

THE

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November 2024



From the Editor:

November is here and the holiday season will be in full swing before we know it!

Thank you to Ian Mackinnon, PE from Jones & Beach Engineers and Adam St. Michel from Shaw Brothers for the Rock Row tour last month, and to The Younger Members Group for the Disc Golf event. The first week of December will be busy with the Report Card Release Event and the Annual Transportation Conference, so mark your calendars now!

There is still time to get involved with the section if you are interested in joining a committee or volunteering let us know.

We hope to see you soon!

Heather

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Maine Section ASCE - Save the Date(s)

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President's Message

Hello Maine Section:

I hope you all had a great October. This can certainly be an odd time of year for the weather, I had about 18° Tuesday morning and Thursday and Friday were the upper 70's... I guess dealing with that is one of the things that makes us "Mainer's," and why half the people I know are sick! Regardless, we still push ahead, and it seems most of our engineering community is as busy as ever.

Our Section hosted a tour of the Rock Row development in Westbrook on September 24th. Being in the Bangor area, I've heard many things about this project, but it was certainly an eye-opening experience to tour first-hand. To hear the engineering challenges and to see where they are to date is impressive, especially for an overall site of this magnitude. The discussions about their ongoing and future concepts continue to exemplify the need for engineering ingenuity in our State.



I cannot send a message without an update about the Report Card. I am more blown away every month by the efforts of our fellow Maine civil engineers (the Report Card Committee) who pull this all together. It is quite impressive, and clearly shows their passion to help improve our State. It's evident that we're getting closer to the finish line now with weekly meetings with ASCE National and trainings by National to help improve our discussions with legislators. It will be here before we know it, as our unveiling date will be on December 3rd. As we will be representing our entire Maine Section, we hope that you help support and promote our Report Card.



Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away, I hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy time with your families and friends.

Have a great November!

Nate Strout, P.E.

Maine Section ASCE President



Maine Section ASCE Report Card for Maine's Infrastructure

Tuesday, **December 3, 2024**
9:30AM - Sea Dog Brewing Co.
Topsham, Maine



FIND OUT THE GRADES!
Save the Date for Maine's Infrastructure Report Card Release!

CATEGORY	2008	2012	2016	2020	2024!
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If you are interested in attending or in the ASCE Gov't/Public Relations Training on how to speak to the report card, **please register by 11/26**, email Heather Hayes, hhayes@vhb.com.



THE WICKED DATA MIN"AH"

#14 ACADIA CARRIAGE ROADS

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miles of rustic carriage roads, the gift of philanthropist John D. Rockefeller Jr. and family in modern day Acadia National Park. No motorist vehicles are allowed.

Source: <https://www.nps.gov/acad>

1940

year construction completed to travel on motor-free byways via horse and carriage into the heart of Mount Desert Island

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1932

year the Brown Mountain Gatehouse, were built to mark the entrance to Acadia's historic carriage road network.

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16

feet is the width of the carriage roads mostly built by hand.

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historic bridges that span streams, waterfalls, roads, and cliffsides.

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PLEASE NOTE: There is no dinner/evening presentation this year, but read below about joining

WTS-Maine for an Evening Reception.

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Maine 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 (preferred) or postmarked by February 28, 2025. If you know anyone who might be interesting in applying, please encourage them to obtain further information and applications from their school counselor or from Leslie L. Corrow, P.E. at: leslie.corrow@kleinschmidtgroup.com



MAINE SECTION YOUNGER MEMBERS HOCKEY NIGHT IN PORTLAND



Come watch your Maine Mariners take on the visiting Norfolk Admirals and catch up with your fellow Maine Section ASCE members!

11 January 6:00 PM Start

At the Cross Insurance Arena
1 Civic Center Square, Portland, ME 04101

Please RSVP by January 1st

E-mail Ben Smith at
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Looking for Employment?



ENGINEERING PROGRAM MANAGER

The Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA), located in Portland, Maine seeks a full-time **Engineering Program Manager** to join its Engineering team.

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Interested applicants shall forward a cover letter and resume by email to: jobapplications@maineturnpike.com, or by mail to: Human Resources Department, Attn: Engineering Program Manager, Maine Turnpike Authority, 2360 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102.

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The Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA), located in Portland, Maine seeks a full-time **Project Manager** to join its Engineering team.

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Interested applicants shall forward a cover letter and resume by email to: jobapplications@maineturnpike.com, or by mail to: Human Resources Department, Attn: Project Manager, Maine Turnpike Authority, 2360 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102.

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Job Listings

Job advertisements are posted in one issue of the Informant and on our Facebook page.
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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.