

NEBRASKA SECTION RULES OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

Section 1. See Nebraska Section Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. See Nebraska Section Constitution.

ARTICLE III. DUES

Section 1. The annual dues for members of the Nebraska Section shall be 15.00 dollars payable in advance of January 1st. The President or Treasurer shall communicate modifications to this value to the Society.

Section 2. See Nebraska Section Constitution and Bylaws for additional information.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers shall include:

- President
- President-Elect
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Younger Member Chair
- Past President
- Two (2) Directors

Section 2. Duties of the Officers, in addition to those described elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws, are as follows:

- (a) The President shall appoint subsidiary organization presidents and chairs, committee chairs, and support function representatives. The President shall schedule Officer/Board meetings and chair such meetings, forward resolutions passed by the Officers to the appropriate recipients, provide the Newsletter Editor a column for each edition of the newsletter, review the Newsletter prior to publication, and complete other tasks as necessary.
- (b) The President-Elect shall chair meetings in the absence of the President, plan the Annual Meeting each May, audit the previous year's closed budget, and complete other tasks as assigned.
- (c) The Vice President shall collect reservations for each meeting if required, coordinate the recognition of Life Members at the Annual Meeting (obtain certificates from Society staff, invite honorees and their guests, present the certificates), and complete other tasks as assigned.
- (d) The Secretary shall compile meeting minutes not later than seven (7) calendar days after each Officer/Board meeting for review and comment, present minutes for approval at the following Officer/Board meeting, coordinate the completion and submission of the Annual Report to Society headquarters, and complete other tasks as assigned.
- (e) The Treasurer shall manage and keep records of all financial transactions of the Section, authorize reimbursements, complete and track an annual budget for approval and inclusion in the Annual Report, obtain speaker gifts, maintain the Section's PayPal account, and complete other tasks as assigned.
- (f) The Younger Member Chair shall represent Younger Member opinions to the Officers, lead the Younger Member Group (YMG), and maintain the YMG

Bylaws. Additional information on the YMG can be found in Article V, Section 2(c).

- (g) The Past President shall serve as Region 7 Assembly Representative and complete other tasks as assigned. A complete list of duties for the Region 7 Assembly Representative can be found in the "Rules of Policy and Procedures Manual" for Region 7.
- (h) The Directors shall represent the Advisory Board to the Governing Body and complete any tasks assigned.
- (i) Officers are expected to attend Officer/ Board meetings and Section meetings.
- (j) If any office is shared between multiple individuals, the office shall hold one (1) vote in total.

ARTICLE V. SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS

- Section 1.** Subsidiary organizations (Members of the Advisory Board) shall include:
- Structural Technical Group / Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) Chapter of the Nebraska Section
 - Construction Technical Group
 - Management Technical Group
 - Water Resources Technical Group
 - Geotechnical Technical Group / Nebraska Geo-Institute (G-I) Chapter
 - Environmental Technical Group
 - Transportation Technical Group
 - Younger Member Group
 - Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI) Nebraska Chapter
- Technical groups may prefer to be referred to as committees.

- Section 2.** Duties of subsidiary organizations, in addition to those described elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws, are as follows:
- (a) One monthly Section meeting each year shall be planned by each of the technical subsidiary organizations. The following are examples of such groups: structural, construction, management, water resources, geotechnical, environmental, and transportation. The AEI Chapter is not required to plan a Section meeting each year.
 - (b) Additional events may be planned by the subsidiary organizations, such as annual conferences or seminars.
 - (c) The Younger Member Group shall encourage involvement among members of the Section 35 years of age and under, host events aimed at Younger Members, communicate with the ASCE Committee on Younger Members about topics of interest, attend the Younger Member Leadership Symposium, represent the Section at the Multi-Region Younger Member Council, and complete other tasks as assigned.
 - (d) Announcements for all meetings shall be provided to the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster at least one month in advance of the meeting date. The meeting date (at minimum) shall be provided to the same individuals for inclusion in the preceding month's newsletter. An article summarizing the Section meeting shall be provided to the Newsletter Editor to be published in the next month's newsletter. Accompanying photos are encouraged.
 - (e) Representatives from the subsidiary organizations are expected to attend Board meetings and Section meetings.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

