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Spring is Here!

LETTER FROM ASGE PRESIDENT ERIC BRUTON

President Eric Bruton discusses the Technical Conference, CGE Exam and Study Guide, and the political landscape for gas-fired heat appliances and components.

2023 Technical Conference!

The 2023 National Technical Conference will be held June 4th—June 6th, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Member NEWS!

New members have been added to our Roster.

Conference NEWS!

Presenter lineup updated!

Early Bird Registration Ends April 28th! Hurry to save \$50 on the registration fees.

Fun Night is planned. You will not want to miss!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello ASGE membership and CGEs!

We are almost ONE MONTH away from the ASGE Technical Conference. Early Bird Registration is almost gone so be sure to sign up SOON!

The Technical Conference is going to be great this year. Scott Lackie your VP has put together an awesome lineup of presenters. You can get more information on the presenters and topics later in this newsletter.

The Conference starts on Monday morning with the Golf Outing and the CGE Exam Review. The Golf Outing is led by Board Member Mike O'Donnell and will be held at Rhodes Ranch Golf Club. If you don't play golf, or play very seldom like me, it is a blast for everyone no matter your skill level. It is a team scramble format and there is no pressure to perform. It is honestly a great time to get to know those you are playing with and to have a little competitive fun. Prizes go out for longest drive, closest to the pin, lowest team scores, and best (or worst) shots! Please consider playing with us this year. The CGE Exam Review is led by Board Member Gary Liljenburg. Gary has been masterfully leading this for many years. It is a great event to catch just before the test is administered. It will definitely get you better prepared to take the Exam.

Family Fun Night will be Monday evening hosted by Underwriters Laboratories. This year we are going to be at K1 Speed in Vegas. It is GO-Kart Racing! There will be qualifying laps racing, finals racing, food, and drinks! Space is limited and first come first served, so make sure to sign up NOW!

The Technical Presentations will be the majority of the day on Tuesday, followed by the President's Reception and Dinner. The Planned close of the conference is Tuesday Evening at 9:00pm. So make necessary travel itineraries to be able to attend the full conference!

Lastly, I would like to discuss the recent win for gas as the U.S District Court found that the Berkeley Gas Ban Ordinance violates and is preempted by the Federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA). The unanimous opinion of the Court was that the Berkeley Gas Ban prevented appliances from using natural gas all together, instead of regulating gas use through the products that have been vetted and covered by appropriate standards and legislation. Consumers have to be given a choice. This ruling opens up avenues in other jurisdictions where other local municipalities have made the same decisions.

The professional group in our industry is turning over. We are losing a lot of experienced engineers to retirement, and rightfully so. But where that is a loss, it is allowing opportunity for other engineers to step up. I have met numerous engineers that are poised and ready to step up into leadership roles. It is never too late for you to get involved. This is an excellent time as one small influential battle has been won in the courts.

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My hope is that we will continue to not lay down and allow for unjust policies. There are numerous ways to join the fight. Trade associations like AHRI, AGA, HPBA have opportunities to get you in front of policy makers and energy enthusiasts.

ASGE is broadening our horizons more with the topics we cover at the Technical Conference, signing onto joint letters of opposition, and having more representation on energy and standard committees. I want to remind you that not only do you work for the company of your employment, but you are also a representative of ASGE. As you participate in the industry, don't forget about the prestigious history and influence that ASGE can offer you.

I like to finish the Presidents letter always with the question: What can ASGE do for you? Our intent is to serve you the members with information and avenues for networking and participation. Have ideas? Let us know. Want to get involved? Just ask. We have several different avenues for participation. Please contact us at asgecge@aol.com with any questions.

My hope is that you will become more involved in ASGE, because...

Together WE Can!

Eric Bruton President of ASGE

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE, 2023

Sunday, June 4th through Tuesday June 6th at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sunday June 4th	Board Meeting (This meeting is closed and invite only)	7:00pm—10:00pm
Monday June 5th	Golf Outing Rhodes Ranch Golf Club	7:00am—1:00pm
	CGE Exam Review Room: Napa D	8:00am—11:00am
	CGE Exam Room: Napa D	1:00pm—4:00pm
	Fun Night! K1 Speed Las Vegas	To be Finalized
Tuesday June 6th	Breakfast Room: Napa C D	7:00am—8:00am
	Technical Presentations Room: Napa C D	8:00am—4:00pm
	Presidents Reception Room: Sonoma C	6:00pm—7:00pm
	Presidents Dinner and Awards Room: Sonoma C	7:00pm
	*Planned conclusion at 9:00pm	



Presentation Lineup

Suzanne Ogle - President & CEO, Southern Gas Association – What the gas utilities are doing to meet ever tightening regulations on leakage and operation efficiency and their message to customers on why gas is the best energy source.

Jacob Cleary - Product Engineer , Beckett Thermal Solutions – What role could Hydrogen play in the US and what testing is going on in the gas appliance sector.

Mark Masen - Manager R&D, Maxitrol – Controls for pre-mix and active air systems and how they work to maintain optimum combustion and efficiency while meeting the heat load requirements of the application.

Frank Johnson - R&D Manager Foodservice, GTI Energy – Residential ranges, the real data on gas vs electric.

Richard Meyer - Vice President, Energy Markets, Analysis and Standards , AGA – The overall picture of gas vs electric

Plus one more presenter and topic to be disclosed at a later date.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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CGE Exam and Study Guide Project

The CGE Exam and Study Guide Project is still proceeding forward at a great rate. Several meetings a month are happening with our ASGE team and Professional Consultants. In the meetings there have been great discussions on the current content and what needs to be added or revised to match up with the technology and terminology used today. The Study Guide will be transitioning into a Handbook. It will be more directed at presenting information instead of preparing the reader for an exam. More references will be pulled for other literature and authors. With the large amount of revisions being done to complete the new Handbook, the ASGE Board of Directors and Officers have been discussing how to release the new version to our current members and potential members. More information on how it will be released will be provided at a later date. The intent is to finish the new content for the Handbook this fall with release in 2024.

Efforts will then be directed to the Exam to produce new questions and revise current ones. With the large revision of content with the new Handbook, careful considerations are having to be made to align the exam with the new Handbook. The plan for the updated Exam is to have it start being administered in 2025. This would allow for the new Handbook to be circulated for an appropriate time before the Exam begins asking of its content.

Nominations for Annual Awards

We are always taking nominations for Awards to be presented at the 2023 Technical Conference and beyond. Please submit nominations to: asgecge@aol.com.

Award Descriptions:

Certified Gas Engineer Hall of Fame

ASGE Member for 5 years, CGE for 5 years, Attend at least 3 ASGE Technical Conferences, Provide a significant contribution to ASGE related to gas engineering.

Founders Award

20 years in the gas industry, 10 years active in ASGE with meritorious contributions to the Society, Shows dedication and outstanding contributions of leadership towards the advancement of the objectives and ethics of the Society.

Life Membership Award

Active ASGE member with at least 20 years of gas industry engineering or science related to gas engineering, 10 years as a voting member of the Society.

Meritorious Service Award

For outstanding contributions to the society.

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