Sullivan Mark P. Form 4 May 17, 2011

## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Sullivan Mark P.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

(Zip)

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/

(Check all applicable)

[AZPN]

Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 200

05/13/2011

(Month/Day/Year)

below)

WHEELER ROAD

(Street)

(State)

(First)

**EVP & CFO** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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**BURLINGTON, MA 01803** 

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 1)	
Common Stock	05/13/2011		M	9,281	A	\$ 10.93	102,885	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2011		S	5,500 (1)	D	\$ 16.6481	97,385	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2011		S	3,781 (2)	D	\$ 16.626	93,604	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 or 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)	\$ 10.93	05/13/2011		M	9,281	(3)	08/01/2017	Common Stock	9,281

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Sullivan Mark P.							
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.			EVP &				
200 WHEELER ROAD			CFO				
BURLINGTON, MA 01803							

# **Signatures**

/s/ F.G. Hammond, Attorney-In-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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 multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.625 to \$16.70, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Aspen Technology, Inc., any security holder of Aspen Technology, 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.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.60 to \$16.66, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Aspen Technology, Inc., any security holder of Aspen Technology, 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.

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(3) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 49,500 shares, was granted at the exercise price of \$10.93 and vests in 16 quarterly installments on the last business day of each consecutive quarter beginning on September 30, 2010.

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