



2025 OUTSTANDING SECTION / BRANCH AWARD NOMINATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

- An event/activity may only be used once and cannot be repeated throughout the application. Please select the most appropriate category. There are potential negative points for an event/activity that is repeated.
- Sections should NOT include activities completed by their Branches and Branches should NOT include activities completed by their Section.
- Applications are limited to 12 pages plus a copy of one newsletter.
- Point totals are listed under each category for a maximum of 125 points.
- Only list activities from October 1 – September 30 which can be either virtual or in-person.
- Please e-mail an electronic PDF file to Nancy Berson at ASCE: nberson@asce.org by **October 30, 2025**.

BASIC INFORMATION

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| Award Classification (check one): | Small Section/Branch (< 501 members) |
| Section/Branch Nominee: | Vermont Section |
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NOMINATION QUESTIONS/SCORING

125 points maximum

A. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS (15 Points Maximum)

- **Newsletter** (1 point per issue, 5 points maximum):

Please include one electronic newsletter with the Award nomination package or include a link to an active website. The links must be active to receive points for this section. Points will be given for the number of newsletters published either on the website, e-mailed to members or on social media.

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| Number of Newsletters Published Annually: | 7 monthly + several Ad-Hoc |
| Newsletter Links (if available): | Thrive/Informz: See attached copy. |

- **Website** (5 points maximum):

Verify that all links are active prior to submission.

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| Website Link: | Home Vermont Section |
| Discuss the content included on your website: | <p>Content includes:</p> <p>Home- background information on ASCE, promote upcoming events, highlight our sponsors, and showcase civil engineering news (like PDH opportunities)</p> <p>About- breaks down the industry and organization to be more digestible to members</p> <p>Events- accessible link to the events calendar for members to see any upcoming YMG event, section event, society-wide initiatives, and section board meetings</p> <p>Contacts- lists the position, company, and contact for the current section board Awards- documents society-wide awards the section has received</p> <p>Resources- links to job postings from sponsors, common VT design manuals, governing documents, and other files an ASCE Vermonter may need in their career and the organization.</p> |

- **Social Media Tools** (5 points maximum):

Provide screenshots in a separate document how you communicate with members on social media. The judges may ask you to give them access to your group/page to review if they are not public.

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| Discuss all active Social Media platforms and their title used to communicate with your Section/Branch | <p>Our LinkedIn and Instagram are used to promote events, spotlight members, and celebrate student chapter/YMG/section/industry achievements. These are unique tools to engage with new members and inform existing members. Younger generations interact with these posts, so our events get more visibility and attract new members. It was a Section goal to establish a consistent posting routine.</p> <p>Documentation of posts can be seen in the following links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vermont Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (VT ASCE) Groups LinkedIn- https://www.instagram.com/vtasce/ |
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B. PROFESSIONAL / LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, AWARDS / RECOGNITION, SCHOLARSHIPS AND MENTORING (20 Points Maximum)

- **Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Activities** (5 points maximum):

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Committee Meetings (1 point each, 2 points max)

| Professional Committee: | Number of Meetings: | Presentation Topic(s): |
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| Monthly Officer and Committee Chair Meetings | 10 | The goal of these meetings was to brainstorm, organize, and execute a vision for the section. This included: event planning, student chapter check-ins, institute coordination, member feedback, and section alignment with current ASCE initiatives. An agenda was created to guide conversation, but the casual settings and openness of the board were conducive for free speech from all members- new and veteran. These monthly meetings were offered in several formats: virtual, hybrid, and in-person. |
| VT ASCE Thrive/Informz Committee | 3 | This biweekly check-in meeting was formed by the webmaster and social media board members to coordinate tasks. It was also open for any member interested in supporting or learning about Thrive/Informz. |
| Younger Member Committee | 1 | YMG Event Planning |

