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More than 800 industry members registered for education courses and hands-on sessions were offered by Century Electric Motors, DEL Ozone, Hayward Pool Products, Nirvana Heat Pump, Orenda Technologies, SmartPool and Zodiac Pool Systems.

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The Welcome and Awards Reception recognized 22 winning Design Awards projects, Keith Johnson as Person of the Year, and Barbara Austin and Alan Cooper as Hall of Fame inductees.

The Friday Night Party was at Howl at the Moon where 900 attendees enjoyed the dueling pianos, food and open bar.

We hope to see you next year February 21-22, 2014 in North Hall A!



Mark Mulder, Ocean Blue Pool Services, won \$450 cash in the FSPA booth.

## Florida Building Commission finalizes 2013 Code

By Jennifer Hatfield, FSPA Government Relations Consultant

On February 4-5, in St. Petersburg, the Florida Building Commission met to make final determinations on code proposals, based on Technical Advisory Committee recommendations, and finalize the 2013 Florida Building Code. When it came to the swimming pool and spa proposals, the recommendations of the Pool TAC, based on their October 1, 2012 and January 16, 2013 meetings, were followed. In summary, here is what occurred:

- The proposal to consider the International Swimming Pool & Spa

Code (ISPSC) was withdrawn by the Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF), but the idea of putting it into the statutory list of I-codes that must be adopted was put on the table for the next code cycle.

- The current Florida Code for residential pools, found in both Chapter 41 of the Residential Code book and Section 424.2 of the Building Code book, was simply

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

# Strong associations are built by strong members



Pete Cocco  
FSPA President

Strong associations are built by strong members. In talking with younger and newer members to the association, they can't believe how much work is put into our industry by just a few people, while the benefits

affect so many in our industry, including non-members. My response to this is that a core group of dedicated people are the heart and soul of many industries and organizations. These are the people that get the work done. It's true the rest benefit or reap the reward of their hard work. Simply put, dedication and love of what they do drive these members to strive to make our industry better.

Are you dedicated and love what you do but are not a member of the Florida Swimming Pool Association? You should be. The FSPA is the largest swimming pool association in the state of Florida, which covers all facets of our industry from service, repairs and building to manufacturing, distribution and everything in-between.

Some have asked "What does FSPA do for me? Why should I become a member?" Well, let me name a few reasons. For starters, members are receiving free CE credits for the years 2013-2014. The Orlando Pool & Spa Show was a great place, not only to get free admittance, but to pick up numerous free CE credits (half of the classes at the Show were new).

Remember the NEC copper grids around all pools? Now we can use a single wire and FSPA helped make that happen. What you save in one pool pays for your membership.

Just recently we worked with APSP/ANSI to eliminate the energy code requirement, less than 35 GPM. This is another example of our savings.

Today we are working on the pool service bill which is in the Florida House and Senate. We are hoping this will create new opportunities for pool service companies to have licensure and advance in our industry.

The work never stops. Our Association cannot grow and make advancements to swimming pools without you.

Last but not least, I want to thank everyone personally, from our members, vendors, to FSPA employees for the huge success of the 2013 Orlando Pool & Spa Show.



All FSPA members are welcome to attend state Board of Directors Meetings. If you would like more information or need to RSVP visit [www.FloridaPoolPro.biz/events/board-June.html](http://www.FloridaPoolPro.biz/events/board-June.html) or call 800-548-6774.

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## Make pool safety a priority



Wendy Parker Barsell  
FSPA Executive Director

F S P A has made swimming pool safety a priority for more than 10 years. The establishment of the Swimming Pool Education and Safety Foundation (SPESF) five years ago was

the next logical step in this commitment to educating the users of our products. For the past two years the Foundation has distributed grants with local FSPA chapters to provide swimming lessons and/or educational materials throughout their communities. SPESF has also given grants to Boys & Girls Clubs to provide swimming lessons to their club members.

SPESF encourages FSPA members

and chapters to find opportunities to spread the message about safety. Every spring there are multiple swimming pool safety events on the local, national and international level. You may have heard of "April Pools Month" in which many YMCA organizations participate. In the past, FSPA has had April declared Swimming Pool Safety Month by the Florida governor and in recent years we've partnered with other local and national organizations for the declaration of May as Water Safety Month. This year May 15 is International Water Safety Day. On June 18, many of the FSPA chapters will participate in The World's Largest Swimming Lesson at a facility in their community. Check our website for a list of participating facilities and stop by to see how exciting it can be when 50 or more kids are in a swimming pool learning the basics of swimming.

There are many other opportunities for the Foundation to get involved in

education and water safety. Thanks to the new committee chairman, Jackie Arnault, it looks like SPESF and FSPA will be able to increase exposure and improve swimming pool safety in Florida. Currently the SPESF has several board seats which need to be filled by passionate individuals. If you or someone you know would be a good fit, please let me know or have them call the office.

Lastly, March brings the beginning of swimming season in Florida as the weather is warming up. Be sure to educate your customers and remind them to supervise children, provide them with swimming lessons and keep barriers up around their pool. FSPA has brochures available which you can mail to customers or place on a retail store counter.

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## Florida Building Commission finalizes 2013 Code

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brought forward with no changes except a reference standards update (most important to FSPA is the update to the 2011 edition of the APSP-5 standard for Residential in-ground pools).

- A multitude of changes to the public pool code (Section 424.1 of the Building Code) were made to ensure either all construction elements found in 64E-9, F.A.C., were simply brought forward or to make modifications that some felt were necessary that differed from what was in 64E-9, F.A.C. FSPA worked in conjunction with the United Pool & Spa Association, BOAF, and DOH to ensure all changes to the public pool section of the code were acceptable to all parties.

