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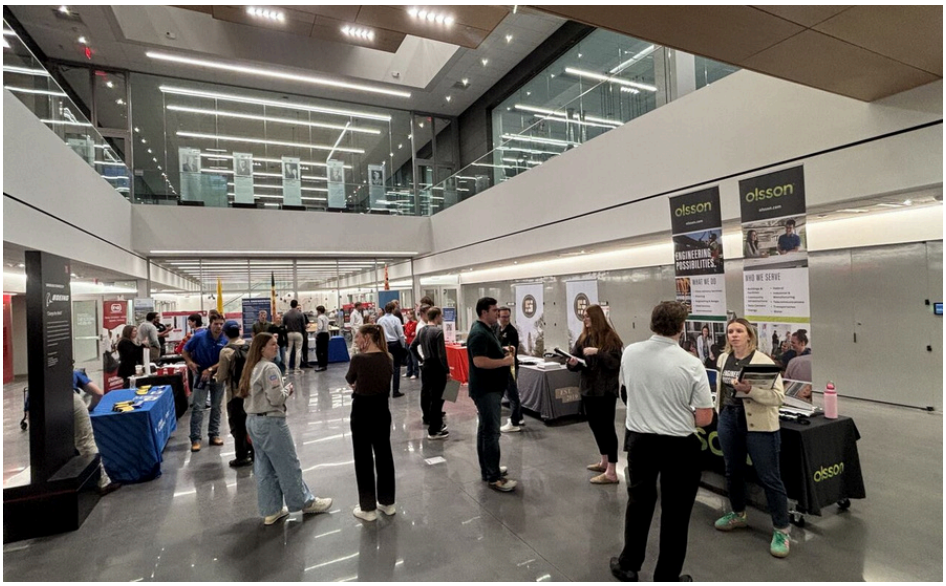
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On 10/14/2026, UNL ASCE hosted a Night with Industry event for our students to have an opportunity to network and make connections with industry employers. Thanks to JEO, Olsson, HDR, HGM Associates Inc., FoleyShald Engineering, Lamp Rynearson, Burns & McDonnell, and E & A Consulting Group, Inc. for making this event possible!

Upcoming Events

- **Construction Tour**
  - Lincoln Airport
  - November 13th @ 2 - 4 PM
  - Registration Link

- **Management Meeting**
  - Stokes in Omaha
  - December 9th @ 5:45 - 8 PM
  - Registration Link

Announcements

NE ASCE is currently looking to fill the Future City Chair position, which remains vacant. We are also seeking volunteers interested in supporting Future Cities through leadership, event planning, student engagement, and program coordination. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to learn more about these opportunities, please reach out!

Save the Date! The 2027 Geo-Omaha Conference is scheduled for February 11th - 12th

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Tregan Albers, P.E. M.ASCE

Strengthening Every Link in the Chain

One of the things I find most rewarding about ASCE is the opportunity we have to make a difference throughout the entire career of a civil engineer. From the first spark of curiosity in a young child to the wisdom and experience of our Life Members, ASCE has a role to play at every stage. I like to think of these stages as links in a chain, each one building upon the last, and each one contributing to the strength of our profession.

That chain begins long before someone earns an engineering degree. It starts when a child discovers an interest in how things work, how they're built, or how they can be improved. Through outreach events at children's museums, classroom activities, and high school competitions like Truss Bustin', ASCE helps spark that curiosity and introduces young minds to the possibilities of civil engineering.

As those students move into college, ASCE continues to support their journey through scholarships, mentorship, student competitions, networking opportunities, and resources to help prepare for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam. These experiences help bridge the gap between classroom learning and professional practice, building relationships that can last an entire career.

For our young professionals and Engineers-in-Training, ASCE provides opportunities to expand technical knowledge, gain practical experience, develop leadership skills, and prepare for the Professional Engineer (PE) exam. As their careers progress, ASCE continues to provide value through technical conferences, professional development hours, networking, and opportunities to share knowledge with others. Our connections with students and emerging professionals also help build the workforce pipeline that supports engineering firms and public agencies throughout Nebraska.

And the chain doesn't end at retirement. Our Life Members bring decades of experience and perspective to the profession. Through recognition, mentorship, and continued involvement, they have an opportunity to help shape the next generation of engineers.

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Beyond supporting individual engineers, ASCE also serves a broader purpose: **advocating for the infrastructure and communities we serve.** One exciting example is our newly launched Nebraska Infrastructure Report Card initiative. This effort will bring engineers together to evaluate the condition of our state's infrastructure, raise public awareness, and advocate for the investments needed to strengthen Nebraska's future.

When you look at all of these efforts together, it becomes clear that ASCE offers something valuable at every link in an engineer's life. Here in the Nebraska Section, we recognize that some of those links are already particularly strong, while others have room to grow. Our goal is to strengthen those weaker links, create new opportunities for involvement, and make the entire chain stronger.

I'm encouraged by the ideas being shared and the plans taking shape within our Section. We've officially kicked off our Nebraska Infrastructure Report Card initiative, and we're working hard to turn several other exciting ideas into reality. I look forward to sharing more about those efforts in the coming months!

