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## VTASCE Monthly News and Updates

Good evening members of the Vermont Section of ASCE! We enjoyed seeing you at the Younger Member Bowling Night and virtual Lunch & Learns. We have more exciting events coming up including UVM Engineering Design Night Poster Session this Friday April 26th and our annual VT ASCE meeting in early June. Be sure to register for design night below!

*Note - We are in the process of transitioning our communications platform from Constant Contact to ASCE Thrive/Informz. Stay tuned for more information on this!*

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For more information about Vermont ASCE you can always visit our website using the link below. Also see **job postings** and a list of our **sponsors** below. If you have any questions about the many benefits of being a Vermont ASCE member, please don't hesitate to

contact us using the button below or visit the ASCE Website [Member Benefits](#). If you would like to become a member or renew your membership, please use the links below.

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## **President's Message**

Hello All!

Happy spring! It is nice to see the grass turning green and all the flowers popping.

We have a couple more great events coming up before we take a break for the summer including the UVM Engineering Design Night Poster Session and the Vermont Section Annual Meeting. Also included in this newsletter is the ballot for new board members. If you are a Vermont ASCE member, please take a minute to vote.

We would like to remind all Vermont Professional Engineers that there is a Vermont Energy Goals education requirement for professional license renewal due July 31, 2024. As indicated in the newsletter, we are seeking your input on this.

Stay tuned for more details and an invitation to the Annual Meeting and feel free to reach out if you have any questions about ASCE, would like to become more involved, or even if you would just like to connect.

Hope to see you soon!

Thank you,

Matt Estabrooks



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## **2024-2025 VT ASCE Board of Directors**

We are excited to introduce this year's nominees for open ASCE board positions. Below you will find a short biography on each of the new voting members. Please use the button below to vote for each of the officer positions.

Vote here!

### **Zelda Dively, EIT - President Elect**

Zelda graduated from the University of Vermont with her BS in Environmental Engineering in 2019, and spent that summer working with VHB as an intern with both their Land Development and Water Resources teams. She started her current role at VHB upon graduating with her MS in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 2020. Zelda works primarily with ski resorts and has special interests in environmental permitting, stormwater, and water resources. Zelda has been serving as a South Burlington office lead for VHB's Emerging Professionals Group (EPG) since 2021 and as a New England Region EPG Co-Lead since 2023. In these roles, she organizes and facilitates social and professional

development events for emerging professionals within her office and across the region. When she's not working, Zelda enjoys being in nature, practicing yoga, and spending time with family and friends.



### **Victor Amesoeder – Secretary**

Victor, EIT, is a Land Development Engineer at VHB Inc. since 2021 located in Burlington Vermont. His work focuses on stormwater design and management, civil/site development for ski resorts and a variety of private development projects across New England. Victor received his B.S. in Environmental Engineering from The Ohio State University in 2019, where he researched microbial activity in wood structures during severe wind driven rain events. He has been an active ASCE member on the Vermont Board since 2023. As the new membership chair, he hopes to engage peers in more diverse engineering experiences, broaden their skills, and cultivate a larger ASCE community during the coming year. Victor enjoys spending his time playing music, snowboarding and backpacking in his free time.



### **Laura Williams – Younger Member Chair**

Laura is a senior project engineer at Sanborn Head in Burlington, Vermont in the solid waste client service area. She received her BS in Environmental Engineering in 2016 from the University of Vermont. As a senior project engineer at Sanborn Head, she specializes in landfill design, stormwater planning and design, geotechnical engineering and compliance within the state of Vermont. Laura has been actively involved in ASCE since 2019 including contributing to the Vermont infrastructure report card and serving as Membership Chair of the Vermont Section. Currently, Laura is the Vermont chapter's secretary.



### **Jordan Duffy, PE – New England Delegate**

Jordan Duffy P.E. is a water resources engineer at Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, focusing on hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, stormwater design and permitting, and geomorphology. Jordan has been involved in ASCE since his time at UVM, where he served as the Student Chapter's Vice President in 2015. Since graduation, Jordan has been an active board member for the Vermont Chapter, serving as both the Membership chair and the Younger Member chair, promoting membership for young Vermont engineers and helping to plan events to foster a more connected engineering community in Vermont. Currently, Jordan is the Vermont chapter's past president. Jordan enjoys the Green Mountains by snowboarding, mountain biking, and rock climbing.



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## **REMINDER: "Energy Goals" Education Requirement for Professional License Renewal**

In 2020, the General Assembly passed Act 178, which requires certain professionals licensed by OPR to complete an education module related to the State's energy goals as a condition of license renewal. This requirement took effect on July 1, 2021 and applies to: (1) architects, (2) landscape architects, (3) pollution abatement facility operators, (4) water system designers, (5) professional engineers, (6) property inspectors, (7) real estate appraisers, and (8) real estate brokers and salespersons. The law also applies to some Vermonters licensed by other State agencies, such as the Department of Public Safety.

You can read the requirements here:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/03/005/00138>

In short, ahead of the July 31, 2024 biennial renewal, professional engineers in Vermont need to complete two hours of education regarding the State's energy goals and any updates regarding corresponding State energy programs applicable to the profession.

There are various on-line courses that are marketed as meeting this requirement. We are seeking input from anyone that has completed the education requirement and/or has suggestions on courses that may be applicable. Please reach out to Matt Estabrooks ([mestabrooks@sanbornhead.com](mailto:mestabrooks@sanbornhead.com)) with your feedback.

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## **Younger Member Bowling Night Recap**

We had a great turn out for our annual younger member bowling night held at Stowe Bowl on March 22nd. A large group of students from both Norwich University and UVM joined professional members for a fun evening of bowling and networking. We're looking forward to doing it again next year!





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## **Region 1 Assembly Recap**

On March 15th and 16th, Stephanie Wyman (Region 1 Governor) and Sean Wines (President-Elect) attended the ASCE Region 1 Assembly in Portland Maine. During the assembly, members representing the different sections and branches spoke about the successes and difficulties throughout the past year. Ideas were shared on how to come up with solutions to the challenges experienced throughout the year and there were opportunities to celebrate the successes. Overall, the meeting was very informative and a good networking opportunity to share ideas for future plans in the Vermont section along with the many other sections and branches represented in Region 1.



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## Upcoming Events

### **UVM Engineering Design Night Poster Session – Friday April 26th**

Please join our students, community partners, faculty, and advisors on Friday, April 26th at 5:00PM as the students present their capstone design projects in a poster session. Earn Vermont PDH hours for your design review input at the poster session. Parking passes will be available. Contact [John.Lens@uvm.edu](mailto:John.Lens@uvm.edu) (course instructor) if you have questions.



Register here!

### **VT ASCE Annual Meeting – Early June**

We plan on holding our annual in-person dinner meeting in early June. The evening will consist of a site tour or presentation on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, followed by a social event where we will give out this year's Engineer, Young Engineer, and Project of the Year awards, as well as induct 2024-2025 board members. More information and an invitation to follow.



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## **Other Upcoming Events**

There are no other upcoming events at this time.

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## **Other Announcements**

There are no other announcements at this time.

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## **Job Postings**

Does your organization have job openings and internship opportunities? Consider UVM civil and environmental engineering students. Reach out to Mandar Dewoolkar ([mdewoolk@uvm.edu](mailto:mdewoolk@uvm.edu)) and Holly Foshier ([Holly.Foshier@uvm.edu](mailto:Holly.Foshier@uvm.edu)) today for more information.

Email Mandar

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