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ACEC/MN's Night Out at the Walker Art Center

Over 110 ACEC/MN members and friends gathered at the Walker Art Center on Thursday, May 18 for an evening of networking and celebration at the Annual Meeting. Departing board members and the year's achievements were highlighted at the gathering, and award winners were recognized for their accomplishments.

The following members and firms were honored during the awards ceremony:



Randy Morris of **Morris Government Relations, LLC** was honored with this year's **Tom Roche Lifetime Achievement Award** (pictured on left with 2016 recipient, Glenn Schreiner of WSP | USA). This award is presented to an individual who has contributed a great deal during their career to the engineering profession, ACEC/MN, and the community. Randy has had a long-standing commitment to ACEC, serving as the association's lobbyist for over 15 years. Over that time, he has steered numerous bills that were favorable and fought against bills that were detrimental to the engineering profession. As a result of his dedication, he has raised the consulting engineering profile at the Capitol. Randy is the third non-engineer to be recognized with this trophy since its inception in 1975.

The **2017 Firm of the Year Award** was presented to **Burns & McDonnell Engineers-Consultants**. This award is presented to an ACEC/MN firm that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the association and the consulting engineering profession. This firm has a long history of giving back to the association – its employees attend events and serve on committees and the board of directors. Its employees are also large supporters of the ACEC/MN PAC. Regional Manager, Gene Sieve, was instrumental in creating the ACEC/MN Annual "Shoot for the PAC" Event, which raises funds for the Political Action Committee. Burns & McDonnell also gives back to its community by volunteering thousands of employee hours a year to organizations with important causes, like Hearts & Hammers and Minnehaha Creek Clean Up. (Burns & McDonnell employees are pictured above with award.)



This year's **President's Award** was presented to **Greg McCool** of **Ericksen Roed & Associates, Inc.** (pictured at left with ACEC/MN President, Dan Murphy). This award is presented to an individual employed in a member firm that has made a significant contribution to the association and has been a credit to the consulting engineering profession over the past year. Greg is a dedicated, active volunteer who serves on multiple committees—in ACEC/MN and MNSEA—and participates in numerous events throughout the year. He helped form the MNSEA Young Members Group and served as its Chair. Greg is also active in the community with programs like ACE and STEM, which provide valuable resources to youth who may pursue engineering careers in their futures.



The **Emerging Leader Award** was presented to **Ricky Kirchner** of **BKBM Engineers** (pictured on left with Dan Murphy). Ricky dedicates many hours of his time to the association. He is passionate about inspiring youth to consider the field of engineering by actively participating in presentations to middle and high school students during the ACEC/MN Engineering Explorer Post and Engineer's Week. He also mentors students from the Explorer Post and new employees at his firm. Ricky is a past scholarship recipient of ACEC/MN who is driven to make a difference.



Justin Schmidt of **Bolton & Menk, Inc.** was recognized with a **Distinguished Service Award** (pictured on left with Dan Murphy). This award was designed to honor an ACEC member who has given countless hours of expertise to the association. Justin has managed the ACEC/MN basketball tournament since its inception in 2013, which raises funds for the ACEC/MN scholarship fund. He handles all of the tournament details resulting in raising enough money to award one scholarship each year.



Outgoing President **Dan Murphy** of **Meyer Borgman Johnson** was also honored at the event for his leadership over the past year.

Incoming President **Tim Korby** of **Donohue & Associates, Inc.** presented Dan with an honorary gavel in recognition of his service to the association. (Tim Korby and Dan Murphy are pictured on right).



Congratulations to all of our award winners. Active, giving members and firms make this association so successful!

Thanks again to our Annual Meeting sponsors!



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2017-18 Board of Directors Announced

The following slate of officers was approved at the May 18, 2017 ACEC/MN Annual Meeting:

President	Tim Korby, Donohue & Associates, Inc.
President-Elect	Dan Larson, American Engineering Testing, Inc.
Vice President	Sirish Samba, Sambatek
Treasurer	Jack Corkle, WSB & Associates, Inc.
Secretary	Keith Jacobson, VAA
Past President/ ACEC Natl. Director	Dan Murphy, Meyer Borgman Johnson
Young Engineer	Greg McCool, Ericksen Roed & Associates, Inc.

