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President's Message

You can tell summer is just around the corner when pre-construction meetings fill the calendar and students start wrapping up their semesters. The longer days and warmer weather we've been seeing mean construction season in Vermont is about to be full steam ahead, with many of us ramping up



field work and moving projects ahead that we've been planning over the winter. At the same time, our student members are completing final projects and preparing for internships or full-time roles, reminding us how important our connection is to the next generation of civil engineers.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit UVM's Stormwater Design class to give an overview of the construction stormwater permitting process in Vermont. Just a few years ago, I

was a senior in that same class, listening to a guest lecture given by my future manager (though at the time I hadn't even received my internship offer), and having just passed the FE exam. It felt like a full-circle moment to be back as a practitioner, sharing my professional experience, celebrating one of our current interns passing her FE, and meeting my own incoming intern for this summer. Experiences like this truly reinforce how valuable these academic-professional connections are and how important it is for us to stay engaged with our local universities and our student chapters.

Looking ahead, I wanted to highlight a few items in this newsletter. Elections for voting members are now open and included below, so please take a moment to read about our candidates and cast your vote. If you're interested in learning more about what the board does or other ways to get involved, don't hesitate to reach out to any of us. We will also be highlighting the careers of four leaders within our community during our Women in Engineering Panel, a joint event with WTS next week. To wrap up our year, VT-ASCE will be hosting our Annual Meeting on June 4th, featuring a nearby site tour and a summer BBQ. Continue reading for more information about both of these events. As we head into a busy construction season, stay safe on your job sites, stay connected with your colleagues, and continue to look for ways to support our students and younger members. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Meeting!

Best,
Zelda Dively, PE ENV SP M.ASCE

Younger Member Bowling Event Recap

While originally postponed due to Vermont's wonderfully unpredictable mid-April weather, our Younger Members were finally able to join students from both University of Vermont and Norwich University for a night full of bowling and fried cheese curds!

From the first roll to the final frame, the energy stayed high. There were plenty of strikes (and a few gutter balls demonstrated by our fearless Section President), but everyone bowled through with great spirits and even better company. Overall, it was a *spare*-filled night that really *pinned down* the value of bringing VT ASCE together. This event was *right up our alley*.



Elections for Open Voting Positions

The voting members of the board include President, Past President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Younger Member Chair, and two New England Delegates. This year, the following positions are up for election:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer (1-year special election)

- New England Delegate

Learn more about the candidates for each position below, and follow the link for your ballot.

[Click Here for Election Ballot](#)

President-Elect

Jordan Duffy, P.E.

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 New England Delegate. Jordan enjoys the Green Mountains by snowboarding, mountain biking, and rock climbing.

Secretary

Joe Airoidi, P.E.

Joe Airoidi is a 2018 graduate from the University of Vermont and is a licensed professional engineer in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. He is currently a water resources engineer at VHB in Winooski, Vermont with expertise in hydrology and hydraulics, stream geomorphology, aquatic organism passage, and dam safety engineering. Previously, he worked in Washington State supporting the Federal Culvert Injunction, which aims to correct hundreds of culvert barriers to anadromous fish passage in western Washington. In his free time, you can find him with a fly fishing rod on the Winooski River or riding local mountain bike trails. Joe is excited to re-engage with the Vermont Section of ASCE and to serve as the section Secretary this year.

Treasurer

Erin Robinson, E.I.T.

I am a water engineer with Arcadis and VT transplant. ASCE has been such a valuable resource in my early career, and it has been empowering to grow WITH the

organization. I was also named one of ASCE's Professional New Faces for 2025! When I am not running around at volunteering events or working with various ASCE groups, I can be found trying to explain winter to my FL family, fighting the squirrels that keep burying WHOLE slices of bread in my garden beds, and getting lost in a corn maze or blueberry patch. If you are visiting the area and need a tea shop / VT creemees stand / U-pick farm recommendation, I am your girl!

New England Delegate

Sean Wines, E.I.T.

