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## ACEC/MN's Night Out at the Minneapolis Club

Over 90 ACEC/MN members and friends gathered at the Minneapolis Club on Thursday, May 17 for an evening of networking and celebration at the Annual Meeting. Departing board members, the year's achievements, and partnerships were highlighted at the gathering, and award winners were recognized for their accomplishments.

The following were honored during the awards ceremony:



**Gene Sieve of Burns & McDonnell Consultants-Engineers** was honored with this year's [Tom Roche Lifetime Achievement Award](#). This award is presented to an individual who has contributed significantly during their career to the engineering profession, ACEC/MN, and the greater community. Gene has had a long-standing commitment to ACEC, where he has served in several capacities, including President and National Director of the ACEC/MN Board of Directors, various committees and events over the years, and active participation in the ACEC/PAC, both locally and nationally. Congratulations to Gene, who has become a trusted resource to the association and engineering community.

The 2018 [Firm of the Year Award](#) was presented to **BKBM Engineers**. This award is presented to an ACEC/MN member firm that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the association and the consulting engineering profession. BKBM Engineers has been an incredible supporter of the association by serving at the board and committee chair level, contributing to the scholarship fund, and participating in events. Three principals of this firm have served as ACEC/MN President and three employees over the years have been scholarship recipients. BKBM employees have made significant contributions to the profession, including the development of Minnesota's Special Inspections Guidelines, and developing presentations for Engineers Week and the Explorer Post program, which reached over 800 students last year.



This year's [President's Award](#) was presented to **Kim Deibel of American Engineering Testing, Inc.** This award is presented to an individual employed by a member firm that has been an asset to the association and consulting engineering profession over the past year. Kim is a dedicated, active leader who has a passion



for mentoring students and future engineers. She has served on multiple committees and chaired the Minnesota Structural Engineers Association (MNSEA). In 2018, Kim helped coordinate a relationship between ACEC/MN and STEMLink, which has resulted in presentations that are reaching approximately 250 kids annually.

The [Emerging Leader Award](#) was presented to **Eric McElrath** of **Mattson Macdonald Young, Inc.** This award was created to recognize an ACEC member still in the early stages of their career who has already contributed significantly to the association. Eric is a past Bob Rosene scholarship recipient of ACEC/MN and has been giving back to the profession ever since. Eric participates in ACEC/MN events and was a founding member and chair of the Minnesota Structural Engineers Association (MNSEA) Young Member Group. During Eric's year as president, he received a scholarship from the National Council of Structural Engineers (NCSE) and the Young Member Group of the Year Award on behalf of the committee.



The [2018 Distinguished Service Award](#) was presented to **Brad Hamilton** of **MnDOT**. This award was designed to honor an individual who has given countless volunteer hours of support to the association and engineering profession. Brad has worked successfully to enhance the relationship between MnDOT and consulting engineers since the creation of his position in 2010. He has fostered a cooperative culture through working teams, process improvement, training, workshops, open houses, and one-on-one collaboration.

Outgoing president **Tim Korby** of **Donohue & Associates, Inc.** was also honored at the event for his leadership over the past year. Incoming President **Dan Larson** of **American Engineering Testing, Inc.** presented Tim with an honorary gavel in recognition of his service to the association.

**Congratulations to all of our award winners. Active participation is what makes this association thrive!**

#### **Thanks again to our Annual Meeting sponsors!**

Alliant Engineering, Inc.  
American Engineering Testing, Inc.  
GEM HR Resources, Inc.  
Meyer Borgman Johnson  
The Coleman Law Firm, LLC

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## **2018-19 Board of Directors Announced**

**The following slate of officers was approved at the May 17, 2018 ACEC/MN Annual Meeting:**

<b>President</b>	Dan Larson, American Engineering Testing, Inc.
<b>President-Elect</b>	Sirish Samba, Sambatek
<b>Vice President</b>	Jack Corkle, WSB & Associates, Inc.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Keith Jacobson, VAA
<b>Secretary</b>	Jason Hoskins, Ulteig
<b>Past President/ ACEC Natl. Director</b>	Tim Korby, Donohue & Associates, Inc.
<b>Young Engineer</b>	Jennifer Entwistle, Barr Engineering Co.