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Seminars (1 point each, 3 points max)

| Date: | Approx. Attendees: | Presentation Topics / Describe Seminar: |
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| January 31 – February 1, 2025 | 3 | ERYMC & WSBIL President-Elect Zelda Dively and Secretary Vic Amesoeder represented the Vermont Section at this year's Multi-Region Leadership Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. In addition, Norwich University and the University of Vermont both sent student chapter leaders down to meet with other schools and learn more about what ASCE has to offer. The weekend was full of networking and leadership development opportunities, with multiple social events and informative sessions led by experts in their fields. Vermont's own Membership Committee Chair Erin Robinson played an instrumental role in the success of the weekend as she helped organize the event, led her own session for younger members, and assisted in the keynote presentation. |
| March 21-22, 2025 | Friday Assembly: 33 Social Event: 37 (+3 not on the list) Saturday Assembly: 35 | Spring 2025 Region 1 Assembly Vermont hosted the ASCE Region 1 Assembly in Burlington Vermont. 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. |
| September 14-15, 2025 | 1 | 2025 ASCE Presidents and Governors Forum 110 ASCE Section and Branch Presidents, Region Governors, incoming Society Directors, Technical |

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| | | <p>Region Leaders, and Presidential Officers attended the 2025 Presidents and Governors Forum and Leader Orientation at ASCE Headquarters. Hosted by the Leader Training Committee, the event offered opportunities to learn about ASCE resources and initiatives, network with fellow leaders, discuss best practices, and build leadership skills. Highlights included presentations on ASCE updates, the relationship between Technical and Geographic Regions, effective delegation, confident communication, financial guidelines, and legal issues for volunteer leaders. Attendees also participated in working sessions on leadership challenges, presidential planning, and effective use of governors, as well as a Q&A with ASCE leadership and discussions on measurable goals and lessons learned. The event concluded with remarks from incoming President-Elect Carol Haddock and was described as invigorating and motivational.</p> |
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- Awards/Recognition (1 point each, 5 points maximum):

Awards Given by the Section/Branch

| Name of Award: | Recipient: | Describe: |
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| 2025 Project of the Year | PC Construction | PC Construction built a \$135.8M manufacturing and assembly facility in South Burlington, Vermont to support the production of an all-electric aircraft. The new, 188,500-square-foot high-bay facility includes aircraft manufacture and assembly space, office space and support areas. Work on the 40-acre former brownfield site included substantial site preparation, including blasting and excavation, installation of a parking lot and a utility road, and installation of a 2.7-acre geothermal field, which is one of the largest in New England. No fossil fuels are used in the operation of the nearly-net-zero building, which is estimated to use half as much energy as a typical building of this size. PC delivered this state-of-the-art facility just 2.5 years after project kickoff, which included six-months for early design packages and six-months for permitting. |
| 2025 Young Engineer of the Year | Tyler Barnard, EIT | Tyler Barnard, EIT was recently honored as the Young Engineer of the Year 2025 by the ASCE Vermont Chapter. He has served on the board since 2015; President for 2020-2021; now serving on the government relations committee. He co-authored the 2019 and 2023 Report Cards. His work at Engineering Ventures includes water resource utility and site design for a broad range of projects. In his free time, he is an award-winning trebuchet pumpkin chuckin' competitor. |
| 2025 Engineer of the Year | David Briggs, PE | David Briggs, PE, recently honored as the Engineer of the Year 2025 by the ASCE Vermont Chapter, has had an outstanding and unconventional career that showcases the diverse possibilities within the engineering profession. Departing from a typical engineering trajectory, Briggs ventured into the hospitality industry, where he skillfully merged his technical expertise with entrepreneurial spirit by becoming the owner of a historic hotel, Hotel Coolidge. His career narrative is a testament to the rich and varied |

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Society Awards Received by the Section / Branch or its members

| Name of Award: | Recipient: | Describe: |
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| 2024 Outstanding Small Section of the Year | Vermont | The purpose of this award is to promote activity and program excellence among the Sections and Branches of the American Society of Civil Engineers. |
| 2025 New Face of Civil Engineering - Professional | Erin Robinson | She was selected as one of the ASCE 2025 New Faces of Civil Engineering - Professional! Recognizing 10 exceptional civil engineers aged 30 or younger as next generation industry leaders, this is one of the highest honors given by ASCE to young engineers. |

- Scholarships (5 points maximum):

Scholarships to High School Students (1 point each)

| Name of Scholarship: | Amount of Scholarship: | | Describe: |
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Scholarships to College Students (1 point each)

| Name of Scholarship: | Amount of Scholarship: | Describe: |
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| UVM ASCE Student Chapter | \$250 | \$250 was donated to the UVM ASCE student chapter. This was \$50 more than budgeted. NOTE: The donation was not back-checked with the budget but the over-donation was not intended to show preference to UVM over other student chapters. |
| Norwich ASCE Student Chapter | \$200 | \$200 Norwich student chapter donation |
| MathCounts | \$250 | \$250 MathCounts donation |
| Ski Day Student Sponsorship | \$40 | Section members can elect to sponsor a student at Ski Day, so the student could attend for free. |

