DINNER RESERVATIONS

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Meeting Information

DATE:

Wednesday, November 14

HOST:
Management Group
Nebraska Section ASCE

TOPIC:
“Recent National Developments and Opportunities”

SPEAKER:

W. Don Nelson, Nebraska State Director for United States Senator Ben Nelson

TIMES:
5:30-6:30..............Social Hour
6:30-7:30...............Dinner
7:30-9:00...Meeting and Program

LOCATION:

The Steakhouse
34th and Cornhusker
Lincoln, Nebraska

MENU:
9-oz. Club Steak
Teriyaki Chicken
Halibut Steak

PRICE:
$15.00
(including coffee or tea and gratuity)

W. Don Nelson

W. Don Nelson is the Nebraska State Director for U.S. Senator Ben Nelson. As such, he supervises a staff of twelve professionals and five interns in Lincoln, Omaha, McCook, and Chadron. Prior to his current public service assignment, he was a Nebraska investment banker from 1987-2000, and was Managing Director/Manager for the Nebraska office of a national securities firm for six of those years. Prior to that, he was a chief policy advisor for Governors Bob Kerrey (NE), Ed Herschler (WY), J. James Exon (NE), and Norbert Tiemann (NE). He also worked for Congressman Douglas K. Bereuter in 1969-71 when Bereuter was Director of the Nebraska State Office of Planning and Programming.

While in the private sector, Mr. Nelson has participated in a wide range of financings from $50,000 to $340 million. He is experienced in both tax exempt and taxable financing for public and corporate clients. The areas covered by these financings include student loans, school districts and higher education facilities, multi-family and single-family affordable

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What’s in Store for 2001-2002?

Hello fellow members of the Nebraska Section of ASCE. I hope that everyone is busy and things are going well. With the events of the last couple of months, I have not had the opportunity to thank everyone who attended the two monthly meetings we have had so far this year. Both meetings were well attended and our speakers (Dave Jesse of the Harry A. Koch Company for the September meeting and Terry Atkins of Lamp, Rynearson and Associates for the October meeting) gave excellent and timely presentations. In addition to those who have attended and participated in our monthly meetings, I would also like to thank several members of our Section who participated in the Heartland of America Parade that was held on October 7 in Ralston.

As has been discussed in previous newsletters, Board members of the Nebraska Section of ASCE voted last year to increase our annual Section membership dues from $7.50 to $15. No one is exactly sure when our last dues increase was, but it had been over 10 years. Because we asked section members for the increase and they responded, now is a good time to go over some of the 2001-2002 goals of the Nebraska Section to let you know how your money is being spent.

Some of the primary goals and activities that are in store for 2001-2002 from the Nebraska Section of ASCE include the following.

- Increasing our involvement and commitment to Student members and Younger members. Some of the new activities we will and have used to accomplish this goal included sending a representative to the Younger Members symposium at the National meeting in Houston, and the establishment of a student scholarship by the Geotechnical Technical Committee. Continued activities will include financial support of activities such as the Concrete Canoe Contest and the Balsa Wood Truss Contest with the help and financial support of the Structural Technical Committee.

- Active participation in the ASCE 150th Anniversary Celebration. The 150th Anniversary of ASCE has officially begun. At the Houston Conference last month, Bob Bein the ASCE immediate Past President, formally launched the 150th Anniversary. The anniversary provides members with the opportunity of a lifetime to increase public awareness and understanding of the civil engineering profession. For the next year, ASCE will be showing and telling the public what civil engineers have done in the past, what they do today, and what civil engineering can do in the future. The Nebraska Section Chair for 150 Anniversary activities is Joe Waxse, and we are looking forward to local events and activities.

- General activities to improve and enhance the image of our profession. This has always been a primary goal of ASCE on the local and National levels. New activities have included the establishment of an emergency disaster response list and participation in events, such as the Heartland of America Parade, that illustrate the role of civil engineers to the public. Continued activities will include things such as Future City.

The activities and events described in this column are just a few ways that the Nebraska Section of ASCE is here to serve our members. If you want to find out more, just go to a meeting and/or volunteer to serve as a Board member. We can always use your help.

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2001-2002 Important Dates

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Call for Abstracts

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) conference “Steel Bridges: Emerging Technologies with Emphasis on High Performance Steel” will be held December 12-13, 2002 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The focus of this conference is on the design, fabrication, construction, and research issues related to steel bridges. This conference will represent the second major FHWA undertaking to transfer the latest developments in the field of steel bridges to bridge engineers. At the first conference, held in Baltimore, MD in November 2000, more than 400 bridge engineers, including twenty State Bridge Engineers were present. Similar participation is expected for the Salt Lake City conference.

Authors are encouraged to submit a one page abstract related to various aspects of steel bridges, including research, design, fabrication, construction, seismic issues, and case studies. A panel consisting of engineers, researchers, and academicians will select the abstracts to be presented in the conference. The selected abstracts will be divided into two categories: Oral Presentation at the conference and Poster Presentation during a designated time at the conference. The authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit a paper, which after peer review will appear in the conference proceedings. The deadline for receiving the abstracts is November 20, 2001. Interested authors should fax their abstracts to Dr. Atorod Azizinamini at (402)472-6658 or email it to aazizi@unl.edu. For more information call (402)472-3462 or contact Mr. John Hooks at (202)366-6712 or Mr. Vasant Mistry at (202)366-4599 of FHWA.

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housing, jails, health care, public power, water and sewer and sanitary and improvement districts.

Don graduated from the University of Florida and received his M.S. degree and Juris Doctor degree from Florida State University. He is licensed to practice law in the states of Nebraska, Florida, and Wyoming. He currently serves on the board of an $8 billion public pension and investment board, the Nebraska Investment Council.
The Challenge

Our Society has organized and managed the very popular National Engineers Week Future City Competition™ for the last five years. This competition is composed of competing teams of three 7th and/or 8th graders, a teacher, and an engineer mentor who will represent a school in an effort to plan, design and build a future city. Their mission will be to design a city using the award-winning SimCity 3000™ program, build a three dimensional model of this city using recyclable materials, write an abstract about their city and essay about a selected engineering, and give an oral presentation about their vision of a futuristic community.

The success of this program depends on the dedication of our members’ enthusiastic participation with these (possibly) future engineers or professionals. Participating members’ special time is spent interacting with their team(s), providing insight into designing a city, providing tours of their office or the job site or just taking a moment to listen. These opportunities for interacting with our Society’s members are greatly appreciated by the students.

Here is the Challenge to all of our members: sponsor a school by being a mentor and actively interact with these young aspiring professionals. You can involve your coworkers in assisting the school's development of their future city and help develop a team that is a national winner for the Heartland schools. If you are interested in participating in this exciting competition, please call me at (402) 533-6550 and/or email me at futurecity@neasce.org.

Kirby Woods, Future City Coordinator

Nebraska Chapter ACI 2001 Awards of Excellence

Annual Competition for the Use of Concrete in Nebraska

The Nebraska Chapter of the American Concrete Institute announces its tenth annual Concrete Awards Program. The purpose of this competition is to recognize outstanding work in concrete construction and practices within the state of Nebraska.

Noteworthy projects that highlight special uses or innovative construction techniques will be recognized. To obtain an entry form please print one from the ACI Nebraska website. The address is: www.acinebraska.org.

Mail all entries to:
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A Note from the Editor

The deadline for the January edition of The Nebraska Civil Engineer is December 28. Send ideas for items that could be included in this newsletter, articles, or information to:

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