley contributed edits of two chapters of the Society's *Engineered Plumbing Design III*.

During its history, the Chapter has been honored on several occasions with the ASPE Chapter Award of Merit recognizing superior Chapter accomplishment. The criteria for the Award includes membership retention and growth, Chapter technical meetings, Chapter newsletters, Regional meeting attendance, membership on Society level committees, seminars, joint projects (with other plumbing industry-related organizations), additional Chapter publications and donations charitable and to the ASPE Education and Research Foundations. The Society Board of Directors annually presents the Award at either the Convention/Expo or Symposium.

The Chapter has also been awarded with the Director's Award as presented at the Region II Presidents' Meeting. This is awarded, at the discretion of the Region II Director, for a Chapter's activities and accomplishments as they may relate to the Chapter, its membership, the discipline of Plumbing Engineering or their community.



In recent years, in late spring/early summer, the Chapter holds the popular ASPE Night with the Dayton Dragons. The Dragons are the (advanced) Class A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. As of this writing, over 140 past-Dragons have advanced to the major leagues. The Dragons provide the

evening's entertainment as the Chapter reserves a Party Deck at Day Air Ballpark (in downtown Dayton) for minor league baseball fun and excitement.

While the Chapter struggled in its first few years of existence, its growth and development has been a steady one. Today, the Southwestern Ohio Chapter boasts of a membership of over 90 members, with the membership located primarily in the areas of Cincinnati and Dayton.

Chapter Board of Governors

2012	Robert J DeCurtins*	W Everett Shuman*
	Larry P Acuff	Ronald L van de Sandt
	C David Hudson	David D Dexter
	Fredrick R Seimers	Timothy R Nartker
	William F Abell*	Jeffrey S Watern
	Richard E Davis	R Albert Fike
	James M Walde	

*Inducted posthumously

2012 Brandt R Junker

Active inductees:

2017 Ronald K Bartley

2018 Robert R McGinnis

2022 Brian C Fraley (Chair)

In 2012, the Chapter honored those individuals that accepted the mantle of leadership and served as Chapter President by inducting them into the Chapter Board of Governors (BOG). Society Executive Director/CEO Jim Kendzel participated in the ceremony to honor those members that have stepped forward to serve the Chapter and its membership. In the years that follow, outgoing Chapter Presidents are inducted onto the Board, with the three most recent inductees serving as active BOG members.

As the most recent inductee (who has maintained his membership in both the Society and Chapter), Brian C Fraley serves as the Board's Chair. As a new Past President joins the Board, that person will assume the position of Chair.

The Board of Governors was created to provide a confident and stable image of continuity during the annual changes to the chapter's Board of Directors and Officers. In addition, the Board of Governors is able to:

- Provide general assistance to the incumbent Board of Directors
- Assist with long-range chapter planning
- Provide assistance to Chapter Board members
- Provide assistance in the technical programs

ASPE Young Professionals

The ASPE Young Professionals (AYP) special interest group is designed for young industry professionals looking to meet with peers to share experiences, exchange ideas about the plumbing design industry, and network with other chapter members. The focus of AYP is to help young plumbing engineers, design professionals, and practitioners establish contacts and further the mission

of the Society. ASPE Members 35 years old and younger are all included in this special interest group.

There are AYP Liaisons at the Society, Regional and Chapter levels. The Regional AYP Liaison is responsible for communicating with the Chapter AYP members, provide the Board Liaisons with input from the Chapter AYP members and provides input within the AYP Committee.

The Chapter AYP Liaison is responsible to collaborate with the chapter Vice-President, Membership to engage current members and potential engineers/designers as follows:

- Facilitate discussions about the industry as a young engineer, designer or affiliate
- Greet and network with AYP members at chapter functions with the Vice-President, Membership and/or the Chapter Ambassador.
- Provide updates to the local chapter Board of Directors regarding AYP activities.
- Keep in direct contact with the Society-appointed AYP Liaison to the Board and Regional AYP Liaison.

