

# ORANGE SPEEL

## ASPE Chapter 3 Orange County News Letter No. 37: March 2021

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### President's Message

March 8, 2021

A message from your president

Hoping that everyone is well.

A Virtual meeting was held in January with the topic being *Digital Site Photography utilizing Open Space Software*. When using Open Space software, a Go-Pro Camera is attached to the top of a hard hat or a smart phone is used, for a construction site walk. Photos and or videos are downloaded to the Open Space App and then over laid on PDF floor plans to see exactly where and when the pictures were taken. Observation of construction being performed, percent complete on work activities and time productivity studies can be performed. We had 25 plus people in attendance. Thank-you Dan Luckhardt for sponsoring this event.

The next virtual meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Steve Murow past ASPE OC chapter president and CEO of Murow Development Consultants will be our guest speaker. The discussion will be on "Estimating Ethics in Construction." Look for the upcoming flier to be distributed shortly for further details.

As approved by your Board members, all of our virtual chapter meetings will continue to be complementary. Other national ASPE chapters are charging a fee to attend their cyber meetings. In the interest of encouraging attendance and participation, it was decided that our online meetings would be free of charge. We are planning other future virtual meetings for the spring. PDU credits are available for CPE's requiring accreditation points.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next virtual meeting.

Best Regards,

Dan Schottlander, CPE ASPE Chapter 3 President.



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*"Professional Estimators and those in training to be estimators shall not enter into agreement that may be considered acts of collusion or conspiracy (bid rigging) with the implied or express purpose of defrauding clients. Acts of this type are in direct violation of the code of ethics of the American Society of Professional Estimators. "*

- Canon # 8

## *MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT Effective September 1, 2018*

The American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE) has adopted the following Code of Conduct to which all members agree to adhere, as acknowledged during payment of membership dues.

Each Member of ASPE is an important contributor to the Society's Core Purpose. By joining ASPE, each Member agrees to conduct themselves in a professional businesslike manner. Each Member represents ASPE to the public, other Members, and staff. ASPE is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination and harassment, where all individuals are treated with respect and dignity, can contribute fully, and have equal opportunities.

The objective of this Code of Conduct is to ensure that all Members are aware that harassment and discrimination are unacceptable practices and are incompatible with the standards and Professional Code of Ethics of ASPE.

### Conduct with the General Public and Members:

- Conduct all work and business affairs with fairness to all concerned and in compliance with the ASPE Code of Ethics.
- Conduct all Society activities without prejudice as to an individual's age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, handicap, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, or other protected trait or class.

Conduct with Staff: Certain rules regarding Member behavior relating to interactions with staff are necessary for efficient business operations and for the benefit and safety of all employees of ASPE. Conduct that interferes with operations, discredits the Society, is unsatisfactory or is offensive will not be tolerated.

Examples of behavior in interactions with Staff that will not be tolerated are as follows. Please note that this list is not intended to be, nor should it be, considered an exclusive list of inappropriate behavior.

- Being discourteous
- Being threatening or intimidating
- Use of profanity or abusive language
- Sexual harassment or any other form of illegal harassment

To report inappropriate behavior, please submit a written report via email to [ecersosimo@ASPEnational.org](mailto:ecersosimo@ASPEnational.org). All reports will be forwarded to the Governance Committee for investigation and resolution.

The American Society of Professional Estimators will exhaust all efforts to investigate the incident, and a report of findings will be prepared by the Governance Committee and issued to the Board of Directors. If necessary, the incident will be referred to the Investigative Committee as outlined in the Society Bylaws. As deemed appropriate, operational and/or personnel changes will be initiated to prevent a similar occurrence; and if applicable, Membership may be revoked.

## Upcoming Programs in 2021:

March 10 at 4:30 pm ZOOM meeting: **"Ethics and Morality in Cost Estimating"** presented by Steve Murow of Murow Development Consultant

April 14: **"Change Order Management"** - RM Percival

April 17/24: South West Regional Meeting [Easy PDU's!]

May 12: **"Estimation Market Outlook"** - James Vermillion

## ASPE TESTIMONIAL:

**Troy Thomas - Vertical Construction Consultant:**

*“You get what you put into it and more.”*

*I became a Member of ASPE in 2015. I had no idea of the direct benefits I would receive from a little volunteer work and participation in our monthly meetings. Initially I only participated at a minimum level. It was nice to meet other Estimators and network with like minded people. I heard and saw facets outside of my normal experience. It broadened my horizons.*

*Then I became more involved with the Chapter Management and I benefited from it. A direct result of my participation led to new and better career opportunities. The small investment of money and time commitment paid off for me greatly.*

*I recommend ASPE for all construction professionals!*

*Troy Thomas*



**2021 ESTIMATORS' SUMMIT**

**SAN ANTONIO**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**AUGUST 25 - AUGUST 28**

# ASPE Online Education

ASPE offers a selection of Self-Paced and Instructor-Guided Online Education Classes. These online classes are designed as a great introduction to those individuals who are new to the estimating profession or provide a way to advance and grow your estimating career.

The Syllabus, available for each Class, provides information specific to the class, text book requirements, class fees and the registration information. [Visit ASPE National.org](http://www.aspe.org)

## Instructor-Guided classes :

- 103 Construction Blueprint Reading
- 105 Estimating + Bidding 1
- 106 Estimating + Bidding 2
- 107 Construction Materials + Processes
- 109 Practical Applications of Civil Sitework
- 110 Civil Blueprint Reading + Materials
- 201S Leadership + Motivation
- 203P Risk Management + Problem Solving
- 205T Planning + Scheduling

## Self-Paced Classes:

- o 099 Introduction to Concrete \* *NEW*
- o 100 Introduction to Construction
- o 101 Introduction to Construction Estimating
- o 102 Essential Construction Math

## More Instructor-Guided classes :

- 206T Construction Productivity + Cost Management
- 308 Construction Project Management
- 310 Practical Applications of Construction



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