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From the Editor:

It's February and there is SNOW! I hope you were all able to get some piece of a snow day yesterday and are ready to hunker down. According to Punxsutawney Phil we are in for 6 more weeks winter. 😊

Our February meeting is still virtual and still FREE so take advantage of it and register for the meeting! We are taking nominations for the ASCE AWARDS, so if you know someone who has done some outstanding work in our field, please nominate them. We know that 2020 and the start of 2021 has been weird, so we are accepting great projects and people for the last two years.

We miss you all and hope to see you soon!


Heather

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Maine Section ASCE - Save the Date(s)

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President's Message

I would first like to start out by congratulating the Maine Section of ASCE for being chosen as the Medium Section of the Year for 2020. This is a great honor and is only given to one medium section throughout the entire United States. Thank you to all our members who continue to step up and to our board and committee members who work year after year to make the Maine Section the best it can be!

Earlier in January, an email was sent out by ASCE national asking Maine Section members to send a message to their elected representatives regarding the Report Card. Hopefully most of you saw the email and sent the message. If not, there is still time to send the message. Click on the link below to help spread the word! This is extremely easy to complete and only takes a few clicks. The message is pre-written and can be edited prior to sending if you wish.

https://cqrcengage.com/asce/app/write-a-letter?1&engagementId=510300&utm_campaign=GR-20210111-ME+Infrastructure+Report+Card&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, February 18th at noon. Colin Greenan from the Maine Project Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be speaking with us about recent changes to permits and restructuring of the regions. Please look for additional information and registration below!

Our Younger Member Group has now been resurrected! I would like to thank those who stepped into the Younger Member Board Positions to help revive the Younger Member Group. They have hit the ground running with a lot of excitement and many excellent ideas. The Younger Member Group is now made up of the following individuals:

- Michelle Hale – YM President
- Thomas Gleeson – YM Vice President
- Chris Daubert – YM Secretary
- Ben Smith – YM Treasurer

Each year the Maine Section of ASCE gives out awards to deserving individuals along with a project. I would encourage everyone to take a moment to think about deserving individuals around you and encourage you to submit an application for one or more of the following awards (more information can be found below):

- Civil Engineer of the Year
- Young Civil Engineer of the Year
- Maine Section Citizen Engineer of the Year
- Kitty Breskin Project of the Year

Dan Bouchard, P.E.

Maine Section ASCE President





Maine Section ASCE Virtual Meeting

[Colin Greenan – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Maine Project Office!](#)

RSVP By February 16th!

Schedule:

11:00-11:45 AM ASCE Board Meeting
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Presentation

Date:

February 18, 2021

Earn 1 PDH!

Colin Greenan is a project manager in the Corps of Engineers Maine Project Office located in Augusta. He has been with the Corps since June 2018. He has over 13 years of federal and state environmental regulatory experience related to his time with both the Maine and Iowa Departments of Transportation. Colin holds a Certified Public Manager designation as well as Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees. He grew up in Lebanon, New Hampshire and now resides in Mount Vernon, Maine where he enjoys all things outdoors.



**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Maine Project Office**

<https://www.facebook.com/CorpsRegulatoryMaineProjectOffice/photos/a.2193587790956390/2208863022762200/>

To register contact **Leanne Langlois** Email: l郎lois@dirigoae.com



Engineering EXPO!

The 2021 Maine Engineers Week Exposition will be held virtually, on **Saturday February 27, 2021**.

We invite you to participate in the expo as an exhibitor to engage with the many people who are expected to experience the contributions that Maine Engineers make to our communities and way of life. A virtual exhibitor space is \$150. If you are a sponsor or a non-profit/educational institution, the exhibitor fee is waived.

The 'live' expo will begin at 9am and finish up by 2pm, featuring Maine's top engineering firms, engineering schools, educators, government agencies, industry, and engineering societies displaying their wares throughout the virtual exhibit hall.

Not sure what to expect from the Virtual Exposition experience? Please take a look here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yTffufaAlqmhJ4MIKTRAHsivsKQsirNx/view?usp=drive_web

With your help, we can build on last year's success and provide a lot of young people with a first-rate event that shows them all the exciting places that their math, science and communication skills can take them. Your participation will help encourage our youth to pursue careers in engineering and provide a diverse and vigorous workforce for the future.

Saturday, February 27 Engineers Week EXPO - Register Online

<https://engineeringexpo.vfairs.com/>

If you are a sponsor, your Expo Registration is free; however, you still need to register online.

Registration is due by February 8, 2021

Infrastructure Report Card – NEXT STEPS!



