



MASE

Maine Association of Site Evaluators

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Winter 2007 Newsletter

MASE Winter meeting is fast approaching:

The annual MASE meeting will take place **Tuesday, February 27, 2007** at the Augusta Elks Lodge. This year our featured guest speakers will include: Steve Marcotte, Sweet Associates; Mike Mullen, Maine DEP; members of the Task Force, and Russ Martin, Director DEH.

There will be a greater number of Vendor displays in 2007. Be sure to stay until the end, for door prizes, provided by our generous Vendors. The MASE Annual Business Meeting is always important, as Board Officers are elected, the Treasury is discussed and issues of interest are discussed from the floor. There is still time to reserve a place at the meeting—**immediately email gfullerton@sebagotechnics.com**. As usual there will be coffee and pastries available in the morning and a luncheon, so sign-up today (see page 3 for Meeting Agenda and sign-up forms on back panel of this newsletter). New Officers and a Director will be voted on during our meeting.

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Above left: Alan Burnell & Gary Fullerton. Photos above taken by Elizabeth Fossett at the Feb. 2006 meeting.

All New- MASE Baseball Caps

Do you like to wear baseball caps? Here's your chance to purchase the new MASE baseball cap. 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. A limited number of hats have been purchased and will be available on a first come, first serve basis at the annual meeting. This may be your only chance to purchase one (No hats will be mailed). These are high quality cotton hats with a Velcro strap. Price \$12 Members, \$15 Non-member.



New Officers/Director:

Brady Frick, President and Scott McLaren, Director are stepping down from office.

Our thanks go to each of them for their 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 Brady Frick, MASE President:

Dear MASE members:

I am proud to say that our membership is growing. MASE is also heavily involved in the upcoming Maine State Plumbing Code review and rule-making process. I would like to thank our members who have been involved spending their time and energy in serving on the recently created Task Force. As you may or may not know, there is a Task Force underway that is in the process of proposing changes to the current plumbing code. Within the next month or so, the Task Force will be sending out a mass mailing to Site Evaluators, LPI's, installers, and others who use the plumbing code. This mailing will include an invitation to be part of a "resource network". If you sign up to be part of the network you will be kept "in the loop" on potential rule changes and you will also be able to provide input directly to the Task Force. I encourage all of you to respond to the mailing so you can give the Task Force your ideas and be informed on potential changes.

Please don't hesitate to contact your board or myself if you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas on future events or the direction you feel our organization needs to be heading. I hope to see you all at the winter meeting. Thank you for being a member of MASE and please stay involved.

MASE Treasurer's Report 2006—Gary Fullerton, Treasurer

Cash on Hand as of 12/31/05	\$ 2,969.05
Fidelity Mutual Fund as of 12/31/05	<u>\$ 11,254.64</u>
Total Assets as of 12/31/05	\$ 14,223.69

Income:

Membership Dues/ Winter Meeting	\$ 10,295.00
16 th Annual Golf Tournament	\$ 800.00
Fall Seminar	\$ 430.00

Expenses:

Elks Lodge (Winter Meeting)	\$ 3,729.17
New Website (design, hosting, & updates)	\$ 1,537.40
Municipal Wastewater Surveys	\$ 1,417.50
Fall Seminar	\$ 1,399.49
16 th Annual Golf Tournament	\$ 978.86
Wastewater Disposal Rules (150 copies)	\$ 750.00
Winter Meeting (speaker, copies, gift, cash)	\$ 596.00
Envirothon	\$ 500.00
Newsletter	\$ 497.00
Old Website Past Due Balance ('04-'06)	\$ 358.80
General Liability Insurance	\$ 350.00
Miscellaneous Postage	\$ 117.00
Corporation Filing	\$ 35.00
Bank Fee	\$ 10.75

Period of 12/31/05-12/31/06	Total Income:	\$ 11,525.00
	-Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 12,276.97</u>
		\$ - 751.97

Cash on Hand as of 12/31/06	\$ 2,217.08
Fidelity Mutual Fund Balance as of 12/31/06	<u>\$ 12,916.59</u>
(+ \$1661.95 from 12/31/05)	

Total Assets as of 12/31/06	\$ 15,133.67
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Sign-up NOW... so you won't miss
our Annual MASE Meeting
on February 27, 2007
(see back panel)

