

March 1999 Newsletter

THE NEBRASKA CIVIL ENGINEER

Published by the Nebraska Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers

VOLUME XLVI MARCH 1999 NUMBER 6

Meeting Information

DATE: Thursday, March 18, 1999

HOST: Environmental Engineering Technical Committee - Nebraska Section ASCE

TOPIC: "Encouraging the Use of Innovative Remediation Technologies"

SPEAKER: Mary Yelkin, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

TIMES:

5:30 - 6:30.....Social Hour

6:30 - 7:30.....Dinner

7:30.....Meeting and Program

LOCATION:

Spaghetti Works

228 North 12th

Lincoln, Nebraska

MENU: Spaghetti with choice of sauces, salad bar (\$9.50 incl. Tax & Tip)

President's Comments

Last month was busy with many E-Week related activities. Those activities included the eleventh annual balsa wood "Truss Bustin'" Competition for area high school students. Once again, Omaha North High School went home with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes. I would like to thank Bruce Harris for coordinating another great "Truss Bustin'" Competition. Another E-week activity was the E-Week Banquet on Saturday, February 27. The Section recognized Mr. Ken Koop for his dedication and contribution to the balsa wood truss competition. Mr. Koop, who is retiring from teaching after 31 years, had built the test rig and encouraged the school to buy the load cell being used in the competition, as well as promoted the competition among the students. The Section presented Mr. Koop with an award plaque and check for his outstanding dedication to the competition over the past eleven years.

Well, we do live in Nebraska, and Mother Nature reared its head and blew in a winter storm on the day of the Geotechnical Technical Group dinner meeting; thus the meeting was cancelled. The

following day was the ASCE annual Geotechnical Seminar, which was another great success. Thanks to Loras Klostermann and the Geotechnical Group for coordinating these events.

The Environmental Technical Group, chaired by Bob Kalinski, sponsors this month's meeting on March 18, 1999 in Lincoln. The Section will be recognizing the Civil Engineering graduating seniors from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. I hope to see you there. Brad Chambers, Section President

We Need Your Email Address

In order to provide better lead time for our monthly meetings, the Nebraska Section of ASCE will now send email messages to our members when the monthly newsletter is published on our web site. If you did not receive an email prior to receiving this newsletter, it is because we do not have your email address or the address we have is outdated. Please send your updated email address to Bob Kalinski at rkalinski@rdgge.com.

ASCE National News

ASCE Is Recruiting a New Congressional Leader. Applications are now being accepted for the 1999-2000 ASCE Congressional Fellow. The Fellowship is an opportunity to spend a year on Capitol Hill working as a staff member either on a committee or for an individual member of the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives. This is an opportunity to gain hands-on knowledge of congressional decision making.

Congress makes important decisions on a multitude of technical issues, many of which directly impact how Civil Engineers conduct their professional practice. And Congress will make these decisions with or without technical expertise. The ASCE Congressional Fellows program works to ensure that sound technical advice is available.

Tim Hess, ASCE's second Congressional Fellow, recently completed a very successful year. He was heavily involved with the reauthorization of the nation's surface transportation programs. The final legislation, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, benefited from his technical advice. Tim has stated that it was a "wonderful, rewarding, and challenging year and I would highly recommend it to all interested ASCE members."

The selection process is getting underway for the next ASCE Congressional Fellow. The Fellowship year begins on September 1, 1999 and runs through August 31, 2000. Applications are due April 2, 1999, with the selection of the Fellow by early June. ASCE will provide a stipend and some relocation expenses.

If you have questions or would like an application, please contact Martin Hight in the ASCE Washington Office at 202-789-2200, at 1-800-548-2723 ext. 5125 or email to mhight@asce.

A Note from the Editor

The deadline for the April 1999 newsletter is Friday, April 9, 1999.

Send articles, information or photos to:

ASCE Newsletter Editor
c/o Rick Kaufmann
Terracon
2211 South 156th Circle
Omaha, NE 68130-2506
Office No.: (402)-330-2202
Fax No.: (402)-330-7606
email address: rakaufmann@terracon.com or neasce@probe.net

Feel free to contact me if you have any ideas for newsletter items or comments.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please notify ASCE national of any address changes by calling 1-800-548-ASCE (2723) or contact them through their web site at <http://www.asce.org>. Address changes made at national ASCE are updated monthly at your local Nebraska section.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Group	Location	Organizer
3/18/1999	Environmental	Lincoln (Honor UNL Graduates)	Bob Kalinski
4/15/1999	Transportation	Omaha (Honor UNO Graduates)	Massoum Moussavi
5/13/1999	Annual Meeting	To Be Announced	Daryoush Razavian