- The proposal to adopt Addenda A for APSP-15, the residential pool and inground spa energy efficiency standard, which was voted affirmatively by both the Pool and Energy TACs, was also agreed to by the Commission. Addenda A fixes some concerns found in the original APSP-15 standard.

What's next? This draft 2013 Code will be published for the glitch cycle that will immediately occur in order to catch anything that constitutes a glitch to the code, under Florida law. Proposals will be submitted, the Commission will make final determinations and then the code will go through its final rule hearing. The effective date currently slated for this new code will be around March 2014.



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# THE SCOOP ON SERVICE



## The service license: How we arrived at where we are today

By Dominick Montanaro, M & M Pools, Inc.

I have traveled around the state over the years and talked with legislators, license holders and many pool cleaners in our industry who do not hold contractors licenses.

The universal premise is that many don't understand the issue or the legislation FSPA is proposing. Whether you agree with the position or not you should be aware of the facts and determine for yourself how this affects you. This is especially true if you are not licensed and ultimately would like to become a licensed contractor.

In 1993, language addressing the application of chemicals and the cleaning of swimming pools was removed from

the three categories of swimming pool licenses that the State of Florida regulates. The three are: the Commercial Swimming Pool Contractor, Residential Swimming Pool Contractor and the Swimming Pool Servicing Contractor.

The long-term unintended consequences were not apparent to the Legislature or the industry at the time the decision was made. The reality is that the economic opportunity for the thousands of pool cleaners who have opened businesses in Florida has been stifled. They are allowed to chemically treat and clean pools but never matriculate into licensure because of the current licensing restrictions. The

current language in the law that allows entry into the Servicing Contractor License stipulates an individual must have been working for a licensed contractor doing repairs for one year and take a 60 hour class that is required in order to sit for the license exam.

Imagine a pool cleaning business that has one or more employees facing this dilemma. How do you get the experience working for someone when you are trying to run your business? No one ever anticipated the economic downturn and the number of people who would enter our industry because it was available at an entry-level position. So now we have thousands who would like to do more but the legislation bars them from future growth in the

industry. Where are the future pool builders going to come from?

Many of these cleaners do not contract repairs and operate legitimately. But many others are contracting without a license because they have families to feed and bills to pay. Like it or not, that is the reality. Throw into the equation the fact that DBPR and any enforcement mechanism to address the activity, is at a standstill because of the legislation. Prior to 1993 all vehicles displayed signs with license numbers giving enforcement the ability to quickly identify potential unlicensed individuals. The deregulation made our industry the only regulated industry that had one segment of the industry not falling under licensure.

Enforcement today, in all trades, is sketchy at best but the economy is getting better. Cities and counties are slowly seeing light at the end of the tunnel and enforcement will become more proactive along with all the other programs that were cut back. The process works but it will not happen overnight. It took us 20 years to get to this point but this starts the process of returning to normal.

The goal of the FSPA legislation is to provide a means for people to enter our industry, now and in the future, through education. The bill proposes applicants complete a 60-hour class with a 20-hour hands-on module class, comply with the contractor requirements in the state application, and pass the contractors test. The one year requirement goes away. You will then hold the Swimming Pool Servicing Contractors License, allowing you to perform all the items outlined in the scope of work in that category.

The industry is full of knowledgeable individuals who look to share their expertise. New educational venues will surface that will help the new license holders transition into the industry and become leaders of the future. Florida will continue to grow and our industry needs to grow with it.

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# INSURANCE UPDATE

## Wow, what a great Orlando Pool & Spa Show

By David Griffiths, Insurance By Ken Brown

The 2013 Florida Swimming Pool Association's Orlando Pool & Spa Show was nothing short of fantastic! The attendance has really picked up over the past couple of years. If you missed it, please be sure to put it on your 2014 calendar now; the dates are February 21-22, 2014. You'll want to be there!

Congratulations to Wendy, Bernice, Charis, Jennifer, the entire FSPA team, volunteers, and participating FSPA members for doing such a great job ... again!

The Welcome and Awards Reception was great! Congratulations to all of the individual award winners as well as those members who earned Design Awards. It is so rewarding to see those who work so hard and dedicate themselves to FSPA (and making the swimming pool industry better in general) be recognized for their commitment! All were much deserved!

Last year was nice but for the first time in recent memory there was real excitement and enthusiasm among ... everyone! You could feel the energy in the air in CE classes, in the hallways, on the trade show floor and essentially everywhere.

Attendance was great. Folks were being diverted to overflow parking lots. Folks from Arkansas to California and from Michigan to Canada, even Puerto Rico and Venezuela were there!

The trade show floor was wall-to-wall people for the entire time. Even on Saturday afternoon there was good activity right up until closing time. Almost everyone we spoke with made it a point to mention the positive "air" this year! It was fun again and it was refreshing to see so many relaxed and happy people smiling!

It really feels like we have turned the corner. We hit bottom and have bounced

back (and quite nicely for many). With the worst behind us, we can look ahead with confidence!

This show was, again, a great example of how an industry comes together. Thanks to each of you, FSPA is one of the best and strongest trade associations in Florida! We at Insurance by Ken Brown feel fortunate to play a small role and strive to be a good partner!

FSPA has great leadership with great direction. If you are not as involved as you'd like to be, you might ask how you can participate to make FSPA even stronger. There is much work to be done and your involvement and participation would be welcomed and appreciated!

