

# September 1999 Newsletter

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### Meeting Information

**DATE:** Thursday, September 30, 1999

**HOST:** Structural Group –ASCE Nebraska Section

**TOPIC:** "Foundation Design for the Tower at First National Center"

**SPEAKER:** Mike Naccarato, P.E. Senior Engineer Leo A Daly Company

**TIMES:**

5:30 – 6:30..Social Hour

6:30 – 7:30...Dinner

7:30 – 9:00...Meeting and Program

**LOCATION:**

Angie's Restaurant

1001 Pacific Street

Omaha, Nebraska

**MENU:**

Chicken Breast Parmigiana \$14.00

Club Steak \$15.00

Baked Italian Cod \$16.00

(including tax and tip)

# Mike Naccarato

Mike Naccarato is currently a senior engineer with the Leo A Daly Company. He has been with the company since 1981, when he graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in architectural engineering with an emphasis in structures.

Mike has participated in a number of projects in the past 18 years, including the following:

- The East Expansion of Clarkson Hospital
- The Lied Transplant Center
- The Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska
- The reconstruction of the Chautauqua Pavilion in Hastings, Nebraska

## President's Comments

Joe Waxse – President, ASCE Nebraska Section

Greetings ASCE members! I'm very honored and excited to be your Nebraska Section President for the 1999–2000 term. We have some really interesting and entertaining programs coming your way in the next eight months! This newsletter issue describes in detail the excellent September 30th meeting and October 1st seminar hosted by the Structural Committee. Don't miss them! You will also find the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year in this issue.

Our goals for this year include:

- Making sure that each meeting is as enjoyable and interesting as possible,
- Providing the members with thorough and timely news on ASCE activities and
- Actively promoting increased ASCE membership and greater participation of the existing Members in the great programs and benefits offered by ASCE.

Did you know that ASCE is the largest publisher of civil engineering journals and articles in the world? ASCE is also widely regarded as the most influential and effective engineering society advancing both the technical quality and positive

public image of the civil engineering profession. What a wonderful resource we have to draw on! Stay current with the latest advancements in our fields, connect with one of the best professional networking opportunities available, enjoy the company of our Peers and help represent and advance the public image of Civil Engineers in our communities! All it takes is few hours a month and a commitment to *get involved!* You will find the returns well worth it.

There is such a thing as a free lunch!! We are offering just that to local firms or organizations willing to let us give a short promotional lunchtime presentation on the benefits of participation in ASCE to their civil engineers. In turn, we'll feed them pizza and promise to get them back to work on time! Call Joe Waxse at (402) 330-2202 or Bob Kalinski at (402) 894-2678 (if we don't call you first), to schedule.

ASCE is again involved in the Future City program for our local middle schools. Teams of 7th and 8th graders, assisted by a Teacher and an Engineer Mentor, will create a Martian city in Sim City 2000, write an essay, build a model and give live presentations during this exciting competition. Engineers are needed for Mentors and Judges. Those that have been involved previously have been amazed at the creativity and enthusiasm exhibited by these young men and women! This is another great opportunity to have a positive impact on our youth and the public image of Civil Engineers. Please call Kirby Woods at (402) 533-6550 if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity!

Please check out the attached Who's Who Directory of Members volunteering their time and efforts to serve ASCE for the 1999-2000 term. I would like to extend my congratulations and sincere gratitude to the new Officers and all of the Board Members! It's going to be a fun year!

Finally, I'd again like to urge you to take advantage of your ASCE membership and get involved in the Nebraska Section's great activities. We also have a national awards program (ranging from binoculars to a free year's dues!) for bringing in new ASCE members. So take the pride and make the commitment to return a few hours a month to your profession. The benefits and rewards will be worth the time and effort!

Sincerely Yours,

Joe



## Officer Spotlight

This is a new feature in *The Nebraska Civil Engineer*. Each month, we will shine the spotlight on a different officer of the Nebraska Section. This month, we focus on Joe Waxse, our President.

Joe was raised in Oswego, Kansas and received his Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Kansas in 1975. He surveyed for the Kansas Department of Transportation until returning to KU and obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1980. Joe has been an active member of ASCE since being on the concrete canoe team at KU in 1979. He has served as Geotechnical Committee Chairman and Director for the Nebraska Section. Joe has developed and presented geotechnical seminars on Loess soils and Insitu testing for the Iowa Engineering Society and ASCE

Mr. Waxse is a Principal of Terracon and Office Manager of the Omaha, Nebraska office. He also serves company-wide as Consultant in the fields of in-situ testing, geosynthetics, geotechnical instrumentation, ground modification and deep foundations. Joe has provided geotechnical design and construction services for numerous large commercial building, industrial processing plant and major highway/bridge projects throughout the Midwest.

