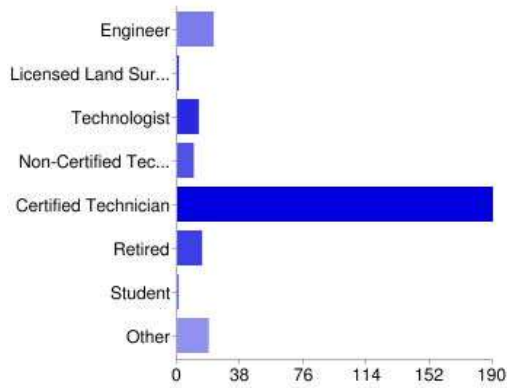


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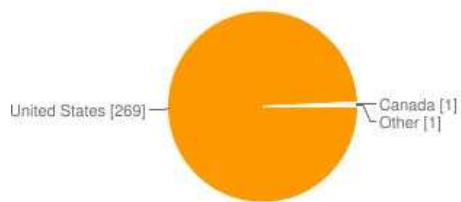
Listed on the following pages is the complete summary of responses answered by the 271 members who responded to the survey in January.

Which of the following best describes your title?



Engineer	22	8%
Licensed Land Surveyor	1	0%
Technologist	13	5%
Non-Certified Technician	10	4%
Certified Technician	190	70%
Retired	15	6%
Student	1	0%
Other	19	7%

Where are you located?



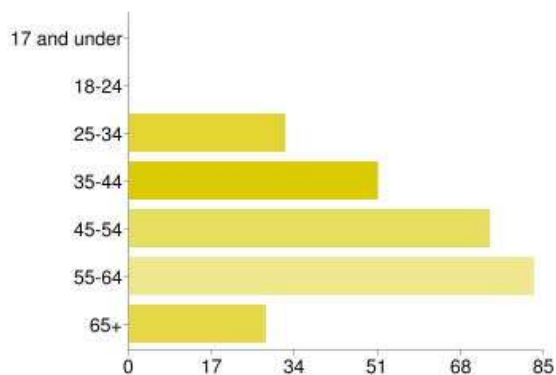
United States	269	99%
Canada	1	0%
Other	1	0%

Are you?



Male	251	93%
Female	16	6%

Please Select your age range.



17 and under	0	0%
18-24	0	0%
25-34	32	12%
35-44	51	19%
45-54	74	27%
55-64	83	31%
65 +	28	10%

If a Certified Technician, list primary certifications:

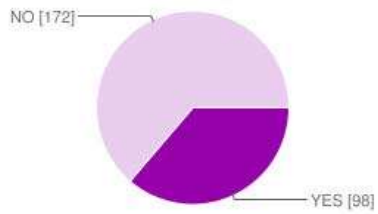


National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET)	245	91%
American Society for Quality (ASQ)	1	0%
Manufacturing Engineers Certification Institute (MECI)	0	0%
Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)	0	0%
Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT)	2	1%
National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers (NARTE)	2	1%
National Association of Business and Educational Radio (NABER)	0	0%
American Concrete Institute (ACI)	41	15%
American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT)	0	0%
American Welding Association (AWS)	1	0%
National Association of Industrial Technologies (NAIT)	2	1%
City Guilds of London Institute	2	1%
American Construction Inspectors Association (ACIA)	0	0%
Washington Area Council of Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (WACEL)	0	0%
Electronics Technician Association (ETA)	0	0%
Arizona Technical Training Institute	0	0%
NOT a Certified Engineering Technician	18	7%
Other	29	11%

People may select more than one checkbox so percentages may add up to more than 100%

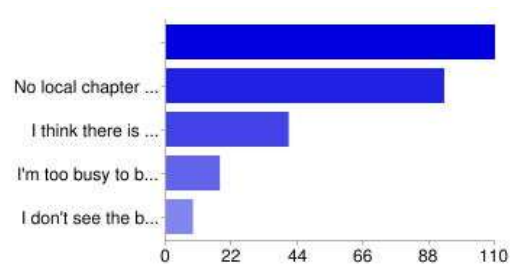
## Local Chapter Affiliation

Are you currently a member of a local ASCET Chapter?