#### **Directors**

Nick Achina	Armstrong, Torseth, Skold, and Rydeen
Steve Alm	Stantec
Paul Asp	HGA Architects and Engineers
Jeffery Coleman	The Coleman Law Firm, LLC
Jeff Gebhard	Braun Intertec Corporation
Ann Johnson	Professional Engineering Services, Ltd.
Deborah Reider	AKF Group LLC
Katie Toghramadjian	Isthmus Engineering, Inc.

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## **ACEC/MN Partnered with HDR Golf Tourney Raised Record Amount!**

Over \$21,000, a record amount, was raised at this year's Scholarship Golf Tournament Partnered with HDR held on Monday, June 18 at Oak Marsh Golf Course! The golf course was full as ACEC/MN members, clients and guests hit the links to help raise funds for next year's engineering scholarships. **Thanks to our title sponsor, HDR, and to our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sponsor, Alliant Engineering, Inc. for your support!**

The Gross Score 1st Place 1st Flight Winners were Dan Larson of American Engineering Testing, Inc. and Ryan Everhart, Joel Newby, and Brian Sweeney of Redpath and Company. Congratulations to the winning team!

Check out the ACEC/MN [website](#) for a list of event sponsors. You can view fun candid photos out on the course on our [Instagram page](#) and search "#acecgolf18" to see all the photos that were taken at this year's tournament.

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## Advertise in ACEC/MN's *Assets* Annual Resource Guide!

ACEC/MN's Membership Directory, ***Assets***, has a magazine format and expanded content that will provide value to you and your potential clients. *Assets* is distributed to nearly 3,000 engineers and purchasers of engineering services.

Advertising in *Assets* is the smart, targeted way to reach a broad range of potential clients. This publication is mailed to thousands of people who use engineering services -- including cities, counties, state agencies, architects, school districts, hospitals and more. It's also distributed to over 150 member firms, representing more than 7,000 employees, and will be available online in a digital format on the ACEC/MN website. Click [here](#) to see last year's digital publication.

### **Assets features:**

- Government/Politics Section
  - State and national contacts
  - State agency contacts directory
  - County engineers
  - City engineers
- Acronym Guide
- Certification/Credentials Guide
- Calendar of Events
- Engineering Excellence Awards winners

**We are offering a 20% discount to new advertisers.** If you'd like to place an ad in the upcoming issue of *Assets*, simply complete the [ad form](#) and return it to ACEC/MN **by July 30, 2018**. *Assets* will be published and distributed in the late summer of 2018.

If you have questions or would like additional information about *Assets* Resource Guide, please call or email Kristine Scott at 952/593-5533 or [kristine@acecmn.org](mailto:kristine@acecmn.org).

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## Committee Volunteers Needed

Committees are the heart of ACEC/MN. Committee members help develop new programs and initiatives, strengthen existing programs and encourage new ideas. The ACEC/MN Board of Directors invites you to serve on any number of committees that help make the organization strong. It's a great opportunity to develop your skills in working with groups and to meet others in the consulting engineering community with similar interests. Descriptions of available committees and a sign-up form can be downloaded from the ACEC/MN website: [www.acecmn.org](http://www.acecmn.org).

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## What Has ACEC/MN Done for Me?

ACEC/MN's 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 over the recently concluded 2017-18 fiscal year. All initiatives and actions tie back to ACEC/MN's strategic plan.

To view or download the document, please visit our [website](#).

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## New Geoprofessional Coalition Formed

Responding to considerable member interest, ACEC National has formed a new Coalition focusing on Geoprofessional issues and held the Coalition's first meeting last spring in Washington, DC. The vision of the Geoprofessional Coalition is to be a highly focused and effective organization of leading companies providing geoprofessional services, and to embrace a philosophy of timely and effective actions to protect industry interests. The activities and initiatives of the Coalition are designed to:

- Advocate for and help provide a broader appreciation of the geoprofessional service industry through collaboration with other ACEC member firms;
- Provide a forum for sharing and promoting leading-edge business practices and risk management; and
- Educate, empower, and mobilize members to influence legal, legislative, and regulatory outcomes affecting the industry.