- Mentoring Activities of ASCE Members (5 points maximum):

| Date: | Approx. Attendees: | Describe: |
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| Continuous | Varies throughout year | Mentoring program that matches UVM and Norwich students with YMs for career path advice |
| February 21, 2025 | 2 VT Reps | Mentor Match during E-Week This was an excellent opportunity for emerging or seasoned pros to connect with bright students who are stepping foot in the engineering field. Not only were members instrumental in shaping student's future careers, but this program also provided an avenue to meet potential interns or entry-level recruits who could be valuable additions to your teams. Members shared their experiences, honed leadership skills, and expanded their professional network. |
| August 15-17, 2025 | 40 total 1 VT Rep | 2025 YMLS Our membership chair played a pivotal role in planning 2025 YMLS. The symposium focused on personal development and honing early-career professional skills. She also had the |

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| | | opportunity to connect and network with ASCE peers from throughout the country. She shared her notes and lessons learned with the rest of the Section. |
| January 15, 2025 | 3 ASCE members, 20+ students | UVM Capstone Professionals Panel At the beginning of the spring semester, UVM's CEE Senior Capstone Design Class welcomed a few alumni, including two Vermont Section board members, for a Q&A panel session. They shared insight on career paths and offered advice on public speaking, project permitting, networking, email etiquette, and creative designs during the discussion. This event was a great opportunity for students to ask questions about capstone projects, desired skills for entry-level candidates, and general professional paths available after graduation. |
| September 19-20, 2025 | 30 total 1 virtual VT Rep | Fall 2025 Region 1 Assembly 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 |

C. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES / INSTITUTE CHAPTERS AND ACTIVITIES (15 Points Maximum)

Section/Branch Technical Committees or Institute Chapters (minimum of 2 technical or virtual meetings per year; 1 point each, 5 points max)

| Technical Committee: | Number of Meetings: | Presentation Topic(s): |
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| Geo-Institute Chair- Adam Sevi, PE | 2 | Flood resiliency, response, and mitigation |

Section/Branch Technical Seminars / Courses with PDHs (1 point each, 5 points max)

| Date: | Approx. Attendees: | Describe: |
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| October 15, 2024 | 40 | Annual Geo Institute Meeting at Norwich University The 2024 VT ASCE Geo-Institute meeting was hosted at the Partridge Pub at Norwich University. The meeting consisted of a panel and open discussion on flood recovery and mitigation planning in Vermont. Registration included a barbecue style dinner and 2 PDHs. |
| November 13, 2024 | 25 | ASCE NH-VT Joint Meeting at Hotel Coolidge We had professionals and students turn out for our annual Joint ASCE NH-VT Meeting at Hotel Coolidge in White River Junction, VT. Ben Steven Roberge provided a great presentation on a wide-ranging discussion about climate change, forest carbon, storing and sequestering carbon, and providing the diversity of values we expect from our forests in the northeast. |
| June 11, 2025 | 50 | VT Annual Meeting Our annual meeting provides members with an opportunity to get together before summer recess. This event included a technical tour of the Burlington High School building, |

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| | | inductions for new board members, award ceremony for our Young Engineer of the Year, Engineer of the Year, and Project of the Year. |
| February 7, 2025 | 50 | Lunch Presentation at ASCE Ski Day Scott Homsted, PE, from Krebs & Lansing Consulting Engineers gave a great technical presentation on the challenges of residential development at Bolton Valley Resort. |
| April 22, 2025 | 35 | Spring Region 1 Assembly Site Visit The assembly brings ASCE board members and region governors together to discuss their own sections and collaborate with others to gather ideas to improve their own sections. A technical tour was performed of the brand new Burlington High School building. |

Other Technical / Educational Activities and Benefits for Section / Branch Members (1 point each, 5 points max)

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| Describe other technical / educational activities and benefits for Section / Branch members: | The monthly newsletter is used to encourage members to utilize the society-wide benefit of 10 free PDHs for on-demand webinars. The benefit is advertised in every newsletter. |
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D. MEMBERSHIP (10 Points Maximum)

