

**EVENT CALENDAR:**

**October**

20th -Construction Group Meeting

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From The President

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**October Meeting**

October 2011

**The Construction Technical Group Presents:**

*Tour of the New TD Ameritrade Headquarters*  
Thursday, October 20th

**Featuring:** Phil Spensor, Kiewit Project Manager  
Jason Bauer, Kiewit Project Superintendent  
Del Reibold, TD Ameritrade Construction Project Manager

**Construction site tour following presentation**

Hard hat, work boots, pants, safety vest, and safety glasses are required for the tour.

**Location:** Kiewit Construction Office  
South 108th Avenue  
Omaha, NE 68154

Grisanti's Casual Italian Restaurant  
10875 W. Dodge Road  
Omaha, NE 68154

**Times:** Presentation and tour 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner following tour

**Price:** \$15 for presentation, tour, and dinner  
\$10 for presentation and tour only  
ASCE Student Members Free

**Menu:** Eggplant Parmesan  
Classic Lasagna  
Grilled Chicken Alfredo  
Spaghetti with Bolognese Meat Sauce

Please pay at the door by check or cash only. A receipt will be given upon request.

Sign-up at: [www.neasce.org/meal\\_signup/](http://www.neasce.org/meal_signup/)

RSVP by noon on Tuesday, October 18th

Deadline for articles to be published in the November newsletter will be November 1st. Email articles to Greg Seib at [editor@neasce.org](mailto:editor@neasce.org)

# From the President

- Daren Konda, P.E., M.ASCE

We are just short of a month away from the time when daylight savings time ends. Every year when we turn the clock back any hour it gives us the chance to catch up on a project, spend more time with family or just get another hour of sleep. I encourage everyone to take a moment this year and really use the "extra" hour to donate your time. At our November Meeting hosted by the Management Group submit your completed task for the opportunity to share your contribution and to receive a gift.

The Structural Conference hosted by the Structural Technical Group and SEAON in September was a success with record attendance. Hopefully everyone who attended and received the set of manuals has had the opportunity to use them as a reference to help them in their daily tasks.

The tour of the new TD Ameritrade Headquarters hosted by the Construction Technical Group will be at 5:30 pm on October 20, 2011. This will be a unique opportunity for those who attended last years tour of the site and observed the start of the foundation construction. The site has definitely changed over the past year. The structure for the main building is complete with interior work well underway. Just a quick reminder, hard hat, work boots, pants, safety vest and safety glasses are required for the tour. Dinner after the tour will be hosted at Grisanti's Casual Italian Restaurant located at 10875 W. Dodge Road. Also in addition to earning continuing education hours at all technical Nebraska Section ASCE meetings training courses and resources are available through the Society. Use the following link to find more about continuing educational opportunities: <http://www.asce.org/knowledge-learning/continuing-education/>

Fall is also a great opportunity to get registered and attend a local or regional conference. Planning is well underway for both our Geotechnical and Transportation Conferences. If you have topics you would like to see presented please contact the planning committees and provide your suggestions.

Just a reminder all Licensees with last names beginning

with A – K will have their license expire on December 31. The renewal process may be completed online through the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects website or by mail.

Headlines are still dominated by the challenges faced with cleanup and repair from the devastation left by the Missouri River flood. One good thing is that we are seeing engineers meet the challenges and are providing solutions to a number of problems caused by the flooding. The landscape will carry the scar of the flood for many years but how we move forward will define who we are as a people.

Sincerely,

-Daren Konda, P.E., M.ASCE

# September Structural Group Meeting and Annual Structural Conference

The Nebraska Section's Structural Technical Group hosted a joint dinner meeting in association with the Structural Engineers Association of Nebraska (SEAON) and the Annual Structural Conference at McKenna's Blues Booze and BBQ in Omaha on Thursday evening, September 15th. After enjoying some great BBQ; the group of over 30 attendees listened to a presentation by Dr. Max Porter, P.E., with Porter Engineering, LLC (Professor Emeritus – Iowa State University). As part of his presentation "Whistle Blowing – When Must You and How," Dr. Porter talked about his experiences and recommendations with respect to whistle blowing.

Dr. Porter, along with several other speakers, also presented at the 31st Annual Structural Conference on Friday, September 16th. The full day conference was held at the Scott Conference Center in Omaha. The conference was well attended, setting a new record again this year of over 300 participants.

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In addition to conference notes, the new ACI 318-11 “Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary” and the 6th Edition of the “Reinforced Masonry Engineering Handbook” were provided to each attendee as part of their \$175 registration fee (\$150 for NEASCE and SEAON members, \$50 for full-time students). The Nebraska Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (NEASCE) and the Structural Engineers Association of Nebraska (SEAON) are joint sponsors of the Conference.



Dr. Max Porter presenting at the September NE-ASCE meeting



Randal Poston speaking at the 2011 Structural Conference



Mike Mota speaking at the 2011 Structural Conference

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# ASCE Region 7 Continuing Education Seminars and Workshops

ASCE Geographic Services is pleased to provide you with a list of upcoming Continuing Education seminars and workshops scheduled in your geographic area. These in-depth, practice-oriented programs are produced by ASCE's Continuing Education Department.

The Region 7 schedule, and the complete Winter 2011 – Spring 2012 Continuing Education schedule (as well as the Summer – Fall 2011 schedule) have been placed under the “Links” tab on the ASCE Region 7 website.

TECHNICAL DIVISION	DATE	LOCATION	SEMINAR/WORKSHOP
Hydraulics & Water Resources	October 12-14, 2011	Denver, CO	GIS for Hydraulic and Hydrologic Modeling Using ArcGIS Desktop
Hydraulics & Water Resources	October 27-28, 2011	St. Louis, MO	Introduction to Detention Pond Design – Parking Lots and Urban Drainage
Structural	October 27-28, 2011	Denver, CO	Seismic Loads for Buildings and Other Structures
Structural	November 3-4, 2011	St. Louis, MO	Wind Loads for Buildings and Other Structures
Structural	November 3-4, 2011	Kansas City, MO	Design of Cold Formed Steel Structures The New 2007 Specification
Hydraulics & Water Resources	November 16-18, 2011	St. Louis, MO	HEC-RAS Computer Workshop
Structural	December 14-16, 2011	Denver, CO	Design of Foundations for Dynamic Loads
Structural	January 19-20, 2012	St. Louis, MO	Structural Condition Assessment of Existing Structures
Structural	March 15-16, 2012	Denver, CO	Design of Lateral Force Resisting Systems Using the 2009 International Building Code
Transportation/Highways	March 21-23, 2012	St. Louis, MO	Techniques for Pavement Rehabilitation
Geotechnical	March 29-30, 2012	Denver, CO	Design and Installation of Buried Pipes

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