Key Alert from ASCE Government Relations



SHARE THE 2020 REPORT CARD FOR MAINE'S INFRASTRUCTURE

ASCE's Maine Section has released the *2020 Report Card for Maine's Infrastructure*. The Report Card shows that Maine's infrastructure is in mediocre condition, with an average G.P.A. of a "C-". The report evaluated sixteen categories with the following grades: aviation (B), bridges (C-), dams (D+), drinking water (C), energy (C+), hazardous waste (D+), levees (C-), parks (C), ports (B-), rail (C+), roads (D), schools (C), solid waste (C-), stormwater (C-), transit (D+) and wastewater (D+). To help ensure that the Report Card is working for you and your community, we need you to help keep investment at the front of legislators' minds as they prepare for the upcoming legislative session. Please take a moment to click on the link below to contact your State and Federal elected officials to share the news about Maine's infrastructure systems!

Important Links:

Report Card: <http://infrastructurereportcard.org/maine>

Send a Message: https://cqcengage.com/asce/app/write-a-letter?1&engagementId=510300&utm_campaign=GR-20210111-+ME+Infrastructure+Report+Card&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua



Maine Section ASCE AWARDS!

Our Section continues to win national awards because of all of our great members! To help say thank you, each year, the Maine Section ASCE recognizes an Engineer of the Year, a Young Engineer of the Year, and a Citizen Engineer. Many of our colleagues often go unrecognized for their contributions, and this is the opportunity to express gratitude for the good work and service to the community that they provide. Please consider submitting a nomination for one or more of the awards this year. The award forms are attached to the email.

Civil Engineer of the Year – presented annually to an individual who is a P.E. in Maine, has demonstrated noteworthy engineering skills, and commendable contribution of their time to the betterment of society.

Young Civil Engineer of the Year – recognize the professional contributions of younger civil engineers. The recognition is made to an engineer who is an EIT or PE in Maine and is 35 years of age or less on May 1st of the year of the award and has attained professional achievement.

Maine Section Citizen Engineer – This award is to recognize Civil Engineers who are known for volunteering their expertise to help in their community or at a national level. These individuals have contributed significant personal energy to enhance the recognition of civil engineering as a respected profession through their involvement.

Submit your nomination forms and supporting information to the chair of the awards committee chair, Philip Dunn at the following mailing address: University of Maine, School of Engineering Technology, 5711 Boardman Hall, Room 119, Orono, ME 04469-5711 or through email at philip.dunnjr@maine.edu.

Kitty Breskin Project Award –

Maine ASCE has instituted the project award in honor of the late Kitty Breskin, P.E., a Maine Department of Transportation engineer and a past-president of Maine ASCE. The inaugural winner of the Kitty Breskin Project Award, presented at the May 14, 2015 annual meeting, was in fact the MaineDOT's Kitty Breskin-Muscongus Bridge Project. The project was honored for its innovative use of technology and important contribution to infrastructure in Maine.

In order for other projects to be considered for the award they will have to show the same innovation and contribution to the community as the inaugural award. The Maine Section Award committee will review nominations and notify the winner by May 15th. The award presentation will be made and the project will be featured at the Maine Section annual meeting typically held the third week in May. Nominations are to be submitted via mail to the ASCE President and received by 5 p.m on April 30. This year's projects will be submitted to Dan Bouchard, Maine Section ASCE President, 2020-2021. President.ASCEmaine@gmail.com

The nomination material should provide information on the project and its features. Examples to include would be how the project provided safety improvements, environmental benefits, was cost effective, had a shortened schedule, charitable aspect, unique design for Maine, or was first of its kind in Maine. Every project nomination does not need to have all of these mentioned but should showcase if applicable as they will be weighed heavily. Nominations should be limited to 6 pages total not including pictures (3 pages double sided or 6 single sided pages). Pictures need to be provided on a cd or memory stick and become the property of Maine Section ASCE to display as part of the award process. The project must be substantially built by April 15th of the year being nominated for and the design team and/or the project must be based in Maine.

Nominations will be received until **April 30, 2021.** *

[*Please email Heather.Hayes@sewall.com for application forms!](mailto:Heather.Hayes@sewall.com)



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Advertise for new employees at any level – students, EITs, and PEs will all see your ad.

Job advertisements are posted in one issue of the Informant, and will run on the website for one month.

Cost: Quarter Page (3.75"x5") - \$35
Half Page (7.5"x5") - \$75 for 1 month
- \$500 for 1 year (9 issues)
Full Page (7.5"x10") - \$150 for 1 month
-\$1000 for 1 year (9 issues)

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month prior to publication.



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