The Geoprofessional Coalition is one of now, seven coalitions. The others include Council of American Mechanical and Electrical Engineers (CAMEE); Council of American Structural Engineers (CASE); Council of Professional Surveyors (COPS); Design Professionals Coalition (DPC); Land Development Coalition (LDC); and Small Firm Council (SFC). ACEC Coalitions provide a range of practical, day-to-day resources to enhance the operation of your business and make it more profitable by sharing knowledge and best practices with peers in your area of specialization.

Questions about the any of ACEC's Coalitions can be directed to Heather Talbert, ACEC's Director, Coalitions ([htalbert@acec.org](mailto:htalbert@acec.org)).

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## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Softball Tournament – August 4

There is still time to register for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual ACEC/MN Scholarship Softball Tournament in Memorial of DuWayne "Dewey" Kasma. This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, August 4, 2018 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 Jaycees are back this year to offer concessions to attendees. The entry fee for members is \$260 for members and \$520 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 Scott at 952-593-5533, [kristine@acecmn.org](mailto:kristine@acecmn.org), or visit our [website](#).

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## Seminar Topics and Presenters Needed for 2018-19

The ACEC/MN staff is looking for seminar, monthly meeting, and brown bag topics and speakers for the 2018-19 continuing education line-up. If you have an idea you'd like to share or a topic you would like to see covered, contact Melissa Langowski at 952-593-5533 or [melissa@acecmn.org](mailto:melissa@acecmn.org) by **Friday, July 20, 2018**. 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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## Save the Date! Upcoming ACEC/MN Events

July 27 – Program Committee Meeting

August 4 – [Scholarship Softball Tournament in Memorial of DuWayne "Dewey" Kasma](#)

August 8 – Committee Chair and Board Facilitation

August 9 – [MnDOT – ACEC/MN Breakfast Meeting](#)

September 12 – Engineering Excellence Awards Informational Seminar

October 1 – Fall Welcome and Expo (tentative)

December 6 – Building Engineering Construction Conference

January 25 – Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet

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## News From Around the Membership

**Richard (Rick) Froberg** recently joined **American Engineering Testing, Inc.**'s leadership team in its St. Paul office as the Building Technology Division Manager. The firm also announced the recent promotion of principal geologist **Mike Hultgren, PG** to Environmental Services Manager.

**Barr Engineering Co.**'s board of directors has named the following nine new vice presidents, who are principals of the firm: **Tom Boom**, **Travis Davidsavor**, **Jim Eidem**, **Whitney Hansen**, **Jon Minne**, **Dan Palo**, **Sarah Stratton**, **Erin Anderson Wenz**, and **Sheryl Filby Williams**.

**Houston Engineering, Inc.** added **Cory Hartug** and **Russell Kerber** to its Maple Grove office.

**KLJ** is proud to announce the opening of two new office locations. The company will be opening an office in Englewood, CO, a suburb of Denver, and will also be opening an office in Cheyenne, WY.

**LHB** is pleased to announce the following new employees to its Duluth office: **Anna Danielson** as a design intern and **Samantha Nelson** as a mechanical design intern. **Emily Walther** joins the Minneapolis office as a design intern.

**Michael Baker International** named **Kevin Anderson, PE** manager of its Minneapolis office.

**SEH** added **Chad Westbrook**, Mechanical and Electrical Leader in the St. Paul office and **Tim Howard**, Regional Sales Manager in its Minnetonka office. Also new to the St. Paul office are graduate engineers **Brendan Barnes** (wastewater), **Jacob Stiebler** (airport planning) and **Mallory Bemis** (traffic). Sr. Technician, **Paula Murphy** joins the structural team and technician, **Matt Barnes** joins the highway design team.

**Stantec** has promoted **Steve Alm, PE** to U.S. Regional Business Leader for Community Development.

**TKDA** added **Craig Bursch, PE** to its Facilities Engineering Division at the firm's Duluth office and announced that **Richard Parr, PE** has joined the firm's Municipal Division in the St. Paul office as a senior registered engineer.

## Welcome New Member

Welcome back to **Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC**, providing professional engineering services including planning, design, and construction management to deliver effective and innovative solutions for public infrastructure projects.

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If you have an announcement you'd like to see included in the next Parameters newsletter, please contact Kristine Scott at [kristine@acecmn.org](mailto:kristine@acecmn.org).

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