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# INFORMANT



NEWSLETTER OF THE MAINE SECTION ASCE

## May 2022



### From the Editor:

#### May is HERE!

The next six weeks are the busiest for the Maine Engineering professional organizations before we break for summer. There are a lot of events to look forward to! The biggest ticket items for Maine ASCE are the **Annual Awards** meeting and the **Charity Golf Tournament**. Since I am organizing both, I HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT! We are still looking for hole sponsorships and raffle donations, please reach out if you can help!

Pages 7 & 8 are the Board of Direction Ballots for the upcoming year – **PLEASE VOTE** and return the ballots to me. Page 7 is the ASCE Board and Page 8 is the Younger Member (under 35) Board.

We can't wait to see you!

**Heather**

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

#### May 2022

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	<b>12 MBTA Annual Meeting</b>	13	14
15	16	17	18	<b>19 ASCE Annual Meeting</b>	20	<b>21 Volunteer Day</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	<b>30 Memorial Day</b>	31	June 1	<b>June 2 WTS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!</b>	June 3	June 4
June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	<b>June 10 GOLF TOURNEY!</b>	June 11

## President's Message



April showers bring May flowers. That's what I kept reminding myself during all the dreary days at the end of April. With a sunny day to start May it seems like the old adage is true! It's difficult to believe that this is the last President's Message I'll write for Maine ASCE, so I'll try to make it a good one!

The Technical Seminar was held on April 14, our first large in person event since winter 2020! Approximately 60 engineers from throughout the state attended and heard a wide variety of presentations. Everyone I spoke with really enjoyed the event. Maine ASCE also took the opportunity to recognize Dana Humphrey, P.E. and PhD and Maine ASCE Past President 1993-1994, as he prepares to retire from his career at the University of Maine. It certainly held true that most of the Technical Seminar attendees were UMaine graduates and were there either during his days as a professor or as Dean. We thanked him for his years of service to Civil Engineering, the University of Maine, dedication to his students and his service to Maine ASCE. It was a very successful event and many thanks to the ASCE directors who stepped up and planned the day!

The following week, several ASCE members assisted as judges for the UMaine Senior Capstone Town Hall Presentations. This was held virtually in place of the traditional Senior Gala. It was great to see the number of ASCE younger member volunteers we had for this. I know from past experience it is fun to judge and experience what it's like being on the other side (much less nerve-wracking). The day after these presentations, I presented to the UMaine students at one of their lunchtime meetings to talk about staying involved with ASCE after graduation and about the Maine Section. There were some great questions, and someone mentioned they appreciated our volunteers who judged presentations the previous day.

On April 23, was the long-awaited Engineering Expo, held at Thompsons Point in Portland. Maine ASCE did our usual activity of making concrete hands with students in attendance. To quote a boy as he was scooping concrete into a glove "This is the best day of my life!". To be perfectly honest, the week of the event I was feeling a little bummed about giving up my Saturday to be there. When I saw how excited all the kids in attendance were and heard him say that, it really changed my attitude, and in the end, it was a ton of fun (as usual). Several students from the University of Maine came to assist and it was fun to get to know them as well.

We're in the home stretch of this ASCE year – just a few more upcoming events and activities I hope you will join us for. On May 19 is the annual meeting being held in person at Spring Meadows in Gray. We will hand out awards, welcome life members, award scholarships and have our usual trivia competition with prizes! May 21, is a service project at Maine's Paper & Heritage Museum in Livermore Falls. We will be doing some scraping and painting as well as some general spring cleanup. Finally, June 10 is the Annual Golf Tournament at Turner Highlands. All proceeds benefit ASCE scholarships – to high school students, the University of Maine and for middle school kids to attend STEM summer camps. I hope to see many of you there!



It was an honor to serve as your president this year. Even though we are still navigating the pandemic life, it was great to see how ASCE adapted and all that we accomplished this year! I hope to see everyone at the last few events of the year and wish you a great summer "break"!

*Esther Bizier, P.E.*

Maine Section President



## Maine Section ASCE Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

### Thursday, May 19, 2022 5PM

**Spring Meadows Golf Course  
59 Lewiston Road, Gray, ME**

Join us as we unwind from another busy year at the Maine Section ASCE Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Come socialize and network with your engineering colleagues and meet aspiring high school students. Make sure to bring your competitive side to outwit those around you in the annual Younger Member Trivia challenge. **Prizes to be award** so make sure to pick your teammates carefully!

The meeting will feature award presentations, high school scholarship presentations, honoring of life members and the induction of the new section officers.

