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## MAY CHAPTER MEETING

**Date:** TUESDAY, May 19<sup>h</sup>

**Location:** Location: RAMADA INN, 6147 W St Rte 122, Middletown, Ohio. 513-424-1201. From I-75, take the Middletown Exit and go east to the Ramada Inn.

**Schedule:** 11:30-12:00 PM Lunch  
12:00-12:45 PM "Watch Your Language"

**Speaker:** [Bob Gavin, Attorney](#)  
Selvaggio, Teske & Associates  
3401 Enterprise Parkway, Suite 101  
Beachwood, OH 44122 (Cleveland)

**Cost:** \$20 at the door Engineers/Designer/Contractor/Code Official  
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## FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

May 19	Legal aspects of plumbing engineering
June 2	ASPE Night with the Dayton Dragons (Dayton)
Sept 2009	Product Information Show @ Cincinnati Master Plumbers
Oct 2009	Technical Symposium @ Dearborn Michigan

**June 2010 Region II Presidents Meeting**

**All meetings held in Middletown unless noted otherwise  
All meeting topics subject to change without notice**



Mark June 2nd on your calendar for the 6th annual ASPE night at the Dayton Dragons game! Party deck 1 with seating for 50+ is reserved for the 7 PM game against the South Bend SilverHawks.

Last year everyone who attended had a great time and we're looking forward to another fun outing on the 2nd. Friends and family are welcome; anyone who brings a new member (with a paid and properly filled out membership application) will enter a raffle for a great prize. Tickets are only \$ 15 each.

Dinner and beverages are again being provided by our generous affiliate members. Food and ticket sponsorships are still available.

Please contact Jeff Watern via email at [jwatern@helmigl.com](mailto:jwatern@helmigl.com) to reserve your tickets or to find out about sponsorship opportunities.

Don't wait, last year tickets went quickly and those who waited weren't able to enjoy this fun event.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the game!

## Legislatively speaking...

- Fire service advocates in Ohio provided testimony to legislators to **defeat a proposed amendment to Ohio House Bill 2** that would have taken several steps to prevent the implementation of important, life-saving fire safety requirements, including prohibiting any jurisdiction in the state from adopting any fire safety provision above and beyond the 'standard of care' the Ohio Building or Residential Code requires. The language was removed from the bill. In Maine, several state fire service groups and fire safety advocates recently appeared at a public hearing to discuss a bill that would have exempted residential one- and two-family dwellings from the provisions of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. The committee did not move the bill forward at a work session held subsequent to the hearing.

- Underwriters Laboratories (UL) is now providing manufacturers of plumbing-related products certification to Annex G of ANSI/NSF 61. Annex G is an **optional evaluation method for products to demonstrate less than 0.25 percent weighted average lead content**. In addition, UL is creating a separate certification program for low-lead compliance that will include testing of metal alloys to demonstrate compliance to California Assembly Bill 1953. This program will help manufacturers with products that are required to demonstrate compliance with the recent California law, but are not covered by or specifically included in ANSI/NSF 61. This program will also give manufacturers the option of demonstrating compliance with the law using a means other than Annex G. Visit [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com) for more information.

? The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$761.7 million to the states of Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia. This infusion of money will **help state and local governments finance many of the overdue improvements to water and wastewater projects** that are essential to protecting public health and the environment.

- The [International Code Council](#) has announced its intent to initiate a **Green Building Code Development Project** targeted at the commercial market. The objective of this new

project is to develop a green building code for traditional and high-performance buildings that is consistent and coordinated with the ICC family of codes and standards. The code will provide a new regulatory framework built with leading recognized rating systems in mind and provide criteria to drive green building into everyday practice.

- According to [The Daily Reporter](#) (Milwaukee, WI), the Wisconsin Supreme Court **rejected a Wisconsin Builders Association appeal** in a lawsuit challenging Wisconsin Department of Commerce rules requiring sprinklers in residential buildings with more than three units. Score one for public welfare and safety.

- The nation's first **standard for high-performance green buildings** began its third public review period May 1. Comments on the [draft standard](#) will be accepted through June 15. Proposed Standard 189.1: *Standard for the Design of High Performance, Green Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings* is being developed by ASHRAE in conjunction with the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America and the US Green Building Council. This is the first such green building standard in the United States. Compared to the previous draft, this draft provides increased energy savings over ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1. Eliminated in this version is the requirement for 30 percent additional ventilation beyond Standard 62.1 in classrooms and office spaces, with instead an emphasis on source contaminant control to improve indoor air quality.

- Without intending to wade any further into some water that is getting deep, a couple of issues ago information was relayed in this column regarding vinyl trap and supplies covers and their requirement for meeting UL Smoke and Flame Spread ratings for insulation. In a recent issue of *PM Engineer*, Society President Julius Ballanco, PE, CPD, F-ASPE, offered dissenting opinions regarding the issue of insulation vs. protection for these devices. Recently Bob Gregg emailed a follow-up rebuttal to the views offered by Julius. If you haven't already done so, **read Bob's email and the attached copies of Julius' columns**. They bloviated...you decide.

