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Upcoming Events

ASCE Nebraska Infrastructure Report Card - 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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Announcements

- Nebraska ASCE has a NEW website - [ASCE-Nebraska Section - Home Page](#)

Take time to explore the updated layout and be on the lookout for new email notifications!

- The Nebraska Civil Engineer newsletter will also have a NEW look starting in November 2026!

If you are interested in being a sponsor and having your company logo featured in the newsletter and website, see page 4.



NE ASCE held the 2026 Annual Banquet at the SAC Museum on Wednesday, September 2. See page 8 for the banquet recap.



**Tregan Albers,
P.E. M.ASCE**

From the President

Nebraska ASCE Members,

As we begin a new ASCE year, I want to start by thanking everyone who has trusted me with the opportunity to serve as President of the Nebraska Section. I'm excited about what we can accomplish together this year, and we're already off and running.

One of my primary goals is simple: **get more people involved.**

The Nebraska Section has a tremendous number of talented engineers throughout our state, but membership alone doesn't make a strong professional organization. Participation does. This year, I want us to create more opportunities for our members to become involved, whether that means attending an event, volunteering for a committee, serving as a liaison for their company or public agency, helping our student chapters, or eventually stepping into a leadership position.

We recently completed our annual budget meeting, which gave the Board an opportunity to begin turning some of these goals into concrete plans for the coming year. We discussed how we can continue supporting our student chapters, strengthen membership and outreach efforts, and make sure our resources are being used to create opportunities for members throughout Nebraska. It was a good reminder that there is a lot we want to accomplish this year, and now comes the fun part of actually doing it.

We are also working to strengthen the continuity of our Section. That means bringing more people into our committees and leadership structure, developing better connections with firms and public agencies across the state, and making it easier for someone who wants to become involved to find a place to contribute.

And if you're reading this thinking, "I've been meaning to get more involved with ASCE," consider this your invitation. You do not need to hold an officer or chair position to have an active voice in the Nebraska Section. If there is something ASCE should be doing, something you would like to help us do, or you simply want to know where you can pitch in, I want to hear from you.

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**Tregan Albers,
P.E. M.ASCE**

From the President cont.

One opportunity to do exactly that is the **ASCE Nebraska Infrastructure Report Card**. Putting together the Report Card takes engineers from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds, and it is a great way to contribute your professional experience to something that reaches well beyond our regular Section activities. If you have expertise in one of Nebraska's infrastructure categories, or simply have an interest in being part of the effort, we would love to get you involved. Please reach out if you are interested, and we can help connect you with the team.

We have a full year ahead of us with technical meetings, student activities, Younger Member Group events, tours, conferences, outreach, and plenty of opportunities to reconnect with colleagues throughout the profession.

My hope is that, by the end of this year, we haven't simply hosted another successful calendar of ASCE events. I hope we've brought some new people into the room, given more of our existing members a reason to participate, and made the Nebraska Section a little stronger for next year.

I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year.

Tregan P. D. Albers II, P.E., M.S.
President, ASCE Nebraska Section

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2026/27 NE ASCE Newsletter Advertising and Job Board

The Nebraska ASCE newsletter is the primary communication for our 600+ members who can gather information on monthly meetings, upcoming seminars and workshops, volunteer opportunities and other news and events going on in our community. Advertising in the NE ASCE Section Newsletter can have many advantages. The newsletter is sent to each member of the Nebraska Section across the state typically eight times per year and is also available in the newsletter section on our website (www.neasce.org).

Your company can support the NE ASCE for the 2025-2026 year by advertising in our newsletter. We are also offering the opportunity for companies to advertise open positions on our job board section of the news letter. If your company is interested in advertising, please contact Nicole Martindale, Newsletter Editor, at Nicole.Martindale@hdrinc.com.

Applications for advertisements will be due by November 1st.

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Structural Engineering Technical Dinner

We had a wonderful turnout on September 17th for the [ASCE Nebraska](#) Section Structural Engineering Technical Dinner, with 31 attendees joining us for an excellent presentation by UNL Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Dr. Chenzhi Ma.

Dr. Ma shared recent advances in structural fire engineering and wildfire resilience, including performance-based design, full-scale fire testing, and the challenges that wildfire hazards pose to structures and communities. This topic is especially timely given the significant wildfires Nebraska has experienced in recent years and the growing need to improve the resilience of our communities and infrastructure. Thank you to Dr. Ma for an engaging presentation and to everyone who attended and helped make the event a success!



YMG Drop Zone Networking Event

Nebraska ASCE's Younger Member Group recently hosted a successful Student & Young Professional Networking Event at Drop Zone in Kearney, NE, bringing together engineering students, young professionals, university representatives, and industry members for an evening of networking, friendly competition, and professional engagement. The event featured golfing activities, food and refreshments, and a special presentation from UNK faculty and alumni.