In the meantime, I encourage you to **join us for our November construction tour at the Lincoln Airport and our December Management Meeting.** Registration is now open for both events!

Whether you're looking to grow professionally, give back to the next generation, or help strengthen our industry, there's a place for you in ASCE. If you're interested in getting more involved or have an idea for how we can strengthen another link in the chain, please reach out. We'd love to have you be part of what we're building.

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

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ASCE OPAL GALA - BRADEN LABENZ

Braden Labenz (NE ASCE Younger Member Co-Chair) was selected as one of the 2026 New Faces of Engineering and was honored at the ASCE OPAL Gala on October 15, 2026, in Reston, Virginia. Below is a summary of Braden's experience:

"The ASCE OPAL Gala was a surreal experience. There were so many high-achieving members of ASCE that spend their life making an impact on the civil engineering profession. From engineers designing headline projects to rural communities, the OPAL Gala was filled with phenomenal engineers. Being in Washington, DC while learning from these professionals allowed for a national view on the profession and the impact civil engineers can have on society. Many conversations ranged from comical conversations to serious conversation on inspiring the next generation, the ceremony was jam packed. Aside from the glamor of DC, the uncomfortable tux, and the spectacular awardees, the ASCE community was obviously nationwide. I had a great conversation with Marsha, the current president, the past president, Tom, and multiple other past presidents, I can ensure you Nebraska was well represented. I asked questions related to retention, expansion, and creating a growing community within ASCE. After comparing NE ASCE to other chapters, we are well tracked with similar growth issues, future outlooks, and membership numbers as other groups. Discussions with other New Faces (younger members), the NE YMG section is putting on successful events and engaging members at a higher rate than comparable YMGs/YMFs (comparable are Utah, Colorado, and Virginia). Following this Gala and other New Faces conversations, I strongly believe that NE is in great standing with exponential growth opportunities. Recognizing ASCE's national connectiveness has opened my eyes to the impact we can have as civil engineers as well as the impact NE ASCE members can have globally. I highly encourage all members, especially younger member's, to think locally, statewide, and nationally. Feel free to reach out to me for any questions regarding specifics on how I got this award or how to get involved in YMG nationally."





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JOB ADVERTISEMENT - CLARK & ENERSEN

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Clark & Enersen is an employee-owned, full-service design firm offering in-house expertise in architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, planning, and commissioning. We also have staff members who specialize in community and stakeholder engagement, construction administration, digital experience design, energy modeling, grant assistance, interior design, laboratory planning, land development, space analytics, and sustainable and human-centered design.

Location:
We are currently seeking a full-time Civil Engineer to join either our Lincoln or Omaha, Nebraska office.

Responsibilities:

- Provide site civil engineering tasks to deliver creative and precise construction plan sets
- Foster collaborative engineering design methods amongst all our in-house disciplines
- Work with our Landscape Architecture, Structural Engineering, and Architecture Team to provide high-quality documents and details of proposed plans and designs
- Demonstrate proficient use of AutoCAD Civil 3D
- Provide AutoCAD documentation of Site Civil design

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in civil engineering
- 0-10 years of experience
- Required completion of FE
- Understanding of AutoCAD Civil 3D
- Effective verbal and written communication skills
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Desire to work in a collaborative team environment
- PE license is a plus but not required

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- Expand your knowledge
- Access technical resources
- Make connections and engage
- Get valuable discounts

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NEBRASKA ASCE STUDENT CHAPTERS

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CALLING ALL ASCE LIFE MEMBERS

Are you a Life Member for the NE ASCE section?

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1. Be at least 65 years old.
2. Have paid ASCE dues for at least 35 years.
3. Have maintained 10 consecutive years of dues-paying membership immediately before becoming eligible.

If so, we are looking to gather your insight and expertise from your time being involved in ASCE. Your input will greatly contribute to our efforts to continuously seek areas of improvement for NE ASCE. Please contact our president!

2026 - 2027 NE ASCE OFFICERS

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The Nebraska Section of ASCE is an active organization of over 900 members who are diverse in practice & geography. ASCE represents more than 150,000 civil engineers nationwide and is America's oldest national engineering society.

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FULL LOOKAHEAD CALENDAR

NOV 13	Construction Tour Tour of the Lincoln Airport	Friday, November 13, 2026	Lincoln, NE
DEC 9	Management Meeting Terminal Expansion and Modernization Project at Eppley	Wednesday, December 9, 2026	Omaha, NE
JAN 2027	Water Meeting Joint with UNL	January 2027	Lincoln, NE
FEB 11–12	Geo-Omaha Conference Expansion of River's Edge in Council Bluffs	February 11th – 12th, 2027	Omaha, NE
MAR 2027	Environmental Meeting	March 2027	Omaha, NE
SPRING 2027	Trash Pick-up	Spring 2027	Lincoln, NE
APR 2027	Construction Tour Streetcar	April 2027	Omaha, NE
MAY 27	Transportation Conference	May 27th, 2027	Omaha, NE

