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Winter 2008 Newsletter

New location—MASE Winter meeting Feb. 27 '08

The annual MASE meeting will take place **Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at a new location! The Millennium Convention Center in Palmyra, ME** (near Newport, ME so see page 3 for meeting agenda and driving directions). This year our featured guest speakers will include: George Heufelder, Director of Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Test Center, Jason Bishop of Varney Insurance Agency, and Russ Martin, Director DEH.

Plan to stay until the end, for door prizes, provided by our generous 2008 vendors! The MASE Annual Business Meeting is always important as interesting topics are discussed, new Officers and Directors will be voted on during our meeting, and our Treasurer's Report is also discussed with upcoming planning events. There is still time to reserve a place at the meeting—**immediately email gfullerton@sebagotechnics.com**. As always, there will be coffee and pastries available in the morning and a luncheon, so sign-up today (sign-up forms on back panel of this newsletter).

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George Heufelder - Featured Guest Speaker

The MASE Board of Directors is very pleased to welcome George Heufelder to Maine to speak at our 2008 annual meeting. Mr. Heufelder is the Director of the Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Test Center, where he has first-hand experience testing new technologies under strict testing and reporting protocols. George will present the results of alternative onsite septic system tests conducted at the Test Center in Falmouth, Massachusetts. In addition to a virtual tour of the facility, Test Center results will be compared with results from installations at over 1000 residences on Cape Cod. Special projects including the development of a gravel-less system protocol, phosphorous removal prototypes, and a new concept in denitrifying technology will be presented in our meeting.



Photo on left taken Feb. 27, 2007

MASE Officers & Directors:

(top row, left to right)
Brady Frick, Ex-Officio
Daniel Locke, Secretary
David Marceau, Vice President
Mark Cenci, Director
(bottom row, left to right)
Elizabeth Flynn, Director
Corinne Knapp, President
Dale Knapp, Director
Gary Fullerton, Treasurer

Elections 2008

New Officers and Directors
Our thanks goes out to each of you for your service to MASE.

All Officer positions and a Director position on the MASE Board of Directors are open for election. If you would like to serve, please step forward at our meeting.

Message from Corinne Leary, MASE President:

This year has seen the retirement of Clough Toppan, and Ken Stratton moving on to private practice and teaching. We had a few last-minute problems with the field day, which worked out well due to beautiful weather and a good turnout. The board met eight times this year and each time the topic of what to do with our excess MASE funds was discussed. At the upcoming meeting we would like to have some discussion on what direction we should take. Some suggestions involve a possible scholarship fund in the name of Gene Dube, scholarships limited to family members of Site Evaluators pursuing a career in site evaluation, support for the installation of the septic system on a Habitat for Humanity projects in our State, an award to outstanding contributions by one of our own MASE members, and finally additional training. We would like support from the membership on what direction to take. We have discussed this for several years and would like to take action with your input.

The annual meeting will be held at the Millennium in Palmyra (Newport), which offers two separate rooms since the attendance has grown and there has always been an issue of excessive noise during presentations. This location should address both issues. I would like to thank all the directors for their contributions, Daniel Locke for the posted minutes, and especially Gary Fullerton who was instrumental in keeping on top of things. I will miss his emails prompting action on my part. This kind of support is essential and I would like to make sure credit is given where credit is due. I will be stepping down this year to the Board of Directors where I hope we will take the needed steps to support a worthy cause.

Sincerely, Corinne Leary

MASE Treasurer's Report 2007—Gary Fullerton, Treasurer

Cash on Hand as of 12/31/06		\$ 2,217.08
Fidelity Mutual Fund as of 12/31/06		<u>\$ 12,916.59</u>
Total Assets as of 12/31/06		\$ 15,133.67
Income		
Membership Dues/ Winter Meeting		\$ 11,725.00
Hats		\$ 716.00
17 th Annual Golf Tournament		\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 85.00
Fall Seminar		\$ 80.00
Expenses		
Elks Lodge (Winter Meeting)		\$ 3,676.59
Hats		\$ 1,350.00
Envirothon		\$ 1,000.00
17 th Annual Golf Tournament		\$ 672.56
Fall Seminar		\$ 631.43
Gift to Harold Alford Center for Cancer Research (in memory of Eugene Dube)		\$ 500.00
Newsletter		\$ 475.12
General Liability Insurance		\$ 350.00
Laptop/Projector Insurance ('07 & '08)		\$ 210.00
Winter Meeting (copies, gift)		\$ 193.40
Postage		\$ 124.00
Website		\$ 116.51
Miscellaneous		\$ 101.84
Gift (Clough Toppan retirement)		\$ 100.00
Corporation Filing (late fee, agent change)		\$ 100.00
Period of 12/31/06-12/31/07	Total Income:	\$ 13,106.00
	-Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 9,601.45</u>
		\$+ 3,504.55
Cash on Hand as of 12/31/07		\$ 5,721.63
Fidelity Mutual Fund Balance as of 10/31/07		<u>\$ 14,109.50</u>
(+ \$1,192.91 from 12/31/06)		
Total Assets as of 12/31/07		\$ 19,831.13

Sign-up NOW... so you won't miss our Annual MASE Meeting on February 27, 2007 (see back panel)

**MASE 2008
Technical Seminar
and
Annual Business
Meeting**

**Wednesday
February 27, 2007
Millennium Convention Cntr
416 Oxbow Road
Palmyra, ME**

MASE 2008 Technical Seminar and Annual Business Meeting proposed agenda:

8:00 - 9:00	Registration, Coffee, and Vendor/Sponsors Displays
9:00 - 9:45	Advanced Treatment—George Heufelder, Dir. Mass. Alternative Septic ...
9:45 - 10:00	Break
10:00 - 10:45	Liability Insurance—Jason Bishop, Varney Agency
10:45—11:30	MASE Business Meeting (Reports, Elections, New Items from the Floor)
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch and Vendor Displays
1:00 - 1:30	Tribute to “Gene” Eugene Lewis Dube (7/31/48—4/24/07) - Ken Stratton
1:30 - end	Task Force on Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules Review—Russ Martin, Director, DEH/Wastewater and Plumbing Control Program.

