

THE

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December 2025



From the Editor:

Happy Holidays Maine Section!

As we close out another calendar year and look forward to 2026, I would like to thank everyone who made our 75th Anniversary Year a huge success. We hosted amazing events, delivered quality programming with our companion organizations, and supported one another to provide great opportunities for our members. Let's keep this momentum going into 2026. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season with your families.

If you have been interested in getting involved, please reach out and learn more about what we do and how you can help.

We hope to see you soon!

Heather

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Maine Section ASCE - Save the Date(s)

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14 Happy Hanukkah!	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27
28	29	30	31	Jan 1 Happy New Year 2026	Jan 2	Jan 3

President's Message

Hello Maine Section:

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and were able to spend some quality time and eat some delicious meals with friends and family. The Holiday Season is now upon us and is getting more festive by the week, including our first measurable snowfall (at least in Southern Maine)! Hopefully it will stick around for the Holidays.

The MBTA 74th Maine Transportation Conference was a huge success with the most ever in attendance with 840 +/- transportation professionals (Photo – Top Right)! The ASCE booth was well attended and the UMaine Student Chapter was able to raise funds between merchandise and raffle tickets. I could not attend any of the presentations, but I heard great reviews. Thank you to everyone who participated in the ASCE sponsored Accelerated Bridge Breaking competition (Photo – Bottom Right). Congratulations to all our winners, all bridges held over 40lbs! With the winner holding 54lbs!

The Maine Section Time Capsule was opened during the 75th Anniversary Celebration and will stay open for a couple of months. See the write-up on Page 3 or more information and start thinking about some contributions!

I hope you all have a great Holiday Season and get to spend time with friends and family!

Justin Yaitanes, P.E.

Maine Section ASCE President



Last week the ASCE Younger Members had a great time attending the UMaine Men's Hockey game in Portland and the Black Bears skated away with the WIN! Thanks for organizing a great outing.

TIME CAPSULE



The Maine Section will be displaying the time capsule from our 50th Section Anniversary from 2000 and we will be collecting items to add to it for our 2025 75th Anniversary before resealing it and returning it to its resting place at Boardman Hall at University of Maine. The new items will be placed within a smaller bin inside the original larger bin from the 50th Anniversary to keep the items separated, but in one place for reopening at our 100th Anniversary in 2050. Please bring items of interest to the Section's

January meeting, date and location to be determined. If folks cannot make this meeting, but have items to donate, please contact Tim Merritt at tmerritt@mjinc.com or Mike Moreau at morolinite26@outlook.com. We would like to reseal the capsule before the February Section meeting.

Capsule items may include notable Maine Section items such as event photos and programs, Section Awards, historic civil engineering brochure and applications, old speaker mug, old Informants, Section swag, past Infrastructure Report Cards, official proclamations from government officials regarding E-week or other events, records of notable National-level presenters or attendees at our events, copy of our annual report, snippet from our Section web page or Facebook page, etc. Please also consider items that represent the current state and advancement of our industry such as notable news articles, tools of our trade, key projects, etc. Almost all of us have something in our office that would enhance the capsule's content. Please also share ideas even if you don't have the item in your possession.



THE WICKED DATA MIN"AH"

#25 VACATIONLAND'S STATE PARKS



48

number of state parks including historic sites managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands in Maine.

Source: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/index.shtml>



2

millions of people who visited state controlled parks annully.

Source: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/index.shtml>



310

miles of multi-use rail trails state wide.

Source: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/index.shtml>



700,000

acres of Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands managed land that extend to 2 million acres with easements.

Source: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/index.shtml>



1322

number of state managed islands outlined in the Coastal Island Registry, about 40% of total Maine Islands.

Source: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/index.shtml>

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, 2026. 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

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- \$500 for 1 year (9 issues)
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- \$1000 for 1 year (9 issues)

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