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Board Member of the Month – Nicholas Golon, P.E.

“If you’re reading this... Congratulations, you’re alive. If that’s not something to smile about, then I don’t know what is.” - Chad Sugg.

In trying to write this article to introduce myself to you, our readers of the New Hampshire Civil Engineer, I came across the above quote. Given the state of things in our country and across the globe, I felt opening with a little positivity and humor might be the best thing I could offer.



So... Hello! My Name is **Nick Golon**, and I am your ASCE-NH Treasurer for this coming year, and I have to say I feel like one of the lucky ones. I have had the tremendous joy

to practice engineering for the last 20 years, which is something I truly love doing. So, in trying to tell you about myself, I figured the best way was to tell you why I love being an engineer so much. There are lots of reasons, but two always jump to mind.

The variety of the day-to-day work. I am a big believer that variety is the spice of life and I love the fluctuation of my daily activities. There aren’t many careers where you can find yourself on a construction site in a hard hat, steel toe boots and a safety vest trying to solve the riddle of an unknown field condition and then the next in a suit and tie to explain the merits of a project to a municipal board or state agency. I love both of these aspects of my job and find them equally rewarding.

Another aspect I love about this job is the tangible difference we can make in people’s lives. Knowing that I’ve helped build something that my children and (hopefully) grandchildren may use is a source of great pride and driving around the State of New Hampshire it is fantastic to see so many of the projects I have worked on. Working on these projects also provided the opportunity to meet and forge relationships with a tremendously diverse

group of people, which again, is one of the joys of being an engineer.

Since this is our first newsletter of 2021, it would be justifiable to reflect on the difficulties of this past year (which are numerous), but instead wanted to share some personal success in closing the year on a high note.

TFMoran, my employer for the last 15 years, welcomed me into their ownership group as a Principal and Shareholder of the firm. I couldn’t ask for a better group of partners and look forward to tackling the challenges ahead as we navigate through an unprecedented time in our industry. Having this level of responsibility has always been a career aspiration of mine and was something my Dad and I spoke of often up until his passing on Christmas Day 2018. With his passing, Christmas time has taken on a bit of a different meaning to my family. Yes, there is the sadness of losing my Dad, but it is also filled with the joy of watching my three children, Elise, Adeline, and Cassian open their presents and cause the general mayhem/mischief that is accompanied by their age.



Which leads me to my other “achievement” of 2020, that on Christmas Eve, I brought a little happiness to a very important person in my life, when I finally asked my girlfriend to marry me. Lee said yes, and we are hopeful to share our happiness with family and friends with a wedding before we say goodbye to 2021 and hello to 2022.

It is a fast past industry we work in, and it is easy to lose sight of why we are here and what our focus is. So as we ring in the Near Year, let us not forget the lessons that 2020 has taught us, both in celebrating successes and accepting the disappointments.

TFMoran adds Golon as Principal



Bedford, NH - TFMoran announces the addition of Nicholas Golon, PE as a principal of the firm. Mr. Golon joined TFMoran's Civil Engineering Department in July 2006. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering Technology from Wentworth Institute of Technology, is a licensed Professional Engineer in New Hampshire and Maine, and holds an NHDOT LPA certification among others.

"We are pleased to welcome Nick into our ownership team. His 20 years of diverse experience includes some of the most important energy, industrial, commercial, and residential projects in the state", said Robert Duval, president of TFMoran. "With his energy and enthusiasm, he thrives on fast-paced, multi-discipline projects. Nick is a seasoned manager who builds and maintains strong client relationships while delivering cost-effective and comprehensive solutions", continues Duval.

Mr. Golon also serves on the Board of Directors of the NH Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and has participated in the ASCE Legislative Fly-In program in Washington, DC. He recently helped ASCE-NH raise \$20,000 for the Scholarship Fund for current and prospective New Hampshire engineering students.

Mr. Golon was recently recognized as one of the state's standout young professionals in the 2020 Class of "40 Under Forty" by the New Hampshire Union Leader, and in 2015 was selected for the Leadership Greater Manchester Program by the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. A strong believer in giving back to the community, he Chairs the Manchester Conservation Commission's annual fundraiser "Tour De Manch", a 30-mile bike tour around the Queen City, and he actively mentors numerous New Hampshire students interested in science, engineering, and construction.

Mr. Golon lives in Bedford, NH with his girlfriend and three children.