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| Describe efforts to involve Student Members in Section/Branch Activities (2 points): | Transportation is one of the biggest issues our section has with increasing student attendance at events, so most events took place near campuses to ensure accessibility for all. Additionally, we offered carpooling to interested students. |
| Describe Member recruitment programs (2 points): | Board members were encouraged to bring/introduce coworkers to meetings and events. This increased the section's visibility and audience range. Additionally, Happy Hours were hosted after site tours to digest event content and promote the welcoming atmosphere of the Section to potential new members. |
| Describe Member retention programs (2 points): | Feedback on events, section governing, etc is crucial for retaining members, because it helps the board understand the wants and needs of our general members. Feedback is open at all events. Our membership chair created a casual, free event series called "Member Meet-Ups," where members could meet for trivia and other local non-ASCE hosted events. This effort was to build the community within the Section. |
| Describe any recognition programs for employers supporting ASCE (2 points): | As part of a VT-ASCE Sponsorship, company logos are featured on the VT-ASCE website, our monthly newsletter, and social media for the 2025 calendar year. Our Black Diamond Sponsors also received two 2-month job postings in 2025 (a \$300 value!). Recognition was given at our annual Ski Day event, which was well attended by students and younger members. |
| Describe other Membership Activities / Events (2 points): | 1) Most in-person board meetings are accompanied by a cold pack of hard ciders or seltzers. After the business portion of the meetings concluded, members are welcome to stay and enjoy a beverage. This time is dedicated to strengthening the bonds in the section. Members can ask questions about jobs, the organization, etc, or share updates on personal achievements. 2) Our membership chair built an ASCE Vermont Discord channel - modelled after the ASCE Younger Member's channel |

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| | to centralize communication among members. There are chat groups for job postings, general questions, upcoming events, and private board discussion. This is a shared space for all members to engage in idea sharing which with foster relationships and a sense of belonging. |
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E. PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum)

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| Describe outreach activities with elementary, middle, or high schools (1 point each, 5 points max): | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. February 19, 2025 Engineers Week Field Trip – Designed and led two interactive STEM stations for 100 7th and 8th graders during an E-Week field trip event. 2. May 9, 2025 VT Drinking Water Fair – Led three interactive STEM stations in blinding rain for 144 4th-6th grade students at the VT Drinking Water Fair. 3. December 2025 Future City Competition – Remotely judged essays for the Future City Competition. Provided feedback on writing, design, and innovation. |
| Describe outreach activities via media outlets (1 point each, 3 points max): | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Active social media sharing events, volunteering initiatives, and ASCE highlights. (See public social media links provided in Section A.) 2) To keep our members informed about revisions to commonly used data sources, we used Thrive to spread news about upcoming informative webinars, like ACEC's Datum panel. |
| Describe other public outreach or educational activities (1 point each, 2 points max): | N/A |

F.COLLEGE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (20 Points Maximum for entire section) – CHOOSE #1 or #2.

1. Section/Branch has an ASCE Student Chapter(s)

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| List each Student Chapter and at least one current Practitioner Advisor for each school. Note if you have less than 5 schools in your Section/Branch. (2 points each if five schools or more, 10 points maximum). | <p>The Vermont Section oversees two schools.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Norwich University PA: Billy Devers, EIT 2. University of Vermont PA: Abby Munterich and Erin Robinson <p>The practitioner advisors are in contact with the student chapter presidents and act as a liaison between the student groups and the professional groups.</p> |
| Describe Student Interaction Activities between each ASCE Student Chapters and the Section/Branch (2 points each, 10 points max): | <p>The Section participated in the following events/actions with the student chapters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monetary donations each year upon request 2. Student and younger member bowling- April 11 3. UVM and Norwich chapter events on campus (free to students including dinner) 4. VTASCE UVM Hockey Night – March 6 5. Apple picking social with the Section – September 23 6. Student ski day social at Wunderbar (This was an informal gathering and provided another opportunity for members of the Vermont engineering community and students to network.) 7. Student capstone review and design night – April 24 8. Student design charette 9. FE/PE study sessions 10. PAs immediately forward relevant scholarship, ASCE |

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| | region, event information. Recently, PAs informed student chapters about an upcoming women in transportation scholarship. |
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2. Section/Branch does not have any ASCE Student Chapter(s)

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| Describe outreach activities with college students other than those involved with ASCE (5 points each, 20 points max): | The Vermont Section attended a social hosted by the Vermont Society of Professional Engineers to network with the Engineers Without Borders UVM Student Chapter. |
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G. COMMUNITY SERVICE, PUBLIC SERVICE, HISTORY & HERITAGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (10 Points Maximum)

NOTE: ASCE also awards a History and Heritage Award. If you have such activities and want to be considered for that award, describe those activities here and submit a [nomination form](#) for the award by November 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Lawrence at jlawrence@asce.org.

