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In the toleged subject to Section 16.STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESForm 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).							Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5				
(Print or Type R	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Johnsen Karl E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ [AZPN]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 20 CROSBY DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2018					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Senior Vice President and CFO			
			endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				~		Person			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	ate 2A. Deer r) Executio any	med n Date, if	 I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or 		uired, Disposed of 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial			
Common Stock	02/12/2018			Code V M	Amount 8,592	(D) A	Price \$ 45.46	(instr. 3 and 4) 44,772	D		
Common Stock	02/12/2018			S	8,592	D	\$ 72.88 (1)	36,180	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.46	02/12/2018		М	8,592	(2)	08/31/2026	Common Stock	8,592

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 3 1 1 1 1 1 1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Johnsen Karl E C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 20 CROSBY DRIVE BEDFORD, MA 01730			Senior Vice President and CFO				
Signatures							
/s/ F. G. Hammond, attorney-in-fact f Johnsen	or Mr.	(02/14/2018				

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in several transactions at prices ranging from \$72.86 to \$72.96, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Aspen Technology, Inc., any security holder of Aspen Technology,

- (1) Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (2) The option granted at the exercise price of \$45.46 vests in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of the quarter, beginning on September 30, 2016.

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