Email Heather Hayes - [heather.hayes@sewall.com](mailto:heather.hayes@sewall.com) or register online here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maine-section-asce-annual-meeting-awards-banquet-tickets-327360182117>



# SO, WHERE ARE WE NOW?

## 83rd MBTA Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 12, Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport

PANEL DISCUSSION	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
RECEPTION	5 p.m.
DINNER & PROGRAM	6 p.m.

Please join us for the MBTA Annual Meeting as we celebrate 83 years advocating for a safer, more efficient transportation network for Maine.



**FEATURING A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH MAINEDOT COMMISSIONER BRUCE VAN NOTE AND MAINE TURNPIKE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER MILLS.** Our speakers will discuss plans for the new construction season and other initiatives.

**PLUS:** Network with friends and colleagues, elect the 2022-23 slate of officers and board members and usher in another year.

**REGISTER ONLINE:** [Register Here!](#)

**REGISTER VIA E-MAIL:** [Cindy@mbtaonline.org](mailto:Cindy@mbtaonline.org)



PLEASE JOIN US

**WTS-MAINE  
10TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

Thursday, June 2, 2022 5 PM to 8 PM

The Hangar @ MAC Air Group • Portland International Jetport  
100 Aviation Blvd, South Portland

**Ticket Info:**  
Government Rate: \$60 All others: \$65\*/\$75  
\*Early Bird pricing available through Friday, May 6

To Register: [wtsinternational.org/chapters/maine](https://wtsinternational.org/chapters/maine)

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## Volunteer Opportunity!

**\*SATURDAY, MAY 21\***



Maine ASCE is looking for volunteers to assist with scraping & painting a garage and general yard cleanup at Maine's Paper & Heritage Museum. Workday starts at 9am and we will finish up in the early afternoon. Breakfast, snacks and lunch are provided for all volunteers!

To sign up contact Esther Bizier ([esther@main-landdci.com](mailto:esther@main-landdci.com), 931-8484) by May 20 so that we know how many people to anticipate.

**Address:** 22 Church Street, Livermore Falls, ME

**We hope to see you there!**

**ASCE volunteers in September 2020 –  
so much fun working with your friends!**





Maine Section of the American Society Civil Engineers  
**29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, June 10, 2022**  
**Turner Highlands Golf Course**  
**10 Highland Ave, Turner ME 04282**

All proceeds of the event benefit local students interested in pursuing careers in the A/E/C industry. Join us on Friday, June 10, 2022 as we raise funds for aspiring students and have fun doing it!

**Registration & Sponsorship Fees**

**Registration**  
 \$325.00/Foursome  
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 Includes:  
 • Green fees  
 • Cart rental  
 • Awards banquet

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 (Limit One Sponsor)  
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 • Registration for four  
 • Signage at event  
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*Contests Include: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive (Men's & Women's)*

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  Individual Registration (\$85.00)  
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## Vote for the Board of Direction

### 2022-2023 MAINE SECTION BOARD ELECTION BALLOT

Please return your ballot to Heather Hayes, PE before May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 12 PM via email: [heather.hayes@sewall.com](mailto:heather.hayes@sewall.com)

Your ballot is important. If you wish, please feel free to write in appropriate member candidates. Select (click) the box next to the name to indicate your election *Please choose one for each office:*

**President:**

- Don LeBlanc, PE  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**President Elect:**

- Nate Powelson, PE  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**Vice President:**

- Nate Strout, PE  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**Treasurer:**

- Lynn Frazier, PE  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**Secretary:**

- Cece Walton, EIT, ENV SP  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**Director Year 3:**

- Justin Yaitanes, PE  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**Director Year 2:**

- Jayson Haskell, PE  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**Director Year 1:**

- Ben Shaw, EIT  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**Past President**

Esther Bizier, PE



**Vote for the YOUNGER MEMBER Board of Direction**

**2022-2023 MAINE SECTION YOUNGER MEMBER BOARD ELECTION BALLOT**

Please return your ballot to Heather Hayes, PE before May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 via email: [heather.hayes@sewall.com](mailto:heather.hayes@sewall.com)

Your ballot is important. If you wish, please feel free to write in appropriate member candidates. Select (click) the box next to the name to indicate your election *Please choose one for each office:*

- President**
  - Michelle Hale, EIT
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (*write-in*)
- Vice President**
  - Thomas Gleeson, EIT
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (*write-in*)
- Treasurer:**
  - Benjamin Smith, EIT
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- Secretary:**
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  - \_\_\_\_\_ (*write-in*)





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## Job Listings

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

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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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