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When it comes to the development of water leisure industry standards and codes with an emphasis on safety, few individuals have played such an important role in so many different standards and codes than Carvin DiGiovanni. Starting with his initial job in standards working for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), he has spent more than 28 years with the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP) looking for ways to build bridges with organizations like the World Waterpark Association. DiGiovanni got his start working with the WWA when he met Al Turner, the WWA’s founding president. Turner took the time to connect DiGiovanni with the waterpark industry so that he could help create new standards that would prove useful to waterpark operators. First, DiGiovanni worked alongside Wally James to create WWA’s first ANSI-approved standard for the waterpark industry, “ANSI/APSP-9 2005 American Nation Standard for Aquatic Recreational Facilities.” DiGiovanni and APSP provided the standards platform and James and the WWA members provided the technical content. Today, that standard is the basis for many of the state regulations governing waterparks.

The next collaboration continued to elevate safety standards for the water leisure industry. Working with Lee Hovis and Rick Root, DiGiovanni partnered with the International Code Council (ICC) to get the contents of the aforementioned ANSI waterpark standard into the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC). To date, this code has been adopted into law in 21 states and 119 local jurisdictions. Just imagine how many thousands of waterpark bathers and patrons are being kept safe daily because of these codes and standards. Of this code, DiGiovanni said, “each new revision is a reminder of the wonderful legacy we have forged together for future generations. I am pleased and honored to be part of it.”

DiGiovanni has been employed by APSP (formerly, National Spa and Pool Institute) from 1990 to the present. He currently is Vice President for Technical and Standards where he directs APSP’s standards and technical programs. His efforts have resulted in a safer and stronger industry that has benefited the consumer and APSP members. In addition, he was recently presented with the International Code Council Affiliate Award “in recognition of his service and commitment to the development of codes and standards in the interest of public safety.”

DiGiovanni’s accomplishments in the standards and technical arena have positioned the APSP as the authority on pools, spas and hot tubs to government, regulators and consumers.