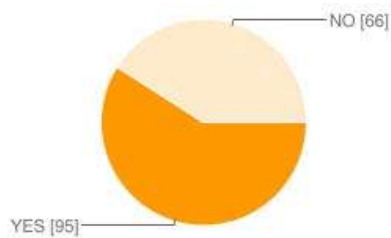
YES	98	36%
NO	172	63%

If you answered NO to the question above, please choose the reason why:



No Answer Given	110	41%
No local chapter near me	93	34%
I think there is a local chapter, but I don't know who to contact to become a member	41	15%
I'm too busy to be involved with a local chapter	18	7%
I don't see the benefit of being involved in a local chapter	9	3%

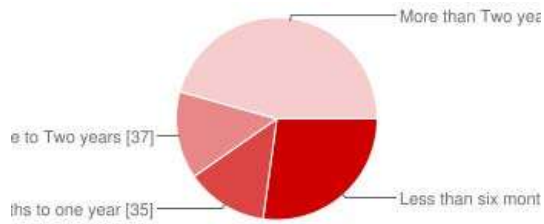
If there IS NOT a local chapter near you, would you be interested in being involved in a State Chapter of ASCET?



YES	95	59%
NO	66	41%

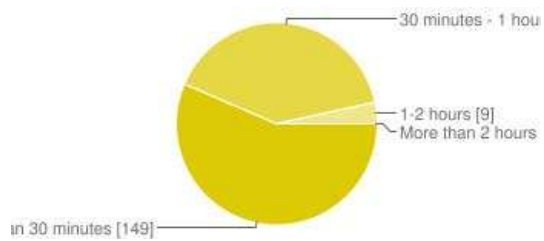
## About you and Certified Engineering Technician (CET) Magazine

How long have you been reading the CET



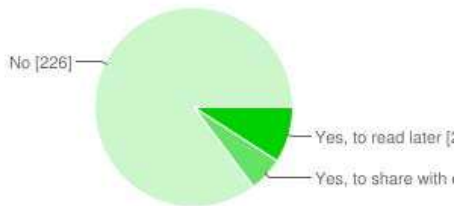
Less than six months	72	27%
Six months to one year	35	13%
One to Two years	37	14%
More than Two Years	121	45%

How much time do you typically spend reading an issue of the CET?



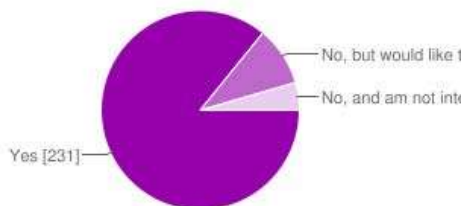
Less than 30 minutes	149	55%
30 minutes - 1 hour	109	39%
1 - 2 hours	9	3%
More than 2 hours	0	0%

Do you print a copy of the CET?



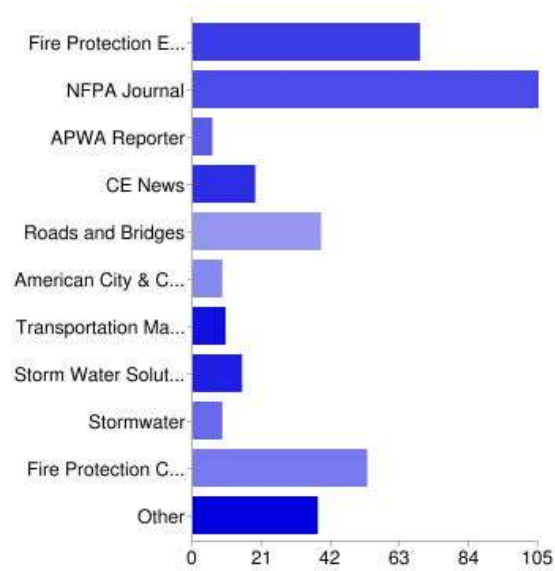
Yes, to read later	24	9%
Yes, to share with others	15	6%
No	226	83%

Do you receive the weekly Email blasts?



