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From the Editor:

The May issue of The Informant is here for your reading pleasure. We are excited to wrap up the year with some of our annual events like our Annual Meeting and Awards celebration, and you know my favorite, the GOLF SCRAMBLE! The nomination deadline for awards was extended to **THIS FRIDAY**, so please nominate and recognize your peers. This month ASCE younger members are also hosting views & brews in Harpswell/Brunswick so register today!

We are still looking for hole sponsorships and raffle items for our Scholarship Golf Scramble, please reach out if you can help.

We hope to see you soon!

Heather

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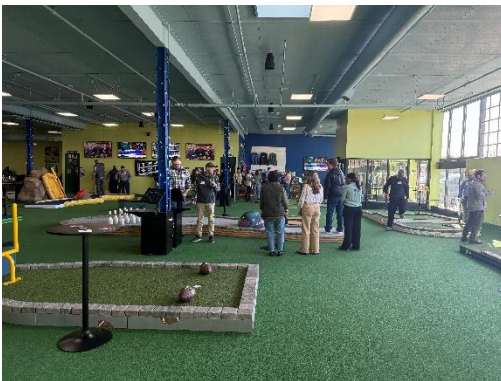
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Maine Section:

Happy May! We're finally starting to see some nice weather and the trees are blooming!

Last month, the ASCE/WTS/AGC/MBTA joint mini golf event was a success (bottom photo), and we had almost 60 people attend! It was a great way to unwind with some fellow colleagues, as well meet some new colleagues from other organizations. Additionally, we held the Technical Seminar (photo right). I did not have the pleasure of attending (and sadly missing out on those PDHs!) but I heard it was a success and a great time. A big thank you to the Directors, and everyone else involved, for this collaborative effort.

June will be action-packed, starting with the Annual Meeting which is being held on Thursday June 4 at Spring Meadows in Gray. Stay tuned for more information. We look forward to celebrating and recognizing those that have excelled within our engineering community and **are still accepting nominations until Friday May 8 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). Not long after, on June 19th, is our annual golf tournament at Turner Highlands! To no surprise, it's already waitlisted for teams but we are still accepting sponsorships.



This is bittersweet as it's my last President's Message. My time as president has flown by and I'm honored to become a past president. The experience I've gained serving the ASCE Maine Section is invaluable, and I encourage anyone who is interested to pursue it! I would like to thank my employer, HNTB, for allowing me the opportunity to serve on the ASCE Maine Section Board. I'm also proud to join other HNTB past presidents Be Schonewald (2003-2004), Walter Fagerlund (2010-11), and Dan Bouchard (2020-2021).

I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting!

Justin Yaitanes, P.E.

Maine Section ASCE President

ANNUAL MEETING**Maine Section ASCE
Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet****Thursday, June 4, 2026 - 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 awarded** 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 Ben Smith benjamin.smith@tylin.com or register online here:
[Annual Meeting Registration](#)



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#30 FAMOUS MAINE ENGINEERS



1905
year Francis Crowe chief engineer of the Hoover Dam graduated from the University of Maine with a Civil Engineering Degree.

Source: <https://umaine.edu/>



1855
year John Ripley Freeman was born in Bridgton, Maine and designed and built the Charles River Dam in Boston among other structures.

Source: <https://umaine.edu/>



6000
construction workers led by native Maine chief engineer Benjamin Wright to the construction of the Erie Canal and the Ohio Canal.

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1944
year that Margaret Loret Chase Morrill was the first woman to graduate with a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Maine.

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1000
buildings designed by Architect John Calvin Stevens. Not an engineer but still impressive!

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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-Muscongus 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 Yatanes, Maine Section ASCE President, 2025-2026. jyatanes@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 May 8, 2026. Please email Heather Hayes, hhayes@vhb.com, for applications !!!

YMG VIEWS & BREWS**MAINE SECTION
YOUNGER MEMBERS
VIEWS AND BREWS****The Views!**

Get outside and meet some of your fellow young professionals. Join us at the Cliff Trail in Harpswell, ME for a group hike

The Brews!

Post-hike apps and drinks with your fellow younger members at Flight Deck Brewing Company in Brunswick, ME (Apps provided by the Maine Section!)

30 May 2:00 PM

Meet at Cliff Trailhead

263 Mountain Road, Harpswell, ME 04079

After at Flight Deck Brewing Company

11 Atlantic Avenue, Brunswick, ME 04011

Please RSVP by May 27th!**[REGISTER HERE](#)****ASCE** YOUNGER MEMBERS

ASCE GOLF SCRAMBLE

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JUNE 19TH, 2026

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WTS ANNIVERSARY PARTY!



The poster features a blue background with a white lighthouse icon in a circle in the top right corner. The WTS logo is in the top left, with the text 'Advancing women Advancing transportation > Maine' to its right. The main text is enclosed in a white decorative frame with rounded corners. The text inside the frame reads: 'Save the Date!' in large bold letters, followed by '15th Anniversary Party'. Below this, there are two lines of text, each preceded by a circular icon: a calendar icon for 'June 10th 5-7 PM' and a clock icon for 'Portland, ME'. At the bottom of the frame, the text reads 'Casablanca Cruises Cruise through Casco Bay'.

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- \$1000 for 1 year (9 issues)

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