

**EVENT CALENDAR:**

**May**

19th -NE-ASCE Annual  
Banquet (Omaha)

**ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:**

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## Annual Banquet

May 2011

### The Nebraska Section Annual Banquet

Thursday, May 19th, 2011

**Program:** 2011 Annual Banquet  
Presentation of Life Member Awards  
Presentation of Outstanding Student Awards  
Election of Officers

**Location:** Tip Top Ballroom, Grand Ballroom West  
1502 Cuming Street  
Omaha, NE

**Times:** Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Presentation of Awards/Election of Officers 8:00 p.m.

**Menu:** Grilled Flat Iron Steak  
Chicken Basiline  
Baked Salmon

Dinner includes two complimentary drink tickets

\*\* If you require a vegetarian option, please contact Daren Konda at  
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**Price:** Banquet \$15 per Person  
(ASCE Student Members Free)  
(Life Members and Outstanding Students Free)  
(Special Guests Free)

To assure ample preparation of meals, all persons planning to attend, regardless of price, must register using the Nebraska ASCE Meal Signup Form.

Please pay at the door by check or cash only. A receipt will be given upon request.

Sign-up at: [www.neasce.org/meal\\_signup/](http://www.neasce.org/meal_signup/)

RSVP by 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 17, 2011

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## From the President

- Aaron Buettner, P.E., M.ASCE

Here it is; my last Newsletter address to the Nebraska Section. I know you have all been eagerly awaiting these exciting and spectacularly informative missives from me each and every month. Luckily, you'll be in good hands when Daren takes over next year.

Thanks to John Smith and Ticha Rohan, our co-Transportation Chairs for their hard work in putting together a very interesting April meeting. They also did an excellent job, once again, with the annual Transportation Conference.

Please be sure to make plans to attend the Annual Meeting and Banquet on May 19 at the Tip Top Ballroom. We will be enjoying an excellent dinner, socialization with our fellow ASCE members, recognition of outstanding work done by students and members, as well as installation of the 2011-2012 officers.

I appreciate the hard work of the Board Members this year. I'm proud to say I'm associated with this group that has done so many great things this year. Organizing the monthly meetings, setting up three conferences, revitalizing and expanding the YMG, conducting outreach activities like Truss Bustin' and career fairs are all things that have made the Nebraska Section successful not just this year, but also in years gone by. I know that the hard work of the Board and of the membership will continue into the future, and I'm glad to say that I have been a part of this. I intend to continue my participation with the Section and



*Aaron Buettner, P.E., President of NE-ASCE*

I encourage all of you to consider how you might increase your participation or otherwise help to keep our Nebraska Section vibrant.

-Aaron M. Buettner, P.E., M.ASCE

# April Meeting Hosted by the Transportation Group

Thanks to the Transportation Group for hosting the April meeting. The list below can be considered official documentation of attendance at the April 14th meeting worth 1 PDH credit.

Anuj Sharma  
Daren Konda  
Ticha Rohan  
Gary Krause  
Chris Lefroif  
Lara Syrocki

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# ASCE Scholarships

By: Dr. Bruce W. Berdanier, PE, LS, Region 7 Governor IA/SD

Having just started my term as Region 7 Governor for IA/SD and just finishing up my four-year term as a member of the Committee on Scholarship (COS), I have made the national scholarship process one of my talking points at the section and conference events that I have been attending. My intent is to try to generate more interest especially with student chapter members and advisors for participating in the national scholarship process.

For the past four years, we have tried to increase the interest level of the students at South Dakota State University in applying for the society level ASCE scholarships. As can be seen in table 1, the number of individual applicants and the number of scholarship applications were both highest in Regions 7 and 8. However, when thinking of the total number of qualified student members within the 10 Regions, the 76 scholarship applications from 45 unique applicants seem like very small numbers.

Region	# Apps	# Applicants
1	9	5
2	6	3
3	11	7
4	7	4
5	0	0
6	2	2
7	17	9
8	15	9
9	9	6
10	0	0
<b>Summation</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>45</b>

Table 1. 2011 ASCE Society Scholarship Applications by Region, # of Apps, and # of Applicants

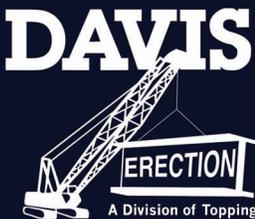
The amount of money available each year for the main scholarships varies with the size of the scholarship fund as well as the performance of the fund in the investment market. However, some knowledge of past performance would certainly give students the ability to formulate a strategy for pursuing scholarship and fellowship funding in the future. Table 2 shows the scholarships that were awarded this year as well as the number of applicants for each scholarship and the funds that were available.

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Scholarship	\$ Available	# Applicants	# Awards	\$ Individual	Total Awarded
Figg	\$3,000.00	7	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Tapman	\$27,000.00	19	9	\$3,000.00	\$27,000.00
Tiney	\$2,000.00	22	2	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Yang	\$6,000.00	15	2	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
Freeman	\$30,000.00	2	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Tuttle	\$6,000.00	11	3	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74,000.00</b>				<b>\$48,000.00</b>

Table 2. ASCE Society Scholarship funds available in 2011 with number of applicants and awards.

Besides the rather shocking fact that ASCE Committee on Scholarship had \$74,000 to give away this year and only had valid applications for \$48,000 of the funds, the number and distribution of the scholarship applications is certainly out of alignment with the available funds. For instance, The Freeman Graduate fellowship had \$30,000 of available funding, and COS hoped to make two awards at the \$15,000 level. However, COS was only able to make one award for \$4,000 based on the applications received. The 19 applications for the \$27,000 available in the Tapman fund seem logical, while the 22 applications for the \$2,000 in the Tiney fund seem out of alignment.

Suggestions for the future include that student chapters and advisors should do a better job of advertising scholarship opportunities as well as encouraging active student chapter members to apply for scholarships. Additionally, we can all do better in the future of helping students realize the relative size of the sources of larger funding instead of directing such a large number of students for the smaller funds. Perhaps the society could provide some guidelines or approximate amount of funding available each year from each fund. Finally, the outreach to graduate students for fellowships needs more guidance from the chapter advisor perhaps through coordination with local graduate faculty to direct students to this great source of funding for research support.

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