Sean Wines is a Structural Engineer in Stantec's South Burlington office, focusing on highway and railroad bridges. Sean has been involved in ASCE since his freshman year at UVM where he participated in the steel bridge club all 4 years taking the bridge captain position his final year. He lives in Fletcher with his wife, daughter, and two cats. In his free time you can find him working in the yard, on his boat or playing a round of golf. Sean has been active on the board since 2019 holding the positions of social media, younger member chair, president elect, president, and past president.

Younger Member Chair

Billy Devers, E.I.T.

Billy Devers is a staff engineer in the Structures division at DuBois & King, Inc. His primary focus is on dam engineering including inspection, design, permitting, and construction. He is expanding his role to include wastewater and potable water design, and civil design. Billy holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Norwich University ('24) and was a student member and leader in the NU Chapter of ASCE. He was the NU Practitioner for VTASCE in 2025. Outside work, he can be found spending time at his family's camp, traveling with friends, and being outdoors.

Upcoming NYS Convention - Still Time to Register!

The Inaugural ASCE New York State Council Convention is just around the corner! Join ASCE colleagues from across Region 1 in Albany, NY, on May 12–13, 2026. This two-day event will feature technical presentations offering PDHs, legislative updates, a closing dinner with a keynote speaker, and excellent networking opportunities with Sections and Branches from across the region.

The convention will be held at [257 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12205](#), with a room block available at Tru by Hilton Albany – Crossgates Mall.

[Register For The Convention Here!](#)

For more information on convention registration, reach out to Doug Castelli at dougcastelli@gmail.com

Registration for the Mohawk-Hudson Section Awards Dinner can be completed here: <https://sections.asce.org/mohawk-hudson/2026-asce-mohawk-hudson-annual-dinner>

For more information on the Region 1 Spring Assembly registration, reach out to Maureen Merson at maureen@maureenmerson.com

We encourage Vermont members to attend, represent our Section, and build connections across Region 1.

ASCE/WTS Women in Engineering Panel

Please join ASCE and WTS as we team up for a virtual Women in Engineering panel event, featuring four leaders in Vermont's civil engineering community!

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Our panelists include:

- **Renee Layton** - Project Manager, Agency of Transportation
- **Serenity Wolf, PE** - President and Director of Engineering & Landscape Architecture, Stevens & Associates
- **Nicole Kesselring, PE** - President, Enman Kesselring Engineers
- **Ann Gammell, PE** - Regional Construction Engineer, Agency of Transportation

This event is free for participants. Please register below to receive Teams link.

[Register Here!](#)

Annual Meeting - Site Tour and Summer BBQ

Join the Vermont Section of ASCE as we wrap up the year, celebrate the beginning of summer, and honor our annual award recipients!

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Oakledge Park, Burlington, VT

Our event will begin with a site tour at the UVM Horticulture Farm led by Jordan Duffy, PE, followed by a cook-out style dinner at Oakledge Park. During this dinner, we will recognize our Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year, and Project Engineer of the Year award recipients, as well as induct our 2026-2027 Board of Directors. There will be lawn games and kids toys for all to use. This event is free for all and families are more than welcome to attend!

Site Tour Description (1 PDH)

On behalf of the University of Vermont, Fitzgerald Environmental Associates assisted with the design, permitting, and construction oversight of the removal of an in-stream irrigation pond on Bartlett Brook in South Burlington on the UVM Horticultural Farm property. The dam was removed and approximately 650 linear feet of stream was restored within the existing pond bottom. In addition, a box culvert was installed below the existing dam embankment for an agricultural access road crossing. The tour will consist of an on-site tour of the restoration project. Muck boots are recommended if you would like an up-close view of the stream and floodplain restoration but not necessary.

[Register Here!](#)



Be Our Next Member Spotlight and Share Your Story

We want YOU! to be featured on our social media accounts. Starting in 2026, we will begin posting Member Spotlights, following a similar format to the Meet the Board posts. Please fill out this survey if you are interested in being featured.

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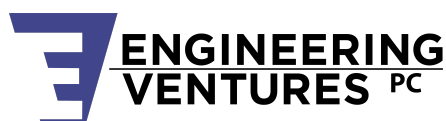
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