OKC Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Lunch and Program included, $20, credit cards accepted. Ingrid's Kitchen, 3701 N. Youngs Blvd, Oklahoma City

Chapter Elections soon

Recent News & Announcements

ASPE March Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, March 4th

Regular meeting 11:30 to 1pm $20 each
Ingrid’s Kitchen 3701 N Youngs Blvd, OKC, OK

NUCOR Vulcraft

STEEL JOISTS, JOIST GIRDERS & DECKING

See their new product Redicor!

2020 Summit 16 PDU’S $975 Early registration by 04/30/2020
2020 Program Calendar
Oklahoma City, OK

February Meeting
*This program was cancelled due to snow and we plan to reschedule them this fall

March Meeting
NUCOR
Vulcraft Products
Curtis Baugh

April Meeting
Insulated Concrete Forms
Alfonso Nieves
& SW Governor, Larry Lucero attending

May Meeting
Architectural Products
Our friends from Burgess Building Company

No reservations needed for regular meetings
Sign in & Social at 11:30  Program at noon.
Credit cards accepted.

Reminder:
Time to renew your ASPE membership or join!

Chapter Elections soon!
Must be a member to serve
We need you!

ASPE Awards
It’s time to consider an Industry Award for your company and be recognized nationally
Don’t miss the deadline!
Go to aspenational.org Resources/Awards

ASPE SW-NW
Spring Regional
Albuquerque, NM
Details to follow
Focus: Educational

Our SW Governor, Larry Lucero’s email address change
llucero@redlineinsulation.com

Advancing Preconstruction Seminar
May 4-7
Las Vegas
Rio All-Suites Hotel
info@hansonwade.com
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By Hanson Wade
Would you like your company to be recognized by a national organization? Did you have a special project or estimating challenge recently? ASPE gives you the opportunity to be awarded for your hard work! Here are the categories for you to consider.

**Best Estimate** or **Most Innovative Project**

Projects nominated between May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020

Last year Manhattan Construction Company was given the 2019 ASPE Industry Award for the Oklahoma State University’s New Business Building Project. Phillip Brandt, CPE, was the Estimator for this award.

Go to aspenational.org for details.
Awards are under the Resources tab.

**All awards must be submitted through Rick Martin.**
If your Boss has been nagging you about becoming a Certified Professional Estimator, I would like to show you a simple process towards accomplishing that task. You can take these four simple steps, and enroll for Certification to become an AEP (Associate Estimating Professional) through the American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE):

1. Enroll in the AEP program by contacting Cinder McDonald – Certification + Education Coordinator, call 1-615-347-0373 or email Cinder@ASPEnational.org

2. Once you have enrolled and paid the fee, Cinder will send you a “Study Guide.” Personally I would also order an ASPE SEP manual and read the “concrete” portion.

3. Read the Study Guide and the first portion of the SEP Manual (not necessary to read the written “how to Estimate the Cost of papers”).

4. The “Final Step” is to schedule to take a 4 hour test with a local “Test Proctor” (in the Oklahoma City area we have 17 proctors that will facilitate your test).

Once you past the test you will be certified as an AEP. This can happen in less than a month, depending on when you think you are ready. The test you take will be applied to the process for becoming a CPE (Certified Professional Estimator) after you have five years’ experience, professionally working as an Estimator.

Your employer will proudly display your certification efforts, on their company profiles, as they will utilize your professionalism and continuing education to enhance their credibility in obtaining future projects.

This is a relatively a new Certification started in the fall of 2018, in fact the very first AEP candidate was from the Landrun-Oklahoma City Chapter 80 – Kevin Leach.

See last page for contact information on David Battle.
Chapter 80 2019-20 Officers
Look at our great team! Contact info below

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Phillip Brandt, Fundraising
When is value engineering best utilized? During the preconstruction phase of the construction process, while the construction documents are still being developed is the most cost effective method when change can be accomplished.

Typically, an architect creates his design in his best attempt to express his creativity along with meeting the owner’s program requirements. The first budget arrives for the project, and the owner, for whatever reason, wants to cut costs. The architect wants to protect his design within the owner’s budget, so he is challenged with defining where the costs are coming from. In other words, what costs what? The Architect makes his list of items to change for the budget to achieve this goal for the value engineering exercise. He doesn’t want his project to not reflect him well, but he also needs to keep it alive. The owner has a limited budget to accomplish his project. This is where the value of the estimator is shown, especially if he is an Independent Estimator by trade. The Estimator cannot just slash his estimate to please his client, but must maintain the integrity of his own estimating work.

With Value Engineering, the challenge is to maintain the primary program requirements the owner has requested, while reducing costs with materials selected or square footage of unnecessary parts and pieces, and deleting extra, “nice to have”, or unnecessary items. The architect is challenged to be creative with his design at this time. The estimator can double check his own work, such as quantities, costs, and his calculations, in case there is an error on his part that contributed to the costs. Reductions in percentages of overhead and profits or fees can help achieve reduction in costs. One thing to consider is the division of how the estimate is compiled. In other words, to what division is something allocated in the estimate as compared to a subcontractor’s budget bid? An estimate in CSI order is different than a subcontractor’s bid, and is not comparable as apples to apples. An experienced estimator will realize this, when the owner or architect challenges the estimator’s budget pricing.

After creating a Value Engineered Estimate, the owner is able to define the true cost of his project and the additional parts and pieces within the design. Although this exercise is sometimes painful, in the end it educates an owner and the architect about the cost of the items included in the design, and allows everyone the opportunity to make the best decisions regarding the project. The result may be that portions of the design become a donor supplied item, or a Phase to be built later. Value engineering is a great opportunity for the value of the estimator to be appreciated.

Next month will feature specific strategies for Value engineering by Rick Martin.
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ASPE 2020 Summit
San Antonio, TX
August 19-22, 2020
Westin Riverwalk

2020 Summit
Early registration by
April 30th $975
16 PDU’s

Chapter 80 elections coming soon!
A place of service, education & fellowship

First Wednesday of the Month