Currently, **Iszak Rapp** is serving as our Chapter AYP Liaisons

Kenneth G Wentink College of Fellows

ASPE may honor a number of its membership to be recognized (during each Convention year) with induction to the Kenneth G Wentink College of Fellows.

The ASPE College of Fellows program is administered by a Fellows Program Committee comprised of College of Fellows members.

Individuals selected for induction are honored for making significant and exceptional contributions to the discipline of Plumbing Engineering, the Society and the plumbing industry.

An individual conferred as an ASPE Fellow shall retain the designation as a lifetime honor. Candidates must have been a member of the Society for a minimum of 20 years and be nominated by a fellow member.

Candidates must meet the criteria as stipulated in three of the following categories:

- Plumbing engineering and design
- Plumbing industry product or service application
- Research and development
- Education
- Leadership/management in the industry
- Leadership in the profession
- Legislative (codes and legislation as applicable to the profession)
- Political statesmanship

The Southwestern Ohio Chapter lists three members that have been inducted to this prestigious group. They are (with date of induction):

David D Dexter
PE, F.NSPE, F.ASPE, CPD, CPI/CPE RETIRED, LEED AP BD+C
Inducted October 28, 2008

C David Hudson,
CPD, CPI, F.ASPE
Inducted October 26, 2010

Ronald K Bartley

Chapter Objectives

The objectives of the Southwestern Ohio Chapter are:

- To encourage participation by its membership on such public interest bodies as Code and/or Standards Committees.
- To facilitate the exchange of information throughout its membership.
- To foster greater cooperation and understanding between the membership and the plumbing officials and other related professionals with whom they interact.
- To further the interests of the membership through the development of their technical expertise, and to enable them to better perform the responsibilities of their profession.
- To offer fellowship within its membership at Chapter meetings and Chapter-sponsored activities.

The Affiliate Societies Council of Dayton

In late 1999, the Southwestern Ohio Chapter of ASPE aligned itself with the Affiliate Societies Council (ASC) of Dayton. Established in 1969, the council consists of approximately 50 engineering and science-related professional societies whose combined membership in the Dayton area exceeds 15,000. The members of those societies and their delegates to the Council provide the core of volunteer individuals for accomplishing the mission of the council.

The mission statement of the ASC is as follows:

- Provide professional education opportunities for the general engineering and scientific community.
- Make available the combined expertise of the affiliated societies to the community to assist in solving problems of a technical nature.
- Provide administrative services for affiliated societies to promote continuity in society management and a close working relationship among societies.

The first Chairman of the Engineering and Science Foundation of Dayton, founded in 1969, was Mr. Eugene Kettering, who set the tone for the organization in advancing education in engineering and science. For a period of time, the Foundation conducted classes at the Kettering Center, 140 E Monument Avenue in Dayton. When demand for such classes lessened, the Foundation transferred title to the building to Wright State University, which has continued the types of classes that the Foundation conducted. Since then, the Foundation has engaged in the advancement of education in the fields of engineering and science in Montgomery and adjacent counties. This work has included sponsoring special analytical projects, contributions to area educational institutions for scholarships and substantial funding for the operations of the ASC. This work has also included the establishment of the following committees and programs: Career Guidance Committee (MATHCOUNTS and Science Day), Education Committee (Science and Math Teachers Workshop, Waves Science Kit and Super Science Saturday), Leadership Training Committee, Innovation and Applied Technology Committee and Engineers and Scientists Week. A major portion of the funds required and used by the ASC comes from the Engineering and Science Foundation of Dayton.

A Board of Trustees governs the Foundation and the Chair of the ASC is automatically a member of that Board. In 1994-95, the Foundation and the Council became a fund of The Dayton Foundation, joining its resources with those of the much larger community-wide organization in order to reduce operating expenses and expand its interaction with other groups working for growth in the Miami Valley.