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VERMONT SECTION

Vermont ASCE Monthly News and Updates

Good morning members of the Vermont Section of ASCE! We hope you all enjoyed your summer and we are excited to see you at our upcoming events this fall. See our latest news and events below!

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President's Message

Hello All!

I hope you had a great summer and had an opportunity to take some vacation time and recharge. At the beginning of September,



the New Board of Directors met to begin planning for the year. We have an awesome group of individuals including both new and familiar faces.

We have some great events coming up including the Annual Geo Institute Meeting at Norwich University in October, and the ASCE NH-VT Joint Meeting in White River Junction in November. We are also trying to work in a site tour this fall, and we will be looking to set up some lunch and learn opportunities in the winter months. We will share more information on these events as the details develop.

We are excited to announce we are adding a college scholarship this year! We want to support and reward engineering excellence in the next generation of engineers! Keep an eye out in future newsletters for more details and events relating to the scholarship.

On September 15th and 16th, I had the privilege of attending the 2024 ASCE Presidents and Governors Forum in Reston, Virginia. This was a great opportunity to meet and share ideas with other ASCE leaders from across the country (as well as other countries including Nigeria, Brazil, and India to name a few). Many of the section and branch leaders face the same struggles that we have here in Vermont. It was a great opportunity to talk about ideas and solutions to these struggles. It was a common theme that if one group had a problem another

group has had that problem in the past and had great suggestions on how to resolve the problem. It was also a great reminder of all the resources that are available to each of us through ASCE membership.

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,

Sean Wines

New Board of Directors



Sean Wines, EIT – President

Sean Wines E.I.T. 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 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 and president elect.

**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.

Matthew Estabrooks, PE – Past President

Matt received his BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Vermont in 2007 and is a licensed professional engineer in Vermont and New Hampshire. He is a Project Manager at Sanborn Head in



Burlington, Vermont with expertise in environmental engineering, permitting, and compliance. He lives in Waitsfield with his wife, three children, dog, and cat. When he is not working, he loves spending time with his family and friends, cooking good food, and exploring the outdoors. In the winter you can find him on the mountain skiing and snowboarding; in the summer, you can find him hiking or playing a round of golf. Matt has been actively involved in ASCE since 2013 including contributing to the Vermont infrastructure report card and serving as Treasurer and Younger Member Committee Chair for the Vermont Section.



Victor Amesoeder, EIT – 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. He has been an active ASCE member on the Vermont Board since 2023. He is also currently a model-based design coach, focusing on teaching 3D modeling integration into VHB's everyday drafting and

designing tasks. As the previous membership chair, Victor engaged peers in more diverse engineering experiences, broadened their skills, and cultivated a larger ASCE community during the past year. He will serve as the VT Section Secretary this year. Victor enjoys spending his time playing music, snowboarding and backpacking in his free time.



Andrea Ameden, PE – Treasurer

Andrea graduated from UVM in 2018 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. During her undergrad years, Andrea was involved in the UVM ASCE student chapter as President and Treasurer and in VT ASCE as Newsletter Editor. She returned to VT ASCE as Membership Chair in 2022 and is currently serving as Treasurer from 2023-2025. Andrea has worked as a stormwater designer and permit coordinator at Stevens & Associates in Brattleboro, VT, focusing on land development/redevelopment, stormwater design, and other land use/environmental permitting. She currently works at VHB as a Water Resources Engineer where she assists with operational and construction stormwater design, site design and grading, hydraulic and hydrologic analyses, and environmental permit compliance. In her free time, Andrea enjoys hiking,

hunting, and foraging all the Green Mountains have to offer.



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 Younger Member Chair.



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.



Tyler Barnard, EIT – New England Delegate

Tyler is a 2014 graduate of Penn State University where he obtained his BS in Civil Engineering. He joined Engineering Ventures as a Staff Engineer in the spring of 2018 where he performs civil/site design for commercial and residential projects of all sizes. Tyler's expertise includes multiple facets of engineering design, permitting, and surveying associated with land use development projects. He has been serving on the Board of Directors for the Vermont Chapter of ASCE since 2015 and served as President for the 2020-2021 year. In his free time, Tyler enjoys outdoor recreation in the Vermont wilderness and grooving to the Burlington music scene.

