

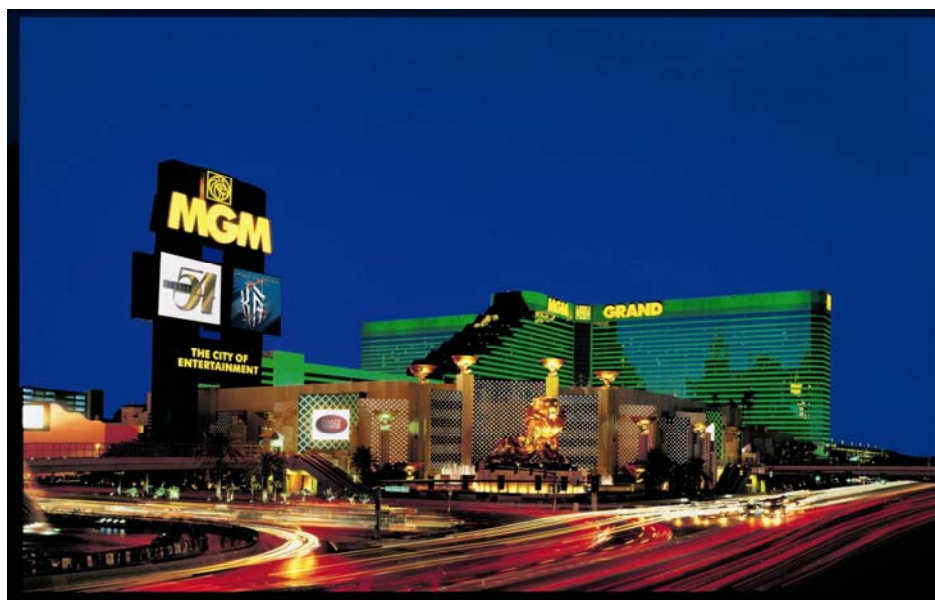


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## 2010 National Technical Conference

- **October 28, 2010:**  
CGE Exam, Cleveland, Ohio
- **June 6, 2011:** ASGE  
National Golf Outing,  
Las Vegas, Nevada
- **June 6, 2011:** ASGE  
Board of Directors  
Meeting, Las Vegas
- **June 7, 2011:** ASGE  
Technical Conference  
Las Vegas
- **June 7, 2011:** ASGE  
President's Awards  
Dinner & New Officers  
Installation, Las Vegas



Sixty-five ASGE members and guests attended the annual technical conference at the fabulous MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on June 7-8, 2010. Technical speakers for the conference were Alex Spataru, Robert Jackson, Charles Adams, John DiPaolo, Paul Cabot, Shajee Siddiqui and Tom Rebernak.

### CGE Recipients resulting from the June 2010 exam...

Brant Lewis, The Montague Company  
Tim Frost, Burner Systems International  
John Niu, A.O. Smith Water Products  
Matthew Wilber, Crane Engineering  
Darryl Ruark, A.O. Smith Water Products  
Jason Arcibal, The Montague Company

Congratulations to each of you for achieving such a high honor among your peers!

# The President's Message - Dave Wonnacott



To Members and Guests:

Welcome to our fall 2010 Newsletter for the American Society of Gas Engineers.

We had a very successful Technical Conference in Las Vegas in June 2010 and once again I wish to thank Sham Kassab and Jerry Moore for their hard work in making this happen.

We have had some very good input on our next Technical Conference topics for 2011.

Please check our website for updates at [www.asge-national.org](http://www.asge-national.org).

I would also like to thank the members of the Certification Committee for the Certified Gas Engineer testing and certification program that they are successfully performing around the country.

Thanks go out to Nancy Wilson and Gary Liljeborg as well as Ralph Jennings for his support.

Although the economy is not improving as well as most would like to see there has been some improvement in sales in some sectors of the gas appliance industry which is very encouraging.

Members seeking employment can log onto our members section of our website to see what job opportunities are available.

If there are job openings at your company that relate to our industry please ask the appropriate person to contact us with the information to place on our website.

This is an area that we would like to assist in as much as we can.

I am still looking for volunteers to assist me in the addition of more corporate sponsors and would welcome your assistance.

The American Society of Gas Engineers is financially sound and has a lot of opportunity to serve the gas industry in ever improving ways.

If those around you in the industry are not yet members, please help us with their recruitment. We are actively seeking new members to carry on in the future.

Thank you for your membership and remember, the more active you become, the better we as a Society will be in the future.

Best regards,

Dave

# Founders Award—Eric Griesemer

A very special ASGE dinner was held on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to honor Eric Griesemer, this years' winner of the ASGE Founders award. The event was organized by Tom Hardy of Burner Systems International and Bill Salem Senior Member and Leading ASGE Advocate. Gathering at the Broad Street Grill in downtown Chattanooga, several local ASGE members with their spouses and Eric's family, surprised Mr. Griesemer with their presence at what was supposed to be a small informal dinner.

