WELCOME

Finally, another issue of SOG! We apologize for the lapse. We stated in the last issue that we would do better but instead had an even longer gap between issues.

We have plenty of news to share with you, particularly in the Honors and Awards section, but unfortunately also in the Committee Eternal section. Besides getting to know each other, our meetings often provide us the opportunity to meet and get to know each other’s families. While not committee members, the Committee Eternal section also recognizes the loss of a couple of family members.

WHAT’S UP WITH BPV I?

As mentioned above, a lot of time has passed since the last issue and in that time, two new editions of Section I have been published (BPVC I-2021 and BPVC I-2023) and we are on our way towards publishing the 2025 Edition. Two of the biggest changes in BPVC I-2021 were redesignating Nonmandatory Appendix C to Mandatory Appendix VIII and replacing some of the PRV capacity certification requirements in PG-69 with references to the new Section XIII – Rules for Overpressure Protection.

Nonmandatory Appendix C was added in the 2017 Edition and covered local heating of welds in cylindrical components of P-No. 15E materials using electric resistance heating. This covered preheat, PWHT, and post heating and defined the soak band, heating band, and gradient control band. This was similar to AWS D10.10 but more stringent. Re-designating as Mandatory Appendix VIII and referencing under PW-38 and PW-39 changed the recommendations to requirements for P-No. 15E and recommendations for all other materials.

The 2021 Edition of BPVC included a new Section XIII – Rules for Overpressure Protection. The creation of this new Section was a multiyear effort with a lot of hard work from volunteers, staff, and publishing. Each of the construction books have adopted Section XIII in Varying degrees. For Section I, our adoption of Section XIII was limited to some of the capacity certification requirements in PG-69. Another significant change was to replace some of the PRV capacity certification requirements in PG-69 with references to those same requirements in the new Section XIII (BPVC.XIII-2021).

With the issuance of the 2023 edition, again many changes occurred. Two of the larger initiatives beginning with the 2023 edition, were the review and editorial changes for clarity and the changes required to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Additionally, for 2023 a major undertaking included a comprehensive review and changes to nomenclature for lbm vs lbf vs lb (which was removed).

One cannot pass through the remembrance of changes throughout these last 3 years without mentioning the massive impact and changes associated with the global pandemic ultimately named “Covid-19”. For ASME BPVC committees this meant going “on-line” or virtual as we came to know. Participation was from afar and a whole new learning element became second nature as virtual meetings became the norm.

Although it seems like an eternity ago, our 4 face-to-face or in-person meetings per year went to Zero as everything went virtual to try to stop the transmission of the virus. A new methodology was born on how to participate, mentor and network. An interesting and evolving time which will not soon be forgotten, even though most would like to.

Luckily, we have returned to a moderated 2 in-person and 2 virtual meetings annually.

As with time, changes to BPV I leadership team also continue. Mr. McLauglin and Mr. Ortman’s time as Chair and Vice Chair ended in June 2023 and Mr. Ortman and Mr. Tompkins have taken the reins. Luckily there are no changes to the secretary position, Super Secretary Umberto D’Urso remains in place. A whole new beginning and yet a lot of consistency on the direction for BPV I.
HONORS AND AWARDS

BPV I Hero - 2020
On October 16, 2020, the BPV I officers (Bob McLaughlin, Ed Ortman, and Umberto D’Urso) meet with Yuichi Oishi through Zoom and presented him with the 2020 BPV I Hero award. Mr. Oishi will receive his actual medal at a later date. This was announced at the November 12, 2020, meeting and Mr. Oishi made some brief comments and thanked the committee.

Mr. Oishi is one of our most thorough and detail-oriented members. You can revise paragraph numbering in an action and spend hours verifying that you also caught all references to that paragraph only to have Mr. Oishi quickly point out two or three that were missed. He also brings the viewpoint of a user that does not speak English as their first language. He often has suggestions to make the Code easier to understand but also often corrects the grammar of those of us that are native English speakers. We have not been able to see Mr. Oishi in person since October of 2019. We hope to be able to shake his hand in person sometime soon.

2021 Dedicated Service Award
On Thursday May 13, 2021, Bob McLaughlin presented Jeff Hunter with the 2021 Dedicated Service Award. The Dedicated Service Award honors unusual dedicated voluntary service to the Society marked by outstanding performance, demonstrated effective leadership, prolonged, and committed service, devotion, enthusiasm, and faithfulness. Mr. Hunter’s dedication and devotion to BPV I, stems over 30 years having been a member since 1991. Now that’s dedication and devotion.

