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NEWSLETTER OF THE MAINE SECTION ASCE

April 2025



From the Editor:

Looks like *April showers bring May flowers* is proving to be a true statement today.

We are very excited to share with you the Maine Section’s **75th Birthday Celebration** will be held at Ocean Gateway in Portland. More info will follow on sponsorships, registration and 75th swag. See page 3 for the Save the Date and page 7 to nominate your peers or a project to be recognized at this unique and unforgettable occasion!

The annual golf tournament will follow shortly after so please get your teams in early and consider sponsoring!

We hope to see you soon!

Heather

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President's Message

Hello Maine Section:

Happy April! I hope everyone had a great March. Our Section was busy over the last month; with several from our Board attending the Engineering Expo at UMaine, the Region 1 Assembly in Burlington VT, the Fly-In in Washington DC and our monthly meeting including a presentation by Denise Cameron of Woodard and Curran about the Roux Institute at Northeastern University. Thank you to all that were engaged with the Section events in March!



LEFT: Thomas Rioux presenting about the Maine Section at the ASCE Region 1 Assembly.

RIGHT: Peter Merfeld, Nate Powelson and Nate Strout at the ASCE Fly-In in Washington D.C.

BOTTOM: Monthly Meeting presentation on the Roux Institute.



And as hopefully you all know, there is more upcoming. As noted below, the technical seminar will be held on April 24th in Auburn, and we hope that many of you can attend. As this is a PE renewal year, this is a great (and relatively inexpensive) opportunity to obtain 6 PDH's while spending a day networking with your peers. Also, please mark your calendars for May 29th, as we'll be celebrating the Maine Section's 75th Anniversary in Portland. This is a significant milestone, and we hope to see a great representation for our many members that have excelled civil engineering in our State!

We are combining our 75th celebration with our annual meeting so we will be recognizing those that have excelled within our engineering community. We are still looking for nominations for Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year, Citizen Engineer and the Kitty Breskin Project Award (selected for a project using innovative technology and important contributions to infrastructure in Maine). Also, June will be here before we know it so mark your calendars for our annual golf tournament on June 13th at Turner Highlands.



I hope you all have a great April, and I look forward to seeing you at the Technical Seminar on the 24th!

Nate Strout, P.E.

Maine Section ASCE President

Save the Date



MAINE SECTION
75th
ANNIVERSARY

Ocean Gateway

May 29th, 2025

Portland • Maine

5PM

Join the Maine Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers for an evening celebration showcasing the impact of our 75-year history.

Email Heather Hayes for more info - hhayes@vhb.com

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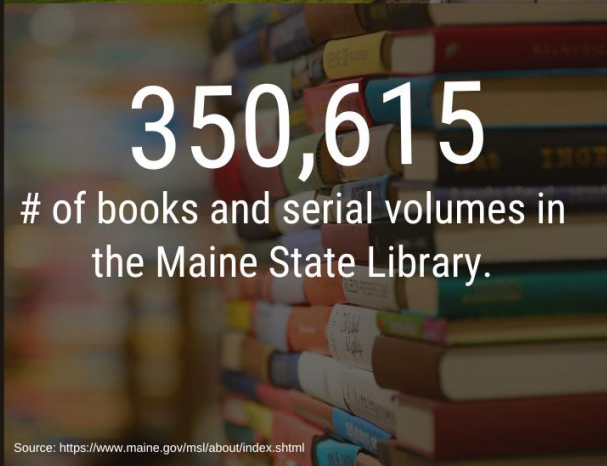
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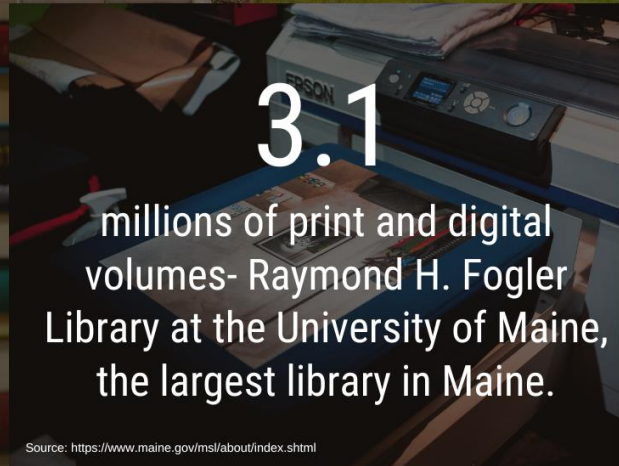
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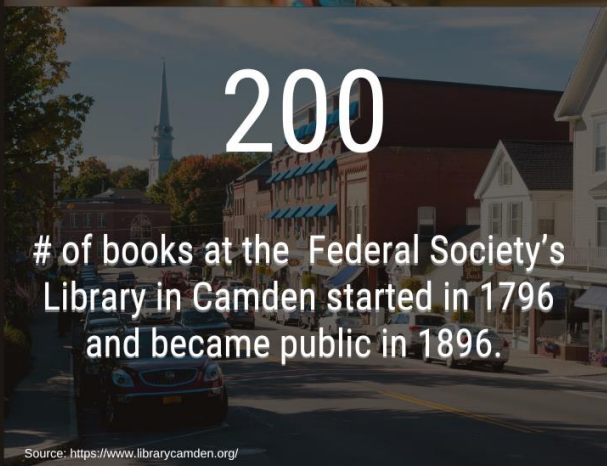
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2025 AGENDA

