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March Meeting Information

DATE:
Thursday, March 15, 2001

HOST:
ASCE Nebraska Section
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SPEAKER:

Scott Borman

State of Nebraska Department of
Health & Human Services

TOPIC:
"New Drinking Water Standards"

TIMES:
5:30-6:30.....Social Hour
6:30-7:30.....Dinner
7:30-9:00.....Meeting & Program

LOCATION:
Misty's
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MENU:
Prime Rib
Teriyaki Chicken
Grilled Salmon
Fettuccini Alfredo

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DINNER RESERVATIONS

RSVP by Noon, Monday, March 12

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Scott Borman

Mr. Borman serves as Program Manager for Field Inspections, Operator Training & Certification, Capacity Development for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. He has been with the Department for a year and a half. Prior to his current position, he spent 4 years as Utility Superintendent for the city of Chadron, Nebraska. He has also worked in Wichita Falls, Texas.

This month we are experimenting with an electronic-only format for the newsletter. You will not receive this issue in the mail.

Contact the Editor at
rakaufmann@terracon.com or
any board member with your
comments or concerns.



President's Comments

A New Experiment - What Do You Think?



Daryoush Razavian, President
Nebraska Section, ASCE

Cheers fellow ASCE members! At the outset of my comments for this month, I would like to thank Loras Klostermann, Geotechnical Group Chair, for organizing and hosting yet another outstanding Geotechnical Meeting in February. The meeting was exceptionally well-attended in spite of the inclement weather, and featured a world renowned geotechnical engineer - Dr. Jorj Osterberg. It was truly a pleasure and an opportunity to visit with Dr. Osterberg over dinner as he is a fascinating individual with colorful stories from his travels

around the globe. The Geotechnical Group also organized a very successful one-day conference in February, GEO-Omaha 2001, featuring outstanding speakers and presentations. Reflecting on the February meeting and the conference, I am proud to be associated with the Nebraska Section for providing a wide range of activities and quality programs offered to our members. With the upcoming continuing education requirements as part of the practice of engineering in Nebraska, our members should take advantage of our technical programs. Stay tuned for further development on that.

February 18 through 24 marked the 50th anniversary of the National Engineers Week. As part of the E-Week celebrations, the Nebraska Section organized and participated in several events. Once again, Bruce Harris coordinated Nebraska Section's annual Truss "Bustin" competition for the Omaha metro-area high school students. The spirited competition took place at the Westroads Shopping Center with a lot of amazing Balsa Wood trusses with incredible load capacities. Thank you Bruce for an outstanding job. More information on this will be provided in the next month's newsletter. Last month, I had the opportunity of representing the Nebraska Section at a proclamation signing ceremony at the Capitol as Governor Mike Johanns proclaimed February 18 through 24 as the E-Week in Nebraska. A similar proclamation signing ceremony was held by the Lincoln Mayor Don Wesley. Finally, in case you missed it, the Omaha World Herald and the Midland Business Journal ran articles about ASCE in special editions commemorating the E-Week.

As I commented in the September newsletter, one of our important agenda for this year was involvement in the public policy arena through the Professional Engineers Coalition (PEC). Currently, there are two proposed legislative bills having impacts on the practice of engineering in Nebraska. The Design-Build legislation and changing exemptions of the Engineers and Architects (E/A) Regulation Act (LB 301). The LB 301 is seeking exemptions in E/A's involvement in the construction, remodeling, alteration, or renovation of single-family

through four-family dwellings, farm buildings, and public works projects below certain budgets. Clearly, this is not in the best interest of the public and our mission of safeguarding public health, safety, and welfare. The Nebraska Section is actively involved in the discussions surrounding these two and other legislative issues, and working closely with the PEC lobbyist. I am pleased to report to our members that all of the expenses associated with PEC, including our share of the lobbyist's fee, are supported by the National ASCE through funding grants.