We'll get back to the "nuts and bolts" of insurance next month but, for now ... wow, what a Show!

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<i>Brevard County</i>	24	36
<i>Broward County</i>	27	37
<i>Calhoun County</i>	0	0
<i>Charlotte County</i>	24	22
<i>Citrus County</i>	13	6
<i>Clay County</i>	6	3
<i>Collier County</i>	14	71
<i>Dade County</i>	43	53
<i>Duval County</i>	21	26
<i>Escambia County</i>	10	8
<i>Flagler County</i>	16	17
<i>Franklin County</i>	1	0
<i>Gadsden County</i>	0	1
<i>Gulf County</i>	0	0
<i>Hernando County</i>	5	5
<i>Highlands County</i>	1	0
<i>Hillsborough County</i>	69	77
<i>Holmes County</i>	0	0
<i>Indian River County</i>	9	18
<i>Jackson County</i>	1	2
<i>Jefferson County</i>	1	0
<i>Lake County</i>	10	12
<i>Lee County</i>	106	102
<i>Leon County</i>	4	2
<i>Liberty County</i>	0	0



County Name	January 2012	January 2013
<i>Manatee County</i>	63	61
<i>Marion County</i>	7	9
<i>Martin County</i>	18	11
<i>Nassau County</i>	5	2
<i>Okaloosa County</i>	13	5
<i>Orange County</i>	51	66
<i>Osceola County</i>	29	23
<i>Palm Beach County</i>	101	93
<i>Pasco County</i>	24	18
<i>Pinellas County</i>	23	26
<i>Polk County</i>	25	21
<i>Putnam County</i>	0	0
<i>Santa Rosa County</i>	10	9
<i>Sarasota County</i>	31	37
<i>Seminole County</i>	4	14
<i>St Johns County</i>	26	40
<i>St Lucie County</i>	12	14
<i>Sumter County</i>	11	33
<i>Volusia County</i>	19	13
<i>Wakulla County</i>	0	0
<i>Walton County</i>	10	19
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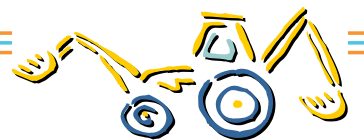
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# DIGGING UP IDEAS



## Education matters? Why?

By Casey Watson, Exquisite Pool & Spa

At the same time I was tossing around ideas for topics for the *Florida Pool Pro*<sup>sm</sup> I was also completing the registration process for the Orlando Pool & Spa Show. Then, my topic more or less fell in my lap as I thought about the many previous shows that I have attended all over the U.S. and all the classes available covering a wide range of topics. The show in Orlando February 15-16 provided a good sampling of classes. Some of the available classes included pool staining, basic hydraulics, basic electricity for pool contractors, and more.

We all know that industry trade shows, such as this one in Orlando, are put on to provide an avenue for vendors to display and market their products. It is also a venue for us, the pool professionals, to view new technology and take a look at what others in the industry are doing. In other words, the show itself is a learning experience for all involved. Since the Show caters to so many in our industry, what better place to offer classes – a one stop shopping experience so to speak. This year the FSPA upped the ante by allowing members, and all employees of member companies, to take classes at no charge.

Like many that may be reading this article, I started out in the pool industry and learned lots from others, or learned it on my own through on-the-job training. When the opportunity presented itself to attend a class to learn something new, or to “check the box” for CEUs, I attended, but must admit was not always the willing participant. Some classes weren’t always a first choice for time well spent, but, one important thing was ever present, I always learned something and was better for it. When I look back at the classes I attended, I tend to look at them differently now, and as the years go by I now say I look at them from an “older and wiser” perspective.

Wiser, I say? Yes, wiser, because I now know that had it not been for those classes I would not be where I am today, nor would I know what I know today. I feel we need to look at the classes from two perspectives. One perspective is

that of pure education, learning about new concepts, new equipment and new methods, a way to keep up with an ever-evolving industry. The other perspective pertains to safety and awareness and basically keeping us out of hot water. We need to realize the importance of learning how to use equipment safely, how to build/construct safe products, to take advantage of learning proper building techniques, and to learn virtually everything we can learn about all facets of our industry. We also need to realize that there is a real danger in not learning and not properly employing what we learn. We need to realize that the end product of what we do can have a positive impact on the lives of our customers and their families – but on the other hand, if we do something incorrectly it can have a very negative impact on those same people

and on ourselves.

So, I now look at the classes offered at shows such as the Orlando Pool & Spa Show, and by other professional organizations, as an opportunity. They are an opportunity to learn better practices that in the end will bring a better end result for the consumer, as well as an opportunity that will result in better business for my family and employees. Additionally it is an opportunity to hone the skills of the trade I chose and love. I think we all realize that the key to success in the pool industry is having a broad, thorough knowledge of all aspects of construction, products, equipment, business, safety, etc., and with that said realize that the only way to get there is through education.

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# Florida bill tracking report

By Jennifer Hatfield, FSPA Government Relations Consultant

This legislative report will be updated on a bi-weekly basis in the e-newsletter *Springboard*. FSPA welcomes and encourages member input so we can formulate action needed on each piece of legislation. We request that members work through the government relations consultant and their chapters on legislation first before contacting legislators, in order for FSPA to be most effective in Tallahassee.

Reminder: FSPA is a member of the Construction Coalition, a coalition of construction trade associations, represented by their lobbyist/government relations staff that work together on issues important to the construction industry. References to construction coalition positions or actions (therefore the FSPA position) may also be provided below.