Questions & Comments, with prizes from our vendors for those that are still present.

6.0 Professional Development Hours will be credited to all attendees

MASE Officer Positions Opening

Once again MASE members will elect Board of Director positions for the coming year. President Corinne Knapp and Director Mark Cenci will not seek re-election.

Treasurer Gary Fullerton is willing to serve again, as is Secretary Dan Locke.

Vice-President Dave Marceau is interested in serving as President in the next term.

The MASE Board has heard of several members willing to volunteer to serve, which is very encouraging. Any member may serve on the Board and nominations are taken from the floor of the Business meeting. There are always important issues that need attention, and all members are encouraged to serve.



Do you have your own MASE Baseball Cap? Plan to purchase some MASE ballcaps at our annual meeting for yourself and your crew. They feature the MASE logo on the front and the lettering “MASE” on the back. They are stone colored with a red logo and black lettering. (No hats will be mailed). These are high quality cotton hats with a Velcro strap. Price \$12 Members, \$15 Non-members.



Driving Directions to Millennium Convention Center, Palmyra ME:

From Bangor— I-95 So. Exit 157 Newport/Skowhegan US—Rte 2.

**Turn Left onto Rte 100 & 11 for 0.6 miles to #416 Oxbow Rd, Palmyra*

From Waterville—I-95 No Exit 157 Newport/Dexter Rte 7

**Turn Right onto Rte 100 & 11 for 0.3 miles to #416 Oxbow Rd, Palmyra.*

**Pale yellow building, on right w/sign on building.*

Site Evaluator's Field Exam—Oct. 4, 2007

The 2007 Field Seminar/ Training Day was a beautiful day with a fantastic turn-out of MASE members. The event took place on the grounds of Unity College, which welcomed us warmly and provided a shed for our Test Pit Review Session. We again met to discuss the soils afterwards and enjoyed a great cookout luncheon.



DEP to Take Over the Department?

One issue that comes up again and again is the transfer of the Wastewater Program to Maine DEP. Do MASE members think this is a good idea? Specifically, is it good for Maine citizens, the effectiveness of the Program, Site Evaluators, or the taxpayers?

Article II of the Constitution of MASE lists “consideration of and attention to legislation affecting the Site Evaluator” and “the advancement of the professional, the social and the economic interests of the Site Evaluator” as objectives of the organization.

Russ Martin may speak on this topic in his address to our annual meeting. It is likely to arise in the Business Meeting as a topic of discussion, in order to inform the new Board of Directors of the position of the membership on this important topic. The Board wishes all members to think about the topic before the Business Meeting, to improve the discussion. As always, a resolution from the floor can be made by any member.

2007 Golf Tournament The Meadows Golf Club



Special Thanks to Dave Kamila and Bruce Johnson for all their hard work in making this year's MASE golf outing such a fun-filled event!



Longest Drive Winners 2007:

Elizabeth Fossett with Alan Barbaro, New England Sales Manager, Infiltrator Systems—provider of our luncheon. *Thank you!*

Golf Date Set for 2008

Mark your calendar today... and sign-up for our 2008 MASE Golf Outing to be on June 20, 2008

With January temperatures reaching for 60 degrees, it isn't too difficult to imagine another great day of golf at the Meadows Golf Club in Litchfield, ME.

Join your MASE colleagues from all over the State, as they have fun competing for awards such as "Longest Drive" and "Closest to the Pin", and enjoy a delicious luncheon provided by Infiltrator Systems.

Bruce Johnson has set the date for Friday, June 20, 2008 as the day ... and we hope you will join us for golfing fun!

Update of Task Force Activities

Russ Martin reports the Design, Soils and Site Conditions Subcommittee is finishing their work, with a target deadline of early February. The Administration and Proprietary Devices Subcommittees are now finished their work.

Over 150 people have been sent the proposals of these subcommittees, and responses have consistently numbered 15 to 30, with the majority coming from Site Evaluators.

The work of the Task Force has proceeded through the relocation of facilitator Dana Darling, the resignation of Ken Stratton and the retirement of Clough Toppan. MASE thanks the Task Force members for their excellent work.

One important task remains in the organization and compilation of the results of the Task Force. Mr. Martin believes this should be undertaken by someone not affiliated with the Department. A volunteer is sought for this position.



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2008 Membership Form & Annual Meeting

MASE NEEDS YOU!

Your membership is important and our budget depends on your dues! All MASE memberships expire in February. You can join now and be assured of another year of representation of your interests by MASE. We are working to keep license fees down, mandates and regulations reasonable, host quality field seminars, interesting winter seminars, newsletter and website www.maineese.com

Please complete a separate form for each individual:
Regular Membership \$25 (Maine Licensed Site Evaluator)
or Associate Membership \$15 (Unlicensed individuals
with an interest in the goals and purpose of MASE)
Annual Meeting - February 27, 2008
Member: \$20 (includes lunch) or Non-member: \$30

Register NOW—You must register by Feb.7th
Send an email today to Gary Fullerton
gfullerton@sebagotechnics.com

Make Checks Payable to: MASE
Total Enclosed:\$ _____

Name: _____ License # _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (day) # _____ (evening/cell) # _____ eMail: _____

Please return this form to: MASE c/o GARY FULLERTON, TREASURER 104 MILLTURN ROAD LIMINGTON, ME 04049



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