JOINING ASPE CHAPTER 55

The Annual Dues for ASPE Chapter 55 for FY 2013-14 are as follows:

National Dues: $220
Chapter Dues: $ 40
National Admin*: $ 35
TOTAL $295

If you are interested in learning more about the Chapter please contact President, David Kramer at (408) 244-7100 or email at david.kramer@blach.com

Our entire Membership and ASPE would like to thank Rich Jensen for an amazing and outstanding 3 years as President of this chapter. He pulled us all together and made this road possible and we are thankful for his leadership, and continued support! Thank you Rich!! You are still on the board though, and we need your guidance!

Presidents Message:

Fellow Estimators -

I'm honored to be the incoming president of Chapter 55. I hope I can sustain what my predecessors have built.

I'd particularly like to thank Rich Jensen for all his work as President over the last 3 years. Rich has volunteered to chair a new Higher Education Outreach Committee to nurture our relationship with Cal Poly, and form new relationships with other institutions to promote estimating education. This parallels developments at our National organization, so we will keep trying to spread our approach to the rest of the country.

James Moore, incoming Vice President, is chairing the Program Committee. Juan Garcia and Cody Bennett are working with him to keep us informed, entertained and in touch with our peers. They are looking to have more members involved, so please don't be shy.

Our major fundraiser is coming up June 26 - "The Joy of Bocce!" Kevin Fennimore does a wonderful job with this every year. I look forward to seeing you there.

My goal for the next year is to get our current members to be engaged and active. These are some great opportunities to promote our profession. If there's anything you'd like to see us do more, do less, or do differently, please contact me or any of the Board members.

Thank you,
David Kramer
ASPE- Code of Ethics:

#1 Professional Estimators shall perform services in areas of their discipline and competence.

#2 Professional Estimators shall continue to expand their professional capabilities through continuing education programs to better enable them to better serve their clients, employers and the industry.

#3 Professional Estimators shall conduct themselves in a manner, which will promote cooperation and good relations among members of our profession and those directly related to our profession.

#4 Professional Estimators shall safeguard and keep in confidence all knowledge of the business affairs and technical procedures of an employer of client.

#5 Professional Estimators shall conduct themselves with integrity at all times and not knowingly or willingly enter into agreements that violate the laws of the United States of America or of the states in which they practice.

#6 Professional Estimators shall utilize their education, years of experience and acquired skills in the preparation of each estimate or assignment with full commitment to make each estimate or assignment as detailed and accurate as their talents and abilities allow.

#7 Professional Estimators shall not engage in the practices of “bid peddling” as defined by this code. This is a breach of moral and ethical standards, and a member of this society shall not enter into this practice.

#8 Professional Estimators and those in training to be estimators shall not enter into any agreement that may considered acts of collusion or conspiracy (bid rigging) with the implied or expressed purpose of defrauding clients. Acts of this type are in direct violation of the Code of Ethics of the American Society of Professional Estimator.

#9 Professional Estimators and those in training to be estimators shall not participate in acts, such as the giving or receiving of gifts, that are intended to be or may be construed as being unlawful acts of bribery.

DID YOU NOTICE- WE HAVE A NEW NAME

Silicon Valley Chapter #55 of the American Society of Professional Estimators

We have changed our name. We recently refiled our Incorporation with the State of California and while doing that we made a slight name change to better reflect the geographic area that we serve.

The old Santa Clara Valley Chapter #55 ASPE has been changed to the Silicon Valley Chapter #55 of the American Society of Professional Estimators. The abbreviated or common name will be Silicon Valley Chapter #55 ASPE

The nearest ASPE Chapters to us are the Golden Gate Chapter that serves San Francisco-Berkeley-Oakland to the north, the Sacramento Chapter to the east and the nearest southern chapter is over the Grapevine in Los Angeles.

Our members are from up the peninsula to the north, Pleasanton-Livermore to the east, Watsonville-Santa Cruz to the West and south to Fresno.

THE 2014 NATIONAL CONVENTION—
The 2014 ASPE Convention & Estimating Academy will take place in Indianapolis, IN from July 16th–19th. The Annual Convention offers cost estimators the opportunity to expand their professional knowledge and network. The event will feature several Construction Estimating focused programs and professional speakers exploring the most important issues facing the industry today.
Chapter Meeting HIGHLIGHTS:

NEXT ASPE Chapter 55 Membership Meeting!!

On April 21st, we had a great Presentation by Mike Miller of the Builders Exchange of Santa Clara County on the economic outlook.

3 Rules to Remember:
- 1. Construction is one of the last industries to go into a recession and one of the last one to come out.
- 2. Real Estate and Construction Dance Partners - what one industry does affects the other.
- 3. Overall employment is a key indicator for the health of the construction industry.

Did you hear? Thoughts? Comments?
We are looking for your ideas and input regarding our newsletter and Luncheon/Dinner programs. Do you have an idea for an upcoming meeting or jobsite? Would you like to be a presenter at one of our luncheon meetings? Please contact our Professional Education Program Chair James Moore at 408-279-2277 or jmoore@bothman.com

Our chapter Facebook account is up & running—ASPE Chapter 55,—we have added a few “Likes” from last month and we need more! Share our page and get the info out there about your local ASPE Chapter. If you have an account, look us up, so you can follow our status for upcoming events! https://www.facebook.com/chapter55siliconvalley

Our Annual Bocce Event coming up... SAVE THE DATE!!!

ASPE Chapter 55 Bocce Event, Thursday, June 26, 2014 from 5 to 8pm!! Every year ASPE Chapter 55 hosts a Bocce event to support educational events and scholarship fund. It is a lot of fun to put aside those construction plans and take a break. Enjoy an evening of Bocce with old and new friends and business associates. June 26, 2013 will be our Seventh year of tournament play. The bad boys from Blach Construction were defeated last year by Team Bothman! Gather a team for your company to take home the “We’ve Got Bocce” trophy. We are now taking team early sign-ups to enter your company in the “ASPE Joy of Bocce Mixer”. ASPE thanks you for your support. Sponsorships are available for $250. Team entry fee is $500. Your contribution will help students in college learn about estimating in construction through ASPE educational events. http://aspe55bocce2013.eventbrite.com/#