

November 2018 Newsletter

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2018 - 2019 Vermont ASCE Officers

Dear ,

Happy winter and start of the holiday season! As the snow is flying I hope you're finding yourself safe, warm, and plowed/shoveled out! We have been very busy and have a lot to update you on. Please continue reading to learn about what we have been doing, and what we have in the works for the near future.

If your company has interest in supporting the VT Section of ASCE, you can do so through company sponsorship or by placing job postings on our website or newsletter. For information on that, check out our webpage: [ASCE VT](#).

In this month's newsletter you'll find:

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If you have any questions or ideas for the Section please do not hesitate to contact me.

Geo-Institute Meeting Recap

On Tuesday, October 16th we convened at Norwich University for a social hour, dinner, and presentation. The presentation was provided by Mr. Carl Thunberg, P.E. who brings over 25 years of experience as a practicing geotechnical engineer in the Northeast. Carl is with Terracon consultants, a Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) member firm, and the presentation is a GBA presentation in cooperation with a working agreement with the Geoinstitute.

Carl presented: Engineering Ethics in a Low Bid Environment - Can they coexist?

We reviewed the results of a large participant survey conducted by the Deep Foundations Institute that addresses the role of the Geotechnical Engineer. Using this as a backdrop, we considered how we will contemplate the ethical responsibilities of engineers and examine how to use our ethical responsibilities to combat the selection of engineers based upon price comparison.

The event was well attended by both professionals and students. Thank you, Norwich University, for hosting us once again!

Presidents and Governor's Forum Recap

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On September 23-24, 2018, 103 Section and Branch Presidents, Region Governors and Society Directors from across the country and abroad attended the annual Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) in Reston, VA at ASCE Headquarters. This event was organized and moderated by the Leader Training Committee (LTC) and provided opportunities for attendees to learn about ASCE resources, network with other ASCE leaders, and gain useful training that would benefit their Sections and Branches.

The purpose of the PGF is to provide a venue for current Section/Branch President-Elects and Region Leaders to gain the knowledge to effectively and efficiently run their local units. The conference provides an opportunity for attendees to network and brainstorm with each other, gain leadership skills, learn about ASCE resources from other ASCE volunteers and staff and discuss Best Practices to take back to your Section/Branch. Networking receptions were held on both Saturday and Sunday, with a group dinner on Sunday attended by most of the conference attendees.

After two solid days spent with ASCE, attendees left with some new knowledge that will help them in their upcoming year as a leader in their Section and Branch, and hopefully a better understanding of the resources available to them within the Society.

Thank you to all who attended, and hope you can make it out again next year!



For more information about the PGF, please visit LTC's new website at: [Leader Training Committee](http://www.asce.org/leader-training-committee)

We Won!



The Vermont Section won the Outstanding Section & Branch Award for Small Sections in 2012 & 2013. This means that we were the BEST

VT/NH Sections Joint Meeting Recap

On Thursday, November 8, 2018, the Vermont and New Hampshire Sections of ASCE met at Hotel Coolidge for a joint dinner meeting discuss the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) Forest Canopy Walk. With nearly 50 in attendance, Tom Weller, lead project architect of Weller & Michal Architects, and Chris Collier of VINS, presented on the inspiration and background of the VINS Forest Canopy Walk in Hartland, Vermont. "The 300-foot-long canopy walk, which will begin behind the raptor houses, will be at an approximate elevation of 40 feet, give or take. It will lead visitors through a classic New England mix of hard-and softwood trees, and would offer views of the Ottauquechee River and Dewey's Pond." (<https://www.vnews.com/VINS-plans-forest-canopy-12874819>).

To answer all our burning structural engineering questions, Ted Fellows and Kristin McCusker of T.R. Fellows Engineering were also in attendance.

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A artist's rendering of the proposed forest canopy exhibition at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee, Vt. (Courtesy Vermont Institute of Natural Science)



ASCE VT President Branden Martin, VINS Representative Chris Collier, Tom Weller of Weller & Michal, and ASCE NH President Logan Johnson



Norwich students, faculty, and graduates in attendance. Special thank you to David Briggs (far left) for hosting us at Hotel Coolidge!!

Vermont Society of Land Surveyors December Round Table

The Vermont Society of Land Surveyors (VLS) has kindly extended member pricing to the ASCE VT membership for their December Round Table. The Round Table will take place Friday, December 7th, at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier, VT. The event will offer a wide variety of topics of discussion and 6 Continuing Education Hours.

For more information and to register, please follow the link below!

[VLS December Round Table](#)

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Dream Big

The Vermont section of ASCE is currently in the process of purchasing 20 DVD copies of Dream Big on behalf of Vermont Middle and Elementary Schools. All High Schools have already received a copy courtesy of National. If there is a school near and dear to your heart that you would like to be sure receives a copy of this DVD, please send us an email about adding them to the list!



ASCE VT / VSE Annual Holiday Social

Please join VT ASCE and VSE on Wednesday, December 12th at the Farmhouse Tap and Grill in Burlington between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm for our annual holiday social and Toys for Tots benefit event. Please note that there is no need to RSVP to this event, just meet us there at any point during the evening to help spread some Holiday cheer and catch up with fellow ASCE and VSE members. Drink tickets will be provided to those who bring an unwrapped toy to donate. Folks under 21 can bring a toy for a drink ticket to use on a non-alcoholic beverage!

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For more information: [2018 ASCE VT / VSE Holiday Social](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

Our Annual Ski Day is Friday, January 25th!

The Vermont Section's annual student ski day will be held on Friday, January 25th at Sugarbush. Please join us and the students for a fun day of skiing and networking. We look forward to seeing you on the slopes!



Report Card Update

The committee is now reviewing draft chapters and will soon be ready to submit the full draft report card to National for review. Thank you to all who participated and dedicated their time and effort to this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

Student Chapter Update

UVM and Norwich are winding down the first semester of the school year and we're excited to be studying for finals, working on projects, and meeting with our respective ASCE student chapters. We look forward to meeting professional members at Vermont's ASCE outings (especially ski day!).

Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year Nominations

ASCE VT is currently considering nominations for Engineer and Young Engineer of the Year in the state of Vermont. If you know someone worthy of such a nomination, please reach out!

You are welcome to contact me at [Vermont ASCE Newsletter](#) if you have something to contribute to the newsletter. Let us know if you have suggestions on how we may serve you better.

Sincerely,



Branden A. Martin, E.I. A.M.ASCE
ASCE Vermont Section President
[President Vermont ASCE](#)



Career Opportunities



The University of Massachusetts Lowell is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action, Title IX employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, sex, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age over 40, protected veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, marital status, or other protected class.

Visiting Lecturer - Civil Engineering University of Massachusetts Lowell

The Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell invites applications for a Visiting Lecturer position for January 2019. Responsibilities will consist primarily of teaching the senior Capstone Design course.

Minimum Qualifications (Required):

- Registration as a Professional Engineer and relevant industrial experience
- Undergraduate and Master degrees in Civil Engineering
- The ability to work effectively with diverse groups

To learn more or to apply, please visit: [UML Visiting Lecturer - CE](#)

Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

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