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FOREWORD

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This foreword shall not be considered part of the standard; however, it is offered to provide background information.

In 1987, the ASSE's Board of Directors recognized the need to develop Professional Qualifications Standards for the plumbing and mechanical industry. Since that time, ASSE has developed a number of Professional Qualifications Standards, including the Series 5000, *Cross-Connection Control Professional Qualifications Standard*, and the Series 6000, *Professional Qualifications Standard for Medical Gas Systems Personnel*. Both of these important documents, now each considered the industry standard, were necessary to allow the Authority Having Jurisdiction to have nationally recognized standards, developed in an open consensus process by all industry stakeholders, to use in ensuring that individuals working on these critically important systems possess the knowledge and experience required to successfully perform the installation, testing, maintenance and inspection needed within our industry.

With the development of the ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 16000, *Professional Qualifications Standard for Inspectors and Plans Examiners*, the Society is again leading the way and raising the bar for the plumbing and mechanical industry. These important new standards spell out the experience, education, training, and general knowledge requirements for the inspectors who play a critical role in protecting the health and safety of both the general public and the industry itself.

Our ever changing industry is affected by innovation with the constant development of new materials, systems, and installation methods. The economy also plays a large role in funding for the education of public inspectors and the move toward third-party and multi-craft inspectors. With these industry developments, it was essential that national standards for inspectors and plans examiners be developed. That need has been fulfilled with the ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 16000.

Recognition is made of the time volunteered by members of the working group and of the industry members who participated in the development of this standard.

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This voluntary consensus standard was promulgated in accordance with procedures developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

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