7:30 AM Registration, Breakfast, and Welcome

8:30 AM **Culvert Rehab: These Pipes Are Not Getting Any Younger! (Featuring MaineDOT Projects),**
Don LeBlanc, P.E., Owner – DLVEWS, Inc.

9:40 AM **Updating Maine's Stormwater Management Standards: An Engineering Insight**
Kerem Gungor, P.E., Maine DEP, Senior Environmental Engineer

10:50 AM **Geopier Ground Improvement: Innovative Technologies and Creative Solutions**
Brian Foley, P.E., Region Engineer – Geopier and Michael Pockoski, P.E., Ground Improvement Division Leader – Helical Drilling

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM **Geotechnical Seismic Design in New England,**
Craig W. Coolidge, P.E., Vice President – Summit Geoengineering Services, Inc.

2:10 PM **Press Brake Tub Girders: Longer Lasting, Faster Delivery, Quicker Installation,**
Randy Needham, Valmont Structures, East Region Bridge Sales Manager

3:10 PM Afternoon Break

3:40 PM **Real-Time Monitoring: New Standards for Construction Install and Infrastructure Projects**
Daniel Begin, LSIT, Senior Construction Survey Manager, Doucet Survey a SAM Company

4:40 PM ASCE Updates and Closing Remarks

4:45 PM Happy Hour with Cash Bar Until 5:30

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AWARDS Season!

Our Section continues to win national awards because of all 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, **these will be recognized at our 75th Anniversary Gala!**

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 Nate Strout, Maine Section ASCE President, 2024-2025. Nate.Strout@swcole.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, 2025.** *

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



MAINE SECTION YOUNGER MEMBERS **BOWLING AT BAYSIDE BOWL**



Come join your fellow younger members for an hour of bowling! Optional happy hour afterwards at a local brewery TBD.

11 April 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

At Bayside Bowl
58 Alder Street, Portland, ME 0410

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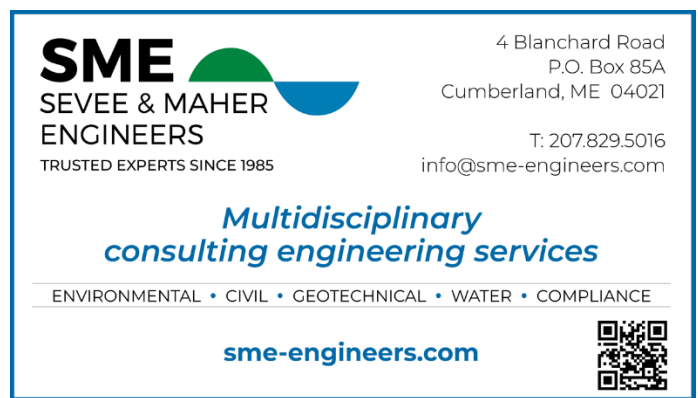


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- \$1000 for 1 year (9 issues)

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