A summary of bills FSPA is currently tracking are listed below. For a current status of each bill, read your latest issue of *Springboard* or go to [www.FloridaPoolPro.biz/govrelations/Leg.html](http://www.FloridaPoolPro.biz/govrelations/Leg.html).

## FSPA Priority Bills:

**Swimming Pool and Spas** - SB 156 by Sen. Detert / HB 737 by Rep. Ahern

Summary: This bill is revising the

definition of the terms “contractor,” “commercial pool/spa contractor,” “residential pool/spa contractor,” and “swimming pool/spa servicing contractor” to include the cleaning, maintenance, and water treatment of swimming pools and spas; revising eligibility requirements to take the swimming pool/spa servicing contractors’ examination, etc.

Comments: This bill puts cleaning and maintenance back under pool licensing, but also removes the one year work experience requirement needed to obtain the pool service license. Instead, it requires the 60 hour course currently required, along with an additional 20 hours of hands-on education, in order to be able to sit for the pool service exam. This bill eliminates the current barrier of entry into the pool service license and ensures all working on pools and spas have the necessary education and licensure.

Effective date is July 1, 2014 under the Senate bill, but October 1, 2014 under the House bill. As the bills move through the process this conflicting date will be fleshed out.

FSPA Position/Action: SUPPORT

**Residential Properties** - SB 436 by Sen.

Altman / HB 73 by Rep. Moraitis

Summary: Exempts certain elevators from specific code update requirements; revises provisions relating to terms of condominium board of administration members; revises condominium unit owner election & condominium association meeting notice & recordkeeping requirements; provides requirements for condominiums relating to election challenges, recalls, & installation of impact glass or other code-compliant windows; provides requirements for condominiums created within condominium parcels; revises provisions relating to imposing remedies; revises liability of unit owners; provides liability limitations of certain first mortgagee or its successor or assignees; revises records not accessible to members or parcel owners; revises provisions relating to amendment of declarations; provides criteria for consent to amendment; requires notice to mortgagees regarding proposed amendments.

Comments: Important to the FSPA, is an amendment added to HB 73 by the bill sponsor that would expand the condo/co-op exemption found in Chapter 514, F.S., to also include parcels in a homeowners association. Therefore, it would appear the bill as amended would provide that homeowner associations with 32 units or less that contain a pool or spa would be exempt from Department of Health (DOH) regulations in the same manner that currently exist for condos and co-ops. Further, homeowner associations with more than 32 units that contain a pool or spa would also be eligible for the exemption that exists in law from parts of the DOH regulations. Currently, the Senate bill does not include this provision.

Effective date is July 1, 2013

**Reemployment Assistance** - SB 222 by Sen. Detert

Summary: Transferring the functions of the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission to the Department of Economic Opportunity; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to create a

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# March 15th Code Alert

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# 2013 Design Awards



The 2013 Design Awards winners were honored February 14 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando. These awards are a way to celebrate and recognize the great work done in the swimming pool industry in Florida.

These are not just good looking pools, they are properly built as well. Entries include a summary of goals and accomplishments, a plumbing diagram and a photo of the pool. All company and client information is removed from materials prior to judging and entries are identified only by number. Industry professionals serve as judges and assess the quality of workmanship and design. Challenges, technical achievements, design and aesthetic value are all taken into consideration.

Congratulations to all of the 2013 Design Awards winners. View some of the winning pools here and the rest in the April issue of Florida Pool Pro<sup>sm</sup>.

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## Residential Pool/Spa Combination Vanishing Edge



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# Florida bill tracking report

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regional appeal office at each regional workforce board; requiring the tax collection service provider to calculate a certain additional rate; requiring assessments to be available to pay interest on federal advances; requiring certain excess funds to be transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund after a certain time period, etc.

Comments: It makes changes to the appeals process and the eligibility requirements for unemployment compensation (now called re-employment compensation.) The measure also puts limits on assessments to employers related to paying back the federal government for money borrowed to prop up the state's unemployment system.

Effective July 1, 2013

## Department of Business & Professional Regulation - HB 57 by Rep. Porter

Summary: The bill gives the DBPR the authority to transfer funds it determines are not required to fund the Building Code and Inspectors Board to the Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund. The DBPR projects it could transfer \$5 million from the board to the recovery fund in fiscal year 2013-14 and approximately \$1.2 million annually in subsequent years. While the bill gives the DBPR the authority to transfer these funds, it would need an appropriation to be able to use the transferred funds to pay claims.

Comments: On February 6, the Business and Professional Regulation Subcommittee adopted one amendment and reported the bill favorably as a committee substitute. The amendment removed language giving the DBPR discretion to deny licensure or renewal on the basis of amounts owed under a disciplinary action or failure to comply with or satisfy all terms and conditions of a final order. The amendment also included a clarifying change to s. 489.140, F.S., to remove an incorrect reference to the old surcharge formula that funds the recovery fund.

Effective October 1, 2013

## Design Professionals - SB 286 by Sen. Negron / HB 575 by Rep. Passidomo

Summary: Providing that certain

contracts executed by a business entity may specify that certain architects, interior designers, landscape architects, engineers, and surveyors may not be held individually liable for negligence in the performance of professional services provided under those contracts; specifying that a contract that prohibits individual liability must meet certain requirements, etc.