- Section 1.** Committees shall include:
- History and Heritage
 - Legislative Affairs
 - Membership

- Fundraising
- Truss Bustin' Competition
- Future City Competition

Section 2. Duties of Committee Chairs (Members of the Advisory Board), in addition to those described elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws, are as follows:

- (a) The History and Heritage Chair/Committee shall complete any nomination forms necessary to designate a Civil Engineering Landmark, maintain information on existing Civil Engineering Landmarks, coordinate local events in coordination with Society Anniversaries, and complete other tasks as necessary. Current landmarks include:
 - a. The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation Project was dedicated as an American Society of Civil Engineers Historical Landmark on September 14, 1979. The plaque is located at the south end of Kinglsey Dam near Ogallala, Nebraska.
 - b. The Bryan Bridge on U.S. Highway 20 near Valentine, Nebraska, was designated a State Historic Civil Engineering Landmark on May 9, 1995. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 23, 1988.
 - c. The Section may have been involved in preparation of the Nelson Buck Historical Site near Marion, Nebraska, but no information is available in the Section's archives.
- (b) The Legislative Affairs Chair/Committee shall complete the annual State-Public Affairs Grant (SPAG) application (if necessary), represent the Section at meetings of the Professional Engineers Coalition (PEC), communicate with the PEC lobbyist to obtain information on bills of interest in the Unicameral, provide appropriate legislative information to the Section Officers/Board and Newsletter Editor/Webmaster for publication, and complete other tasks as necessary.
- (c) The Membership Chair/Committee shall access the Section database when necessary for official Section purposes, distribute email messages to members (e.g. meeting announcements/registration information, newsletters, volunteer opportunities, etc.), provide prospective members information on ASCE, welcome recent graduates and new members of the Section, assist in grade advancement applications (e.g. Associate Member to Member, Member to Fellow), encourage active participation, and complete other tasks as necessary.
- (d) The Fundraising Chair/Committee shall obtain sponsors for the Section newsletter, obtain sponsors for Section meetings when necessary, provide the sponsor list/advertisements to the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, and complete other tasks as necessary.
- (e) The Truss Bustin' and Future City Chairs/Committees shall plan all aspects of their respective outreach events, provide advertisements for their respective events to the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, and complete other tasks as necessary.
- (f) Committee chairs are expected to attend Board meetings and Section meetings.

ARTICLE VII. SUPPORT FUNCTION REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. Support Function Representatives (Members of the Advisory Board) shall include:

- Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster
- Engineering Roundtable Representative
- Practitioner Advisors

Section 2. Duties of Support Function Representatives, in addition to those described elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws, are as follows:

- (a) The Newsletter Editor shall prepare and circulate a newsletter in advance of each Section meeting, photograph Section meetings and obtain a follow-up article and photos from the meeting's planner for the next newsletter, coordinate the

inclusion of an ASCE ad in the E-Week supplement (when approved by the Board), assist the Fundraising Chair in obtaining sponsor advertisements for the newsletter, and complete other tasks as assigned. The newsletter shall be provided to the Section membership not later than the first day of the month of the meeting. Photos should also be posted to the Section's Flickr (or other photo site) account (see Section (b), below).

- (b) The Webmaster shall maintain the Section web site, solicit input/information to include from members of the Board or Committees, post the newsletter and other events, e-mail the newsletter to appropriate individuals with Society Headquarters and Region 7, maintain any email addresses associated with the web site, maintain the Section's Flickr (or other photo site) account, and complete other tasks as necessary.
- (c) The Engineering Roundtable Representative shall represent the Section in planning events for E-Week, attend Roundtable meetings as scheduled, report to the Section news from the Roundtable, and complete other tasks as necessary.
- (d) The Practitioner Advisors to Student Chapters shall maintain contact with their respective Student Chapter Presidents and Faculty Advisors, serve as a liaison between the Student Chapter and the Section, attend Student Chapter meetings/events, encourage Student Members to upgrade their membership after graduation, and complete other tasks as necessary. Practitioner Advisors shall also work with the Younger Member Group Chair(s) as necessary for outreach to Student Chapters.
- (e) Support Function Representatives are expected to attend Board meetings and Section meetings.