Directors

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Jason Hoskins	Ulteig Engineers
Rick Lucio	Hallberg Engineering, Inc.
Tom Losey	Boulay CPAs & Advisors
Kristine Kubes	Kubes Law Office, PLLP

Call for Presentations: Building Engineering and Construction Conference – Oct 10, 2017

Share your special knowledge and expertise at the upcoming Building Engineering and Construction Conference sponsored by ACEC/MN and the Design Build Institute of America Upper Midwest Region (DBIAUMR). The conference focuses on engineering business management including emerging or expanding markets, creative leadership, new technologies and unique solutions developed by practitioners and facility/infrastructure owners.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND PROPOSAL EVALUATIONS

Priority will be given to presentations that support business growth and business practices of A/E/C firms. The ACEC/MN & DBIA-UMR Conference Planning Committee is seeking **50 minute presentations** in the areas of (but not limited to):

- Market Trends
- Alternative Delivery Methods
- Project Management
- Risk Management
- Contracts
- Regulatory Issues
- Emerging Technologies/Design
- Client Needs
- Teaming

We will be offering multiple tracks again this year. Look for more information soon.

[Click here](#) to find more information, including submission requirements and selection criteria. **The due date for proposals is June 30, 2017.**

What Has ACEC/MN Done for Me?

ACEC/MN's Membership and Public Relations Committees created an infographics document for its members again this year. The document contains statistics and graphics that directly correlate to committee and board activities in the 2016-17 fiscal year. All initiatives and actions tie back to ACEC/MN's strategic plan.

A copy of the document was distributed to attendees at the May 18 Annual Meeting. To view the document, please visit the our [website](#).

37th Annual Scholarship Softball Tournament – August 5

Register now for the 37th Annual *ACEC/MN Scholarship Softball Tournament in Memorial of DuWayne “Dewey” Kasma*. This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2017 at the Dred Scott Fields in Bloomington. The annual tournament raises funds for scholarships that are awarded each year to deserving Minnesota engineering students. The entry fee for members is \$255 for members and \$510 for non-members. **Because of the limited number of fields that are available at the facility, we must limit the tournament to the first 24 teams that enter!** If your firm would like to participate in the tournament, contact Kristine Cassidy at 952-593-5533, kristine@acecmn.org, or visit our [website](#).

ACEC worked with the Kasma family in an effort to remember “Dewey” by naming the yearly softball scholarship fundraiser after him. In return, the family annually makes a generous donation in memory of Dewey that will be added to the ACEC Scholarship Fund. DuWayne “Dewey” Kasma was a registered civil engineer. He graduated from the University of Minnesota and worked his entire career at TKDA from 1963 until his death at age 48 in 1988. He managed the Municipal Department from 1968 to 1976, established TKDA’s Marketing Department and was named Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors in 1978. He was a member of ACEC, MPWA, CEAM and MSPE.

STEMLink and ACEC/MN – Presentations to Students in May

A group of ACEC/MN members volunteered to participate in presentations and activities during Success Beyond the Classroom’s (SBC) STEMLink program on May 12, 17, and 18. SBC brings innovative programs, inspiring events, and challenging academic competitions to students in the Twin Cities area, such as the STEMLink program.

STEMLink gives fifth and sixth grade students an introduction to careers in science, technology, engineering and math with hands-on sessions led by professionals in STEM fields. The STEMLink career focus helps students understand how the science and math they study at school can lead to a life’s work that is stimulating, challenging and meaningful.

Thank you to those who volunteered your time and encouraged hundreds of metro-area fifth and sixth graders to explore new STEM disciplines and careers! Volunteers who participated from several ACEC/MN member firms are pictured below.



