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## Meeting Information

**DATE:** Thursday, January 23

**HOSTS:** Water Resources Group  
(Carter Hubbard, Chair) &  
Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Student Chapter

**TOPIC:** "Surface Geophysical  
Survey Techniques to Detect  
Subsurface Conditions or Features"

**SPEAKER:** Wade Kress  
**Hydrologist,  
U.S. Geological Survey**

**TIMES:**  
**6:30-7:15**.....Meeting and Program  
**7:15-8:00**.....Dinner  
**8:00**.....Adjourn

**LOCATION:**  
**Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Room 106, Othmer Hall**  
(North side of Vine between 16th and 17th.)

**PRICE:** \$10.00

**MENU:** Pizza

**DIRECTIONS FROM I-80:** Exit I-80 at I-180/Hwy-34 exit and head south towards downtown. This road will turn into 9th Street (one way southbound street) as you reach downtown. Move over to the left lane after you descend from the elevated roadway near Memorial Stadium. Turn left (east) on P Street. Head east on P for 8 blocks until you reach 17th. Move over to the left lane as you approach 17th street. Turn left (north) on 17th and move over to the right lanes. The parking garage is located on the northeast corner of 17th and Q. Park there and walk four blocks north on 17th to Vine Street. Othmer Hall is on the north side of Vine between 16th and 17th.

## DINNER RESERVATIONS

RSVP by noon on  
Monday 1/20/03

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Rose Jones in Lincoln at 458-5603  
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## Wade Kress

**Hydrologist  
U.S. Geological Survey**

Wade Kress began with the US Geological Survey as a hydrologist in 1999. He earned his bachelor's degree in geology from Louisiana Tech University. He currently manages geophysical, hydrographic surveying, and hydro-acoustic projects for the Lincoln, NE district office.



## **20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GEOTECHNICAL SEMINAR**

## **GEO-Omaha 2003**

FEBRUARY 21, 2003  
KIEWIT CONFERENCE CENTER  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

(See brochure inside for details)

## President's Comments



Brad Levich, P.E.  
NE-ASCE President

Happy New Year! The November meeting organized by Mark Stark featured Mr. Tom Janssen, State Director for United States Senator Chuck Hagel. Mr. Janssen provide an overview of what Senator Hagel was working on and possible future legislation. This meeting had a really good turn out for our first lunch meeting in many years. The

entire staff from Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, Inc. attended the meeting, or maybe half the staff. I would like to Thank Tom and John for encouraging the staff at LRA to attend our meetings. More lunch meeting maybe organized in the future.

Please join us on January 23, 2003 on the UNL campus for a joint meeting with the UNL Student Chapter sponsored by the Water Resources Group. The topic is Surface Geophysical Survey techniques to detect subsurface contamination, locate public drinking water supplies or determine the depth of scour holes, etc. Pizza and pop will be served afterwards! I would like Carter Hubbard and Rick Wilson for setting up this meeting.

The ASCE Board decided on December 4, 2002 to enthusiastically support a bid for the EWRI annual World Water and Environmental Resources Congress for 2006. The new Convention center would be a great facility for this conference. Mr. Dale Jacobson of Jacobson Helgoth Consultants will provide information on how to apply and what help is needed. I have sent out an email for preliminary assessments of the desire to help and the response has been relatively good. Please email me if you have interest in helping ([balevich@terracon.com](mailto:balevich@terracon.com)).

The Geotechnical conference is planned for February 21, 2003. The Geotechnical committee has put together another great conference. Look for the conference information in this newsletter.

I would like to congratulate **Mr. Rick Kaufmann** and **Mr. Ryan Paradis** on passing the P.E. exam. Don't forget to upgrade your membership information.

*Bradley A. Levich*

## 2002-2003 Important Dates

### January:

23 - MONTHLY MEETING (Co-hosted by Water Resources Group and Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Chapter), Lincoln

### February:

20 - MONTHLY MEETING (Hosted by Geotechnical Group), Omaha  
21 - Annual Geotechnical Conference, Omaha

### March:

20 - MONTHLY MEETING (Hosted by Environmental Group), Lincoln

### April:

17 - MONTHLY MEETING (Co-hosted by Transportation Group and Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha Student Chapter), Omaha

### May:

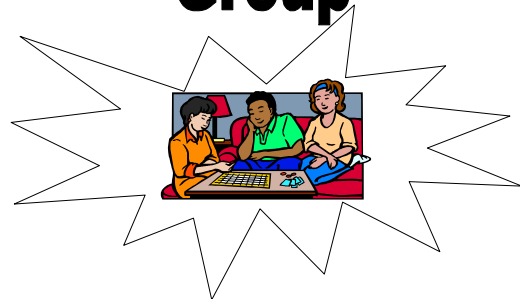
16 - ANNUAL MEETING



## Nebraska Section

# Younger Member Group

(or those who feel young!)



