



Memorandum of Understanding
between the
American Society of Plumbing Engineers
and the
National Society of Professional Engineers

1. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is intended to establish a framework for cooperation between the American Society of Plumbing Engineers, 6400 Shafer Court, Suite 350, Rosemont, IL 60018-4926 a United States-based, not for profit professional society of plumbing engineers and designers ("ASPE"), and the National Society of Professional Engineers ("NSPE"), 1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (collectively "the Parties").

2. AUTHORITIES

The Executive Director/CEO of ASPE and the Executive Director, or a designated person, of NSPE will be the primary contacts for this MOU. Other staff members of the Parties may also be involved in this effort on a secondary level, upon approval of the primary contacts.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to provide a mechanism for cooperation between the Parties through a voluntary exchange of information on common educational, technical, scientific, legislative and regulatory matters that affect the plumbing industries and engineering profession both in the U.S. and on a global scale.

The Parties intend to create an organized and systematic approach for a sharing of information between their respective organizations on these topics through the exchange of publications, memorandums and materials from their individual association endeavors as well as from an exchange of learning from association conferences, educational forums, industry meetings, exhibitions, seminars, site visits and other related undertakings sponsored or attended by each of the Parties.

4. MUTUAL INTEREST OF THE PARTIES

This activity contemplated by this MOU is of mutual interest to the Parties recognizing that the plumbing engineer/designer and the Professional Engineer have a shared interest in the objective that plumbing and mechanical systems are designed in a manner that safeguards public health and safety. The Parties believe that the rapid changes in technologies and standards/codes creates a need among the members of their respective organizations for increased awareness of education regarding the emerging technical, scientific, legislative and regulatory developments in the world marketplace.

Both organizations share as part of their mission the dissemination of educational information and expertise to their members to enhance the acceptance of the engineering profession with the principal goal of providing and expanding opportunities for consumers to have safe, efficient and affordable plumbing and mechanical designed systems. This MOU will facilitate these worthwhile activities on a more global basis; while promoting professional licensure and ethics.



5. EXPECTED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

The Parties expect to:

- Work cooperatively to exchange information on pertinent issues via publications, reports, association conferences and industry meetings.
- Exchange invitations to their respective association conferences.
- Bring together in-kind and additional resources as required to facilitate new and improved communications between the Parties with respect to their ongoing activities.
- Work cooperatively in promoting the engineering profession and the need for professional engineering licensure and certification programs.
- Promote educational and training opportunities provided by both Parties to each Party's respective membership.
- Develop a collaborative strategy on the development of technical publications and standards that provide value to both Parties' respective memberships.
- Work cooperatively in developing a strategy to build support among engineering organizations for achieving a Professional Engineer licensing sub-discipline examination focused on plumbing engineering and design.
- Support and publicize educational seminars that promote ethical application of professional engineering skills.
- Work jointly in promoting the image of professional engineering and its ethical responsibilities to the public.
- Interact on other activities that the two organizations deem appropriate in the future.

The Parties anticipate developing a work plan to identify specific events and activities to achieve the purposes of this MOU.

6. APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS

This MOU does not obligate any funds by either ASPE or NSPE. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing signed by the Parties, each Party will bear its own costs of its efforts under this MOU.


7. PERIOD OF MOU AND MODIFICATION / TERMINATION

This MOU will take effect upon signature of the Parties as indicated by the date below. The Parties will review this MOU at least once per year to consider whether it should be continued, revised or cancelled. Either Party may terminate this MOU upon written notice stating the date of termination delivered to the other Party at least 10 days prior to the intended date of termination.

Entered into this 3rd day of September 2013.

American Society of Plumbing Engineers

National Society of Professional Engineers


Jim Kendzel, MPH, CAE
Executive Director/CEO


Mark J. Golden, FASAE, CAE
Executive Director