The Nebraska Section undertakes a wide array of programs and activities. Traditionally, some of these programs generate revenue and are self-sufficient such as the Geotechnical or Structural conferences. However, most of our activities require funding support. Historically, we have had a steady income through Section membership dues (which has not been increased for at least 10 years), National allotments, interest income, advertising income, etc. My predecessors and preceding Boards made conscious efforts in operating the Section and supporting Section activities in a fiscally responsible manner. However, with the rising cost of various activities and programs, it would be difficult to maintain the same level of services and the number of programs if revenue is not increased accordingly. In other words, either we have to increase revenue or cut some of the expenditures. One means of increasing revenue is increasing Section dues for the first time in more than 10 years (for example, from \$7.50 per year to \$10-\$15 per year). One means of reducing expenditure is mailing the newsletter electronically and saving the printing and postage expenses. As an experiment, this newsletter is only mailed to you electronically. Additional advantages of this system are timely distribution of the newsletter and dissemination of the newsletter to a broader audience (via forwarding the email containing the newsletter to other colleagues who may not be a member of ASCE) among others.

As a service-oriented professional organization, the Nebraska Section is committed to serving the needs of its members across the state. All of us at the Nebraska Section Board would like to hear from all of you what you think of this new experiment. Also, your input in increasing Section dues is requested and appreciated. Please contact me at drazavian@oaconsulting.com with your comments and additional suggestions. I am looking forward to meeting you and discussing these issues at the March meeting hosted by the Environmental Group.

Best regards,

Daryoush



ASCE National News

2001-2002 ASCE Congressional Fellowship

ASCE is recruiting a new Congressional leader. Applications are now being accepted for the 2001-2002 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 the congressional decision making process.

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

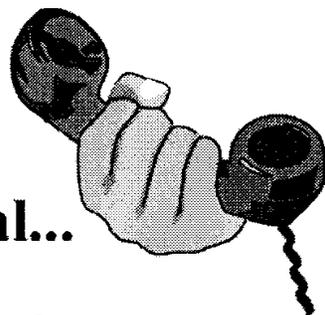
David Westerling, ASCE's fourth Congressional Fellow, recently completed a very successful year. He was heavily involved in the debate on environmental issues. ASCE's current fellow, Yumei Wang, is working on environmental and infrastructure issues with Senator Ted Kennedy.

The selection process is getting underway for the next ASCE Congressional Fellow. The Fellowship year begins on September 1, 2001 and runs through August 31, 2002. Applications are due no later than April 6, 2001, with the selection of the Fellow by early June. ASCE will provide a stipend and some relocation expenses.

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

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Last Month's Meeting



Dr. Jorj Osterberg, world-renowned geotechnical engineer, was the speaker at the February meeting. The following day, he lectured at GEO-Omaha 2001, the Section's annual geotechnical seminar. Above (L to R), Loras Klostermann, Geotechnical Committee Chair; Dr. Osterberg; and Daryoush Razavian, President.

Thirty-eight people attended the meeting at Anthony's in Omaha:

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| Loras Klostermann | Bill Arneson |
| Steve Levenson (guest) | Brad Levich |
| Lok Sharma (guest) | Daryoush Razavian |
| Michael Barnett (guest) | Jim McHenry |
| Mark Roenreldt (guest) | Gerry Hurley (guest) |
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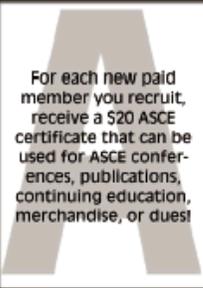
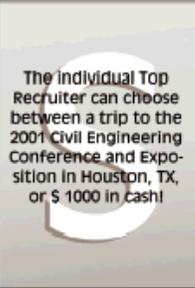
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- Apr 19 APR. MEETING (Hosted by Transportation Group and UNO Student Chapter), Omaha
- May(TBA) ANNUAL MEETING, TBA

2001 Membership Drive is Underway!

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Also, let us know what you think about the electronic-only version of the newsletter.

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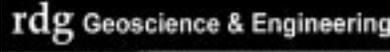
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