

## Event Calendar:

- November 9,  
Bridging Big Data
- Water Resources  
Technical Meeting  
(January 2021)
- Geotech Short  
Course and Confer-  
ence (February 20  
2021)

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## November Meeting

*Due to the latest COVID-19 developments and restrictions, the management meeting is still being finalized. Currently, the plan is to hold a meeting (to be determined on in-person, virtual, or hybrid) in late November or early December.*

*Stay tuned for an email with more information. Stay safe!*



**Brandon Gardels, PE,  
M.ASCE**

### **From the President**

Dear Nebraska ASCE Members,

First of all, I would like to thank the 2019-2020 board members for all their help and contributions to our section, especially our outgoing president, Elizabeth Vacek. I appreciate all your efforts and am excited to take the reins and continue to improve our profession through ASCE.

I hope you all have stayed safe thus far and have not been drastically impacted by this pandemic. This year has been anything but normal, and it has been a really challenging time for many people for many reasons. Unfortunately, COVID has caused NE-ASCE to hit the 'pause' button, and many events, including our annual meeting, transportation conference, structural conference, and other meetings, have been canceled.

However, NE-ASCE is still committed to providing benefits to our members. Going forward, we do have several conferences, meetings, younger member group socials, and other events planned. During these future events, we will be following local guidelines and recommendations for social distancing and will offer virtual options whenever possible. In addition, I encourage you to take advantage of the society benefits that our membership provides, including:

- Free On Demand Webinars ([10 Free PDHs](#))
- [Salary Calculator](#)
- [ASCE Collaborate](#); and
- [Other benefits](#).

One advantage of COVID that I have seen is the opportunity to spend more time with our families, roommates, pets, etc. and for them to get a glimpse into our profession (for those of us who worked remotely). As for me, I remember frantically typing a report at my dining room table one day and my two-year old daughter approached me and questioned, "Pushing buttons, Daddy? Can I try!?" I am glad she has caught on to the complexity of my job.

Let's keep 'pushing buttons' through 2020, and we will be back to normal before we know it! Please let me know how NE-ASCE can help you be a better civil engineer.

Sincerely,

*Brandon Gardels*

Brandon Gardels, President, ASCE Nebraska Section



## **Annual Meeting Summary**

The Annual meeting was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new Executive Board is below. We look forward to the potential to hold in-person meetings this year and explore opportunities for virtual ones as well.

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## Bridging Big Data (BBD) Workshop

We would like to share an opportunity to attend an upcoming workshop. Up to 3.75 actual hours are available for CEUs/PDHs. The event is free and virtual! The theme of this year's workshop is Bridge Health in Times of Crisis.

Date: November 9, 2020

Time: 9 AM to 3 PM (Central)

Register in advance to receive a Zoom meeting invite: [Registration](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop.

More information is available [here](#).



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**Upcoming Events and Seminars**

Program	Full Dates	City/State
Bridging Big Data Workshop	Nov 9, 2020	Virtual
Water Resources Technical Meeting	Jan 2020	TBD
Geotech Short Course and Conference	Feb 2020	Omaha, NE/ Virtual

**ASCE Continuing Education**

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