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Meeting Information

DATE:

Wednesday, January 23

CO-HOSTS:

Water Resources Group
Nebraska Section ASCE, and
UNL Student Chapter

SPEAKER:

Roger K. Patterson
Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

TOPIC:

The New Nebraska-Wyoming
Water Rights Agreement for the
North Platte Basin.

TIMES:

6:30-7:15...Meeting and Program
7:15-8:00.....Dinner

LOCATION:

53 Henzlik Hall
Between 15th & 16th Streets
North of Vine
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
(Park at new parking garage at 16th &

Q)

MENU:

Pizza (\$10.00)

Checks payable to ASCE-UNL Student Chapter

DINNER RESERVATIONS

*RSVP with menu choice by noon on
Monday 1/21/02*

*In Omaha and Eastern Nebraska:
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Roger K. Patterson

Roger Patterson was appointed Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources by Governor Mike Johanns in January 1999. In July 1, 2000, the Department of Natural Resources was formed with the merger of the Department of Water Resources and the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and Patterson was named Director of this newly formed agency. Prior to his appointment with the State of Nebraska, he spent 25 years with the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior, working in several of the western states.

His most recent assignment with the Bureau of Reclamation was as Regional Director of the Mid Pacific Region in Sacramento, California where he oversaw a staff of 800 employees and an annual budget of \$300 million.

Patterson has been honored with numerous awards throughout his career, among them the 1995 Presidential Rank Distinguished Executive Award, the highest award bestowed on a Federal career employee. This presidential-level honor

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President's Comments

It Was a Good Year After All



Bob Kalinski, President
Nebraska Section, ASCE

Happy New Year to all members of the Nebraska Section and here's to a prosperous 2002! Many events occurred in 2001 that impacted members of the Nebraska Section and all of ASCE and brought attention to our profession. Although my list is certainly not all-inclusive, some of the more high-profile events that made the past year memorable are listed below.

- The job market and workloads of Civil Engineers started at a gangbuster pace in 2001, but slowed toward the end of the year as capital expenditures on construction projects were reduced in response to an economy that was slipping into recession. Overall, however, the future job market for civil engineers continues to be strong as our country upgrades and secures our infrastructure and the federal government continues to free up cash for economic stimulation.
- Construction accelerated at the new Omaha Convention Center/Arena and many local environmental, geotechnical, structural, and water resources civil engineers were involved with planning, design, and construction efforts.
- The terrorists attacks of September 11 taught us that the achievements of our profession could be construed as a threat to some, and were in fact the target of established political entities that disapproved of the American culture and way of life. Ironically, the alleged leader of the attacks has used the title "construction engineer" in the past. But the attacks also taught the public about the fragile nature of engineering structures and hopefully added a degree of respect for our profession. One can only hope that watching a structure come down will make the public appreciate what it takes to put one up. Incidentally, five members of ASCE were killed in the attacks on the World Trade Center.
- In November, Governor Gray Davis of California indicated that his office had received credible evidence of terrorist threats aimed specifically at suspension bridges, including the Golden Gate Bridge

and San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Immediately, the buildings around the ends of the suspension cables were secured. These threats showed us that the terrorists who were focused wreaking havoc in our country could also have adequate engineering knowledge to determine how structures could be most vulnerable to malicious acts.

- In December, military and civilian engineers became involved with the rebuilding of Afghanistan following removal of the Taliban regime and al Qaeda network.
- On January 1, 2002, the Los Angeles Section returned ASCE to the Tournament of Roses Parade for the first time since 1980. The beautiful float was entitled "Building a Better World" and was awarded as "Best Artistic Impression" for all parade floats and was raved about by those who described the float for major television networks.

Although many of the infamous events of 2001 were not things that we would want or hope for, it is difficult to argue that they did heighten public awareness and teach us new things about our profession, thus making 2001 a good year after all.

