



EVENT CALENDAR:

May

24 - Annual Meeting & Banquet - Rick's Boatyard Cafe, Omaha

June

1 - ASCE Younger Member End of the Year Barbecue - Zorinsky Lake, Omaha

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

SEI Board of Governors Elections

Younger Members Barbecue Notice

Mercy Robotics Team Thank You

PRESENTING

ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET

Thursday, May 24th

Location: Rick's Boatyard Cafe
345 North 6th Street
East of Qwest Center
Downtown Omaha

Times: Cocktails on the Deck 6:00
Dinner 7:00

Menu: Baked Chicken Florentine with Mornay Sauce
Stuffed with Spinach & Boursin Cheese. Served with Redskin Potatoes & Chef's Vegetables

12 oz Prime Rib with Au Jus & Horseradish Sauce
Served with Horseradish-Chive Whipped Potatoes & Chef's Vegetables

Jonah Crab Stuffed Orange Roughy with Mornay Sauce
Served with Horseradish-Chive Whipped Potatoes & Chef's Vegetables

Spouses and guests welcome. All meals \$15 per person (includes two drink tickets). RSVP by Friday, May 18th to Marie 402.493.4800 or vp@neasce.org Subject Line: ASCE RSVP. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Deadline for articles to be published in the September newsletter will be sometime before September. Email articles to Aaron Grote at editor@neasce.org

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From the President

So this is my final article as President of NE ASCE. This is when most people say boy, time just flew by. On the contrary this year for me has been packed with exciting and challenging events. My first crazy meeting in a tent on the Missouri during a bad storm seems so long ago. I believe a lot was accomplished this year in the area of "fun and participation". Lets keep the momentum going. At the Annual Meeting the reins of this organization will be turned over to Ed Prost your incoming President. I wish him success during his term.

Just after last months newsletter went out, a national tragedy occurred at Virginia Tech. I did not know at the time but 8 of the victims and 1 professor were part of the civil engineering program at Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech has set up a memorial fund and everyone in ASCE is encouraged to contribute and add to ASCE National's donation of \$50,000. For more information see <http://www.cce.vt.edu/>

I would like to sincerely thank David Ayala and his Assistant Transportation Chair, Diane Jones for a great job in putting on the annual transportation conference and dinner meeting. Both were well attended. Dave was the catalyst in starting our annual transportation conference and has been instrumental in our Sections ability to sponsor the Transportation Scholarship. It is with a sad heart I have to report Dave has recently moved out of State for family reasons. We will miss him and his leadership.

- Tom Marnik, P.E.
During the dinner meeting we had



Tom Marnik, P.E. President of ASCE

presentations from both the UNL Student section concrete canoe and steel bridge teams lead by President Katie Vlock, as well as the Mercy High, all girls, Robotic Team. Sponsoring both these groups to me is the core of what our Society is all about. I was very proud of our Society that day for the assistance we provided in furthering the field of Engineering with our community's youth. I would also like to thank Dan Owens for presenting a very interesting, "picture filled" presentation on the Sarpy Count 96th Street Project.

The annual meeting will be held at Rick's Boathouse Café. This is a great restaurant in the heart of the redeveloped Omaha's Riverfront. I encourage everyone to attend. Where else can you get a \$40+ meal with a view for \$15.00. At that meeting, I hope to introduce our proposed rewrite of the Constitution, By-Law and Rules and Policies of the Section. The official vote will take place over the summer and if all goes according

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to plan the new documents should become effective for the start of the active ASCE season in September. The main purpose in the rewrite was to clearly define the governance of our Section. The new governance will be allocated to a group of 9 officers and the Board of Directors will become an advisory group to the officers. It was felt that the 20+ members of the Board of Directors was too large of a group to effectively manage the day-to-day functions to the Section.

I have truly enjoyed my tenure as your President and I want to extend my gratitude to all the members and especially the Board Members that have worked hard throughout the year to make this year a success.

Have a great summer.

Younger Member Barbecue

The ASCE Younger Members would like to celebrate the success we've had over the past year, and you're invited! We will be hosting a barbecue at Zorinsky Lake in Shelter #4 on June 1st at 5:30 pm.

Food and drinks will be provided by the YMG Committee. Please feel free to bring outdoor equipment such as folding chairs, frisbees, softballs and gloves, and other fun outdoor activities.

Please reply to this notice if you would like to attend. Also, feel free to invite spouses and guests for this night of "FUN AND INVOLVEMENT". If you have any questions please contact Amelia Toellner (actuellner@terracon.com) or Pat Hillyer (Pat.Hillyer@LRA-inc.com) the younger member co-chairs bringing you this event.

Hope to see you there!

RE: Structural Technical Election for Local Rep to SEI Board of Governors

The ASCE Nebraska Section Structural Group is to vote for one of the following candidates by Friday, June 1, 2007:

- Lee Fang - Local STG of Buffalo, NY Section of ASCE
- Donna Friis - East Central Florida SEI Chapter
- John Grieshaber - SEI Chapter of Delaware Section of ASCE
- Raman Venkata - Local STG of South Carolina Section of ASCE

Biographical information for the candidates is posted at <http://www.neasce.org/SEI-election-index.htm>. Please provide feedback to Scott K. Gilliland at **structural@neasce.org** no later than Tuesday, May 29, 2007.

Thank you for your input!

You are receiving this information as a member of the Nebraska Section of ASCE and a member of the Structural Engineering Institute.

Scott Gilliland
Nebraska Section Structural Group Chair



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A Special Thank You From Mercy Robotics Team

Thank you so much for everything you have done for the Mercy Robotics team! At school on Wednesday all the girls and I decided that we had an awesome time at the meeting! We all agreed that it was an extremely educational night for all of us. It isn't very often that you get to sit in a roomful of engineers! I personally really enjoyed dinner, I was able to ask questions about the industry. It was really great to hear first hand what engineering is all about.

Thanks for EVERYTHING!

-Mandy Homan

April Meeting Hosted By The Transportation Group

Thanks to Dave Ayala for hosting the April Meeting. Dan Owens gave an picture filled presentation on the 96th Street Project.

The names listed below can be considered official documentation of attendances at the April meeting worth 1 PDH credit.

Brad Chambers
Dave Ayala
Ed Thiele
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Mike Baumert
Aaron Grote
Randy Walker
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