



SEAONews

Structural Engineers Association of Nebraska

March 2009

President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the SEAON members for their support in making SEAON a great organization to belong to. I am also taking this time to inform our members of a change in SEAON policy. The national organization, NCSEA, requires SEAON to pay them our organizational dues in September. Dues are based upon the current number of members. If you are like me, I tend to pay my dues at the Annual Structures Conference in September. While this makes it convenient for me, it makes it difficult for SEAON to get an accurate headcount to pay its membership dues to the national organization. So because of this, the SEAON board is making a policy that membership dues are due June 1st. A yearly membership will now run from June 1st through May 31st. As we make this transition, there are not going to be any serious ramifications from missing the deadline, like repossessing your first born or getting a visit from Mike Naccarato. We hope that the SEAON members will understand the reasoning for it and will do their best to help us out. While I am on the subject of money, you are all probably wondering what happens to your dues. \$16.00 per member goes to the NCSEA as our organizational dues. From this you should all be getting a copy of the Structures magazine. If you are not getting this magazine, please let the board know so we can resolve the issue. Dues are used to help offset the costs of the dinner meetings and seminars that provide a convenient way to obtain continuing education credits. This year, as in past years, we

have given money to student ASCE organization at UNO for their truss building and concrete canoe competitions. Last summer we sent two people to the NCSEA annual meeting on the topic of structural licensure. The information gained from these meetings will greatly help us as we move forward in the effort to enact a structural practice act in Nebraska. As you can see, we are trying to use your dues to aid in the practice of structural engineering in the state of Nebraska. I hope to see you all at the annual dinner meeting on May 28th, if not, I hope you all have a great summer.

Mike Kuhse
SEAON President

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

www.SEAON.org

The website is currently undergoing a "**TOTAL MAKEOVER**". It's getting a more professional /user friendly look. Over time new bells and whistles will be added to make the site more dynamic. The new and improved website should be up and running sometime this summer. Please be sure to visit the website regularly. Announcements and upcoming events are posted on the HOME page. You can find the current newsletter along with an archive of all past newsletters on the NEWSLETTER page. Encourage potential members to visit the MEMBERSHIP page for information about SEAON as well as a membership application.

March Dinner Meeting

Date:
March 12, 2009

Presentation Title:
Cold Form Steel Truss Design

Speaker:
David Boyd
Aegis Metal Framing

Schedule:
5:30 – 6:30 Social Hour
6:30 – 7:30 Dinner
7:30 – Presentation and Q&A

Location:
Misty's Steakhouse
6235 Havelock Ave
Lincoln, NE 68507

Price:
\$20 per person (SEAON Members)
\$25 per person (Non-Members)
\$10 per person (Students)
All money (cash or check) will be collected at the door

Menu Choices:
Petite Sirloin Steak
Roasted Atlantic Salmon
Pasta Alfredo with Chicken

Reservations:
Please contact Gary L. Krause
(gkrause@mail.unomaha.edu) to make a reservation and a
dinner selection no later than Tuesday March 10th.

0.1 CEU/ 1.0 PDH will be awarded for attending the
meeting

SEAON Meetings for 2009

April 2, 2009 Spring Seminar

Topic: ACI 318 -08 Full day seminar (SEAON
Members get ACI member pricing)
Location: Omaha Marriott Hotel, Omaha

May 28, 2009 6th Annual Banquet

Topic: Midtown Crossing Design and
Construction
Location: Champions Club, Omaha

September 28, 2009 Annual Structural Conf.

Topic: TBD
Location: Scott Conference Center, Omaha

What's your opinion?

Do you have an opinion regarding the proposed addition to the Exemption Matrix of a second tier of partially-exempt projects?

This proposal would allow some currently non-exempt projects to be design under the supervision of ONE coordinating professional. These small to mid-sized buildings could be designed WITHOUT multiple engineers or an architect as long as the Coordinating Professional has the training and/or experience to fully understand, review and approve all documents relating to the project which are designed by unlicensed professionals.

Reference the Winter edition of the Nebraska Professional newsletter at the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architect's website.

Let any Board member know if you have any thoughts regarding this proposal. We're interested in knowing what the SEAON members think of this.

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