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| Describe public service projects (2 points): | Toys for Tots On December 18, the VT section of ASCE once again teamed up with the Vermont Society of Engineers (VSE) and the Vermont State Labor Council (VSLC) to run the annual Toys for Tots drive and Holiday Social. This year we collected 8 full boxes of toys! |
| Describe History and Heritage Activities (2 points): | Hotel Coolidge The joint VT-NH meeting is hosted at Hotel Coolidge annually. The historic rail-age hotel serves as a reminder of resilience and connectivity; two qualities that have shaped the engineering landscape. Distinguished Member David Briggs also owns the hotel and welcomes ASCE into his “second home.” It is an honor to celebrate the significance of the hotel once a year. |
| Describe Government Relations activities (2 points): | ASCE Legislative Fly-In The Vermont Section was represented by Tyler Barnard and Erin Robinson. Tyler and Erin met with representatives of Vermont’s Members of Congress to highlight and discuss some of the most pressing issues impacting Vermont’s infrastructure including the recent historical flooding events and the resulting financial impacts. This was also a great professional development opportunity for attendees to hone their skills in public policy and advocacy networking. |
| Describe Sustainability Seminars held by the Section/Branch promoting the advancement of the principles of sustainable development (2 points): | BETA Technologies Site Tour VT-ASCE named BETA Technologies Manufacturing and Assembly Facility our 2024 Project of the Year. In September 2025, ASCE members got to explore the site on a tour led by BETA’s Alex Gagnon and Stantec’s Chris Gendron, PE. Alex took us inside to see the assembly hanger and provided us with a behind-the-scenes look at the facility plans and future expansions. Chris then continued the tour outside to showcase the sustainable site civil aspects of the project including, but not limited to, the loading dock drainage system, geothermal wells, bioretention stormwater treatment practice, and the permitting process. |
| Describe Community Service events (1 point each, 2 points max): | Our membership chair coordinated a beach clean-up with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) in May 2025. Due to staffing changes, the ANR cancelled the event, but are interested in planning another for 2026. |

H. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (15 Points Maximum)

ASCE fosters a fully inclusive culture that celebrates individual uniqueness, engenders a sense of belonging, and promotes equitable opportunity for all people to participate as members and stakeholders of the civil engineering community. ASCE's Committee on "Members of Society Advancing an Inclusive Culture" reviews this section to select Outstanding Section/Branches for their efforts in developing and implementing programs that promote an equitable and inclusive climate in the profession.

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| <u>Inclusive Events</u> - What best practices has your Section/Branch implemented to ensure meetings/events are equitable and inclusive for all prospective participants? (1 point each, 5 points max): | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hosted meetings at accessible venues - ADA, virtual components, etc.2. Added federal and major religious holidays to our internal planning calendar to avoid conflicts3. Offered accommodations to a member who was pregnant4. Attendees were polled for dietary restrictions prior to events with food to ensure they were accommodated. |
| <u>Leadership & Engagement</u> - In what ways has the Section/Branch/Group demonstrated a commitment to DEI? (1 point each, 5 points max): | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Section increased gender diversity on the leadership board by increasing the number of women in leadership positions.2. Positions were added to our board for students and younger members to give them a voice in planning events.3. The Section has created an organized Google Drive with compiled documents spanning 10 years. It was refreshed with templates and how-to guides to ensure all board members feel supported coming into their new positions – not just our veteran board members.4. The President-elect created routine 1-on-1 meetings with board members to develop personalized, attainable goals for each position. These goals help our different board members feel connected to the Section's success |
| <u>Inclusive Communications and Training</u> - In what ways does your Section/Branch ensure that communications with and about members and partners are inclusive and asset-based and discuss how you Section/Branch supports DEI related training and programs? (1 point each, 5 points max): | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Newsletters were reviewed by all board members before publication for use of inclusive language2. Posting events on various social media outlets: LinkedIn, Instagram, and the newsletter, to ensure more demographics were able to receive notifications |

