

Event Calendar:

- Water Resources Technical Meeting (January 2021)
- Geotech Short Course and Conference (February 20 2021)

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December Meeting

NE ASCE does not host a meeting in December to allow time for all to enjoy the holidays. Due to the unusual circumstances with this year, please read below for information regarding the continuing hours requirements.

On April 17, 2020, the Board voted to modify continuing education requirements for licenses expiring on December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2021, as follows:

- *Regarding Rule 9.2.1 and 9.2.2, the required number of actual CE hours is 20 (in lieu of 30) for professional engineers and 16 (in lieu of 24) for architects. For architects, 8 of the hours must address the safeguarding of life, health, and property.*
- *Regarding Rule 9.3.1 (5), the limit on restricted online, non-live CE activities is raised to no more than one-half (in lieu of one-fourth).*
- *Regarding Rule 9.3.2, the minimum number of required ethics hours is unchanged at 1 hour.*
- *Regarding Rule 9.3.5, self-guided activities may constitute no more than five hours for architects or six hours for professional engineers.*
- *Regarding Rule 9.4.3, the maximum number of carryover hours is unchanged and remains at half the biennial requirement (15 for professional engineers and 12 for architects).*

You can also view this on the State of Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects [here](#).



Brandon Gardels, PE,
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From the President

Dear Nebraska ASCE Members,

The end of the year is quickly approaching and that means three things:

- Renew your [ASCE membership](#),
- Renew your PE license(s) (if applicable), and
- 2020 is almost over.

One benefit provided to ASCE members that I would like to make you aware of is [Access Engineering](#). Access Engineering is an online reference tool for members and includes access to a great selection of engineering references including books, spreadsheets, and instructional videos. Another resource provided by ASCE is the podcast, [Plot Points](#). Plot Points provides great content centered around civil engineering and issues related to our profession. I would encourage you to check out both resources.

For those of you renewing your PE license in Nebraska, please reference the changes to the [renewal requirements](#) for 2020 and 2021. I would also like to point out that Nebraska recently signed LB755 into law which has some impacts to our profession. The main changes are summarized below.

- Professional engineer candidates are allowed the option to take the PE Exam prior to gaining four years of experience.
- Degrees from programs accredited by the appropriate Canadian engineering and architecture accreditation boards have been added to satisfy the educational requirements for licensure in Nebraska.

I encourage you to review LB755 or reference the latest Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects [newsletter](#).

I hope everyone stays healthy and safe this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Brandon Gardels

Brandon Gardels, President, ASCE Nebraska Section



November Meeting Summary

Unfortunately, the November was unable to happen due to health guidelines and restrictions. The NE ASCE Board is looking into the possibility of an alternate program that will host a virtual presentation on a management topic to be held in December or early 2021. Keep an eye on emails and future newsletters for more information.

LIFE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Thomas Moore

Every year, members of the NE ASCE Section reach Life Member status. This means this individual has made a lifetime commitment to ASCE and the civil engineering profession by remaining a member for the full length of their professional career. This year, we are happy to announce that five members reached this status. To commemorate this achievement, we will be highlighting each member in our newsletter. This month we congratulate Thomas Moore!

Moore attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1978. Thomas joined ASCE due to a professor encouraging him that ASCE would provide unique opportunities within the engineering world. He began his career as a designer for Boeing in Wichita, Kansas. In 1970, he married his wife Debra and they have two daughters, Jenna and Kara. He now works for Behlen Manufacturing Company in Columbus, Nebraska as a Senior Engineer. Thomas enjoys engineering because of the challenges that come with designing steel buildings. When he's not designing buildings, Thomas enjoys golf, basketball and bowling.

To learn more about how to become a life member, visit this [site](#).

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Upcoming Events and Seminars

Program	Full Dates	City/State
Water Resources Technical Meeting	Jan 2020	TBD
Geotech Short Course and Conference	Feb 2020	Omaha, NE/ Virtual
Transportation Conference	April 2020	Omaha, NE/ Virtual

ASCE Continuing Education

ASCE currently holds more than 300 live webinars annually and has available more than 400 on-demand webinars covering a wide variety of technical and management topics. To access these webinars, see the following links below:

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