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2017 Annual Meeting – Thursday, May 18

Don't forget to register and join your colleagues for the 67th Annual Meeting at the Walker Art Center!

ACEC/MN President, Dan Murphy of Meyer Borgman Johnson, will highlight significant ACEC/MN accomplishments and introduce the 2017-18 Board of Directors. The 2017 Tom Roche Award winner will be recognized, as well as the recipients of the President's Award, Firm of the Year, and the Emerging Leader Award. Before the evening comes to a close, our current president will pass the gavel to incoming president, Tim Korby of Donohue Associates, Inc. You won't want to miss the festivities!



Location: Walker Art Center

For directions, maps, and parking please visit www.walkerart.org

Cost: \$90 per person includes: Awards presentation, hors d'oeuvres and dinner catered by Culinaire, and self-guided gallery tours. ***Members of the ACEC/MN Emerging Professionals Committee and MNSEA Young Member Group can attend for \$60 per person.** Contact Kristine or Melissa to register at this rate.

***To register for the 2017 Annual Meeting please visit our [website](#).**

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Forecasting Seminar: Client Groups – May 20

ACEC/MN has invited client groups and government agencies to discuss their project plans for the next 1-5 years. This is your opportunity to learn about project and budget forecasts from clients your firm works with!

Attendees will learn about the following:

- Projects in the pipeline (buildings, sewers, streets, vertical construction, etc.)
- Long-term construction plans (3-5 years)
- Future challenges
- New design standards
- Changes to policies
- Intergovernmental agreements

Confirmed groups include: Army Corps of Engineers, Metropolitan Airports Commission, Metropolitan Council, (Environmental), Metro Transit (LRT), University of Minnesota, and MNSCU.

Cost:

\$75 ACEC/MN, \$150 Non-members

Timeline:

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Registration and continental breakfast

8:30 – 11:00 a.m. – Program

Location:

[Sheraton Minneapolis West](#) – 12201 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka (952) 593-0000). Register [online](#) today!

ACEC/MN Members Visit the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

A delegation of members visited with our Minnesota elected representatives in Washington D.C. on April 25. They were there to discuss current legislative issues that affect the consulting engineering profession.

Members visited the offices of Representatives Keith Ellison, Tom Emmer, Jason Lewis, Eric Paulsen, Colin Peterson, and Senators Al Franken and Amy Klobuchar.

ACEC/MN members pictured left to right (Representative Lewis in center): Bill Deitner (TKDA), Jon Carlson (Braun Intertec), Dan Murphy (Meyer Borgman Johnson), and Tom Stoneburner (TKDA).



MNSEA Seminar and Trade Show – May 9, 2017

There's still time to register for the MNSEA Seminar and Trade Show: Post-Tensioned Concrete.

SESSION 1 – Basics and Principles

SESSION 2 - Common Structural Applications and Advantages

SESSION 3 - Best Practices and Tips for Constructability

The seminar will provide 3.0 PDH credits. Certificates will be distributed at the end of the seminar.

AGENDA: MNSEA MAY SEMINAR TRADE SHOW

7:00 a.m. Registration, Trade Show, Breakfast	10:00 a.m. Session 2
7:45 a.m. MNSEA General Meeting	11:00 a.m. Trade Show Wrap-up, Snacks
8:15 a.m. Trade Show Introductions	11:45 a.m. Session 3
8:30 a.m. Session 1	12:45 p.m. Raffle and Prizes
9:30 a.m. Trade Show Break	

Space is limited, so register today. If you have questions about this event, please contact Mustafa B. Igdelioglu with Barr Engineering Co. at 952-832-2709 or e-mail: migdelioglu@barr.com.

LOCATION: [Marriott Minneapolis West](#) 9960 Wayzata Blvd, MN Minnetonka (952/544-4400)
(Located on the north frontage road of I-394 between Hwy 169 & Hopkins Crossroad – directly across from the ACEC/MN office)

[Click here](#) for full event details.

Got Golf? VAA Scholarship Golf Tournament – June 19

The 14th Annual ACEC/MN Partnered with VAA Scholarship Golf Tournament is set for Monday, June 19 at Oak Marsh Golf Course in Oakdale. To see what sponsorship opportunities still exist, [click here](#) or contact Melissa Langowski at 952.593.5533. **Online golfer registration will open on May 10.** Thank you to our event sponsors!

Opportunity for Sponsors:

ACEC/MN has created an opportunity for you to potentially save money while giving back to the engineering community. Peacock Promotions, (www.peacockpromotions.com) a promotional gift company that ACEC/MN has worked with in the past, has graciously offered to support the ACEC/MN scholarship program. They will give **20%** of all proceeds they earn from purchases made towards the tournament to the ACEC/MN scholarship fund. If you are looking for promotional materials for the 2017 VAA Scholarship Golf Tournament to hand out at your hole, for the gift bags, raffle prize, etc., please consider Peacock Promotions for ideas and a quote. Last year, the golf tournament generated 65% of the \$26,000 presented to engineering students. Check out the students and schools [here](#).

Peacock Promotions Contact Information: Tina Provetto, 10201 Wayzata Blvd. S. #220, Minnetonka, MN 55305

Phone: 952-697-6222 Email: tina@peacockpromotions.com



Monday, June 19, 2017
Registration: 10:00-11:00 am
10:50 am Caddy Cart Drawing & Setup
(Win a Range Finder, Golf Items & Personal "Fore" Caddies for the Day)
11:00 am Shotgun Start
Dinner/Awards/Prizes: 5 pm
4-person scramble format
at Oak Marsh Golf Course

Online Registration

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Committee Chatter:

Workforce Development Update

ACEC/MN and ACE Present 2017 Scholarship



A student from St. Louis Park High School with an interest in mechanical engineering was presented with a \$1500 scholarship from ACEC/MN through the Architecture. Construction. Engineering. (ACE) Mentor Program. The goal of the ACE program is to promote a diverse workforce in the field of engineering. ACEC/MN's Workforce Development Committee, which was formed to address the growing shortage of engineers, has partnered with the ACE program to broaden our reach into a wider pool of potential engineers.