I. ADDITIONAL SECTION / BRANCH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum)

Describe any other non-standard activities that are not covered under other sections of the nomination form that your Section or Branch has undertaken to promote or advance the Civil Engineering profession to either your members or the public. Note that Sections applying for the award should not include their Branch activities and vice versa for Branches. These can include other Community Service projects, hosting of Regional meetings, fundraising, mentoring, and other best practices. Describe the activity and give dates, locations and number in attendance. Also describe any activities relative to the creation of a Section / Branch strategic plan and/or efforts to support the Society's Strategic Initiatives (ie. sustainability efforts). These activities may also be eligible for the Leader Training Committee Best Practices Manual. A maximum of two (2) points will be given for each of up to five (5) non-standard activities.

| Type of Activity/Event/Initiative: | Date (if applicable): | Describe: |
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| Ski Event at ASCE Ski Day Social Event | Feb 7, 2025 | VT ASCE held our annual Ski Day at Bolton Valley on February 7th. Despite a blustery day, we had some great fresh snow to play on, and about 50 professionals and students got to network and ski together for the day. |
| Student Support Summit (S2) ASCE Summit | July 19, 2025 | Zelda and Erin were invited to participate in the Student Support Summit at the ASCE HQ. They provided valuable reflections of the current student programming with the intent to address student involvement, retention, inclusivity, and applicability gaps within the organization. Roughly 100 total in attendance. |
| Norwich Freshman Bridge Competition Student Chapter Support | April 5, 2025 | Norwich University's freshmen class put their civil engineering skills to the test on April 5 th . As their final project, first-year students were instructed to form small teams and build a 12ft long wooden bridge that can withstand a 600lb load. Teams drafted construction drawings, familiarized themselves with various power tools, and launched their truss designs across a model river to balance between two abutments. Although some bridges cracked under pressure, all students demonstrated fantastic critical thinking and engineering skills. Two members of the Section attended as judges and spectators. Roughly 55 total in attendance. |
| Member Meet-Up: Trivia Social Event | May 21, 2025 | The Section met at the Venetian Soda Lounge for one of their trivia nights. This casual "Buy Your Own Beer" event supported local business, provided opportunities for informal networking. We had a non-ASCE member attend the event because he was interested in getting involved with the Section too! Four people in attendance. |
| YMLS Alumni Summit Professional Development | September 19-21, 2025 | Our secretary represented Vermont at the weekend-long program, which included networking, social opportunities, and advanced training on topics such as personal development, leadership in the workplace, and people/project management. She shared her notes and lessons learned with the rest of the Section. |
| UVM Steel Bridge Night Student Chapter Support | November 14, 2024 | The ASCE UVM Student Chapter hosted a steel bridge design night on November 14th at 6:00 PM (hybrid). They asked for professionals (preferably structural) to help review their steel bridge design plans, so they can make edits before winter break. One VT board member attended. |

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To: Robinson, Erin
Subject: Vermont ASCE September Newsletter

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September 11, 2025



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Good Morning ASCE members! I hope you're all enjoying this stretch of beautiful weather. We have some exciting events on the horizon, plenty of updates from our student chapters, and we're also looking for student mentors! Thanks for staying connected, and have a great rest of your week!

In this message you'll find:

- President's Message
- Local Professionals Join UVM Capstone Course for Q&A
- Support our Students by Mentoring Capstone
- Norwich University Expands ASCE Student Chapter to VTC
- Join Us at our Upcoming Events!
 - BETA Technologies Manufacturing and Assembly Facility
 - ASCE VT Member Apple Picking Event
 - Geo-Institute Meeting
- Updates from our Student Chapters

- VHB Job Posting - Senior Project Manager

President's Message



I was invited to participate in the ASCE 2025 Student Support Summit earlier this year and jumped at the opportunity. The main objective was to boost student engagement, retention, and inclusivity within both ASCE and the civil engineering profession. This consisted of a series of virtual meetings, culminating in a one-day, in-person brainstorming Summit down at the ASCE headquarters. My main big-picture takeaways were:

1. Ensure student chapter leaders and Section board are connected early and stay connected throughout the year(s)
2. Promote both student and professional attendance at section events to provide key networking opportunities

This Board has worked hard on these goals throughout the years and has established relationships with our student chapters. Annual events such as apple picking, hockey games, and ski day bring students and professionals together year after year.

