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Upcoming Events

- ASCE/NITE 22nd Annual Transportation Conference
 - May 29th, 2026 at the UNO Scott Conference Center
 - Additional details and registration TBA



See page 5 for a full recap of the NE ASCE & UNL trash pick-up event.



Pavel Karamshin, E.I.
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From the President

Hello Nebraska Section Members,

They say April showers bring May flowers, and this May, we have plenty of flowers to give. The past month has been filled with accomplishments, strong student performances, and great engagement across our section.

Last month, UNL and UNO students traveled to Carbondale, Illinois, to compete in a variety of regional competitions. A huge shout-out goes to the UNO Steel Bridge team, who placed third overall. This is an incredible achievement, especially considering the team had not fielded a steel bridge in over 10 years. Their dedication and hard work truly paid off, and we are proud to see Nebraska so well represented.

We also enjoyed a successful Younger Member Group (YMG) event with the UNL student section. Volunteers helped clean up along the highway before wrapping up the day with a round of mini golf. Events like these are great opportunities to give back to the community, strengthen relationships, and connect with students outside of the classroom.

This month, we also want to give flowers and extend our congratulations to all graduating seniors as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. Many will remain in Nebraska, starting full-time careers and continuing their involvement with our section, while others will be heading elsewhere to pursue opportunities across the country. Wherever your path leads, we wish you nothing but success and hope you remain connected to ASCE.

Before we head fully into summer, we have one more exciting event on the calendar, the 22nd Annual Transportation Conference, taking place on May 29th at the Scott Conference Center in Omaha. We look forward to continuing the conference's long-standing success by offering informative and engaging presentations covering railroad, roadway, traffic, and bridge engineering, along with current events and issues impacting today's transportation engineers and planners.

As always, if you're interested in getting more involved or would like to contribute to the section, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the board. Lastly, be on the lookout for a Save-the-Date announcement for the Transportation Conference, scheduled for May 29th at the Scott Conference Center. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events as we head into spring.

Much Appreciated,
Pavel Karamshin
President, ASCE Nebraska Section

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NE ASCE UNO Steel Bridge Team Celebration

The UNO Steel Bridge team placed 3rd overall at the ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium this year which surpassed the team's goals and everyone's expectations. It was their first time competing in over 10 years! The team definitely set the bar high for next year! Thank you NE ASCE member, Garrett Martindale, for mentoring the UNO ASCE student chapter!



NE ASCE & UNL Trash Pick-up Event

On April 24th, NE ASCE members and the UNL ASCE student chapter worked hard cleaning up UNL ASCE's Adopt-a-Highway section near Waverly!

The group picked-up trash along Highway 6 and networked with members at a dinner hosted after putting in the hard work. Thanks to all who volunteered!



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2026 Mid-America Student ASCE Symposium

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Nebraska-Omaha ASCE student chapters represented Nebraska well at the 2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium, held April 9–11 and co-hosted by Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Both chapters joined fellow universities from across the region in a weekend focused on competitions, professional development, networking, and collaboration. Their participation reflects the continued strength of Nebraska's engineering programs and the commitment of UNL and UNO students to leadership, teamwork, and advancing the civil engineering profession. Congratulations to both chapters on their accomplishments!



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Nebraska Infrastructure Report Card Team

Join the team to develop the first Nebraska State Infrastructure Report Card!

We are looking for a volunteer team to research, report and write our first State Infrastructure Report Card! ASCE issued the National report Card in 2025 in 18 categories with grades ranging from a B in ports to a D in stormwater and transit.

For our first Nebraska specific report card we plan to report on 5 categories (additional categories can be added if there is interest): Dams, Roads, Bridges, Drinking Water, Wastewater. To work on a category or chapter it is not necessary that you work directly in the field.

As a volunteer member, you will have the opportunity to:

- Earn PDH's
- Network with other engineers and government officials
- Be part of the team that raises public awareness
- Create a tool to be used by our legislators and the public
- Support the Voice of the Nebraska Section of ASCE

Time commitment:

- The average time commitment is 55 to 75 hours over 12 months which translates to 4.5 to 6.25 hours per month
- Monthly check in meetings (Typically by electronic means (.5 hours each)
- 7 to 30 hours in the first month to year following the report card release.
- Keep in mind some of the valuable effort lies in having contact information so even if you are unable to commit to assembling and writing a chapter, we need assistance during the research phase and release phase.

Proposed schedule:

- Assemble Report Card Team (May - July 2026)
- Report Card Kickoff (August 2026)
- Research (September – November 2026)
- Preliminary Draft (December 2026 – March 2027)
- Edit Draft (April – June 2027)
- Final Draft (July – August 2027)
- Release (September/October 2027)



Want to learn more about this process? We will host an informational meeting in June to answer questions. Attendance at the June meeting is informational. Attendance does not commit you to helping but we would love to have you on the Nebraska team!

For additional information or to volunteer to be on the team, please reach out to the Nebraska Infrastructure Report Card Coordinators:

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Calling all past NE ASCE Presidents!

Have you served as a president for the NE ASCE section?

If so, we are looking to gather your insight and expertise from your time serving as president. Your input will greatly contribute to our efforts to continuously seek areas of improvement for NE ASCE .

Please reach out to our current NE ASCE president for more information!

Pavel Karamshin - pkaramshin@olsson.com



Omaha and Lincoln University Student Chapters

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Omaha have active ASCE student chapters. Stay up to date with event updates and exciting news by following their social media accounts. Just last year, UNL and UNO hosted the ASCE Region 7 Student Symposium.

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