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October 2019

Event Calendar:		Octob	or Mooting				
Geotech Short Course and Confer- ence (February 20- 21, 2020)		October Meeting					
		Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019					
		Host:	Nebraska ASCE Construction Technical Group				
 Transportation Con- ference (May 29, 2020) 		Spouses and Guests Welcome					
		Location: LES					
			9445 Rokeby	y Road			
		Lincoln, NE 68526					
Inside this issue:		Program: "New Lincoln Electric System Operations Center"					
		Presenter: Dan Pudenz and Samantha Harris					
October Meeting	1						
From the President	2	Times:	6:00 pm	Check-in and Tour			
September Meeting	3		7:30 pm	Dinner—Cactus Modern Mexican and Cantina			
Summary				(5500 South 56th St, Suite 1, Lincoln, NE 685	16)		
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Continuing Education Opportunities	6	Menu/Price:					
		Taco Buffet with pork carnitas and seasoned chicken					
		ASCE Members \$15.00 with meal or \$10.00 without, Guests \$20.00 Payable to NEASCE at the door (cash, check, or credit card).					
	Life Members and Students are FREEbut you must register.						
	Registration/Deadline:						
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From the President

Hello Nebraska Section members!

Our year is off to a great start. Last month we held our Structural monthly meeting with a good turnout of 43 attendees, as well as our Annual ASCE/SEON Structural Conference. There was great content available at both events and hopefully, many of you were able to take advantage of these events offered by ASCE.

This month, our monthly meeting is hosted by our Construction Technical Committee and will be a site visit of LES (Lincoln Electric System) operations center. This project is a two-phase project. Phase one is currently operational and Phase two is set to be operational in 2021. I hope to see you at the meeting on October 17th!

Also happening this month, the Younger Member Group will be hosting a tailgate event for an upcoming Husker game. Keep an eye out for future details and see you in Lincoln for food, fun, and football.

As always, feel free to reach out to me at Elizabeth.vacek@lamprynearson.com with questions, comments, or the chance to get more involved with the Section.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Vacek

Elizabeth Vacek, President, ASCE Nebraska Section

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Deanna Chambers, P.E. email: dchambers@groundimprovementeng.com call: 402.651.1673 web: groundimprovementeng.com The September meeting was hosted by the Nebraska Structural Group. The featured presenter was Mark Traynowicz about the 2019 flooding in Nebraska and the impact it had. The list below can be considered official documentation of attendance at the annual meeting and presentation worth one (1) PDH credit.

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Nate Dickerson	Dylan Downes	Jeff Ehler	Seyed Mohammadreza Farooghi Mehr
Mark Flott	Bernard Frankl	David Gee	Scott Gililand
Eli Green	Jawad Gull	Kyle Kauzlarich	Josh Keithley
Jeff Kopocis	Rich Kotan	Yijun Liao	Adam Mace
Mark Maineli	Garrett Martindale	Matt McConville	Nancy Melby
Shuyah Tani Aurore Ouol	ba	Ryan Paradis	lan Plummer
Lucas Ripa	Riley Ruskamp	Muhammad Khalid Saifu	llah
Chugwook Sim	Mike Sklenar	Joshua Steelman	Mark Traynowicz
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2019 ASCE Presidents and Governors Forum

Attended by Brandon Gardels

On September 22-23, 2019, 107 Section and Branch Presidents, Region Governors and Society Directors from across the country and abroad (as far away as Nigeria) attended the annual Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) in Reston, VA at ASCE Headquarters. This event provided opportunities for attendees to learn about ASCE resources, network with other ASCE leaders, and develop skills that would benefit their Sections and Branches.

The program began on Sunday and included sessions such as "Introduction to your Presidency," "How to Utilize your Governors," "An Introduction to Region 10," "Leadership in the Century of Disruption" "Legal Issues for Sections and Branches" and the "Philadelphia Section Mentoring Program." President-Elect Kancheepuram Gunalan, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE and Executive Director Tom Smith, CAE, ENV SP, F.ASCE shared their thoughts and experiences on Society activities. On Sunday evening, the attendees attended a networking social and dinner in Reston Town Center.

Monday continued with additional Best Practice sessions on Struggling Sections and Branches; Developing a State Infrastructure Report Card; Student Transition Strategies; Running a Successful Section/Branch; and Creating a Successful Website and the Effective Use of Social Media. The program continued with a Roundtable Discussion sharing measurable goals for their Section/Branch and Resource Breakouts from Society Staff members, followed by a competitive game of JeopardASCE. Closing remarks were made by President-Elect Elect Jean-Louis Briaud, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, Dist.M.ASCE.

After two solid days spent with ASCE, attendees left with new knowledge that will be useful in their upcoming year as a Section or Branch leader.

For more information about the PGF, please visit LTC's website at: <u>http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-</u> committee/pgf.

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