Due to the significance of the Founders Award, and Eric's inability to attend the 2010 Technical Conference in June, the ASGE Board felt it most appropriate for Bill Salem to travel to Chattanooga to personally present the award and honor Eric properly with his family, ASGE colleagues and distinguished guests. Following a delicious and well prepared dinner, the Founders Award was presented to Mr. Griesemer. A heartfelt speech



was given by Mr. Salem. Bill opened his comments by describing the stringent requirements to win the Founders Award and the fact that so few who were longer-term members have been chosen as recipients. Bill then graciously pointed out Eric's humble nature in everyday life and toward servicing the society and outlined Eric's outstanding accomplishments of being elected ASGE Vice President while serving on the Board of Directors, and subsequent election to ASGE President all in only 11 years of membership. Along with these accomplishments, it was also noted that Eric has 25 years of service in the Gas Appliance Industry and is cur-



## Awards (continued)

rently the President and COO of Burner Systems International, which under Eric's leadership boasts producing eight current ASGE members. Along with four former BSI employees, brings the total to 12 members, with all but two, obtaining Gas Engineer Certification. As usual, Eric's acceptance of this prestigious award was brief but thankful.

While the Founders award is serious in nature, and a formal event with appropriate respect was held, fun was had by all in attendance. Special thanks to Tom Hardy for arranging a very well planned location and dinner appropriate for the occasion. Also many thanks to Bill and Nadine Salem, who travelled all the way from Los Angeles, the seven local ASGE members and their spouses, special guests Arlin and Penny Grant, along with Eric's lovely wife and three daughters for making this important presentation yet another ASGE success.

With Mr. Griesemer as proof, membership may have its privileges, but productive participation where possible is what helps the ASGE thrive and grow in its capabilities to give its members the professional edge in today's Gas Industry.

Reported by John DiPaolo

### Life Membership Awards

At the President's Dinner on June 8, 2010, awards were presented to Gary Potter (see photo below) and Richard L. (Dick) Weiser for lifetime service to ASGE and the gas industry.



(Jerry Moore on left; Gary Potter on right)

## Awards (continued)

Gary Potter has been an ASGE member since 1982. He was National President of the Society in 1989-1991. Mr. Potter has worked as Chief Engineer and Vice President for Cambridge Engineering since 1980.

Dick Weiser has been an ASGE member since 1974. He followed Gary Potter as National President of ASGE in 1991-1993. Mr. Weiser worked for CSA International (formerly American Gas Association Laboratories) as an engineer and manager for over 40 years and just retired this year.

The Life Membership Award has been presented to 40 ASGE members since 1963. Eric Griesemer is the 14th member to be recognized with the Founders Award. Members who have received the Founders Award are also considered to be life members.



(Dick Weiser on left, Daryl Hosler on right)

# ASGE National Conference — 2010



**Application of Propane Volumetric Sensing Technology to LNG**  
presented by Alex Sparatu (Adept Group)

**Fundamentals of Gas Burner Ignition & Troubleshooting**  
presented by Bob Jackson



**Proposed Revisions for the 2012 National Fuel Gas Code**  
presented by Paul Cabot

**Future Energy/Efficiency Requirements & Designs**  
presented by Charlie Adams (A. O. Smith)



**Pressure Decay Leak Testing – Practices & Tips**  
presented by John DiPaolo

**Product Design & Safety**  
presented by Shajee Siddiqui  
(Zodiac Pool Systems, Inc.)



**The World of Insulation**  
presented by Tom Rebernak  
(Thermal Ceramics)





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(2010 ASGE President Dave Wonnacott)

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(Alex Spataru, The Adept Group teaching on the Application of Propane Volumetric Sensing Technology to LNG)

