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

Presidents Message:

As I write this, I am sitting in the Indiana airport waiting for my flight to O’Hare after the 2014 National Convention of the American Society of Professional Estimators. I attended the workshops on Members at Large, new officer training, and member recruitment and retention.

At the awards banquet, I was invited by Joe Fleming, our outgoing national, president to sit at his table with other first timers.

Our own Marcene Taylor was installed as First Vice President. So she’s only a heart beat away from the big gavel. Incoming President Doyle Phillips is clearly passionate about estimating in higher
education; he's writing his PhD dissertation on the subject.

The business meeting went fairly smoothly. I was the delegate for the 32 members of Silicon Valley Chapter #55. This was my first experience with strict Roberts Rules of Order. There was a parliamentarian on the podium between the president and the executive director. She was consulted several times.

I took the microphone to speak against an amendment to the by-laws deleting a reference to Student Chapters. I argued that our members felt strongly that student chapters are crucial to engaging young people, and that there were discussions about student committees or other approaches that would be acceptable, and that we shouldn't change the bylaws until we could give guidance to the chapters. I did not persuade anyone, as I was the lone "nay" vote. Oh, well. Perhaps we can introduce a bylaw revision next year to address the issue.

I met estimators from Florida, Connecticut, Georgia, New York, and many places in between. Everyone was gracious and willing to share their ASPE experience.

A regional meeting is coming up this fall in Phoenix. If any members are interested in getting involved beyond the local level, this is a good place to start.

Contact me. David Kramer
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Silicon Valley Chapter #55 of the American Society of Professional Estimators

Question of the Month????

"If you were approached by a young person for career advice, what would you say about estimating?"

Please send answers to David Kramer-david.kramer@blach.com, for a chance to win a FREE ASPE dinner or lunch. Entries due by August 15th

Chapter Meeting HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome “NEW” member:
Doug Ballou
Novo Construction

NEXT ASPE Chapter 55 Membership Meeting!!
Save The DATE - August 11
3:45 49er Tour and Annual BBQ
Register today to reserve your spot!
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/49ers-levis-stadium-tour-tickets-12415788959

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 meetings? Please contact our Professional Education Program Chair James Moore at 408-279-2277

Is there a topic of discussion that we should write an article about? Would you like to be a contributor to our newsletter? Please contact Shawna Alvarado at Shawna@odonnellplastering.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](https://www.facebook.com/chapter55siliconvalley)

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**Our Annual Bocce Event was held--and was a great success!!**

**ASPE Chapter 55 Bocce Event**
The American Society of Professional Estimators, Silicon Valley Chapter #55 recently hosted its 7th Annual "Joy of Bocce" Fundraising Tournament at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos, California on June 26, 2014. This year's tournament took in $13,000 in donations for construction student scholarships and education programs.

The coveted trophy went to Daley's Drywall!

There were 12 teams and 30 sponsors represented.

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual "Joy of Bocce" Fundraiser on June 25, 2015! To register, please click on the Eventbrite link below.

[Eventbrite link for Joy of Bocce 2015.](#)