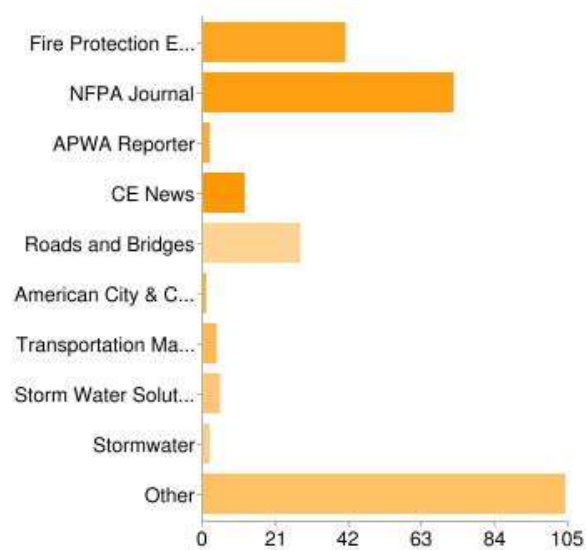
Yes	231	85%
No, but would like to	26	10%
No, and am not interested	12	4%

Which of the following publications other than CET do you read regularly? (Check all that apply)



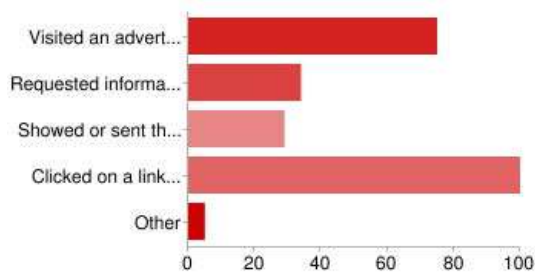
Fire Protection Engineering (FPE)	69	35%
NFPA Journal	105	54%
APWA Reporter	6	3%
CE News	19	10%
Roads and Bridges	39	20%
American City and County	9	5%
Transportation Management & Engineering (TM&E)	10	5%
Storm Water Solutions	15	8%
Stormwater	9	5%
Fire Protection Contractor (FPC)	53	27%
Other	38	19%

Which ONE of the following publications do you find most useful in your job?



Fire Protection Engineering (FPE)	69	35%
NFPA Journal	105	54%
APWA Reporter	6	3%
CE News	19	10%
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Which of the following, if any, actions have you taken in the past 12 months as a result of seeing something of interest in the CET or Email blast?

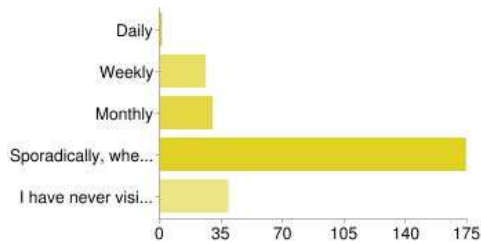


Visited an advertisers website	75	40%
Requested information	34	18%
Showed or sent the ad / notice to someone	29	15%
Clicked on a link in the Email blast	100	53%
Other	5	3%

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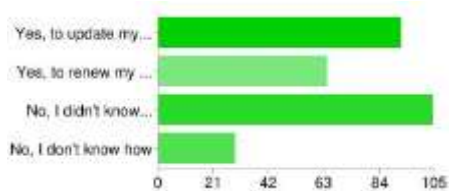
## ASCET Website

How often do you visit the ASCET website (ASCET.org)?



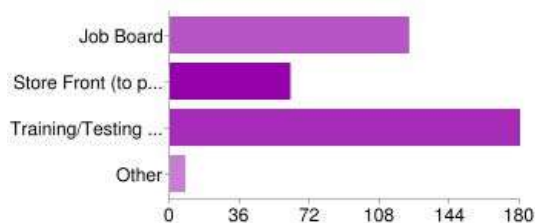
Daily	1	0%
Weekly	26	10%
Monthly	30	11%
Sporadically, when I am looking for something	174	64%
I have never visited the website	39	14%

Have you used the website to log in to your membership profile?



