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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Structural Conference on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. 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. In addition to conference notes, the new ACI 318-11 "Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary" and the 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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