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### 2022 ASCE Life Members

At the 2022 Annual Banquet, Nebraska ASCE recognized the members who have reached Life Member Status. A life member has made a lifetime commitment to ASCE and the civil engineering profession by remaining a member for the entirety of their career. The members inducted as life members this year are:

- John Maurice Kottmann, P.E., M.ASCE
- Ka P Squire, III, P.E., M.ASCE
- John B Thomas, P.E., M.ASCE
- Stephen Joseph Reiners, P.E., M.ASCE
- Charles Drew Huddleston, P.E., M.ASCE
- Mark E Ehrhart, L.S., A.M.ASCE

Congratulations to all our life member inductees!





**Garrett Martindale, P.E.,  
M.ASCE**

### **From the President**

Hello ASCE Nebraska Section Members,

I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the 2022-2023 year, which will be full of ASCE events and activities!

Involvement within ASCE has always been an important part of my life ever since participating in the student chapter at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln during my Freshman year. Throughout college, I held several ASCE leadership roles including Student Section President, Steel Bridge captain, Geowall captain, and Concrete Bowling captain. ASCE has made me the engineer I am today, where I have made several good friends and met leading experts in civil engineering. I am very excited to be President of the ASCE Nebraska Section for the 2022-2023 year.

I would like to thank Young Member Group Chair, Chris Podany, for encouraging me to take on a leadership role around four years ago. The past few Presidents of the Nebraska Section, including Brandon Vacek, Brandon Gardels, and Elizabeth Vacek, have provided me with the training and support needed to start my role as President. I would also like to thank our 2021-2022 Leadership Board Members for all their hard work with transitioning our fully virtual meetings into hybrid, and now in-person meetings. It feels like just the other day we held our Annual Meeting at Round the Bend Steakhouse, though that was all the way back in June. The summer for sure flew by, but I am excited for Fall as it marks the start of the school year, football/volleyball season, harvesting, and last, but not least... ASCE events!

September begins our monthly technical meetings, conferences, and various activities, so please keep an eye out for event invites via email. September 15th will be our ASCE Structural Technical Meeting at Spezia Omaha. Nate Dickerson, P.E. from HDR will be presenting on the UPRR Naron Railroad Bridge Replacement. If you would like to attend, please visit the online registration link: [NE-ASCE Structural Meeting](#). The following day, September 16<sup>th</sup>, will be the 41st Annual Structural Conference hosted by SEAON. If interested, the conference registration is linked here: [SEAON Structural Conference](#).

As always, please make sure your contact information is current on <https://www.asce.org/>, and feel free to contact me if you find you are not receiving our emails. We want to keep everyone in the loop!

Sincerely,

*Garrett Martindale*

Garrett Martindale, President, ASCE Nebraska Section

## 2022 UNL Outstanding Senior Award

The 2022 UNL Outstanding Senior Award was awarded to Khalil Sultani. The award recognizes a graduating civil engineer student who had an exceptional, and positive impact on the student chapter of ASCE.

Kahlil Sultani is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and most recent president of UNL ASCE. Originally from Kandahar, Afghanistan Kahlil grew up in four different countries throughout his life and saw firsthand how infrastructure marvels had turned to deteriorating infrastructures. Limits in repairs, maintenance and technology prevented advancements for the people living in Third World nations. Experiencing this and knowing others live in places that lack opportunities in higher education made Khalil appreciate the opportunities he's had and strive to be the best. His motivation lies in obtaining a wealth of knowledge and experience to advance his ultimate goal of constructing self sustaining facilities and structures in Third World nations.

Throughout his college career Khalil was an active member of the ASCE chapter at UNL and was voted to be President of the chapter by his peers. The highlight of his senior year was the chapter's victory at the regional 2022 ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition. The rookie team, due to the pandemic preventing conferences, traveled to Ames, Iowa and won third out of 11 other schools. Once again, congratulations to Khalil and good luck with all your future endeavors!



## 2022 Outstanding Senior Award

The 2022 UNO Outstanding Senior Award was awarded to James Johnson. The award recognizes a graduating civil engineer student who had an exceptional, and positive impact on the student chapter of ASCE.

James Johnson is a recent graduate of the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Originally from Creighton, Nebraska James was interested in civil engineering after working in construction during high school. He was inspired seeing the construction process when designs on paper became structures in real life. James joined the American Society of Civil Engineers during his freshmen year. Due to the pandemic, James missed out on many activities and meetings that we all took for granted. Once mandatory virtual school ended, James was able to participate on the concrete canoe team and he enjoyed every minute.

Throughout his time at college, he learned to treasure and enjoy the ability to learn in-person and connect with his peers when all restrictions were lifted. Especially since the timing allowed him to finish his undergraduate alongside his friends in person. Post graduation James will work at HDR on their site civil team. Congratulations James and we can't wait to see all the awesome projects you work on in the future.



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## Younger Members Group Soccer Outing



Thank you to everyone who attended the NEASCE YMG Tailgate at the Union Omaha Soccer game. It turned out to be a great day to cheer on and learn about our local professional soccer team. Over fifty people, including members of the UNL and UNO student chapters, came out to enjoy the camaradery. It was a great way to kick off what we hope to be a more normal year filled with many more events. If you have ideas for future events or would like to help host our next group outing, please email

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**Upcoming Events and Seminars**

| Program                            | Full Dates   | City/State              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Structural Presentation and Dinner | September 15 | Spezia in Omaha, NE     |
| SEAON Annual Structural Conference | September 16 | Scott Conference Center |
| Construction Tour and Social       | October      | TBD                     |
| Management Presentation and Dinner | November     | TBD                     |

Structural Presentation and Dinner

Where:

Spezia (3125 S 72nd Street. Omaha, NE 68124)


Who:

Nate Dickerson, PE from HDR will present on the Union Pacific Railroad Naron, Railroad Bridge Replacement

Open to all ASCE Members, Engineering Students and Guests! [REGISTER HERE!](#)

Register for the SEAON Annual Structural Conference happening on Friday, September 16 [HERE.](#)

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