BPV I Hero - 2021
On Thursday November 4, 2021, David Tuttle was recognized as the 2021 recipient of the BPV I Hero award. Since David’s retirement, he has “upped” his game even more taking on numerous additional items and providing additional support and mentorship. Dave’s unique style and quick wit allow a normal mundane drab meeting to permeate to a higher level of camaraderie and friendship. Dave is a trusted voice, and he has established himself as one of the Hero’s and Giants of BPV I.

BPV I Hero – 2022
On Thursday May 5, 2022, BPV I Super Secretary Umberto D’Urso was presented with the 2022 Hero award. Mr. D’Urso has been a leading participant in the gains and organization of BPV I. His dedication and abilities further promote the success of BPV I and the committee’s appreciation does not go unnoticed.
**BPV I Hero – 2023**

On Thursday May 5, 2023, Mr. George Galanes was presented with the 2023 Hero award. George has participated on numerous committees spanning 18+ years. George not only participates on BPV I, but he serves on 19 ASME BPV committees. His tireless dedication and promotion of ASME and specifically BPV I are evident in all encounters.

![Ed Ortman(L) and Bob McLaughlin(C) present Geroge(R) the 2023 HERO Award](image)

**ASME Fellow**

As occurred during the “Time of Covid”, deserving recognition by our committee was difficult and sometimes almost non-existent in a face-to-face situation. One of those arose for one of our “Giants” being recognized by the ASME engineering community. Such recognition is limited to a few that have risen above and beyond the normal volunteer requirements and we take time to continue that recognition here.

Melissa Wadkinson was promoted to ASME Fellow grade of distinction on January 12, 2022. The ASME Committee of Past Presidents confers the Fellow grade of membership on worthy candidates to recognize their outstanding engineering achievements. Anyone that deals with Melissa is keenly aware of her dedication and outgoing personality. Melissa is a hard working and always energetic individual that volunteers for many tasks and is well known for high standards and participation. Melissa was nominated by her BPV colleagues and the below is partial snips of those nominations.

> “Melissa began her work on ASME Committees when she was appointed to the Section IV Subgroup on Welded Boilers in May of 2010. Since that beginning, her participation has grown to current membership on no less than thirteen ASME Committees across three Standards Committees including Section I Power Boilers (BPV I), Section IV Heating Boilers (BPV IV) and Controls and Safety Devices for Automatically Fired Boilers (CSDAFB). In addition, Melissa is an active member on three National Board Inspection Code Committees (NBIC) and NFPA 87 Committee on the Standard for Fluid Heaters. Demonstrating her leadership ability, Melissa is currently Chair of BPV IV, Chair of BPV IV Executive Committee, Vice Chair of the Subgroup on General Requirements and Piping (BPV I,) Vice Chair of the NBIC Main Committee, past Chair of Subgroup on Materials (BPV IV) and past Chair of Subgroup on Care and Operation of Heating Boilers (BPV IV).”

> “Ms. Wadkinson, as Chief Engineer with Fulton Boiler and registered Professional Mechanical Engineer, has always promoted safety through ASME Codes and Standards and participated in other industry Codes and Standards, namely the National Board Inspection Code.”

> “Above and beyond the work on the number of committees of which she is a member, she is also a strong volunteer for other subgroups and committees. She effectively uses her experience to strengthen Code revisions to address all users of Section I. Her desire that boilers be a safe source of thermal energy is evident in all the technical work that she performs, and she is willing to help others achieve those same goals. It is apparent to me that her experience and knowledge of small boilers including thermal fluid heaters, and the relevant ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Sections are recognized by her peers industry wide.”

We again take this time to congratulate Melissa on this achievement.

**THE GIANTS CORNER**

**Honorary Memberships**

- Paul Edwards – November 2021
- Jeff Henry – November 2021
- Peter Molvie – August 2022
- Robert Wielgoszinski – May 2023
Joel Feldstein – May 2023

COMMITTEE ETERNAL

We are hoping not to use this section of the newsletter very often, but we want a place to recognize those members that have passed into the Committee Eternal. The last few years have not been kind to our past committee members. The list is long and distinguished.

Michael Gold – passed away June 21, 2020
John Light – passed away June 22, 2020
Tom McGough – passed away November 29, 2020
Linda (Richard’s wife) Newell – passed December 2020
Jacqueline (Bob’s wife) Wielgoszinski – passed Feb 2021
Lloyd Yoder – passed away May 13, 2021
Owen Hedden – passed away July 7, 2021
Stuart Cameron – passed away October 7, 2021

John Mackay – passed away January 10, 2022
Robert (Bob) Schueler Jr – March 1, 2023

The dedication, friendship and mentorship of our past Giants will continue to have an impact for years to come.

KEEPING IN CONTACT

We want to know what you’re up to so please drop us a note and also let us know if it’s OK to share in this newsletter. See below for contact information.

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