October Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019

Host: Nebraska ASCE Construction Technical Group

Spouses and Guests Welcome

Location:
LES
9445 Rokeby Road
Lincoln, NE 68526

Program: “New Lincoln Electric System Operations Center”

Presenter: Dan Pudenz and Samantha Harris

Times:
6:00 pm Check-in and Tour
7:30 pm Dinner—Cactus Modern Mexican and Cantina
(5500 South 56th St, Suite 1, Lincoln, NE 68516)

Menu/Price:
Taco Buffet with pork carnitas and seasoned chicken

ASCE Members $15.00 with meal or $10.00 without, Guests $20.00
Payable to NEASCE at the door (cash, check, or credit card).

Life Members and Students are FREE....but you must register.

Registration/Deadline:
Sign up by 12:00 AM on Monday, October 14, 2019 HERE.
From the President

Hello Nebraska Section members!

Our year is off to a great start. Last month we held our Structural monthly meeting with a good turnout of 43 attendees, as well as our Annual ASCE/SEON Structural Conference. There was great content available at both events and hopefully, many of you were able to take advantage of these events offered by ASCE.

This month, our monthly meeting is hosted by our Construction Technical Committee and will be a site visit of LES (Lincoln Electric System) operations center. This project is a two-phase project. Phase one is currently operational and Phase two is set to be operational in 2021. I hope to see you at the meeting on October 17th!

Also happening this month, the Younger Member Group will be hosting a tailgate event for an upcoming Husker game. Keep an eye out for future details and see you in Lincoln for food, fun, and football.

As always, feel free to reach out to me at Elizabeth.vacek@lamprynearson.com with questions, comments, or the chance to get more involved with the Section.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Vacek

Elizabeth Vacek, President, ASCE Nebraska Section
**September Meeting Summary**

The September meeting was hosted by the Nebraska Structural Group. The featured presenter was Mark Traynowicz about the 2019 flooding in Nebraska and the impact it had. The list below can be considered official documentation of attendance at the annual meeting and presentation worth one (1) PDH credit.

- Tregan Albers
- Khalid Alkady
- Brendan Barnes
- Michael Baurmert
- Nessida Belemkoabga
- Patrick Benda
- Scott Campbell
- Kancha Devkota
- Nate Dickerson
- Dylan Downes
- Jeff Ehler
- Seyed Mohammadreza Farooghi Mehr
- Mark Flott
- Bernard Frankl
- David Gee
- Scott Gililand
- Eli Green
- Jawad Gull
- Kyle Kauzlarich
- Josh Keithley
- Jeff Kopocis
- Rich Kotan
- Yijun Liao
- Adam Mace
- Mark Maineli
- Garrett Martindale
- Matt McConville
- Nancy Melby
- Shuyah Tani Aurore Ouoba
- Ryan Paradis
- Ian Plummer
- Lucas Ripa
- Riley Ruskamp
- Muhammad Khalid Saifullah
- Chugwook Sim
- Mike Sklenar
- Joshua Steelman
- Mark Traynowicz
- Tunc Uludag
- Brandon Vacek
- Jordan Vietz
- Richard Wood
- Matthew Wynegar
On September 22-23, 2019, 107 Section and Branch Presidents, Region Governors and Society Directors from across the country and abroad (as far away as Nigeria) attended the annual Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) in Reston, VA at ASCE Headquarters. This event provided opportunities for attendees to learn about ASCE resources, network with other ASCE leaders, and develop skills that would benefit their Sections and Branches.

The program began on Sunday and included sessions such as “Introduction to your Presidency,” “How to Utilize your Governors,” “An Introduction to Region 10,” “Leadership in the Century of Disruption” “Legal Issues for Sections and Branches” and the “Philadelphia Section Mentoring Program.” President-Elect Kancheepuram Gunalan, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE and Executive Director Tom Smith, CAE, ENV SP, F.ASCE shared their thoughts and experiences on Society activities. On Sunday evening, the attendees attended a networking social and dinner in Reston Town Center.

Monday continued with additional Best Practice sessions on Struggling Sections and Branches; Developing a State Infrastructure Report Card; Student Transition Strategies; Running a Successful Section/Branch; and Creating a Successful Website and the Effective Use of Social Media. The program continued with a Roundtable Discussion sharing measurable goals for their Section/Branch and Resource Breakouts from Society Staff members, followed by a competitive game of JeopardASCE. Closing remarks were made by President-Elect Elect Jean-Louis Briaud, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, Dist.M.ASCE.

After two solid days spent with ASCE, attendees left with new knowledge that will be useful in their upcoming year as a Section or Branch leader.

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