**Brainstorming, games, food, fun, and laughs!**  
**Come help us plan our year!**

When: Saturday, January 25, 2003  
5 - 8± pm with supper at 5:30

Where: The Biltmore/Vanderbilt Club Room

\$5 per person

RSVP by 4 pm on Jan. 23 to:

Marie Maly ([mmaly@schemmer.com](mailto:mmaly@schemmer.com)) or Lindsay Madsen ([lmadsen@schemmer.com](mailto:lmadsen@schemmer.com))  
Or call 402-493-4800 for either of us

Directions: Exit I-680 at West Dodge Road - westbound (Boys Town exit)  
Follow W. Dodge to 120<sup>th</sup> - exit north  
Follow 120<sup>th</sup> north to Blondo and turn east  
At the second traffic signal (Papillion Parkway), turn right  
Take the first left and follow the balloons to the Club Room  
... If you'd like more detailed directions or a map, let us know!

**E-WEEK BANQUET  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2003**

Sponsored by the Engineer’s Roundtable through the corporate support of:  
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**“Using Virtual Reality to Help Design and Fund Raise All in One Package”**

**D**r. Lee G. Simmons, Director of Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo, will speak about using virtual reality methods to conceptualize, design and implement successful zoo exhibits while also using virtual reality to promote the exhibits for fund raising activities. Born in Tucson, Arizona, Dr. Simmons moved to Choctaw, Oklahoma in 1951. His first experience in zoo work came as a volunteer in the reptile department at the Oklahoma City Zoo. After graduating with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the Oklahoma State School of Veterinary Medicine in 1963, Dr. Simmons worked as the Curator of Mammals at the Columbus, Ohio Zoo and later held positions there as Veterinarian and Assistant Superintendent. He started as a Staff Veterinarian in Omaha in 1966, soon becoming the Associate Director and finally the Director of the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo in 1970. Under Dr. Simmons’ direction, the Zoo has consistently been recognized among the top 5 or 10 best zoos in North America. Significant facilities of the Henry Doorly Zoo include North America’s largest cat breeding complex, the Wild Kingdom Educational Pavilion, a 4 acre aviary, the Lied Jungle, which is the world’s largest indoor rainforest, the 1.3 million gallon Scott Kingdoms of the Seas Marine Aquarium, the Grewock Center for Conservation and Research, the Lozier IMAX Theater, a 440 acre off-site conservation park, the world’s largest desert dome and what will be the world’s largest nocturnal exhibit. Dr. Simmons has authored or co-authored 28 publications and serves or has served on 25 boards and university appointments. He is an inventor and designs and manufactures medical equipment and immobilizing devices used in zoos and in the field.

**Location:**  
Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo  
TreeTops Restaurant  
3701 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street

**Time:**  
6:00 PM – Social Hour (Cash Bar)  
7:00 PM – Banquet & Speaker

**Lead Society & Master of Ceremonies:**  
The lead society for this year’s national E-Week is the American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers. Our Master of Ceremonies will be Ray Alvine.

**Dinner Selections & Prices:**  
Entrée Choices:  
Slow Roasted Prime Rib \$30.00  
Southwestern Chicken \$28.00  
Halibut w/ Lemon Butter \$26.00  
(All dinner selections include Thunderbird salad, twice-baked potato, brandied carrots, bread & butter, choice of beverage and Pastry Swan chocolate mouse dessert.)

In order to provide a total attendance count to the TreeTops Restaurant, only advanced reservations will be accepted. Advanced reservations, menu choices, attendee’s name and payment must be received by **Monday, February 17, 2003**. Checks should be made payable to the “**E-Week Roundtable**.” Please clip the reservation form below (add an additional sheet if required), attach payment and send to the address shown.

**Send to:** Phil Rossbach, HDR Engineering, Inc.  
8404 Indian Hills Drive, Omaha, NE 68114-4049

<b>Attendee’s Name(s)</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Menu Choice</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
_____, _____	_____	Prime Rib      x	\$30      _____
_____, _____	_____	Southwestern Chicken    x	\$28      _____
_____, _____	_____	Halibut                      x	\$26      _____
<b>Total Cost</b>			_____

## The Order of the Engineer

The Order of the Engineer is an association of engineers dedicated to the teaching, administration, or practice of their profession. Initiation into the Order includes adherence to a Creed and acceptance of a stainless steel ring to be worn on the working hand. There are no further meetings to attend, or dues or subscriptions to pay. The Obligation is voluntary and for life. It does not replace or compete with NSPE, ASCE, AIEE, or any other educational, scientific, or engineering organization, but lends dignity and significance to those who are members.