Comments: Currently, when negligent design services result exclusively in damages to the project itself, the owner may sue the design firm for breach of contract and may sue the individual architect or engineer who negligently performed the work for professional negligence/malpractice. This bill would allow the design firm to place in its contract with the owner, a provision that would grant immunity to the firm's employees and agents for any damage he or she negligently caused to the project itself. Thus, in the event of damages, the owner's only remedy for negligent design would be breach of contract against the design firm. Under the

bill, the owner's existing claim in tort against the negligent individual design professional would be extinguished. Many in the construction community have concerns with limiting liability of design professionals in this manner. Other professionals (lawyers, doctors, accountants) must carry liability coverage and therefore, why should design professionals be exempt.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

## Assessment of Residential & Nonhomestead Real Property - HB 277 by Rehwinkel Vasilinda

Summary: Excludes value of certain installations, changes, or improvements made after specified date from assessed value of residential real property; provides for application; requires filing of applications by specified times in order for installations, changes, or improvements to be excluded from assessed value of residential real property; provides procedural requirements & limitations; requires nonrefundable

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# Florida bill tracking report

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filing fee for petition to value adjustment board; specifies additional exceptions to assessment of homestead property at just value; specifies additional exceptions to assessment of nonhomestead property at just value; deletes definition of terms "renewable energy source device" & "device"; repeals provisions relating to property tax exemption for renewable energy source devices; provides for applicability.

Comments: The bill implements a constitutional ballot initiative approved in the 2008 general election by Florida voters, which prohibits adding the value of certain home improvements specific to increasing the level of wind resistance protection and for the installation and operation of a renewable energy source device to the assessed value of residential property. The bill also repeals obsolete statutory language that implemented the tax exemption for renewable energy source devices, which was removed by the voters with the 2008 constitutional amendment. With these incentives in place, contractors as well as renewable energy device manufacturers should benefit from additional work opportunities and output. The passing of this legislation will provide the statutory provisions needed to fully implement what was the will of the voters

over four years ago.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

## **FSPA Watch Bills**

### **Dispute Resolution (Arbitration) - SB 530** by Sen. Thrasher

Summary: Revising the short title of the "Florida Arbitration Code" to the "Revised Florida Arbitration Code"; providing that an agreement may waive or vary the effect of statutory arbitration provisions; requiring a court to decide whether an agreement to arbitrate exists or a controversy is subject to an agreement to arbitrate; providing that a person waives any objection to lack of or insufficiency of notice by appearing at the arbitration hearing; requiring certain disclosures of interests and relationships by a person before accepting appointment as an arbitrator, etc.

Comments: This bill is important to FSPA in that any updates to the Florida Arbitration bill need to be monitored due to the fact it could affect the FSPA arbitration program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

### **Property Fraud - SB 112** by Dean

Summary: Prohibiting a person from filing or causing to be filed, with intent to defraud another, a document relating to the

ownership, transfer, or encumbrance of or claim against real or personal property, or any interest in real or personal property, which the person knows contains a material misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of fact; providing criminal penalties; providing that a person who fraudulently records a construction lien is subject to specified fraud provisions, etc.

Comments: Watching this bill due to its reference of Chapter 713, Florida Lien Law.

Effective Date: October 1, 2013

### **Real Property Liens and Conveyances**

- SB 404 by Sen. Stargel/HB 267 by Rep. Wood

Summary: Deleting a requirement that blank spaces be included on a warranty deed to allow for entry of social security numbers of grantees on the deed; providing that certain types of governmental or quasi-governmental liens on real property are valid and effectual against certain creditors and purchasers only if recorded in a specified manner, etc.

Comments: Watching due to its reference to liens.

Effective Date: October 1, 2013

### **Unemployment Compensation - SB**

130 by Sen. Braynon/HB 261 by Rep. Rodríguez, J.

Summary: Updates & revises definitions; amends provisions relating to disqualification for benefits; revises definition of term "good cause."

Comments: Watching as it amends aspect or unemployment compensation (now called re-employment compensation).

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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## Residential Restorations



**Gold Award** - Cox Pools



**Silver Award** - Lucas Lagoons, Inc.



**Bronze Award** - Lucas Lagoons, Inc.

## Residential Water Features



**Gold Award** - Almar/Jackson Pools, Inc.



**Silver Award** - Lucas Lagoons, Inc.



**Technical Achievement Award** -  
Signature Pools & Spas, Inc.

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## Residential Pool/Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over



Gold Award - Riviera Pools



Silver Award - Brosseit's Pool Plumbing

**See the rest of the Design Awards winners in the April issue of Florida Pool Pro<sup>sm</sup>!**



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Eric Austin	Amerisure Mutual Insurance Company	Cathie Alderman	HornerXpress
Charles Baird	National Pool Route Sales	Adam Alsott	Tropical Pools, Inc.
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Tony Caruso	TC Water Features, Inc.	Lori Bryant	Bryant Pools, Inc.
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Jeff Farlow	Pentair Aquatic Systems	Steve Hackl	Hackl Pool Construction Co. Inc.
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## Thank you!



## CHAPTER NEWS

### Broward

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On November 26, the Broward Chapter and the Palm Beach Chapter hosted a symposium for building officials. This was intended to help bridge the apparent chasm created when Gov. Scott removed the Department of Health from involvement in the inspection and approval of public pool construction and renovation. There were over 70 inspectors and department officials in attendance.

The symposium helped identify voids in inspections and created understanding of the safety standards that protect the public. A blue chip panel of local contractors and representatives from the Building Officials Association of Florida and the Department of Health answered attendees' questions.

The officials expressed their gratitude to the FSPA for bringing the issues to the forefront and asked for our association to help provide additional education for the public sector. They commented that once again, the FSPA has led the way in the area of pools and spas.

The January Chapter meeting was a great success with approximately 40 members in attendance. Thank you to **Monica Stamper, MARC Services**, for a great presentation on the spiraling white fly. If you missed her presentation she does make appointments with businesses to educate their employees.

