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2011 National Technical Conference

- The 2011 ASGE National Technical Conference will be Held at remodeled Tropicana Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip June 6-7, 2011. Early registrations are requested.

• February 24, 2011 CGE Exam, Cleveland, Ohio

- June 6, 2011: ASGE National Golf Outing, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Jun e 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

CGE Recipients resulting from the October 2010 exam...

Marc Akkala, A.O. Smith Water Prod. C.G.E. # 153 Glenn Bergum, St. Anthony Village, MN C.G.E. # 154 Christopher Larsen, Whirlpool Corp. C.G.E. # 155

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

The President's Message - Dave Wonnacott



Greetings,

As predicted, the economic recovery is slow but steady and we are seeing many people in the industries involved with ASGE making welcome progress due to good management practices, new products, smart selling, and good employees.

We will have our next annual Technical Conference in Las Vegas on June 6th and 7th so it is time to register and make hotel reservations as well as take advantage of the "early bird" discount on registration.

I'd like to ask you to stay at the newly remodeled Tropicana where the events will take place as we need to commit to a block of rooms that must be filled for our rates and cost factors to work out. You'll be supporting ASGE by staying at the Tropicana. It is a great location on the SE corner of the Strip across from the MGM Grand, New York New York, and the Excalibur.

We will have an exciting lineup of presenters with our Vice President, Sham Kassab, organizing the speakers for the second year in a

row, having done a great job last year. Remember to visit your ASGE website at www.asge-national.org for registration, updates and information.

Also, in the "members only" section, we offer the free listing of employment opportunities in the gas industries. If your company has an opening, there is no better place to list it.

I attended both the ASHRAE/AHR Show and the NAFEM Show earlier this year and interest in ASGE is alive and expanding. With new Corporate Sponsors and a lot of interest in the organization.

Please give us a hand in recruiting new members as we are still one of the best kept secrets in the professional societies.

Our mission is to teach and mentor others in the industry as well as to provide testing and Certification for Gas Engineers. We will welcome your participation. I'll see you at the Technical Conference in June.

Sincerely and with the best regards,

Dave Wonnacott

President

ASGE Life Member, Richard L. Weiser (1942-2011)



Dick Weiser (left) receives life member award from Daryl Hosler (right) on June 6, 2010

Richard Lynn (Dick) Weiser, age 68 of Parma, Ohio, passed away on Thursday evening, January 27, 2011 at Holy Family Hospice in Parma, of complications from a recent stroke.

He was born July 19, 1942 in Columbia, South Carolina to Richard and Lynette (nee Baldwin) Weiser, and graduated from Jewett High School in Jewett, Ohio. He then served in the United States Army from October 1962 to October 1965 and then in the Army Reserve until September 1968. He received a B.S. in Physics from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. For 41 years he worked as a gas engineer at CSA International, formerly American Gas Association Laboratories, in Independence, Ohio, and was a 36-year member and past president of

Richard L. Weiser (continued)



the American Society of Gas Engineers (ASGE) at the chapter and national levels. In June 2004, Dick received recognition as a Certified Gas Engineer in the certification program administered by the Society. In his spare time, Dick enjoyed the company of his grandchildren and family, photography and anything involving electronics and new technology.

He is survived by his wife Janet Kay Weiser (nee Merryman), his sons Rich Weiser (Barb), Dale Weiser (Geraldine) and Dave Weiser (Laurie), his grandchildren Ashleigh, Philip, William, Carolyn, Evelyn, Abbey, Hailey and Whitney who is "on the way" and due in April; his sisters Jackie Cunningham (Tom), Marilynn Wenner (Phillip), Gwen Stewart (Robert) and Lynne Jenkins (Jeff), many nieces and nephews and numerous friends. A celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at the Strongsville United Methodist Church.

Photo insert shows Puzant & Hasmig Sherbetjian with Dick & Janet Weiser at the 2010 ASGE Awards Dinner]

ASGE Nominations—2011-2013

Nominations are currently being requested for the 2011-2013 ASGE Board of Directors. All Voting members should have received a nominations form in the mail in January. To be considered, completed and signed forms must be received by ASGE by March 7, 2011. Forms may be mailed to:ASGE Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 66, Artesia, California 90702, or scanned and sent by email to asgecge@aol.com. The following positions are open to ASGE members in good standing:

President (2011-2013)

Vice President (2011-2013)

Treasurer (2011-2013)

Four-Year Director (2011-2015)

The ASGE Nominating Committee will issue a slate of nominees to all Voting members by April 2011. After the membership vote is tallied, the incoming Board will be installed during the ASGE President's Awards Dinner on Tuesday evening, June 7, 2011.

The four newly-installed Board members will join the four continuing directors:

Immediate Past President (2009-2011)

Past President (2007-2009)

Four-Year Director (2009-2013)

Executive Director (appointed by the Board)

ASGE National Conference — 2011

"Early Bird" Registration (\$50 discount) is applicable through March 31, 2011 for the national conference. The conference will again be a two-day event held on Monday-Tuesday, June 6-7, 2011 as follows:

Monday, June 6, 2011 - Golf Tournament, C.G.E. Review, C.G.E. Exam, and Board Meeting Tuesday, June 7, 2011 - Technical Presentations and President's Awards Dinner

The following fees may be paid by check to: ASGE, P.O. Box 66, Artesia, CA 90702 or by PayPal to asgecge@aol.com.

Early Bird Fee - \$225 Late Registration - \$275

Dinner Guest - \$60 C.G.E. Exam - \$150

Golf - \$95 C.G.E. Study Guide or CD - \$150

Tropicana Hotel Reservations

Reservations must be made by May 6, 2011 to take advantage of the ASGE group rate of \$55 per night (Sunday through Tuesday). Early registrations are encouraged since a limited number of rooms are available. Call the hotel operator at 1-800-634-4000 and request the group code: **SASGE**.

Technical Presentations

The conference committee is working on the technical agenda. If you have any suggestions regarding speakers or topics, contact Mr. Sham Kassab (skassab@hotwater.com).

ASGE Welcomes New Members

Marc Akkala, A.O. Smith Water Products Company

Glenn Bergum, St. Anthony Village, Minnesota

Michael Schultz, Honeywell, Inc.

Agneta Virag, A.O. Smith Canada

Randy Tan, Pentair Water Pool & Spa

Yingwu Teng, A.O. Smith Water Products Company

Applications for membership are available on the ASGE website, www.asge-national.org. Send completed forms with \$20 to ASGE National Office, P.O. Box 66, Artesia, CA 90702. Applications may also be sent electronically to asgecge@aol.com with payments sent to the same address by PayPal (www.paypal.com).

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.











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American Society of Gas Engineers, P.O. Box 66, Artesia, CA, 90702, www.asge-national.org

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) and to participate in elections. The annual membership fee is \$50 (\$10 for retired members).

Officers:

David Wonnacott — President Sham Kassab — Vice President Susan McCarthy — Treasurer Jerry Moore — Executive Director

Board Members:

Daryl Hosler — Past President Dante Cantal — Past President James Pelkey — Director

Eric Griesemer — Director

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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.