2002 Important Dates

- Jan 23 JANUARY MEETING (Co-hosted by Water Resources Group and UNL Student Chapter), Lincoln
- Feb 17-23 **National Engineers Week**
- Feb 28 FEBRUARY MEETING (Hosted by Geotechnical Group), Omaha
- Mar 1 **ANNUAL GEOTECHNICAL CONFERENCE**
- Mar 14 MARCH MEETING (Hosted by Environmental Group), TBA
- Apr 11 APRIL MEETING (Co-hosted by Transportation Group and UNO Student Chapter), Omaha
- May TBA ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET, GOLF OUTING
- Oct 3 MONTHLY MEETING (Hosted by Structural Group)
- Oct 4 **ANNUAL STRUCTURAL CONFERENCE**

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E-WEEK BANQUET
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2002
 Sponsored by the Engineer's Roundtable

“NASA Astronaut Development Program”

Astronaut Clayton C. Anderson will speak about his experiences in NASA's Astronaut Development Program. Mr. Anderson is a native of Ashland, Nebraska. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics from Hastings College in 1981 and a Master of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering from Iowa State University in 1983. Anderson joined the Johnson Space Center in 1983 and served in the Mission Planning and Analysis Division, the Mission Operations Directorate, and the Flight Design and Dynamics Division. From 1996 until his selection for Astronaut Candidate Training, Anderson held the post of Manager, Emergency Operations Center, NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Selected for the Astronaut Development Program in June 1998, he reported for training in August 1998. Anderson is currently assigned to the Astronaut Office International Space Station Operations Branch as the crew representative for the Station's electrical power system. He will serve in technical assignments until assigned to a space flight.

Location:

Cascio's Steak House
 1620 South 10th Street

Time:

6:00 PM – Social Hour (Cash Bar)
 7:00 PM – Banquet & Speaker

Lead Society & Master of Ceremonies:

The lead society for this year's national E-Week is the American Society of Civil Engineers. Joe Waxse will be our Master of Ceremonies.

Dinner Selections & Prices:

Entrée Choices:

10oz. Club Steak	\$22.00
9 oz. Broiled Chicken Breast	\$20.00
10 oz. Grilled Halibut	\$24.00

(Dinner selection includes salad, baked potato, bread, vegetable, choice of beverage and dessert.)

*In order to provide a total attendance count to Cascio's, only advanced reservations will be accepted. Advanced reservations, menu choices, attendee's name and payment must be received by **Monday, February 11, 2002**. Checks should be made payable to the **“E-Week Roundtable.”** Please clip the reservation form below (add an additional sheet if required), attach payment and send to the address shown.*

Send to: Phil Rossbach
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 8404 Indian Hills Drive
 Omaha, NE 68114-4049

Attendee's Name(s)	Quantity	Menu Choice	Total Cost
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_____, _____	_____	Broiled Chicken x \$20	_____
_____, _____	_____	Grilled Halibut x \$24	_____
Total Cost			_____

Roger K. Patterson, Continued

recognized Patterson for his leadership role in the development and supervision of water resource management programs which have a major environmental and economic impact on millions of California residents. In 1999, Patterson received the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award for achievements in addressing engineering, environmental, and public concerns as Regional Director of the Mid-Pacific Region.

He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska with degrees in civil engineering. Patterson and his wife, Linda, have two daughters.

In addition to being agency Director, Patterson is Chairman of the Nebraska Boundary Compact Commission and is the State Representative to the Missouri River Basin Association, State Environmental Trust Board, Blue River Compact, Republican River Compact and the Upper Niobrara River Compact.

Terracon - Omaha Receives National Younger Member Award

Terracon's Omaha office was acknowledged as a recipient of the 2001 Employer Recognition Award, presented by the ASCE Committee on Younger Members (CYM). The award is given to recognize employers who support younger member participation in ASCE activities. Thirteen offices of engineering firms nationwide received this award, whose names were published in the December 2001 issue of *ASCE News*.

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The latest edition of this newsletter can be found on the Nebraska Section's website. Just go to www.neasce.org and click on the *News* link.