Seminar Topics and Presenters Needed for 2017-18

The ACEC/MN staff is looking for seminar, monthly meeting, and brown bag topics and speakers for the 2017-18 continuing education line-up. If you have an idea you’d like to share, contact Melissa Langowski at 952-593-5533 or melissa@acecmn.org by Friday, July 7, 2017. Below is a summary of the continuing education opportunities ACEC/MN offers:

- Seminars on business and marketing related topics
 - Forecasting events with various state agencies, counties, etc., to discuss long-term project plans and budgets
 - Monthly meetings offered over lunch on various business and industry related topics
 - Brown bag technical presentations (vendor provides lunch)
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Seeking Engineer Representative for Construction Codes Advisory Council (CCAC)

The Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) is seeking a licensed professional engineer to serve on the Construction Codes Advisory Council (CCAC). Tom Downs, who has served in that capacity for several years, is stepping down from the position.

The board reviews codes, rules, standards, and licensing requirements relating to building construction. It may make recommendations about ways to eliminate inconsistencies, to streamline construction regulation and construction procedures and to improve procedures within and among jurisdictions. The council may also review and comment on current and proposed laws and rules to promote coordination and consistency and advise agencies on possible changes in rules to make them easier to understand and apply, and also promote the coordination, within each jurisdiction, of the administration and enforcement of construction codes.

The board meets four times a year, generally on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to noon at the Department of Labor and Industry St. Paul office.

If you are interested in serving on this board, you can find information on the board and how to submit an application [here](#).

SCORE – Seeking Volunteers with Business Expertise

SCORE is a volunteer organization founded in Minneapolis in 1964 (now with 300+ chapters nationwide), which provides mentoring, advice and guidance to people who are considering or planning to start a new business, or who have already started a business and need additional support.

SCORE offers one-on-one mentoring, as well as free business webinars, and seminars with top-rated business presenters. SCORE volunteers are people who have experience in starting and managing businesses, of all types and sizes. For those of you who would like to learn more about volunteering for SCORE to use your business experience to help budding entrepreneurs, contact Bill Kwasny, P.E., D.GE, Certified SCORE Mentor, at 612-965-9284 or wkwasny@aol.com or visit their [website](#).

News From Around the Membership

**** Correction to May 2017 Parameters: Isthmus Engineering's Pravin Dhakal's name was misspelled. We apologize for the oversight.**

American Engineering Testing, Inc., St. Paul, hired **Derek Tompkins** as a principal civil engineer.

Dunham Associates, Inc., Minneapolis, is pleased to announce the promotion of **Matthew Jensen**, a partner in the firm, to executive vice president.

Emanuelson-Podas, Edina, named partner and mechanical engineer **John Nordstrom** to managing partner and electrical engineer **Troy Nystrom** to partner.

LHB announces the following new employees to its Duluth and Minneapolis offices: **Molly Weismantel, AIA, LEED AP BD+C** joins the Minneapolis office as an Architect (California only) in the Government Group, **Derek Petersen, AIA** joins the Minneapolis office as a Minnesota licensed Architect in the Commercial Group, **Josh Jaskari** joins the Duluth office as an IT Support Technician, and **Brandon Clark** joins the Duluth office as an Intern in LHB's Public Works and Structures Department.

Isthmus Engineering announced the hiring of **Sam Thiele, EIT** and **Yuxuan Li, EIT** as design engineers, and had the following promotions: **Amber Nord, PE** is now senior associate, **Kevin Krech, PE** and **Amy Debruin, PE** are now associates.

Steve McManamon has joined **Stantec** as a business leader for the firm's US oil and gas environmental services team.

Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Jessica Griffin** and **Aaron Anderson** have joined the firm's Minneapolis office as design engineers.

If you have an announcement you'd like to see included in the next Parameters newsletter, please contact Kristine Cassidy at kristine@acecmn.org.

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- June 19 – [ACEC/MN Partnered with VAA Scholarship Golf Tournament](#)
- August 5 – [37th Annual Scholarship Softball Tournament](#)