ACEC/MN has committed to an ongoing scholarship through this organization. In addition to the scholarship ACEC/MN will also provide the student with a mentor in his or her field of interest.

Greg McCool from Ericksen Roed and Associates (left) represented ACEC/MN at the ACE year-end event on March 16, 2017 where the scholarship was presented. Thank you to the members for your support of ACEC/MN scholarship program and our effort to draw in the next generation of engineers!

ACEC/MN Emerging Leaders Attend ACEC National Annual Convention

The ACEC/MN Board of Directors has set aside funds to subsidize the cost of two young professionals at \$1000 each to attend the Spring ACEC National Conference in Washington D.C. The purpose is to annually provide an opportunity for two individuals to gain exposure and experience on the national level, meet with industry leaders from around the country, attend high quality educational events, and gain experience that can help move their careers forward in the future.

Anthony Basden of Gausman & Moore, Inc. and Kaylan Haley of Rani Engineering, Inc. were chosen to receive stipends for the 2017 convention.

MNSEA Young Member Group Update: New Graduate Event

On April 25 the MNSEA Young Members Group (YMG) held an event to ease pending graduates into the first year of their career: Graduation "√," Job "√," Now What? One of the MNSEA YMG's core goals is to alleviate the steep and difficult learning curve for young structural engineers.

Students and members of the MNSEA YMG were invited to a local brewpub for a social hour, followed by a series of presentations highlighting key challenges facing new graduates. Four YMG committee members gave presentations. The last presentation, given by Mattson McDonald Young's president Stephanie Young, was entitled, "How to Make Your Boss Like You." Recorded audio will be synced with the presentation slides and provided to students who were unable to attend.



A 2016 NCSEA grant program provided opportunity for the MNSEA YMG to encourage attendance by sponsoring a social hour, appetizers, and dinner in an ideal venue. This event was the first experience with MNSEA or its YMG

for nearly all of the students that attended the event. The comfortable and casual atmosphere, coupled with quality presentations, will encourage students to identify MNSEA and the YMG as a reliable resource for their structural engineering career.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event!

ACEC/MN - MnDOT Breakfast Meeting – May 31, 2017

The next ACEC/MN - MnDOT breakfast meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31 from 7:30 – 9:00 am at the MnDOT Training Conference Center in Shoreview. [Register](#) today by visiting the ACEC/MN website.

Cost: \$5 for donuts and coffee

Chance to Win Big in ACEC National PAC Summer Sweepstakes!

The ACEC National Political Action Committee (PAC) raised over \$1 million last year, surpassing its fundraising goal of \$1 million. Funds raised by the ACEC National PAC help to keep legislators aware of the issues and legislation facing the engineering profession throughout the year.

Members of ACEC's PAC encourage those who have not contributed to make their donations today. ACEC has a brand-new Summer Sweepstakes Raffle, which is primarily directed at Millennials and first time givers. Just \$25 can win you one of 7 cash prizes, including the Grand Prize of \$1,000! The Summer Raffle is open through Labor Day. To enter the sweepstakes, follow this [link](#). To learn more about the ACEC National PAC and issues facing our profession at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., please visit ACEC's [website](#).

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the ACEC National PAC.

37th Annual Scholarship Softball Tournament – August 5

The 37th Annual *ACEC/MN Scholarship Softball Tournament in Memorial of DuWayne "Dewey" Kasma* 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 or kristine@acecmn.org.

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.

News From Around the Membership

American Engineering Testing, Inc. announced the opening of their latest office in Sheridan, WY, and has welcomed the addition of **Derek Tompkins, PhD** to its St. Paul office as principal civil engineer.

Clark Engineering announced the opening of a new office in Pierre, South Dakota, as well as the hire of office manager, **Nick Palecek, PE**.

Emanuelson-Podas announced the following two promotions: **Troy Nystrom, PE** as partner and **John Nordstrom, PE** as managing partner.

HNTB Corporation's Franklin Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation project received an Honor Award at the 50th Anniversary Engineering Excellence Awards in Washington, DC on April 25 during the ACEC Annual Convention. HNTB was one of only 20 firms to receive an Honor Award out of a total of 162 projects entered nationally. Read more in ACEC's [Last Word](#). Congratulations, HNTB!

HNTB Corporation welcomed **Michael Barnes**, formerly with MnDOT, to its Golden Valley office.

Isthmus Engineering, St. Paul, hired **Pravom Dhakal** and **Michael Knudson** as design engineers.

Northern Technologies, LLC, Inver Grove Heights, appointed **Barry Morgan** as the firm's new president and announced **Nick Berglund** to regional Manager of North Dakota. NTI also congratulates **Nick Balliet** on passing the Fundamentals of Engineering exam and becoming an Engineering in Training (EIT).

Sambatek, Minnetonka, is pleased to announce the addition of **Kevin Clark** as client service manager of its residential design team.

Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) is celebrating 90 years. Congratulations, SEH!

Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Dave Lindstrom** has joined the firm's Minneapolis office as bridge engineer.

Stantec, St. Paul, announced the addition of **Mark Angelo, PE, PMP, VMA** as a senior project manager.

TKDA, Duluth, has added several new staff members: **William Beyer, PE, Graham Redshaw, EIT**, and **Shannon Vorderbruggen**. TKDA also recently held an open house to celebrate the expansion of its Duluth office, which has nearly doubled in size. Congrats, TKDA!

Welcome New Affiliate Member

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