Last Month's Meeting



At left, Don Nelson talks during the Management Meeting about recent national events and the state of affairs for a US Senator. Twenty-two people attended the meeting held last November at The Steak House in Lincoln. They were:

W. Don Nelson (speaker)	Dave Admiraal
Joe Waxse	Ryan Paradis
Larry Fischer	Keith Endern (visitor from Tenn.)
Brad Levich	Tom Mamik
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19th ANNUAL GEOTECHNICAL SEMINAR

GEO-Omaha 2002

MARCH 1, 2002
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The annual geotechnical seminar provides a forum for the presentation of a wide variety of geotechnical field, design, and construction-related topics. This year we are honored to have as presenters Dr. Robert Koerner, Dr. Jean-Louis Briaud, Mr. R. Gordon McKeen, Mr. David Butler, Mr. Melvin I. Esrig, and Mr. Jim Morrison (no, not THAT Jim Morrison). Please join us for what promises to be an interesting and informative program. As always, 0.75 CEU's will be awarded for conference attendance.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

All professionals who are involved in geotechnical exploration, design, construction, or observation. This would include:

- Engineers/Geologists
- University Instructors
- Technicians/Contractors

INFORMATION

ADMISSION to the seminar is by registration. To ensure admission, complete the registration and mail early.

THE REGISTRATION FEE covers coffee breaks, lunch and handout material.

REFUNDS will be made if the conference is canceled or if the applicant cancels no later than five working days prior to the conference date.

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LOCATION

The Kiewit Conference Center is located at 13th and Farnam, across from the Central Park Mall, downtown Omaha, Nebraska. Parking is provided directly south of the Center in the Omaha Park II garage.

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GEO-Omaha 2002

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2002

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Registration fee is \$105.00 on or before February 22, 2002;
\$130.00 after this date. Full time students pay \$25.00.

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**19TH ANNUAL GEOTECHNICAL
SEMINAR
GEO-Omaha 2002**

**MARCH 1, 2002
KIEWIT CONFERENCE CENTER
OMAHA, NEBRASKA**

MORNING SESSION

7:30 - 8:00 Registration, Kiewit Conference Center

8:00 - 8:15 Welcome

8:15 - 9:15 “Field Investigations for Characterizing
Expansive Soils”
Mr. R. Gordon McKeen, P.E.
Associate Director, ATR Institute,
University of New Mexico

9:15 - 10:15 “Segmental Retaining Walls –
Drainage”
Dr. Robert Koerner, P.E., Ph.D.
H. L. Bowman Professor of Civil
Engineering, Drexel University,
Director of the Geosynthetic
Research Institute (GRI)

10:15 - 10:45 Break/Vendor Displays

10:45 - 11:45 “The Pressuremeter: Do’s and Don’ts”
Dr. Jean-Louis Briaud, P.E., Ph.D.
Spencer J. Buchanan Professor
of Civil Engineering, Texas A & M
University

11:45 - 12:00 “EFA: A New Geotechnical Tool”
Dr. Jean-Louis Briaud, P.E., Ph.D.
Spencer J. Buchanan Professor
of Civil Engineering, Texas A & M
University

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch/Vendor Displays

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 - 1:45 “Geophysical Myths, Legends, and
Applications”
Mr. David Butler
Chief Geophysicist, MicroGeophysics
Corporation

1:45 - 2:30 “Lateral and Vertical Landfill
Expansion”
Dr. Robert Koerner, P.E., Ph.D.
H. L. Bowman Professor of Civil
Engineering, Drexel University,
Director of the Geosynthetic
Research Institute (GRI)

2:30 - 3:00 Break/Vendor Displays

3:00 - 3:45 "Design Concepts and Experience
With Lime Cement Column Ground
Stabilization: I-15 Salt Lake City, BART,
and More”
Dr. Melvin I. Esrig, P.E.
Independent Geotechnical &
Geoenviromental Consultant

3:45 - 4:30 “Innovative Geotechnical Solutions
in Construction”
Mr. Jim Morrison, P.E.
Corporate Geotechnical Manager,
Kiewit Engineering Company

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