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January 2026



From the Editor:

Welcome to 2026!

We hope your resolutions remain strong, that you've eased back into the rhythm of a "normal" work week, and that you're settling into positive new habits. If one of your goals this year is to network and continue learning, the Maine Section is here to support you. WTS is hosting two events at the end of the month, and there is plenty of programming to look forward to in February and March.

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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President's Message

Hello Maine Section:

Happy New Year! I hope you all had great Holidays and were able to spend quality time with friends and family. It's always tough taking down the decorations.

We have some exciting events planned for 2026 including our annual Technical Seminar that will be held in April. Get a jump start on collecting those PDHs, all while learning a thing or two and connecting with fellow colleagues. We also have a joint event planned with WTS, MBTA, and AGC later in the spring so stay tuned for that!

The ASCE Awards are BACK! The award categories are listed on Page 7, we hope you will nominate peers and colleagues for recognition at this year's annual meeting in May.

I hope to see you there as well as at our monthly meetings!

Justin Yaitanes, P.E.

Maine Section ASCE President

On January 9th, 2026, Thomas Rioux accepted the History and Heritage Award on behalf of the Maine Section. This award was presented at the ASCE Multi-Regional Leadership Conference in Jacksonville, FL.



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.



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#26 WICKED SNOW STORMS

9

days that it snowed in 1717 that dumped over 24 feet of snow from Maine to Virginia.

Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/action/past-weather/maine>

400

people were killed from 55 inches of snow lasting 3 days in the Great Blizzard of 1888.

Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/action/past-weather/maine>

1952

year that a nor'easter that hit New England with almost 30 inches of snow.

Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/action/past-weather/maine>

1998

year freezing rain coated trees and power lines blocking roads for days..

Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/action/past-weather/maine>

31.9

inches of snow that Portland ever received from one storm known as Winter Storm Nemo in 2013.

Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/action/past-weather/maine>

ASCE VERMONT SECTION – SKI DAY



The poster features a central illustration of a snowy mountain slope with several skiers in various colored gear (orange, blue, yellow) skiing down. In the background, there are evergreen trees and a snow-capped mountain peak under a blue sky with light clouds. The ASCE Vermont Section logo is in the top left corner of the illustration area.

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Registration Now Open

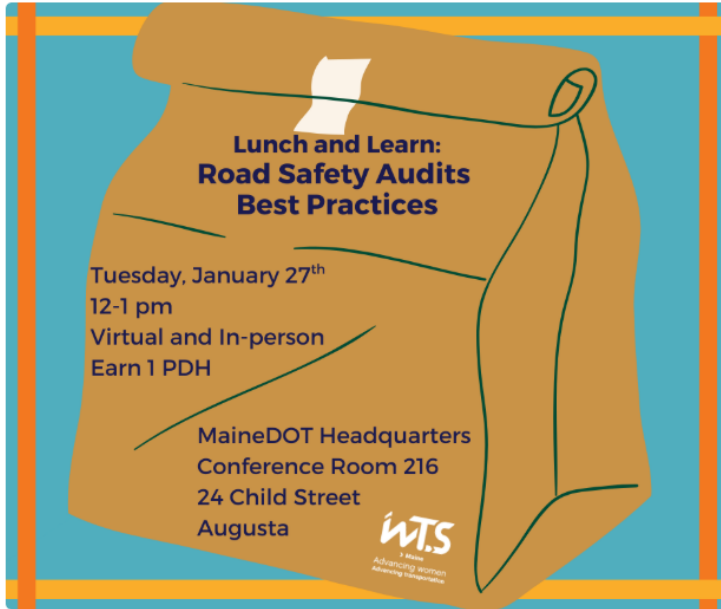
2026 SKI DAY
February 6th, 2026
Bolton Valley Resort

Registration includes
a ski pass, lunch and a
technical presentation.



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WTS EVENTS



Please join us for a Lunch & Learn presented by Robert Skehan, Dakota Hewlett, and Jeffery Pulver. The session will cover best practices for Road Safety Audits (RSAs), including data preparation and key items to review in the field. They will also discuss different types of audits such as small road safety assessments, large RSAs, and RSAs conducted as part of planning studies, along with stakeholder involvement, incorporating local input, and considerations for non-motorized users.

FREE for members and public sector employees.

\$10 for private sector non-member employees.

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Please join us for a speed networking event, like speed dating but for meeting fellow members. Enjoy short, lively conversations that help you connect quickly in a fun, low-pressure setting. It's a great way to put faces to names, spark conversations, and build real connections within WTS.

Appetizers will be provided.

Questions? Contact Katherine at katherine.wight@stantec.com

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Speed Networking

Join WTS Maine for a speed networking event on January 29th, 2026.

5:30-6 Registration
6-7 Speed Networking
7-7:30 More Food and Beer

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MAINE ASCE AWARDS

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.

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-Musconagus Bridge Project. The project was honored for its innovative use of technology and important contribution to infrastructure in Maine.

For 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 Justin Yataines, Maine Section ASCE President, 2025-2026. jyaitanes@HNTB.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 sharefile 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 24, 2026**. Please email Heather Hayes, hhayes@vhb.com, for applications!

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 interested 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

LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

TRANSPORTATION PLANNER/TRAFFIC ENGINEER



The Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) is seeking a Transportation Planner/Traffic Engineer to join its Engineering team in Portland, Maine. Reporting to the Engineering Program Manager, this position supports MTA's mission by analyzing, planning, and implementing transportation and traffic projects that enhance mobility, safety, and efficiency across the Turnpike system.

The role conducts traffic impact analyses, flow studies, and system performance evaluations; develops and evaluates traffic management strategies; and leads assigned transportation planning projects and studies for the Authority. Responsibilities include reviewing signage, striping, intersections, interchanges, and Maintenance of Traffic plans; interpreting traffic modeling and simulation results (e.g., Synchro, VISSIM); analyzing hourly and daily traffic data; supporting crash analysis and safety improvements; assisting with public participation requirements; preparing reports, graphics, and public information materials; and participating in public outreach and regional planning committees in coordination with MTA Engineering, ITS, Security, and Public Relations staff.

Qualified candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Transportation Planning, Traffic Engineering, or a related field, with at least five years of experience in transportation planning or traffic engineering. A Professional Engineering (PE) license or transportation planning certification is preferred. Experience with traffic analysis and modeling software (e.g., Synchro, VISSIM) is preferred. Candidates should have an understanding of traffic engineering principles, traffic signal design, and roadway safety, along with excellent analytical, communication, and organizational skills. The ability to work collaboratively with multidisciplinary teams and stakeholders is required, as well as a valid Maine Class C driver's license. For complete job description, please visit our website at:

<http://www.maineturnpike.com/About-MTA/Employment>. The salary range is \$45.04 to \$74.21 per hour, commensurate with experience and qualifications. MTA offers a comprehensive benefits package including health and dental insurance, retirement plans, paid vacation and sick leave, and thirteen paid holidays.

Interested candidates shall forward a cover letter and resume to: jobapplications@maineturnpike.com

Or US mail may be sent to:

Maine Turnpike Authority, Attn: HR Department

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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.