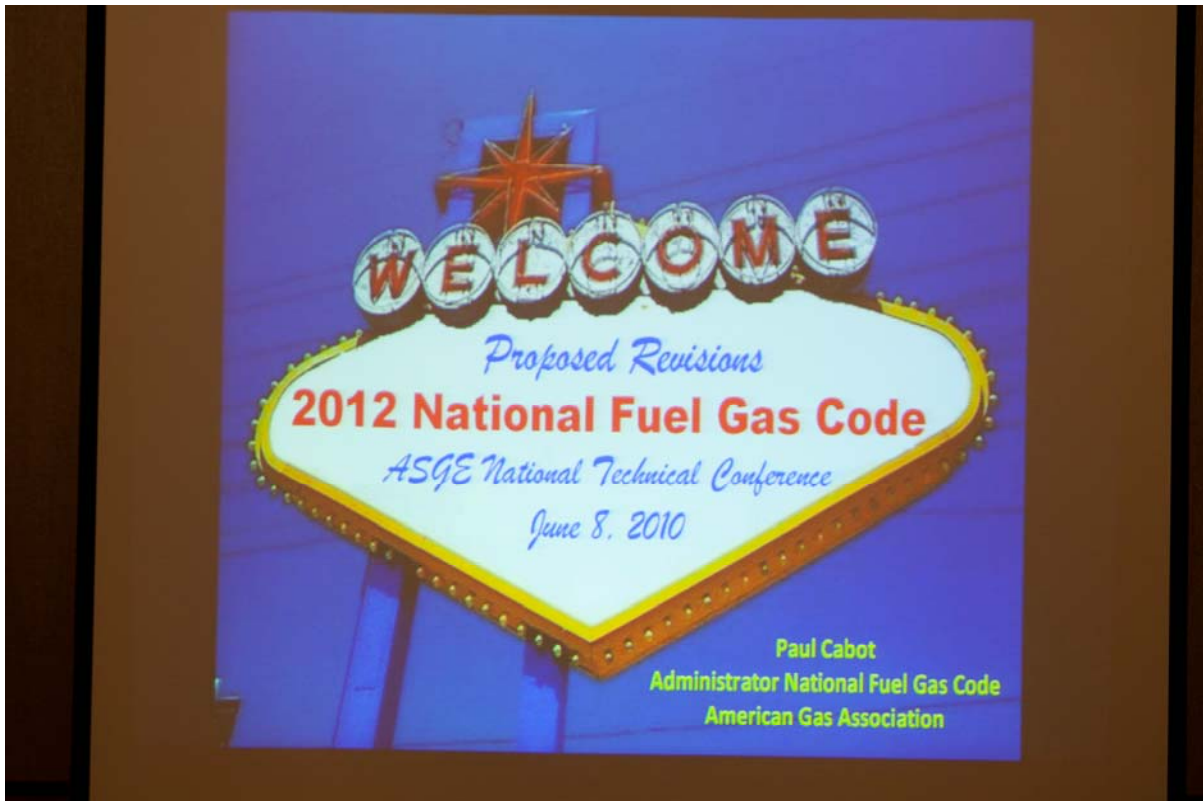


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(Bob Jackson, Cielo Technologies teaching on the Fundamentals of Gas Burner Ignition & Troubleshooting)

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(Paul Cabot, American Gas Association presenting the Proposed Revisions to the 2012 National Fuel Gas Code)

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(Charlie Adams, A.O. Smith teaching on Future Energy/Efficiency Requirements & Designs)



# ASGE National Conference — 2010



(John DiPaolo, Technical Development Solutions educates on Pressure Decay Leak Testing - Practices & Tips)

# ASGE National Conference — 2010



(Shajee Siddiqui, Zodiac Pool Systems discusses Product Design & Safety)

# ASGE National Conference — 2010



(Tom Rebernak, Thermal Ceramics presents The World of Insulation)



## ASGE Welcomes New Members

Mano Shirali, Rheem Water Heating

Eric Bruton, Heatco, Inc.

Antonio Casillas, Product Solutions, Inc.

Chris Hertzberg,, Zodiac Pool Systems

Christopher Larsen, Whirlpool Corp.

Robert Jackson, Cielo Technologies

Sean Andersen, Mountainscapers

Matthew Wilber, Crane Engineering

Juan Ortega, Imperial Cooking Equipment

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# Corporate Member Page

The ASGE Board of Directors has decided to reserve a page in **ASGE News** for announcements and articles regarding the business of corporate members who sponsor the annual technical conference and other **ASGE** events. If you represent a corporate member and you have an article for this page, please send it to [asgecge@aol.com](mailto:asgecge@aol.com).

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# ASGE Certified Gas Engineer Program

Since 2002, The American Society of Gas Engineers has evaluated over 160 applicants for Certified Gas Engineer (C.G.E.). Currently, there are 137 individuals who are in good standing with the C.G.E. designation. Exams for certification are given annually at various locations in the U.S. The next exam will be given in Cleveland, Ohio on October 28, 2010. Exams are administered by the ASGE Certified Gas Engineer Committee chaired by Nancy Wilson, C.G.E. Application fee for the exam is \$150.

To assist in preparation for the exam, ASGE has prepared the Certified Gas Engineer Study Guide and Reference Manual. The Guide contains basic information about chemistry, ignition, technology, application and safety. This publication may be used for reference during the exam. The fee for the Guide is \$150. It may be ordered from ASGE, P.O. Box 66, Artesia, CA 90702.

ASGE has also recently obtained permission from Mr. Ralph Jennings to make copies on CD of his ASGE CGE Test Review. This is a PowerPoint program that covers all of the topics contained within the C.G.E. exam. The CD, as well as computing and photographic devices, may not be used during the exam. ASGE is currently taking orders for Mr Jennings' CD at \$150 each. This is an excellent training tool for companies and industry groups.

The C.G.E. designation is available to members and non-members. The certification is maintained by ASGE with an annual fee of \$20 for ASGE members and \$70 for non-members. The ASGE Board of Directors invites non-member Certified Gas Engineers to become voting members by completing and application form and sending the \$20 application fee to the ASGE post office box. Members are eligible to access the "Members Only" section of the website ([www.asge-national.org](http://www.asge-national.org)) and to participate in elections. The annual membership fee is \$50 (\$10 for retired members).

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Dante Cantal — Past President

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Eric Griesemer — Director

## 2009 — 2011 ASGE Board of Directors

The ASGE Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers giving of their time to promote The Society. They seek your input and involvement. Please send any inquiry, suggestion or comment via email to Jerry Moore at [asgecge@aol.com](mailto:asgecge@aol.com).