The event highlighted Nebraska ASCE's ongoing commitment to strengthening connections across the state by bringing together universities, engineering professionals, employers, and community stakeholders. By providing opportunities for students and young professionals to interact with experienced practitioners and industry leaders, Nebraska ASCE continues to foster collaboration, mentorship, and professional growth while building a stronger civil engineering community throughout Nebraska.

This gathering was another great example of how Nebraska ASCE serves as a bridge between academia, industry, and the broader community, helping develop relationships that support the future of the engineering profession across the state.

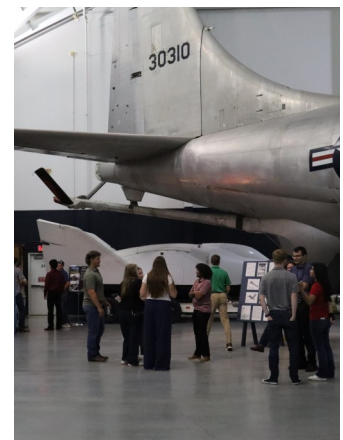


2026 Nebraska ASCE Annual Banquet

The Nebraska ASCE section held their annual banquet on the evening of September 2nd to celebrate and reflect on another successful year. The banquet was held at the SAC Museum in Ashland, NE which provided an exciting and new atmosphere for celebrating accomplishments!

Several members were recognized for their involvements within the organization including students, life members, and officers that will be highlighted on the succeeding pages.

Aaron Frits, Region 7 Director, led the installation of new officers for the 2026-27 year. The event wrapped-up with past president, Pavel Karamshin, passing his role onto Tregan Albers. Nebraska ASCE is looking forward to another eventful year of providing professional development and industry networking opportunities!



2026 Nebraska ASCE Annual Banquet cont.

Outstanding Seniors

The ASCE Outstanding Senior Award is presented annually to students from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln or at Omaha campuses. They are being recognized for their exceptional involvement in their ASCE student chapter and performance in the classroom.

- Shikarendra Chintamadaka- University of Nebraska Omaha

Shikarendra was drawn to civil engineering because of the variety of the career paths it offers while offering meaningful impact to communities. Shikarendra served as the co-captain for the steel bridge team. Where he helped coordinate team activities, design efforts, fabrication, and preparation for competitions. One of his most memorable moments was during the steel bridge competition this year when he was able to help the UNO team successfully compete in the steel bridge competition for this first time in over 10 years where the team placed 3rd overall along with several 2nd place awards in the individual categories. Shikarendra is currently working at Valmont Industries as an Associate Engineer and plans to continue his career in Civil Engineering and work towards earning his PE License.

- Lauren Flickinger - University Of Nebraska Omaha.

Lauren discovered her passion for civil engineering in high school through Project Lead the way and comes from a family with many civil engineers. Lauren joined ASCE as a freshman and ran from recording secretary during her sophomore year. Her involvement deepened during her junior year when she took the role as Concrete Cornhole competition lead after creating the new event during the Mid-America Student Symposium, her rules continue to be used in following years competitions. This last year she took on the role of president during her senior year. One of her highlights of the year has been playing of the ASCE Intramural basketball team. Lauren has launched her career as an Assistant Structural Engineer at



2026 Nebraska ASCE Annual Banquet cont.

Outstanding Service to Section Award

The Outstanding Service to Section Award is presented annually to a Nebraska ASCE member who went above and beyond their duties and responsibilities. They are being recognized for their exceptional service and volunteering of their time.

- Daren Konda, P.E. M.ASCE

Daren has served been heavily involved with the Nebraska Section for years and is currently on our board as the management technical chair. Daren is being honored this year for leading outreach events for the community such as the event at the Omaha Children's Museum, his involvement in the Truss Bustin' competition, and his help leading the way for the ASCE Infrastructure Report Card. All of this is on top of the work he puts in every year to plan and run a section meeting for his role as one of the technical chairs on the board. His dedication and countless hours of behind-the-scenes support were instrumental in these events embodies the values of this award.



Special Achievement for Long-Term Service Award

The Special Achievement for Long-Term Service Award is a special award not typically presented annually to a Nebraska ASCE member who has continuously gone above and beyond their duties and responsibilities year after year. They are recognized for their exceptional service and volunteering of their time.

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2026 Nebraska ASCE Annual Banquet cont.

- Mike Sklenar P.E. M.ASCE

Mike has been heavily involved with the Nebraska Section of ASCE for over a decade including acting as president of the section in 2013 and is currently one of the directors of the board. Mike is being honored this year for his long-term involvement in the section where he has handled several different roles throughout the years. He has served as the director, the chair of the Truss Bustin' competition committee, acting as the Nebraska section's webmaster, taken his turn through the presidential cycle, and has always been around to help where help was needed. His commitment, hard work, and countless hours of support have been critical to the success of the Nebraska section year after year, making him a deserving recipient of this award.