ARTICLE VIII. AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Section 1. The Section shall present awards at the Annual Banquet each year. Following the Annual Banquet, the awardees shall be recognized on the Section website and in a June issue of the Nebraska Civil Engineer.

- (a) Outstanding Senior Award
 - a. Two awards are given annually – one to a senior from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and one to a senior from the University of Nebraska – Omaha. The President-Elect or his/her delegate will contact Practitioner Advisors for each Chapter to determine the winners. Recipients shall be Student Members of the Society (S.M.ASCE) and active members of the Student Chapter at their respective campus.
 - b. The award consists of a plaque or certificate and a check.
 - c. Award winners and up to two guests are invited to attend the Annual Banquet at no cost.
- (b) Life Member Award
 - a. Each year, ASCE provides the names of those members achieving Life Member status during a calendar year.
 - b. The Vice President or his/her delegate will contact these individuals, invite them and a guest to attend the Annual Banquet at no cost, and obtain biographical information to use during the presentation of certificates.
 - c. The award consists of a certificate provided by Society headquarters. The Vice President's contact information shall be provided if asked to designate the individual to whom the certificate(s) should be sent.
- (c) Outstanding Service to Section
 - a. Each year, the President and an additional two (2) Officers or members of the Advisory Board will select an individual to recognize for efforts of particular benefit to ASCE, the Section, or the Profession since the last Annual Meeting.

- b. The award consists of a plaque. During the award presentation, the specific event or endeavor for which the individual is being recognized shall be described.
- (d) Special Achievement for Long Term Service
 - a. This is an optional award, given when the President and an additional two (2) Officers or members of the Advisory Board feel the length of an individual's service is of particular merit.
 - b. The award consists of a plaque.
- (e) Section President Recognition
 - a. The outgoing Section President shall be recognized with a plaque and Past President pin (which can be ordered through the Geographic Services Department at ASCE).

Section 2. The Section shall fund and award scholarships annually to engineering students in the State of Nebraska.

- (a) Dr. Ralph Peck – Dr. Joseph Benak Engineering Achievement Scholarship
 - a. A minimum of one (1) one thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarship will be available to a student demonstrating an interest in Geotechnical Engineering.
 - b. The Geotechnical Committee, with Officer approval, is responsible for determining the amount of funding and details of the agreement with the University of Nebraska.
- (b) Nebraska Section, ASCE Student Support Fund for Transportation Engineers
 - a. A one thousand five hundred dollar (\$1500) scholarship will be available to a student pursuing a career in Transportation Engineering.
 - b. The Transportation Committee, with Officer approval, is responsible for determining the amount of funding and details of the agreement with the University of Nebraska.
- (c) American Society of Civil Engineers Nebraska Section Scholarship/Fellowship Fund (a self-sustaining fund)
 - a. A minimum of one (1) one thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarship will be available to a student at the University of Nebraska (either campus).
 - b. Preference will be given to undergraduate students who are active in the ASCE Student Chapter.
- (d) The Geotechnical and Transportation Conference proceeds will be used to fund the scholarships listed in (a) and (b), respectively. Proceeds from a given fiscal year will be designated for funding in the following fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Rules of Policy and Procedures of the Nebraska Section of ASCE will be approved by the following procedure:

- (a) The proposed Rules of Policy and Procedure shall be provided to the Section Officers/Board in advance of a scheduled Officer/Board meeting.
- (b) The Rules of Policy and Procedure will be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Section Officers.

Section 2. The Rules of Policy and Procedures of the Nebraska Section of ASCE may be amended by the following procedure:

- (a) The proposed amendment(s) shall be provided to the Section Officers/Board in advance of a scheduled Officer/Board meeting.
- (b) The proposed amendment(s) will be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Section Officers.

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