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Event Calendar:

- November 16, 2019—Younger Member Group Tailgate
- Water Resources Technical Meeting (January 21, 2020)
- Geotech Short Course and Conference (February 20-21, 2020)

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November Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2019

Host: Nebraska ASCE Management Group

Spouses and Guests Welcome

Location:

Taxi's Grill and Bar 1822 N 120th St Omaha, NE 68154

Program: "Managing Nebraska's Historical Resources"

Presenter: Rob Bozell, State Archeologist with History Nebraska

Time: 6:00-8:30

Menu/Price:

Velvet Chicken

Blackened Tuna

Pork Flat Iron

Steak Frites

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 FREE....but you must register.

Registration/Deadline:

Sign up by 12:00 AM on Monday, November 11, 2019 HERE.







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From the President

Hello Nebraska Section members!

I had the pleasure of being able to attend the ASCE 2019 Annual Convention in Miami, Florida this year. The new ASCE Society President is Kancheepuram Gunalan "aka Guna" and was installed at the business meeting at convention. See the additional article in the newsletter for more from me about the convention.

Here are some upcoming dates in November to note:

- Younger Member Tailgate: November 16th
- Management Meeting: November 21st the event is active, and you can register now.

The Management Meeting will be held at Taxi's (120th and Blondo) and will be a presentation on Managing Nebraska's Historical Resources.

NE ASCE sent an email out on October 17th requesting your permission. Please note, this was not spam! We had a few members email in and ask. Please respond to the email and confirm your subscription. We have been notified that some people have not been receiving emails from the section and this is one step we are trying to fix that. If you are not receiving emails, please notify me or any board member so we can work on getting everyone access to the information sent out.

Just a friendly reminder to renew your ASCE membership by the end of the year. Also follow us on our social media account on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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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October Meeting Summary

The October meeting was hosted by the Nebraska Construction Technical Group. The meeting consisted of a tour of Lincoln Electric Systems new facilities The list below can be considered official documentation of attendance at the annual meeting and presentation worth one (1) PDH credit.

Andrew Eisenbraun Eli Green
Paul Harmon Jeff Kapocis
Loras Klostermann Daren Kondir
Adam Mace Dan Pudenz
Greg Seib Mike Sklenar
Ed Thiele Jordan Vietz





ASCE 2019 Convention

By: Elizabeth Vacek

I was given the opportunity to attend the ASCE Annual Convention this year and it was held on October 10-13, 2019 in Miami, Florida. There were some very interesting keynote speakers at this conference. The first one was given by Alex McDowell. ASCE's next big push, like Dream Big had been in the past years, will be Future World Vision. The first of the five cities in the Future World Vision is the Floating City, which was very fitting since Miami is having issues of their own with their "sinking city". The idea behind Future cities isn't to predict the future, but to reshape the way that civil engineers could potentially approach challenges in the future and the idea to start thinking 50 years ahead so that we can be prepared for whatever challenges could surface. Check out more information here: https://www.futureworldvision.org/

The breakout sessions that I attended ranged from professional development to how technology is shaping the future. I attended an interactive improve session which was very hands on and then another about the pros and cons about the design build process. There were presentations about projects all over the country, one that I found very interesting was the Orville Dam Spillway Replacement.

Here are a few announcements that were made during the Annual Business Meeting:

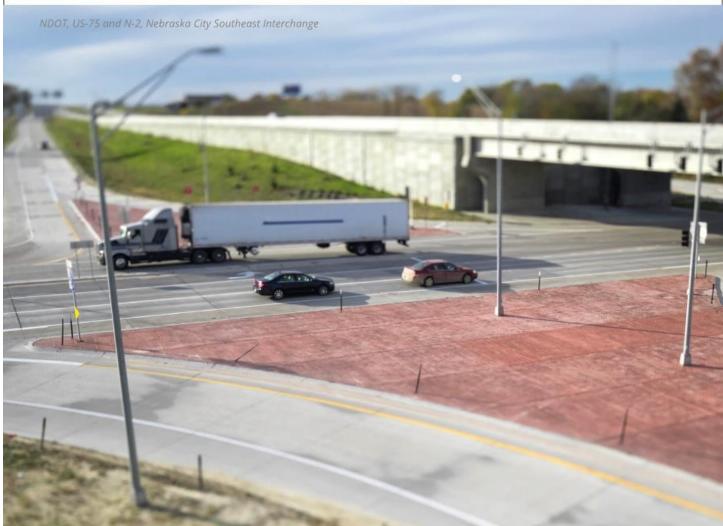
- 2020 ASCE President: Kanceepuram Gunalan, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE
- Laurence Rilett, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE (Professor at UNL) was award the Arthur M. Wellington Award
- ASCE has a podcast called Plot Points
- Region 7's new director is Edward Stafford
- Student members should apply for scholarships from Society
- Looking to refinance your student loans, there are benefits of being an ASCE member and refinancing through SoFi.

Miami was a fun experience and a completely different culture then what this Midwestern was used to. But the food was good (even the crocodile and frog legs) and the beer was cold. Overall, it was a very good conference and was honored to be able to attend.

Next year's convention will be in Anaheim, California.

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Upcoming Events and Seminars

Program	Full Dates	City/State
Younger Members Group Tailgate (NE vs Wisconsin)	Nov 16, 2019	Lincoln, NE
Water Resources Technical Meeting	Jan 21, 2020*	Lincoln, NE
Geotech Short Course and Conference	Feb 20—21, 2020	Omaha, NE
Transportation Conference	May 29, 2020	Omaha, NE

^{*} indicates date is subject to change

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