The Chapter Board of Directors has set tentative meeting dates for this year as follows:

- March: ADA Compliance (presented



*The Broward Chapter's meeting in January had a full house.*

by **Jose Guerra, AAdvanced Aqua Marketing**)

- April: Continuing Education class
- June: Swim Safety Event
- August: Annual Fishing Mission
- September or October: Business Meeting / Obama Care
- November: Bowling Tournament

Please watch for details on these events.

The Board also confirmed the following Committee Chairmen:

- Energy Committee: **Rick Myers, AquaCal AutoPilot**
- Builders' Council: **Jim Smith, LaGasse Pool Construction Co.**
- Service Council: **Brian Kelly, Shamrock Pools**
- Membership Committee: **Dan Lockwood, Sentry Industries**
- Government Relations Committee: **Bob Anthone, Mike O'Brien's Pool Store.**

Welcome to a new member of the Chapter Board, **Jose Guerra, AAdvanced Aqua Marketing**.

Congratulations to **Rick Myers, AquaCal AutoPilot**, for being chosen as Director of the Year for 2012.

Congratulations to Chapter member **Signature Pools & Spa** for their accomplishments in the FSPA Design Awards. They received a gold award, two silver awards and a technical achievement award.

### Central Florida

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The 2013 Orlando Pool & Spa Show was held February 15-16 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. The Central Florida Chapter would like to thank all of its members who volunteered at the FSPA membership booth; we appreciate it! We would also like to thank the FSPA for putting on another fantastic show! We are already looking forward to the 2014 Show!

Congratulations to **Jackie Arnault, The Pool Pleaser**, for being chosen the

2012 Director of the Year for our Chapter. We are thankful for what you do in the industry!

At **Superior Solar** on February 5 the Central Florida Chapter hosted a spectacular event with Rural Metro by providing free CPR certification. A perfect way to end the four-hour course was over pizza and wings provided by the Central Florida Chapter and **HornerXpress**. A huge thank you to Rural Metro for giving 25 of our members the gift of life!

Save the date! On March 12, **Jim Gay**, General Manager at **Jack's Magic Products**, will speak to our Chapter about stain prevention and removal at 6:00 p.m. at Rolando's Cuban Restaurant. This is a free CE course for FSPA members. To attend, please RSVP to our Chapter Coordinator, Sonja Dickey.

The Central Florida Chapter has made arrangements to have **Monica Stamper, MARC Services** representing Orenda Technologies, and **Sarah Tefft, Blue Square Manufacturing**, to talk to our members at **HornerXpress** on April 9 not only about their products but about the white fly epidemic. Please look for e-mail announcements regarding this event in the near future and communicate back with your RSVP. If you are not receiving e-mails from the Central Florida Chapter, please notify Sonja Dickey.

Our next Board meeting, which all



*The Central Florida Chapter hosted a CPR certification in February. Twenty-five members took part.*



members are encouraged to attend, will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Rolando's Cuban Restaurant.

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No news this month.

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On February 5 **Dominick Montanaro**, Chairman of PIPAC, spoke at the monthly meeting on the Service Bill. The presentation was very informative and helped clarify some misconceptions regarding the bill. The meeting was held at Lucky's and had a great turnout with 32 people in attendance. Thank you to Dominick and to all who attended.

**Monica Stamper, MARC Services** representing Orenda Technologies, will be at a future meeting speaking on the spiraling white fly. Watch you e-mail for details.

Congratulations to **Casey Watson, Exquisite Pool & Spa**, for being chosen as the Chapter Director of the Year for 2012.

Congratulations to **CM Custom Pool Design** for receiving a bronze award in the FSPA Design Awards.

## Florida Gulf Coast

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The Chapter Board of Directors met at noon on Tuesday, February 5 at SCP Distributors in Largo. Thank you to **Jim Guszkiwicz** and **SCP Distributors** for hosting/sponsoring the luncheon. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 5 at **AquaCal**, 2629 24<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg. Remember that every member is encouraged to attend Board meetings. Our Board of Directors meetings are usually scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month. We are always interested in hearing your ideas for Chapter meetings and programs. Please call or e-mail the office if you will be attending this meeting so that we can plan accordingly.

The Orlando Pool & Spa Show was held February 15-16 at the Orange County Convention Center. Thank you to the Florida West Coast Chapter members who volunteered their time at the show. Congratulations to **Brian Gangelhoff, A Pool's Best Friend, Inc.**, who was chosen as the Florida West Coast Chapter Director of the Year. Thank you, Brian, for all of your hard work and dedication to the FSPA!

Mark your calendars! The Florida West Coast Chapter will be holding its Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 11 at the

Belleview Biltmore Golf Club in Clearwater. It isn't too early to start putting your teams together!

## Manasota

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The 2013 Orlando Pool & Spa Show was held February 15-16 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. The Manasota Chapter would like to thank all of its members who volunteered at the FSPA membership booth; we appreciate it! We would also like to thank the FSPA for putting on another fantastic show! We are already looking forward to the 2014 Show!

Congratulations to **Tony Kozak** for being chosen the 2012 Director of the Year for our Chapter. We are thankful for what you do in the industry!

Congratulations to Manasota Chapter members **Coast to Coast Pools** and **Lucas Lagoons** for being chosen as FSPA Design Award recipients.

Save the date! On May 9, 2013 the Manasota Chapter is hosting a Table Top Event at the Polo Grill in Lakewood Ranch. If anyone would like to participate in this event by displaying products and/or services please call Sonja Dickey, Chapter Coordinator. Please look for e-mail

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announcements regarding this event in the near future and communicate back with your RSVP. If you are not receiving e-mails from the Manasota Chapter, please notify Sonja Dickey.