***MASE 2007
Technical Seminar and
Annual Business
Meeting***

***Tuesday
February 27, 2007
Augusta
Lodge of the Elks
Route 27, Augusta, ME***

MASE winter meeting proposed agenda:

8:00 - 9:00	Registration, Coffee, and Vendor/Sponsors Displays
9:00 - 9:45	Septic Designs in CAD – Steve Marcotte, Sweet Associates
9:45 - 10:15	Mike Mullen, Maine DEP—<i>Update on Vernal Pool & Wading Bird Rules.</i>
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:30	Annual MASE Business Meeting, Election of new MASE Officers
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch and Vendor Displays
1:00 – 2:00	Task Force on Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules Review
2:00 – end	Russ Martin, Director, DEH/Wastewater and Plumbing Control Program. <i>Questions & Comments, with prizes from our vendors for those present.</i>

More winter MASE meeting news...

**Continuing Education
Credits will be given for
Winter Meeting**

Russ Martin, Director DEH, Wastewater Program informs the MASE Board of Directors that attendance at the winter meeting of MASE will qualify for 6 continuing education credits. This is a significant decision from Mr. Martin because our meeting does not fall into the Site Evaluator license period requiring CE credits, which begins March 1, 2007.

**Proposal to change Winter
Meeting date**

MASE members will be asked to consider a motion from the floor to change the MASE By-Laws to allow us to hold our annual meeting in March. Since the beginning of MASE, we have had to hold our meeting in February, according to our own founding documents.

Because our Site Evaluator Licenses run from March 1 until the last day of February, it makes more sense for MASE to hold our winter meeting, which will qualify for 6 CE credits, early in our license period instead of at the very end.

**Mike Mullen Added as
Speaker**

Mike Mullen, Field Services Enforcement Supervisor, Maine DEP, is now slated to be a speaker at the MASE annual meeting. Brady Frick made the arrangement for Mike to give a summary of pending Vernal Pool and new Shore Bird and Wading Bird Habitat regulations after the meeting announcement and registration form was mailed. Mr. Mullen will speak in the morning session, before the MASE Business Meeting.

Site Evaluator's Field Exam—Sept. 28, 2006

The 2006 Field Seminar was held in Orrington, Maine following the SE Exam, and was well attended. Twenty-one of twenty-two people passed the field exam. MASE members had another good day of discussion, this time in double test pits. We again met to discuss the soils afterwards and enjoyed a great cookout luncheon.





BBQ luncheon for all...
yummy.



Task Force is reviewing the Wastewater Rules:

The first major review of the Rules since the 1995 Code is now underway. A group of individuals from many perspectives are participating, including system designers, system installers, Plumbing Inspectors, DEP employees, and product representatives. The goal is to propose changes to the Rules to be implemented through the standard Rule Making Process.

At the first meeting of the whole Task Force a general discussion led the members to set up four committees: Design, Soils and Site Conditions, Beth Flynn, Chair; Proprietary Devices and System Components, David Breau and Matt Engelman, Co-Chairs; Administration, Frank Tracy and Liz Dupre, Co-Chairs and Code Readability.

Each committee has 10 to 12 members who meet monthly. Attendance has been excellent and the committees are now producing recommendations in a series of "white papers". The Administration committee has already written their first paper and the Design, Soils and Site Conditions committee has made some recommendations.

"We've been thinking about undertaking a major review for a few years", said Russ Martin, Direc-

tor DEH, Wastewater Program. "Rather than doing a review from only our perspective, we wanted to call in people from outside the Division to assist. I'm pleased the Task Force has a life of its own. We don't want to control it. This is more like a consensus rule making procedure, where the major discussions and controversies take place early in the process."

The Task Force seeks participation. Everyone will be asked to provide written comments to the committee reports. The Division is putting together a late-January mailing to 1,900 people, from many backgrounds, inviting all to participate in a "Resource Network". Those participating will receive the white papers of the committees and can respond with comments. These comments will be considered as the Division formulates any changes to the Rules.

At the winter meeting of MASE, the Task Force will be a topic in the afternoon session. This will allow all of us to learn more about the issues being considered by the Task Force, the implications for code changes, and how to participate in the decisions.

-Mark Cenci, MASE Director



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2007 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.mainease.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, 2007
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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