Yes, to update my information	92	35%
Yes, to renew my dues	64	24%
No, I didn't know I could do that	104	40%
No, I don't know how	29	11%

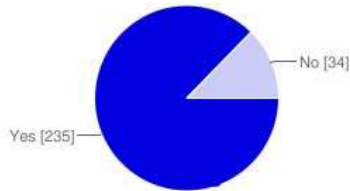
What additional Features would you like to find on the website? (check all that apply)



Job Board	123	57%
Store Front (to purchase ASCET apparel)	62	29%
Training / Testing opportunities	180	84%
Other	8	4%

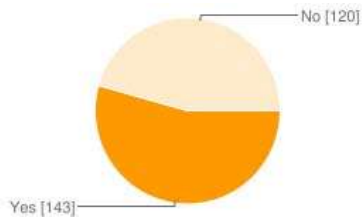
## About Continuing Education:

Are you interested in continuing education in your profession?



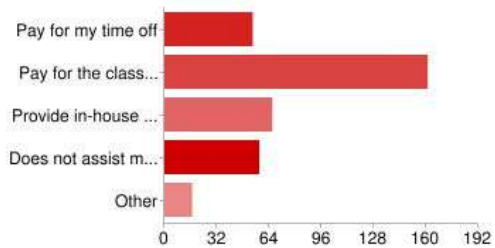
YES	235	87%
NO	34	13%

Is continuing education a requirement of your job/position?



YES	143	53%
NO	120	44%

How does your company assist in your continuing education?



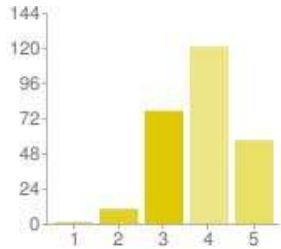
Pay for my time off	54	22%
Pay for the class / training	161	65%
Provide in-house training for educational credits	66	27%
Does not assist me in any way	58	23%
Other	17	7%

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## Helping ASCET help you

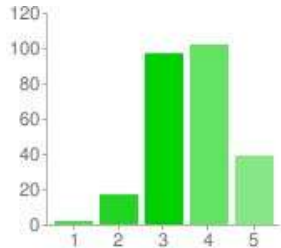
And finally, we would like your candid opinions about the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians so that we can evolve to meet the needs and wants of our membership.

Please rate ASCET as a professional society



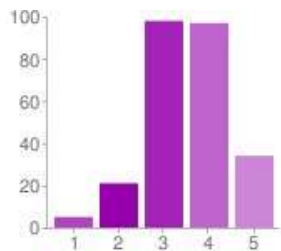
1 – Poor	1	0%
2	10	4%
3	77	28%
4	121	45%
5 – Excellent	57	21%

Please rate the overall functionality of the ASCET website



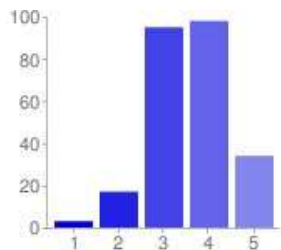
1 – Poor	2	1%
2	17	6%
3	97	36%
4	102	38%
5 – Excellent	39	14%

Please rate the content of the ASCET website



1 – Pretty plain	5	2%
2	21	8%
3	98	36%
4	97	36%
5 – Excellent	34	13%

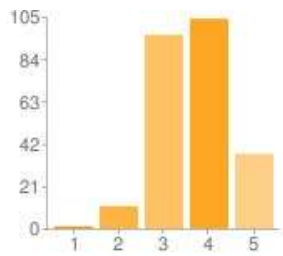
Please rate the content of the CET magazine



1 – Not Informative	3	1%
2	17	6%
3	95	35%
4	98	36%
5 – Excellent	34	13%

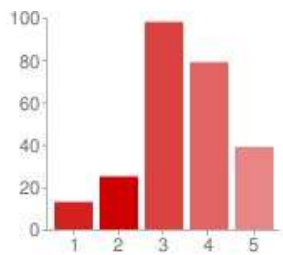


Please rate the layout of the CET magazine



<b>1 – Dated</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>5 – Fresh</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>14%</b>

Please rate the Email Blasts



<b>1 – Not Useful</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>5 – Very Useful</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14%</b>