**-Ronald K Bartley, PE, CPD, CPI**

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## Through the pipes...

● ***May has arrived, and with it comes a question that each and every one of the membership needs to ask themselves: What have I done to help further the growth, development and success of my Society, my Chapter, my profession and, most importantly, myself? The time has come for several individuals to step up, assume the mantle of leadership and serve on the Board of Directors of The Southwestern Ohio Chapter! The current Board has held office for several years; it is past time that they are given a respite and for new individuals with fresh thinking and ideas to take the helm and lead this Chapter.***

Oh, yes, we can already hear the cries of, 'I don't have the time; I have too much going on in my life; there is too much happening at work; blah, blah, blah.' Here's a dose of reality for you: the commitment in time and effort is **VERY** small (typically 30 minutes or less per week) compared to the personal and professional growth you receive as a Chapter Officer! And we can truly say that there are no free rides in life; you can only get out of the Society and your membership what you are willing to put into it! It is **YOUR** Society, **YOUR** Chapter and **YOUR** profession; show your commitment, shake off the apathy and lethargy and step up to serve on the Board of **YOUR** Chapter!

Nominations are currently being accepted for **ALL** Board positions. Contact any Board member **YESTERDAY!!!**

● **OOPS!** Last month, it was announced that our Chapter would be hosting the 2010 ASPE Region II Presidents' Meeting. It turns out we were one year off in our pronouncement. For reasons undisclosed, the Pittsburgh Chapter was passed over in the rotation, so they will host next year's gathering. Our Chapter will host the 2011 meeting. The Board regrets the error.

● The following was recently received from Society President Julius Ballanco:

All,

It is with deep sadness that I must inform you that Vice President, Technical J. Norman Parks, CPD, CET died peacefully early this morning after a short battle with cancer. Norman was surrounded by his family. I would ask that you say a prayer for Norman and his family.

For as long as I have known Norman he has been a man of tremendous faith. He has told me on more than one occasion that when the Lord wants him, he will be ready. Unfortunately, the Lord wanted him faster than we wanted to give him up.

This is hard for me to write. While I have a strong faith, I am also human and don't look forward to losing a dear friend. As tears roll down my cheeks, I think of all the wonderful times we had together. I also think of how Norman made all of us better individuals.

Until the cancer struck, Norman and I would speak all the time. He has such a strong love for ASPE. But the one thing he would always say to me is that family comes first. Norman never forgot that, and he wanted to make sure that all of us never forgot that either.

Again, please remember all of the Parks family in your prayers. This is a sad time for their family. It is a sad time for the ASPE family.

I will miss those wonderful words of wisdom, "I'm just a good ole country boy, but..."

Julius

The Board and membership of the Southwestern Ohio Chapter offer their deepest condolences to the Parks family and friends.

Parting thought...

I've learned ...

That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

That having a child or a dog fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow you may have to eat them.

That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in their little fist, you're hooked for life. Sooooo true...

That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

**-Andy Rooney  
CBS News**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Mothers' Day	11	12	13	14 Make your reservations NOW!	15	16
17	18	19 SW Ohio Chapter meeting	20	21	22 Get your tickets for ASPE Night with the Dragons	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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Looking for an opportunity to expand your business?

Want to get your foot in the door of engineering firms?

Looking for a creative way to network with engineers, designers, inspectors, and contractors?

If the answer is...yes...to any of these questions, there's a way to achieve these goals...

The Southwest Ohio chapter of ASPE is hosting a night out with the Dayton Dragons on June 2nd, 2009 when they play the South Bend SilverHawks.

What better way to reach your business goals and support the local ASPE chapter than to network with the plumbing engineers that can specify your products. We have reserved one of the party decks to allow everyone to intermingle with each other and enjoy a great game at the same time.

Opportunities to participate in this event include:

Tickets Package*:	\$250	
	Includes:	4 tickets to the game + Signage around the party deck at the game ** + FREE web page banner on SWOASPE.com *** <u>+ FREE ad in local ASPE newsletter****</u> = NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNIES
Food Sponsor:	\$150	
	Includes:	1 ticket to the game + Signage on the food table at the game** <u>+ FREE ad in local ASPE newsletter****</u> = NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNIES

If you're interested, please fill out the attached form and

- Fax it to 937-228-1936 or
- Email it to: [jwatern@helmigl.com](mailto:jwatern@helmigl.com)

Thanks for your support,  
Southwest Ohio Chapter of ASPE

\* There are a limited number is Ticket Packages available, so please reserve your package before they're all gone.

\*\* The signage will consist of a banner that lists all of the food sponsors and individual 2'x3' banners for each of the ticket sponsors.

\*\*\* Web page banner consists of front-page logo link for 12 months.

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NOTE – Please bring a “door prize” for the raffle with you on the night of the game.

Please contact Jeff Watern at 937-228-4007 or email [jwatern@helmigl.com](mailto:jwatern@helmigl.com).

Ticket sponsor signage at the game will consist of banner type signs approx. 2'x3' in size.  
**First time ticket sponsors** will need to submit logo to Jeff Watern by Tuesday, May 26th.

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Thanks for your support and participation.