Our Practitioner Advisors started the year strong by connecting with our student chapter leaders early. We've also brought back having a student member on our board as our Newsletter Editor. We will continue collaborating with the UVM and

Norwich student chapters throughout the school year, ensuring students have access to ASCE resources and mentoring opportunities.

In an effort to increase student and professional attendance at events, we're changing up our messaging around our annual Student Apple Picking event to better reflect the intention behind it - to provide a social opportunity to connect student members with professional members at the start of the school year. We encourage all of our members, whether student or life, to join us for a night full of apples, Dreamies, and fun!

To celebrate the beginning of the new school year and ASCE's commitment to student chapters, this newsletter is dedicated to our students. Continue below to learn more about Norwich's expansion, UVM CEE Capstone (and how you can get involved), what our student chapters are up to, and upcoming events!

Best,
Zelda Dively, PE

ASCE Members Join UVM Capstone Course for Q&A Session



Just last week, ASCE members Abby Munterich, Jeremy Dean, and Zelda Dively joined the UVM CEE Senior Capstone class for a Q&A panel session. They offered their insights, experiences, and advice on the capstone process, transition from student to professional, and early career development. Key takeaways included taking ownership over your work, exploring opportunities to find what's best for you, and asking questions as you learn.

This event was a great opportunity for students to connect with young professionals who can speak on both the student and professional experiences. This is the second semester we've done this panel and it will certainly not be our last! If you are a younger member and are interested in joining us in the spring,

please reply to this newsletter and we will get in touch.

Support UVM CEE Capstone Class Through Mentoring

The VT ASCE Board connected with UVM Professor John Lens, PE to explore opportunities for professional involvement with the students. In addition to the panel event discussed above, Dr. Lens emphasized the benefits of professional mentorship to the student capstone experience. As such, we are inviting you to be a mentor to the UVM CEE Capstone class!

Recognizing everyone has varying capacity and time to volunteer, we've outlined different options for getting involved that will work for any level of time commitment:

- *Project Mentor*: support a project team throughout the semester; meetings as determined by you and the students
- *Technical Mentor*: share a list of technical areas you can provide support on as needed by capstone students; could include answering technical questions, providing feedback on design
- *One-time Involvement*: volunteer to review project posters during Design Night, participate in professional panel events

Please consider sharing your technical experience with the UVM senior capstone class by being a mentor.

Become a UVM Capstone Mentor

Help enrich their capstone experience with real-world perspectives, technical guidance, and professional connections. Connect and share knowledge with these seniors before they leave to start their next chapters!

Norwich University Expands ASCE Student Chapter to VTC

VTASCE is pleased to announce that the Norwich University ASCE student club is expanding! It will be incorporating students of the engineering program at the Vermont State College - Randolph campus! The following statement is from Aiden Lund, vice president of the Norwich University ASCE student club, regarding the big change for this academic year:

“Norwich University’s American Society of Civil Engineers’ Student Chapter is always looking for new ways to expand involvement with students, professionals, and the engineering community. Norwich is welcoming Vermont State University – Randolph, better known as VTC, as a satellite chapter with NUASCE. We are very excited to meet new students and invite them to experience all the opportunities and experiences NUASCE has to offer. Thank you to VTASCE and ASCE National for allowing VTC to join us this academic year.”

Join Us at our Upcoming Events!

Beta Technologies Site Tour



BETA Technologies Manufacturing
and Assembly Facility

September 16, 4:30-5:30pm

Join us for an exclusive tour of VT ASCE’s newest Project of the Year, BETA Technologies Manufacturing and Assembly Facility, led by Stantec. Located adjacent to the Patrick Leahy Burlington International Airport, this state-of-the-art facility represents a significant milestone in sustainable aviation and innovative manufacturing. Don’t miss this opportunity to witness firsthand the cutting-edge

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technologies and sustainable practices that are shaping the future of electric aviation. There will be a happy hour at Upper Deck Pub at the Windjammer after the site tour!

Apple Picking at Yates Orchard!



ASCE VT Member Apple Picking Event

September 23, 4:30-7:00pm

[Register Here!](#)

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Apple Picking Networking Event at Yates Family Orchard! This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow ASCE members while enjoying the beautiful fall season. This event is not just about picking apples, but also about fostering connections and strengthening our ASCE community. It's a great chance to meet with students and industry professionals, share ideas, and learn from each other's experiences.