Our next Board of Directors meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend, will be Tuesday, March 12 at 11:45 a.m. at the state office.

Your 2013 Board of Directors continue to work on exciting and educational events for the rest of the year. Please let us hear from you with any suggestions for speakers or events.

## North Central Florida

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On February 12, **Monica Stamper, MARC Services**, gave a great presentation on the spiraling white fly. If you missed her presentation she will make an appointment with businesses to educate their employees.

Some events planned for the year are:

- Social Media
- CE on pricing for profit
- CE on flat rate pricing
- CE on computer business tools
- CE on construction contracts

Watch for more information to come.

The Chapter would like to welcome a **Brent Handy, Paragon Pools**, as a new member of the Chapter Board.

Congratulations to **Randy Taylor, Easy Modern Living**, for being chosen as Chapter Director of the Year for 2012.

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Thank you to all our members who have renewed their membership. The benefits from this organization are invaluable to you. We appreciate your support!

Your 2013 Board of Directors, voted on by the Chapter, are:

- President **Mark Turner, Backyard Designs, Inc.**

- Vice President **Rick Schmitz, Paradise Pool Service LLC**
- Treasurer **Dave Pruette, David Pruette's Electrical Services, Inc.**
- Executive Director **Debi Garner, Pools by John Garner**
- Directors: **Stephanie Mitchell, Superior Design Pools & Spas; Susan Landergan, HornerXpress; Paul Roth, Roll-A-Way Protective Pool Fence; Clay Long, Pool Corp - Jacksonville; Brian Curts, Eagle Pools; Jim Batts, The Batts Company; and John Garner, Pools by John Garner.**

Upcoming events include the following:

- Legislative Days in Tallahassee is March 13-14.
- Golf tournament on April 19 – Save the date!
- Water Safety Day at the Jacksonville Zoo is set for April 27 – this is earlier than usual. New volunteers would be appreciated!
- In May there will be a CE credit class.
- An event will be held in June – possibly skeet shooting or fishing.
- In August we will have a meeting with Jen Hatfield, FSPA Government Relations Consultant.
- In September there will be another CE course or a meeting with DBPR.
- In October we will possibly do an outing at Latitude 30 as opposed to the standard Oktoberfest.

It is with a heavy heart that we tell you about the passing of longtime Board member Greg Hand. Greg attended the Board meeting and Chapter meeting on January 31, 2013 and was in great spirits and felt great! Sadly, on Sunday, February 3 Greg suffered a massive heart attack and died. Services were held February 7 and it was nice to see so many Board and Chapter members at the service. Greg was a huge supporter of our industry and worked tirelessly with FSPA and Safe Kids on water safety. He will be sorely missed. Donations in honor of Greg may be made to Safe Kids NE Florida, 3563 Philips Highway, Building E Suite 502, Jacksonville Florida 32207.

As always, thanks to our members and your support. We welcome your ideas for classes and trainings that you would like to see at the local level. Please contact any member of the Board to submit your ideas.

## Palm Beach

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March is a month for education in Palm Beach County. There's something for everyone this month. On March 8 Amerisure Insurance will present a 10-hour OSHA Construction Training class. This class is free for members and will be held at **HornerXpress**, 5755 Powerline Rd., Ft. Lauderdale. Contact Kimberly Poborka at 800-282-2743 for more registration information.

Consider attending the Oxidation Reduction Potential (ORP) (CILB Course #8418, general study, two credit hours, CAM course #9625010, general study, two credit hours) course Tuesday, March 12. The meeting will be held at Contractors Business Park at 7:00 p.m. A light dinner and refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m., just prior to the start of the ORP class. A picture ID is required if you are seeking credit for CE. **Mark Robinson**, CPC licensed Contractor, AFO instructor and current VP of Sales at **CES**, will be the instructor for the class. This class is free to FSPA members that have paid their membership in full and \$20 for non-members. You may register for this and all classes online at [www.fspa-pb.com](http://www.fspa-pb.com).

On March 16-17, Lauren Broom will be teaching a Certified Pool Operator (CPO) class at Contractors Business Park. Classes start at 8:00 a.m. and run until 5:00 p.m. with an hour lunch period. Lauren Broom attended the University of Central Florida where she received her Bachelor's of Science in Biology. She is currently a Registered Sanitarian (certification in public health) and has nine years of experience in the inspection of commercial pools along with waterborne disease outbreak investigations. Members may renew or become certified for \$250 and non-members for \$275. Pre-registration is mandatory.

Technical classes are being scheduled for the summer months, a must for everyone in the industry. Watch your inbox for a complete upcoming schedule or meeting topics.



## Polk County

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Welcome to new member **Jayson Mannix, Xpert Pools**. Xpert Pools is one of Polk County's pool service companies.

Congratulations to **Judy Williams, SCP**, for being chosen as the Chapter Director of the Year for 2012.

The Polk County Chapter is looking for members who want to make a difference in the industry and the chapter. Please let us hear from you with any suggestions for speakers or events. We welcome and encourage member participation. Just contact Maggie at the above listed number or by e-mail.

## Space Coast

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I hope all of you were able to attend the Orlando Pool & Spa Show last month and benefit from all the education, exhibits, networking and camaraderie that make the Show so successful. Thank you to all the FSPA staff and volunteers who orchestrated the event.

