

2016 New Hampshire Young Engineer of the Year



CONCORD – Christopher R. Fournier, P.E., has been selected by a jury of his peers from New Hampshire’s Joint Engineering Societies as the 2016 New Hampshire Young Engineer of the Year. This distinguished award will be presented to Chris on February 25th at the annual Engineers’ Week Awards Banquet at the SERESC Center in Bedford, NH. The Structural Engineers of New Hampshire (SENH) submitted a nomination based on his engineering accomplishments and state and national record of service to the profession.

Chris attended the University of Maine and graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering in 2004 and an M.S. degree in Civil Engineering in 2005. Chris was named Civil Engineering Department Student of the Year in 2004. While at the University of Maine his research was focused on the micromorphological modelling of wood. His professional career began and continues in North Conway, New Hampshire with HEB Engineers, Inc. where he has worked for the past ten years. During his tenure at HEB, Chris has progressed swiftly from junior engineer to Lead Structural Engineer and Corporate Vice President. In 2009, Chris obtained his professional engineer licensure and in 2012 joined HEB’s ownership team. In an effort to challenge himself and promote structural engineering licensure Chris passed the rigorous NCEES Structural Engineering (SE) Exam. Chris has worked on a large breadth of structural engineering projects including renovations and new construction of residential and commercial buildings as well as rehabilitation and replacement of private and public bridges. In 2013, Chris was awarded a Young Professional Scholarship by the Structural Engineers Institute (SEI), was selected as a ‘Rising Star in Structural Engineering’ by Structural Engineer Magazine and later that year was featured in an article titled ‘A Young Engineer On the Go.’

Chris’ involvement within the engineering community has intensified throughout his career. He has been a member of the Structural Engineers of New Hampshire (SENH) since 2006, and has served on its Board of Directors since 2013. Chris also serves as the Chair of the SENH Younger Members Group, which aims to increase involvement with structural engineers who are 35 years of age or younger and assist with the transition from academics to practice. Chris acts as the SENH liaison to the New Hampshire Qualification Based Selection (QBS) Coalition and as the SENH delegate to the Structural Engineers Institute (SEI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Chris also serves on the SEI Professional Activities Committee and the Structural Engineering (SE) Licensure Rationale Task Committee. Additionally, Chris has served on the NHDOT - American Council of Engineering Companies of New Hampshire (ACEC-NH) Consultant Quality Initiative (CQI) Contracts Subcommittee since 2012.

Chris has been supported throughout all of his professional achievements by Jessica, his wife of 11 years. Together they enjoy raising their three young children in the Mt. Washington Valley, exploring the outdoors and volunteering in the community.