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## From the Editor:

### *Happy Holidays from your Maine Section!*

We had a great tour of Portland Foreside construction and happy hour last month. The Transportation Conference, although pivoted to virtual, was well attended and I found the 3D printing applications for infrastructure VERY interesting! The student presentations were also a hit! We are working on putting together the annual technical seminar so if you have a presentation idea please let us know. And it is December so renew your ASCE membership!

We hope you all have a great holiday season with your families and look forward to the year ahead.

**Heather**

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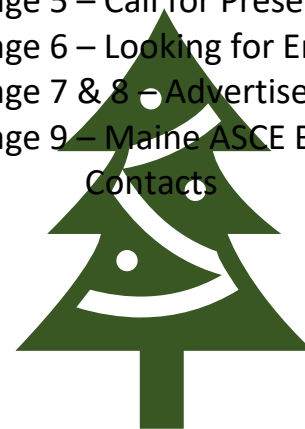
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## Maine Section ASCE - Save the Date(s)

### December 2021

	<b>Happy Hanukkah!</b>		1	2	3	4 →
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19	20	21	22	23	24	<b>25 Merry Christmas!</b>
26	27	28	29	30	<b>31 Happy New Year!</b>	<b>JAN 1, 2022!</b>



## President's Message

I hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday and stuffed yourself with too much turkey!

It was great to see a huge turnout of ASCE and WTS members at the Portland Foreside tour and happy hour on November 18. Many thanks to Dave Senus of Foreside Development Company and Lauren Swett of Woodard & Curran for finding the time to give a fabulous tour. It was very interesting to learn more about the history of the area and see some of the innovative practices and solutions being implemented as part of the project. Hopefully ASCE will be able to set-up another tour in a few years to

We are in the midst of the holiday season, I thought this would be a good opportunity to highlight a few of the groups and organizations that Maine ASCE typically helps support each year, either monetarily or by volunteering our time. Most obvious, might be the University of Maine ASCE Student Chapter. The Maine Section donates to the Student Chapter and competition teams each year to support their activities and encourage student involvement. We also have two practitioner advisors who assist the student chapter in organizing activities with the Section. Maine ASCE also organizes a Scholarship Golf Tournament each year. Proceeds from the tournament go to a scholarship fund at the UMaine Civil Engineering Department and two to three scholarships are given out to students each year.

Maine ASCE tries to focus some of our resources on educating and building excitement in kids to pursue engineering or careers in STEM. The board recently voted to donate to the Children's Discovery Museum (formerly Augusta Children's Museum) toward the purchase of a high-resolution microscope for their "Research Cabin". The museum is in the process of moving into and renovating a new space so you will be able to check out the exhibit soon! For several years, ASCE has also offered scholarships of up to \$350 to elementary and middle school age students to attend a STEM summer camp. Some years we have received as many as 10 applications from students around the state. It's fun to read through the applications and rewarding to see their report back on their experience at the camps. Maine ASCE also typically hosts a Boy Scout Engineering Badge Day, has a booth at the Engineering Expo during Engineer's Week, has a scholarship for graduating High School seniors and goes into different classrooms throughout the state to do engineering activities with kids.

In addition to education, ASCE likes to help the Maine community. We volunteer for an evening each year at the Preble Street Resource Center in Portland and in September 2020 and May 2021 a crew of volunteers helped Theater at Monmouth prepare a building to house summer theater performers. This is just a snapshot of what Maine ASCE does each year.

None of this would be possible without our members and faithful crew of volunteers – so thank-you for your hard work! If you have ideas for a potential service project, just contact one of our board members. If you are looking to become more involved and want to have a fun time with other engineering friends, keep watching the informant for upcoming volunteer opportunities as well as other ASCE events!

As we close out this busy year, I hope you are all able to take some well-deserved time off to enjoy this festive season. Wishing you all joy and peace this holiday season!



*Esther Bizier, P.E.*

Maine Section President



SAVE THE DATE

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**WTS-MAINE  
CHAPTER  
HOLIDAY PARTY**

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December 8th - 5:30pm to 7:30pm  
Portland Sheraton at Sable Oaks  
South Portland




**HAPPENING  
TONIGHT!  
WALK-INS WELCOME!**

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**When**

Thursday, December 9, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
EST

 [Add to Calendar](#)

**Where**

Black Bear Inn & Conference Center  
4 Godfrey Drive  
Orono, ME 04473

[Driving Directions](#)

**Celebrate with the MBTA!**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 | BLACK BEAR INN, ORONO

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE MBTA'S 2021 HOLIDAY MEETING.  
Meet our newest scholarship recipients, and enjoy networking with friends,  
colleagues and community leaders.

The winning Super Raffle ticket will be drawn that evening to benefit the MBTA  
Educational Foundation and scholarships for Maine students. One lucky person will  
win \$7,000 (minus applicable taxes)! (Tickets are sold out - thank you!)

Opportunities to host a scholarship recipient/family member or register to sponsor  
the event.

Celebrate the season with your friends at the MBTA!

**SCHEDULE:**

- 5 P.M. Reception
- 6 P.M. Dinner/Program/Raffle Drawing

For overnight rooms, the Black Bear Inn has a special rate of \$89 for MBTA  
members. Please call 207-866-7120 by December 2 and mention the MBTA to get  
the group rate.

NOTE: We regret that we must bill no-shows unless 48-hour notification is given.