Our Chapter meeting will be held at Beef 'O' Brady's in Melbourne on Thursday, March 21 at noon. The meeting will be a recap of information from our Legislative Days trip to Tallahassee and the status of the Service License Bill. **Debbi Pflug, American Leak Detection of ECF**, and I, **Dominick Montanaro, M & M Pools**, will be attending for the Chapter and can share our experience. Also, Ronnie Taylor, A & A Manufacturing, will be joining us for a short introduction and update on their products.

The Chapter Annual Picnic will be held Sunday, April 7 at Pelican Beach Park in Satellite Beach. The Annual Volleyball Tournament and a doubles Corn Hole Tournament will take place and all teams are welcome. There will be an entry fee of \$50 per volleyball team and \$10 for corn hole teams. The picnic is open to all members,

employees and their families and \$10 per person will cover all the food and non-alcoholic beverages. Please let me know that you will be attending and give me a count of how many will be attending from your company.

The Chapter meeting in May is set for the ninth at Beef 'O' Brady's in Melbourne. There will be a free CE class for members on workers' compensation and it will be taught by **David Griffiths, Insurance** By **Ken Brown**. This class is one of the required classes for renewal of your license. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

The Swim Safe Forever event the Chapter does with Infant Swimming Resource at Wickham Park has been scheduled for May 4, so please mark your calendars. **Carl Moody, Solar Energy Systems**, has been instrumental in working with Carmen Glasser from ISR over the last three years to help make this happen.

Tuesday, June 18 at 11:00 a.m., the Chapter will be partnering with Brevard County and the Palm Bay Aquatic Center in the World's Largest Swim Lesson. The Chapter welcomes as many members interested in attending to join us for this event.

There will not be a Chapter meeting in April.

## Tampa Bay

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Thank you to all who attended the Yankees game on March 5 at George M. Steinbrenner Field. A pre-game picnic at the Pepsi Power Alley was enjoyed, after which a great game was played between the Yankees and the Braves.

The Annual Golf Tournament at Eagles Golf Club is coming up April 19. If you haven't signed up, please do so today. Sponsorships are available.

Welcome, new members! Welcome to **Mark Fresh, Noble Tile Supply, Inc.** Noble Tile has 25 years of experience providing the pool industry with service and products. With locations in Dallas, Houston, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Tampa and Tucson,

Noble Tile covers the US and is a leader in the pool industry.

Welcome to **Eric Larsen, Larsen's Pool & Spas**. Larsen's Pool & Spas has over 25 years in the swimming pool industry. Experience ranges from every aspect of pool construction, to the latest and greatest swimming pool products available.

Congratulations to **Cathie Alderman, HornerXpress**, for being chosen as the Chapter Director of the Year for 2012.

Congratulations to **Riviera Pools** for receiving a gold award in the FSPA Design Awards.

## Treasure Coast

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No news this month.

For additional information about any of the events or meetings listed in the Chapter News, please contact the Executive Director listed at the top of each Chapter's News. Event meeting and information can also be found in Chapter newsletters sent to members and available at local distributors.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March 2013

- 5 FSPA Tampa Bay Chapter Event - Yankees vs. Braves  
FSPA Florida West Coast Chapter Board Meeting  
Noon at AquaCal, 2629 24<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg
- 8 FSPA Palm Beach Chapter 10-hour OSHA Construction Training  
HornerXpress, 5755 Powerline Road, Ft. Lauderdale
- 12 FSPA Central Florida Chapter  
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting  
Rolando's Cuban Restaurant  
6:00 p.m. CE Course  
Jack's Magic Products
- FSPA Manasota Chapter Board Meeting  
11:45 a.m. FSPA state office
- FSPA Palm Beach Chapter Meeting and CE Course  
6:30 p.m. Contractors Business Park

## 13-14 FSPA Legislative Days Tallahassee

- 16-17 FSPA Palm Beach Chapter - CPO Class  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Contractors Business Park
- 19 FSPA North Central Florida Chapter Meeting  
SCP, Gainesville
- 21 FSPA Space Coast Chapter Meeting  
Noon at Beef 'O' Brady's, Melbourne

## April 2013

- 7 FSPA Space Coast Chapter Picnic  
Pelican Beach Park, Satellite Beach
- 9 FSPA Central Florida Chapter Meeting  
6:00 p.m. HornerXpress
- 16 FSPA North Central Florida Chapter CE Course  
SCP, Ocala
- 19 FSPA Northeast Florida Chapter Golf Tournament  
FSPA Tampa Bay Chapter Golf Tournament  
Eagles Golf Club
- 27 FSPA Northeast Florida Chapter  
Water Safety Day at Jacksonville Zoo

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### In Remembrance

Gregory J. Hand  
March 16, 1943 - February 3, 2013

Longtime board member for the Northeast Florida Chapter, Greg Hand, passed away unexpectedly February 3, 2013 from a massive heart attack. He was 69 years old.

A memorial service was held on February 7, 2013 attended by an outpouring of family and friends. Greg is survived by two daughters, a grandson, a brother, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews - not to mention his camaraderie of friends.

Greg had served on the Board of the FSPA for many years and water safety was one of his passions. Greg owned Pool Barrier - Jacksonville for over 15 years. He had recently been selected to serve on the Executive Committee of Safe Kids NE Florida. Even through his battles with a recent leg amputation, Greg never lost his sense of humor and positive outlook on life. His zest for life and his sense of humor will be sorely missed.



## Thank you to the Friday Night Party Sponsors at the Orlando Pool & Spa Show

More than 900 people had a great time at Howl at the Moon. They enjoyed open bar, food, games, music and entertainment on February 15.