Scholarship Recipients

Nebraska ASCE awards several scholarships through the donations and profits we make from hosting conferences and from being an ASCE member. The ASCE Nebraska Section Student Support Fund for Transportation Engineers scholarship is funded by the Transportation Conference proceeds, and one \$2,000 scholarship is awarded yearly. This year ASCE Nebraska Section Student Support Fund for Transportation Engineers scholarship has 5 recipients. These students will receive the scholarship through their student accounts and will be presented with the certificate the University of Nebraska College of Engineering Scholarship Banquet.

2027 Student Scholarship Recipients: Bennett Shulte, Brandon Loughrin, Rashid Hamid, Jonathon Kunes, Ryan Loehr

2026 Nebraska ASCE Annual Banquet cont.

The ASCE Nebraska Section Scholarship/Fellowship Fund is a self-sustaining fund and at least one \$2,000 scholarship is awarded yearly. This year's ASCE Nebraska Section Scholarship/Fellowship Fund was also given to 5 different students and will be awarded through their student account and be presented the certificate at the University of Nebraska College of Engineering Scholarship Banquet.

2027 Student Scholarship Recipients: Eli Speth, Zane Serhan, Landon Sterns, Zaki Alam Pushan, Stephany Ramos



New ASCE Life Member Recognition

Life Membership is a significant milestone and represents a very long commitment to both ASCE and the civil engineering profession. And when we say a long commitment, we really do mean it. To qualify, a member must be at least 65 years old, have paid ASCE dues for at least 35 years, excluding student membership, and have maintained continuous membership for at least the previous 10 years. There is also one well-earned benefit that comes with reaching this milestone: regular ASCE dues are waived from this point forward, other than the Life Member service fee for those who continue to receive publications. So, after 35 years, ASCE finally gives you a little bit of a break.

Receiving Life Member status this year are Kerry Black, Thomas Marnik, Daniel Pearce, and Paul Wisnieski. See the next page for additional Life Members.

2026 Nebraska ASCE Annual Banquet cont.

- Dr. Chittaranjan Ray

Chittaranjan earned his M.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University in 1984 and his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1994. He has been involved with ASCE since the early 1980s and is an ASCE Fellow. He currently serves as Director of the Nebraska Water Center within the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska.

- Jeffrey McClenathan

Jeff joined ASCE while he was in college, around 1980, and spent his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District. He ultimately served as a joint technical lead in Hydrology and Hydraulics with the Risk Management Center before retiring in 2015. When asked what he enjoyed most about civil engineering, Jeff gave a pretty straightforward answer: helping people and solving problems. Some of the work he is particularly proud of includes emergency response efforts and Section 22 projects.

- Dr. Sharon Suzanne Baum Kuska

Sharon earned all three of her degrees from the University of Nebraska, completing her bachelor's degree in 1982, master's degree in 1984, and Ph.D. in 1993. She believes she joined ASCE around 1984 and remained a member throughout her career for the professional development, continued learning, and connection to the civil engineering profession. Sharon's career has provided a unique connection between civil and structural engineering and architecture. Most recently, she served as Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Programs and Professor of Architecture in the University of Nebraska—Lincoln College of Architecture.



2026 Nebraska ASCE Annual Banquet cont.



Tregan Albers (President), Pavel Karamshin (Past President), Garrett Martindale (2024 President)

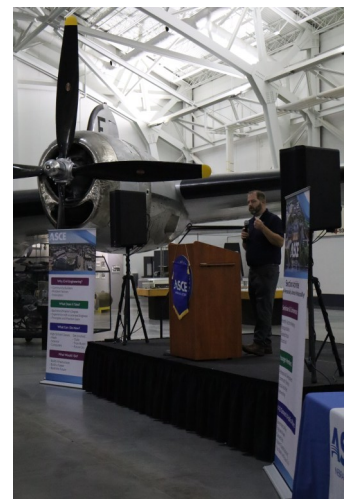


2026-27 Officers

Sam Allen, Noah Netzel, Braden Labenz, Austin Hoops, Dr. Richard Wood, Tregan Albers



Tregan Albers
(Left)



Aaron Frits
(Right)

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Location:

While our headquarters are in Omaha, NE, we know great talent isn't limited by geography. We'd love to have you on-site to collaborate in person but we're also open to remote candidates within the continental U.S. (ideally in the Central Time Zone). You'll just need to be available for occasional travel to Omaha or project sites for hands-on collaboration with product installations, field testing, and some meetings or conferences.

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- Work with vendors and testing labs on product sampling, documentation and validation.
- Manage renewals and ensure compliance with industry standards.

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We're looking for someone who's both innovative and has the necessary technical expertise.

- BS in Engineering (Geotechnical or Civil preferred) and 10+ years of relevant experience.
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- A collaborative mindset and a knack for managing projects effectively.
- Ability and willingness to travel occasionally across the U.S. and Canada.

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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!

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- Expand your knowledge
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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!

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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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