In the midst of a career, it is possible to lose sight of goals so that dreams grow dim in the press of earning a living and establishing a vocation. The ring is a constant reminder of the wearer's calling, a bond of strength in adversity and assurance that one is not alone in his endeavor, but is joined by a vast number of contemporaries with a common purpose and resolution. It is a badge of recognition which also will be known to the public. It is worn with pride and viewed with honor. The ring reminds you that you are an engineer.

It is only for those who have met the high standards of engineering training, administration, or practice, and who voluntarily accept the Obligation. The ring is not a trinket to be bought nor an award to be conferred carelessly. It is, rather, the union of the engineer with the engineering profession.

The Order was started in 1970 by members of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers who became part of the international engineering organization started in Canada. The Charter for the Nebraska link, as it is called, was granted in 1976.

The Order of the Engineer strives for the following objectives: Develop a spirit of pride and responsibility in the engineering profession; Strengthen the interface between training for and the practice of engineering; and, Present the public with a visible symbol identifying the engineer. The one-time initiation fee for The Order of the Engineer is \$20.00. Some of the proceeds will go to support the Mathcounts program which encourages 7th and 8th grade students to continue their math studies and perhaps select a career in Engineering.

For more information about the Order, contact **Larry Ehlers** of UNL's Department of Mechanical Engineering at (402)472-2375, or [LARRYEHLERS@cs.com](mailto:LARRYEHLERS@cs.com). Also, check the web at [www.order-of-the-engineer.org](http://www.order-of-the-engineer.org).

We hope to generate enough interest in the Order to hold an initiation ceremony at one of our monthly meetings. Anyone interested in joining the Order or current members who would be willing to help with the initiation are requested to contact Rick Kaufmann, NE-ASCE Editor.

## Balsa Wood Truss Competition

Mark your calendar for Engineers Week, February 16-22, 2003. One of the activities sponsored by ASCE during Engineers Week is the metro area High School Balsa Wood Truss competition. The competition will be held at the Westroads Shopping Center, 102nd and West Dodge Road in Omaha. The testing machine that will load the trusses to failure will be set up in the mall leading to Von Maur. The testing will start at 1:00 P.M. and run most of the afternoon. So, if you like to see the creativity of High School students, hear and see things get broke, join us at the Mall on Saturday, February 22, 2003. For any questions or further details, please call **Bruce Harris**, High Schools & E-Week Committee, at 221-4440 (W) or 498-0296 (H).

## Last Month's Meeting

Forty people attended the Management lunch meeting held at El Bee's on Nov. 21 to hear Tom Janssen, Senator Chuck Hagel's State Director. Thank you to organizer Mark Stark, Management Technical Chair.

Ed Prost	Dave Peterson	Marie Maly
Loren Steenson	Loras Klostermann	Ray Hogrefe
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Diane Hofer	Tom Marnik	Virgil Meedel
Jeff Kortan	Scott Gilliland	Brad Levich
Lindsay Madsen	Sorin Juster	John Coolidge
Aaron Buettner	Daren Konda	John Hill
Dave Johnson	Tom Strauss	Virgil Olegmueller
Rich Kotan	Kris Humphrey	Brian Erickson
Tim Grove (Guest)	Tom Janssen (speaker)	Brad Chambers
Machelle Krajewski	Norm Nelson	Rick Kaufmann
Peggy Myers	Jeff Kopocis	Arjun Patney
Heidi Kramer	Mike McIntosh	Paul Johnson (guest)
	Pat Hillyer	

## A Note from the Editor

After a lengthy search, Ms. Peggy Meyers with Lamp Rynearson & Associates has agreed to take over as Newsletter Editor for next term. On behalf of the Section, Welcome, Peggy, and thank you for taking on this challenge. It is widely recognized as the most time-consuming job on the Board, but I think you'll find it equally rewarding.

The deadline for the February edition of *The Nebraska Civil Engineer* is February 1. Send ideas for items that could be included in this newsletter, articles, or information to:

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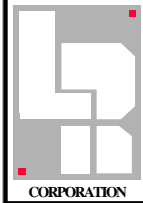
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