Erin Robinson - Membership Chair

Jessica Louisos, PE - Government Relations

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Tyler Bodette - Webmaster

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Matt Schley - Norwich Practitioner

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Eva Kamman - Social Media Chair

Peter Merfeld - Region 1 Governor

2024 ASCE Presidents and Governors Forum Recap

On September 15th and 16th, over 100 Section and Branch Presidents, Region Governors, incoming Society Directors, Technical Region Leaders, Committee Members, and Presidential Officers from around the world participated in the 2024 Presidents and Governors Forum and Leader Orientation at ASCE Headquarters. This event hosted by the Leader Training Committee provided opportunities for attendees to learn about ASCE resources, network with other ASCE leaders, discuss best practices, and develop leadership skills that would benefit their ASCE groups.

The program began with a Welcome and Society Overview by President-elect Feniosky A. Peña-Mora and Executive Director Tom Smith. Following the welcome, the participants were engaged in a 2-part dynamic leadership session on “It’s Not Where You Start, It’s Where You Finish!” by COL Jim O’Brien, P.E., M.ASCE. Brock Barry, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE from West Point brought his expertise to the table with presentations on Nonverbal Communication Skills and Presentation Skills – How to Wow Your Audience!

Afterwards our Section and Branch leaders shared successful programs and activities during our Best Practices sessions. ASCE's General Counsel Tara Hoke capped off the day with a presentation on Legal Issues impacting ASCE's local groups.

On the second day attendees participated in an interactive session with President-elect Feniosky Peña-Mora, President-elect Elect Marsha Anderson Bomar, and Executive Director Tom Smith, followed by an engaging discussion on Proposed Changes to ASCE Membership from Society Director, Ken Mika. The day continued with attendees discussing Section/Branch Challenges and Brainstorming a Presidential Plan and Sharing Measurable Goals and Lessons Learned. And we ended the day with closing remarks by our 2025 ASCE President-elect, Marsha Anderson Bomar.

The overall sentiment was that the program was reinvigorating, energizing, and motivational.



Apple Picking Recap

This past weekend, UVM students and ASCE professionals gathered at Yates Family Orchard for a delightful apple picking outing. With perfect weather and a stunning sunset, we had a wonderful time picking apples and savoring some delicious treats (try one of their dreamies if you haven't already!).

Everyone enjoyed relaxing and chatting on the deck, making it a fantastic way to kick off the fall season. We're looking forward to more events like this!



Upcoming Events



Annual Geo Institute Meeting at Norwich University – October 15th

Please join us on October 15th for the 2024 VT ASCE Geo-Institute meeting at the Partridge Pub at Norwich University. The meeting will consist of a panel and open discussion on flood recovery and mitigation planning in Vermont.

Registration includes a barbecue style dinner and 2 PDHs. A cash bar will be available.

You can register and see all the event details [here!](#)



ASCE NH-VT Joint Meeting in White River Junction, November 2024 – Save the Date to Follow

More info and an event invite to come soon!

Please note our newsletter and event registration platform has changed. If you wish to register for Vermont ASCE events, you must create an ASCE login. You do not need to become a member, but you do need an ASCE login to register for all Vermont ASCE events.

Younger Member Committee

Are you a member of ASCE and interested in making a positive impact on the younger members of our organization? We are currently seeking new members to join our Younger Member Committee and help us further support and empower our younger professionals and students. As a committee member, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the growth and development of our younger members, providing them with valuable resources and networking opportunities within the civil engineering industry. If you are passionate about shaping the future of ASCE and creating a vibrant and inclusive community for our younger members, we invite you to join us!

Please reach out to Laura Williams (lewilliams@sanbornhead.com) for more information on how to get involved.

ASCE 2024 Convention in Tampa, FL - October 6th-9th

Today is the last day of the ASCE 2024 Convention and we hope you will consider attending. The convention program includes multi-disciplinary, technical, and educational components to meet the needs of all disciplines and levels of experience, including key topics that enhance attendees' managerial and leadership skills. Earn up to 19.5 professional development hours (PDHs) to maintain your professional licensure while getting insight into

some of the most critical issues facing civil engineering today. This is a unique opportunity to renew and expand relationships through networking opportunities throughout the Convention.

You can find program highlights and registration information at [Home | ASCE Convention](#)

Job Postings

There are no current job postings.

If you're interested in posting a career opportunity here, please fill out [this form](#) or reach out to our treasurer [Andrea Ameden](#). These newsletters go out to nearly 400 of our Vermont ASCE members made up of practicing civil engineers.

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