## Comments from the question, *What topics would you like to see in future issues of the CET Magazine?*

*(Comments have been edited to remove duplicates, answers that did not pertain to this topic and minimal spelling and grammar errors. Most responses appear as submitted)*

1. Issues related to Transportation and Roadways
2. More topics covered. It generally seems that there are maybe two articles per issue.
3. Links that actually work!
4. Training opportunities and locations. A link for technicians to help each other with problems/solutions, as in active threads (LinkedIn has this, and it is awesome)
5. Material Testing
6. I really don't know how to answer this question effectively. I am self-employed, do not have a company structure or culture to deal with in professional development - all self-generated. Articles on ethics, communication skills are good.
7. Honestly, I haven't gotten a CET yet, so I don't know about the content. I'm interested in articles relating to my field -- concrete, soil, and asphalt testing.
8. Nuclear
9. Personal stories of successful members
10. Dry Chemical Fire Suppression Systems.
11. More training options and certification
12. More articles from members or other experts in the field

13. Electronics Technology
14. Job Postings and more variety of articles from different fields of technical work.
15. Advances in class A fire systems.
16. More articles on civil work i.e. pile driving, geotechnical testing, etc..
17. salary by geographical locations (states) job opportunities by state
18. Electrical Power CAD drafting & design
19. ASME B31.1 Power Piping; ASME B31.3 Chemical and Oil Refining
20. New and existing computer programs. Software programs that save time.
21. a broader range of topics
22. Techs Q&A would be nice.
23. More than just fire protection.
24. fire alarm
25. Environmental issues related to construction, reuse of materials or disposal of materials.
26. More general Safety topics. Lists of helpful links
27. Code changes and applications
28. A focused article on a specific discipline that rotates through each discipline over the course of a year.
29. More code facts, updates and input
30. Construction and material testing, (soil, concrete, asphalt, etc.)
31. Updates on new products and equipment from common instrument and power equipment companies.
32. Technical information, jokes and humor like in the old magazine, a page dedicated to the ASCET store, highlighting ASCET members.
33. Very little information or items on electrical value are shown in the magazine. It is all centered on Civil or Fire Protection items. I've come to the conclusion that the title of ASCET is for American Society of Civil Engineering Technicians.
34. What is new and available. Information as to what would make designing easier. Changes in the industry.
35. Tips for maintaining construction materials testing field equipment

### Comments from the question, *What additional comments do you have for ASCET in general, the CET magazine, ASCET.org website, or the Email Blasts?*

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1. Being an ASCET member has improved my knowledge of the fire protection industry and provides active members with updated information on changes in the profession.
2. All contain good helpful information.
3. ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS INFORMATION
4. Answer the email.
5. As a Fire Detection Specialist that is NICET IV tested I have found the ASCET organization not useful in any way. I was hoping that the Blast would have been a useful tool in my job search but find that it is almost to the level of junk mail. Sorry, but that is the way I see it.
6. eh. Sometimes I wonder if I am wasting my time. The info blasts seem repetitive as if it is a copy of the previous week because of

all the filler at the top of the email.

