

## Minnesota Chapter of ASPE and Minnesota Chapter of ASHRAE

The Board of Governors of the Minnesota Chapter of ASPE and the Board of Governors of the Minnesota Chapter of ASHRAE have agreed to a joint venture to complete a civic minded project. We have chosen to partner with Hearts & Hammers – Twin Cities and sponsor a house. Ultimately we would like to make this an annual event for our two chapters.

Hearts & Hammers – Twin Cities is a non-profit organization that provides exterior painting and home improvements for senior and physically disabled homeowners. Assistance is provided at no cost and is completed during program day events in May and September. Hearts and Hammers enables deserving Twin Cities' homeowners to continue living independently, in homes that are weatherproof, safe and secure.

Hearts & Hammers will be working on homes in Saint Paul's Promise Neighborhood on Saturday, **May 21, 2011**. The Promise Neighborhood includes parts of the Thomas-Dale and Summit-University neighborhoods.

A typical Hearts & Hammers home requires significant exterior painting, moderate carpentry, and landscaping to restore the weatherproofing, security and overall appearance of the home.

Labor for the home is provided by volunteers. An average team consists of fifty volunteers. We would ideally like to see a 50/50 split between the chapters, but no one will be turned away. No experience is necessary. Workers will be assigned to a work group that matches their interest or experience level. A volunteer survey will be handed out to determine interest and skills.

**Our immediate need is to find someone to act as Chairperson and Co-Chair** for the chapter to work along with the ASPE Chairperson and Co-Chair. The Chairperson would only be for this year. The Co-Chair would be a two year commitment. The Co-Chair would take over as Chairperson next year with a new volunteer Co-Chair coming in.

For more information concerning Hearts & Hammers you can visit their website:

**<http://www.heartsandhammers.org>**