[Register Here!](#)

## High School Scholarship!

### **MAINE SECTION ASCE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

The ASCE Maine Section is seeking applicants for its *Civil Engineering High School Scholarship*. There will be one \$2,000 scholarship awarded to an outstanding high school senior from Maine who plans to major in civil engineering in college. The student selected must show proof of enrollment in a four year ABET accredited Civil Engineering program. This scholarship has been highly successful in past years and typically attracts many students who are in the top 5% of their graduating class. The application and all its attachments must be emailed or postmarked by January 31, 2022. If you know anyone who might be interesting in applying, please encourage them to obtain further information and applications from their guidance counselor or from:

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## Call for Technical Presentations

### **MAINE ASCE CALL FOR TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS**

Have you used an innovative solution to solve a complex problem recently? Have you used innovative technology to help your project be successful? Did you have a project that was just really cool and interesting? If so, MaineASCE invites you to share!

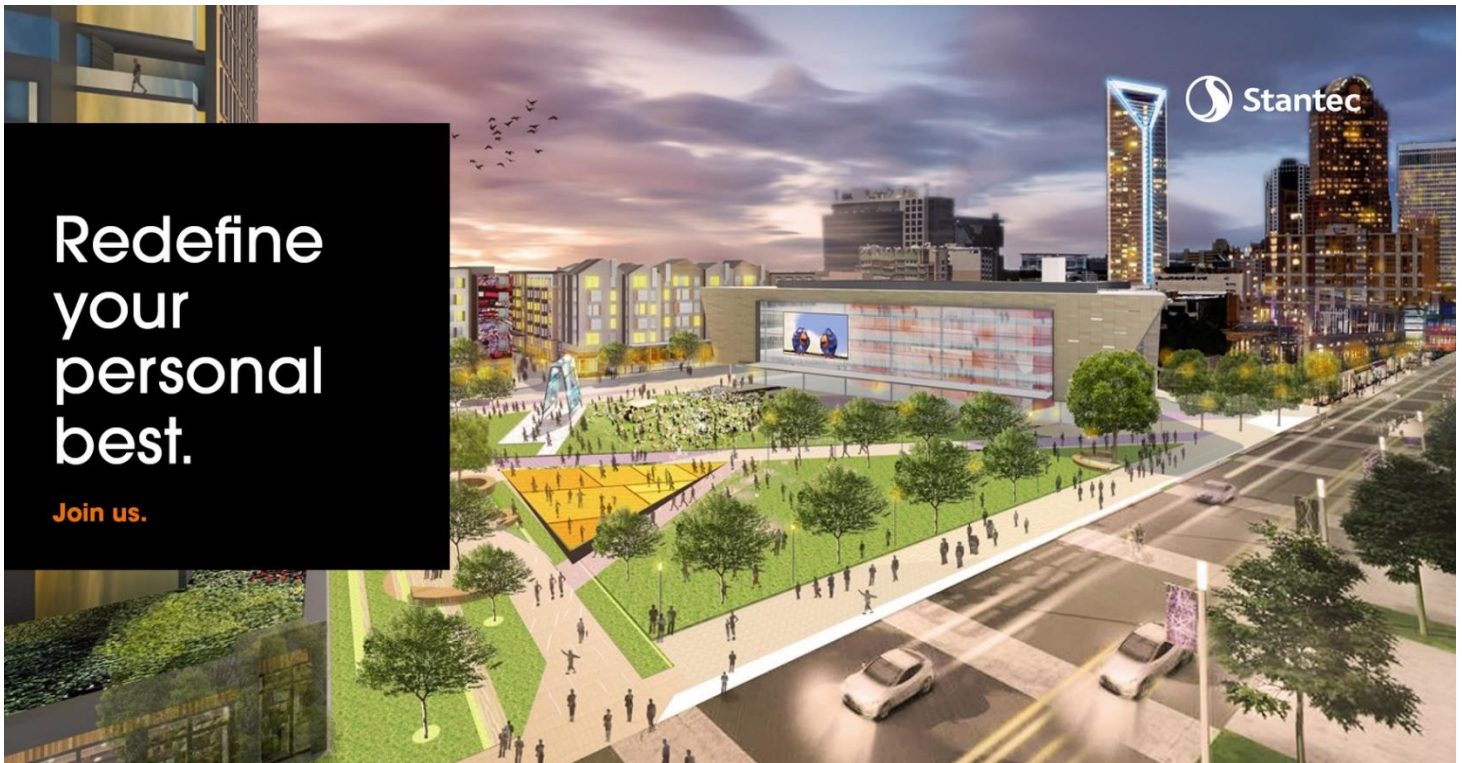
Come share your presentation with the engineering community at the Annual **MaineASCE Technical Seminar** in March 2022. We are looking for presentations with innovative technical solutions to help Maine's infrastructure.

The technical seminar is a great way to get your name out to the engineering community. Each year, the conference is attended by 100 or more engineers, planners and town officials.

Please contact CeCe Walton [cwalton@vhb.com](mailto:cwalton@vhb.com) to submit your presentation!



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### **Job Listings:**

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### Business Cards

Do you run your own consulting firm, or have a business that the Maine engineering community should know about? Advertise with a business card! Business card listings run for 1 year, including 9 issues of the Informant and full time on the website. Cost: \$150.00 Discounts Available: Purchase a 1-year Business Card ad and receive a \$25 discount on a Job advertisement!

### Job Listings

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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month prior to publication.





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