7. Have info regarding Mechanical Eng'r
8. How do I get the CET magazine and any other resources available?
9. I am 81, retired, and caregiver to a blind, invalid wife. All of the ASCET publications and Website keep me informed of Society activities.
10. I am a very new member and would not rate a response yet.
11. I attended the Lehigh/Berks chapter meetings several years ago at their onset. I found them to most informative even though the members were all in fire protection and I was electrical. Since I am retired, my input for this survey is probably not very helpful.
12. "I find the organization to be somewhat amateurish, almost as if completely volunteer. I find it to not be very dynamic and somewhat seventiesish (seventy-ish) in style. I maintain my membership primarily because I think it can be an important force but needs a more dynamic leadership. I realize that there is more recognition of technicians as an important part of the engineering process in the Midwest and east, so perhaps my comments only apply to us westerners feeling like we're left out in rain, particularly in the NW where the organization is moribund.
13. I generally don't attend my local chapter meetings because they are mostly sprinkler guys, and all of the meetings/training revolves around that subject. It would be nice to have more access to highway related meetings/training.
14. I have never had anyone explain the value of ASCET, other than another organization to list in my bio.
15. I have never heard of ASCET until I received a member card in the mail. I don't even know how i became a member. I have no idea what you do. Sorry I am pretty unhelpful for your company's survey.
16. I have not received the CET magazine yet so I can't comment on it.
17. I think more time needs to be spent proofreading the Email Blasts. There are many grammar errors that make the document(s) appear unprofessional.
18. I would like to see Ascet not only as a membership looking for members, but a membership that people are looking to join. In order to do that, we need to have something that people want. What people want is to have that feeling that they are privileged to belong and pride in saying they belong. Outside of our members there is no envy expressed by non-members. I believe that people really join any organization so that one of the benefits is bragging rights. For now there is more of a need to join than a desire to join. With the help of NICET, we need to make Ascet a more recognized name in any of the fields we serve.
19. "I'm new. I guess I'm in for a free year because I recently obtained my NICET Fire Alarm I certification. The email blasts are too frequent. Unsolicited, I've received three within the last week. I'm interested in professional membership, and maintaining it if the benefits present themselves, I'm NOT interested in having my phone ring in an extra email every other day. (such as info blast # 51, Sunday, December 18, at 9:40pm) I'm giving it a chance but preparing to unsubscribe.
20. Info on better ways to study for the NICET 2 & 3 testing .
21. keep doing a good job
22. Keep it up.
23. Keep the great job going!
24. Keep up the good work and thank you!!!!
25. Keep up the great work!
26. Keep up with the great comments.
27. Local material events i.e. concrete council, asphalt association etc.
28. More information on telecommunications
29. More professional assistance
30. must include information on job opening opportunity, training or seminar
31. Need better advertising. Many people in this profession
32. Need to get more people involved. Not only at the local level, but at the national level and maybe get some new people on the board to bring fresh ideas to the table.
33. No other comments, happy to be a member.

34. "Retired NICET members having a ""minimum of 25 years as a dues paying member"" should be exempt from dues just as ASME has done and have also awarded certificates of recognition for their service to the society and the engineering professions as well. It should be more than just money and dues! It should be about their contributions to their chosen fields of interest.
35. As a society for techs and engineers, I think you have done meritorious job for those individuals still seeking advancement and for those honing their skills and for those looking for advancements or job placements in their fields of interest.
36. Being a retired member, I might not be alone in some of what I have suggested.
37. Some consideration to a more graphically pleasing visual blast.
38. One that has some fun facts on occasion.
39. a fire protection or civil history note
40. On this day in history.
41. I know it is a work in progress and there is limited time & personnel to work on it - but looking forward - add some spark."
42. Some of the articles and information is very good. It would be nice to see what other designers doing.
43. The attachments are .docs, a lot of them do not display properly. Should be pdf format.
44. The email attachments in the blasts often are difficult to open and read completely. PDFs would be better.
45. The email blasts are nice. But I cannot open them on my Mac. I have to forward to my Windows machine. Maybe the society can make some upgrades.
46. The email blasts are useless to me. I cannot access any of the links they supply, and everyone that I open seems to repeat the same thing I read last time.
47. The info in the e-mail blasts seems to be the same info each time with very little new info. It may be best to move the e-mail blasts to a quarterly presentation to prevent the appearance of repetitive information. I have caught myself deleting the email blast before I have read it because it looks just like the one sent from the previous month.
48. This ASCET is very different from the ASCET I joined some years ago. NICET awarded Me Life Status June 25, 2008. I attained Senior Engineering Technician, Served as National Director of ASCET West Texas Chapter 1972 - 1973 and was Chapter President in '71. I served as National Tellers Committee Chairman '75 -'76 and supervised the development of a punch card program to register the votes for each Region and National Officer of ASCET. My employer allowed preparation of the Ballot cards in their machine, and the program was run & printed by the Computer at Hardin - Simmons University for several years.
49. We need a local chapter in Atlanta Ga. The city has a lot of certified techs.
50. When you login to your profile on the ASCET website, there should be a field that tells you if you are an active or inactive member.
51. You are doing a good job, and I commend your efforts.
52. You're losing my interest because of the lack of information for Electrical Technicians.