All are invited to join. The event is free to students, members pay your own way. Please RSVP if you plan to attend so that we have a head count.

Geo-Institute Meeting Save the Date

This year's Geo-Institute Meeting will be held at Norwich University in early October. Building on the themes of the last two years, this event will focus on flooding resilience in design. More information to come shortly!

An Update from our Student Chapters

Norwich University Chapter:

NUASCE is happy to announce that we are underway for the Fall 2025 semester! Our first meeting of the semester was amazing, with many new members joining us. Topics discussed at our meeting were: ASCE Membership Perks, VT Section Events (Golf Tournament, Bowling, Apple Picking), external ASCE events such as WSCL and Student Days, and exciting upcoming guest speakers and field trips. And much more! Our Concrete Canoe team has already started brainstorming and discussing constraints for competition. We are hopeful that our team will excel this year after all we learned during the last competition.

Last week, four ASCE members and an administrator traveled to Dole Hill Cemetery to assist NU Cemetery Association with staking American Flags and Medallions by the headstones and footstones of all veterans in the cemetery. This activity sparked inspiration for Northfield's VFW to do the same with other cemeteries in their jurisdiction. We are so proud!

NUASCE has a couple exciting upcoming events!

Saturday, September 13th, the Environmental Engineering lab at Norwich University is inviting members of ASCE to assist in the Annual Barre River Cleanup. We are hoping for a big turnout and for a huge success with the Barre River Access Task Force.

Additionally, next month Norwich University is hosting the annual Geo-Institute Flood Recovery and Mitigation Planning meeting, and the primary objective is NU's very own Rugby Pitch, with a presentation from ASCE members. We are excited to announce more exciting news and events in future newsletters, but that's all for now!

University of Vermont Chapter

The UVM ASCE Student Chapter is excited to be back and ready to build on last year's momentum! Planning is already underway for this year's Steel Bridge Competition, with a goal of winning the "Most Improved Award" at the Northeast Symposium this spring. We're fortunate to have a strong group of dedicated officers and members leading the charge this year. Our first meeting was yesterday (9/10), and we look forward to sharing updates on our progress with the steel bridge and other chapter initiatives next month. In the meantime, members are looking forward to our annual apple-picking event, which is always a fall favorite! We also plan to invite more professionals to campus this year for networking opportunities and to offer technical guidance as we refine our bridge design and fabrication. Stay tuned for more details in our next update!

Stay Connected with ASCE Student Chapters!

Our student chapters have been active on Instagram sharing what they've been up to. Follow them to stay up to date!

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ASCE Student Resources

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- Lead and assist with civil engineering for retail, residential, institutional, renewable energy and industrial site design including grading and drainage design, utility design, and site layout
- Preparation and/or reviewing of design criteria, drawings and specifications
- Preparation of schematic design, design development, and construction contract documentation
- Lead the preparation of permitting, design and construction documents
- Lead, mentor and train junior staff
- Project task financial performance, and management of projects
- Attend meetings with clients, regulatory agencies, and stakeholders to establish their needs and discuss design/permitting issues
- Technical and design report writing

Skills and Abilities

- Excellent verbal, written, organizational, and interpersonal communication skills
- Team oriented with ability to perform multiple tasks independently in a timely manner and collaborate effectively and positively with other emerging professionals and managers
- Ability to work in a fast-paced office, virtual, and field environment, in rural or urban environments
- Proven strong work-ethic and self-motivated to produce high quality outcomes
- Highly organized, and detail oriented, with ability think creatively and formulate solutions in team environment
- Knowledge of local and state regulations governing site design

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or related field of study required, Master's degree a plus (may substitute for 1 year of experience)

- 11+ years of professional site/civil design engineering experience, including consulting/private sector experience, required
- Proficiency with AutoCAD Civil 3D and HydroCAD required, GIS experience a plus
- PE (Professional Engineer) license required
- Solid understanding of the typical land entitlement process in VT including permitting at the local and state level preferred

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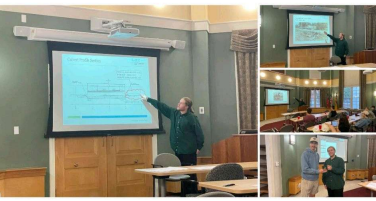
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