Prior to joining Terracon, Joe worked for McClelland Engineers in California. There he performed geotechnical investigations for large offshore structures in California and Alaska. He led an exploration that set a record for the deepest water exploratory boring performed from a ship anchored in the open ocean.

Joe was also with McClelland in Texas and Louisiana, where he was lead field engineer on offshore and onshore projects in the United States and Overseas. He was specially trained for exploration and analyses onboard "jack-up" oil rigs to confirm safe seafloor rig support for Lloyds of London.

Joe and his wife Marianne have three children, Bennett (13), Jay (10) and Caroline (6). He enjoys skiing, scuba, fishing and travel. Marianne and he are Owners of Regency Travel in Regency Court in Omaha.

## Nebraska Section on the Web

Visit us on the web at [www.probe.net/~neasce](http://www.probe.net/~neasce)! Our goal is to make the site a valuable reference source for members of the Nebraska Section of ASCE. Items that are posted on the website include current and past editions of *The Nebraska Civil Engineer*, and information on regional ASCE sponsored and other events. Possible items that could be posted are member profiles, RFPs, RFQs, company news, job postings, or banners for sponsors.

The website will only be as useful as the information that is brought to the attention of the webmaster. With that in mind, all members are encouraged to email items of interest to Brad Chambers at [neasce@probe.net](mailto:neasce@probe.net).

## A Note from the Editor

The deadline for the October edition of *The Nebraska Civil Engineer* is Monday, October 18, 1999. Send ideas for items that could be included in this newsletter, articles, or information to:

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## Upcoming 1999–2000 Meetings

Date	Host Group	Location	Organizer
9/30/1999	Structural	Omaha	<a href="#">Gary Krause</a>
10/28/1999	Construction	Omaha	<a href="#">Dave Sinsheimer</a>

11/18/1999	Management	Lincoln	<a href="#">Mark Stark</a>
1/20/2000	Water Resources	Lincoln	<a href="#">Mark Wagner</a>
2/17/2000	Geotechnical	Omaha	<a href="#">Loras Klostermann</a>
3/16/2000	Environmental	Lincoln	<a href="#">John Hartwell</a>
4/13/2000	Transportation	Omaha	<a href="#">Massoum Moussavi</a>
To Be Announced	Annual Meeting	To Be Announced	<a href="#">Daryoush Razavian</a>

## ASCE National News

### The 1999 Civil Engineering Conference & Exposition – October 17 – 20, 1999

*Charlotte, North Carolina*

This year's theme, *Leading the Race in Management, Practice & Technology*, speaks to the many areas on which to focus while in Charlotte. The excitement begins with ASCE's vision to create the premier worldwide event for Civil Engineers and their allied professionals, and to promote a business, professional, and technical forum and exposition that provide valuable opportunities for business and professional development.

The CIVIL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION offers a wide array of technical sessions, education and practice-oriented seminars, meetings, and tours, plus a full schedule of social, career-boosting, business-building, and networking opportunities.

Participate in **Continuing Education Seminars** without missing key Conference sessions and social events. Taught by nationally-recognized experts, seminars are scheduled in one-half day and two-day formats and interwoven within the Conference program to allow you to customize your Conference and Continuing Education experience to meet your special needs.

This event also features the finest **Exposition Hall**, packed with top vendors and suppliers, showcasing the latest technologies to benefit the profession. Exposition Hall hours have been expanded to increase accessibility to all.

## Additional Highlights

- The 1st Civil Engineering Education Congress, a forum to discuss how to improve the academic preparation of future Civil Engineers;
- An International Program that offers special welcome to visitors from around the world, covers important projects abroad, lends insight into successful business dynamics on the international stage, and climaxes with an International Dinner & Cultural Gala;
- Six additional tracks to inform you about:
  1. Geotechnical Issues
  2. Engineering Management
  3. Environmental & Water Resources
  4. History and Heritage
  5. Multi-Modal Transportation
  6. Public Issues Policy Area;
- An enhanced Career Fair to introduce students and practicing engineers to firms that are actively recruiting;
- A special Student Program and another dedicated to the interests of Young Professionals;
- And a special program for guests and family members.

For more information, please visit the following website:



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