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Awards Informational Seminar – September 12

Has your firm completed a great project within the past two years? You should enter it into the 2018-19 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition. It's not too early to begin preparing your entries for this year's competition.

Where to begin: An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 12:00 pm at the ACEC/MN office. There is still time to register. Join us and learn the following:

- How to prepare your entry
- What elements make a good entry
- How the judging process works
- Hear from past entrants

Why attend: This meeting is for new and returning entrants. Entrants from prior years and members of the Awards Committee will be on hand to describe the program and provide pointers on how to navigate the process and create an effective entry. We will also have examples of entries from prior years for your review. Visit the ACEC/MN website to [register](#) for this seminar or the [awards page](#) to download the guidelines.

DATE: Wednesday, September 12, 2018

TIME: 12:00 – 1:30 pm

LOCATION: ACEC/MN office – 10201 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 240, Minnetonka MN 55305

COST: FREE to ACEC/MN members and non-members

Deadlines are as follows:

- Preliminary State Entries Due: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 (**electronic submittals via email only please**)
- Final State Entries Due: October 22, 2018 (12:00 pm)
- State Judging: November 14, 2018 (317 on Rice Park)
- Notice of State Grand/Honor Winners: November 19, 2018
- Final National Entries Due to ACEC National in Washington, DC: January 4, 2019
- State Awards Banquet: January 25, 2019 (Graduate Minneapolis)
- National Judging: February 6-10, 2019
- National Awards Gala: May 7, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

Fall Welcome & Expo – Save the Date!

The Fall Welcome and Expo is ACEC/MN's first big event of the 2018-19 year and will be held on October 10, 2018 at the Marriott Minneapolis. Save the date now! We have invited candidates for governor, Jeff Johnson and Tim Walz, to present at this meeting. This fun event is your opportunity to:

- Learn about ACEC/MN committees and affiliate member services (expo before & after presentation)
- Socialize with your colleagues
- Meet the ACEC/MN Board of Directors and staff
- Win fantastic door prizes

Monday, October 10, 2018

11:00 – 12:00 a.m. Registration & Expo
 12:00 p.m. Luncheon
 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Program
 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Drawings & Expo

Cost: \$50/ACEC/MN members
 \$100/non-members
 \$30 for Emerging Leaders
 \$250 for Affiliate Expo Presenters

[Visit our website to register.](#)

7th Annual “Shoot for the PAC” Competition – October 3

Register today for the seventh annual Clay Shoot Competition at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake where you can join colleagues for a fun afternoon of clay shooting! Proceeds support the ACEC/MN PAC. Plan your teams now!

All skill levels are invited. Shooters are limited, so register early. Awards will be distributed at dinner following the competition.

SCHEDULE:

3:00 PM - Sign-in
 3:30 PM - Sporting clay competition
 5:30 PM - Social - drinks & pulled pork dinner buffet

PRICING: Includes 75 clays, keg beer and/or lemonade (cash bar on other beverages), and dinner

Team of 4 Shooters - \$500.00

Individual Adults - \$150.00

Individual Youth* - \$100.00

*Youth shooters must be between the ages of 12 & 17 years old with a Fire Arms Safety certificate. Two youth shooters may be on a team at the discount rate. A maximum of four (4) shooters are allowed on a team including youth shooters.

Visit our [website](#) for more information. Please complete the [registration form](#) to participate. **Registration deadline is Friday, September 14, 2018.**

Scholarship Committee

ACEC/MN Scholarship Applications Officially Open

[2019-20 Scholarship Application Form](#)

[2019-20 Scholarship Recommendation Form](#)

ACEC/MN is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2019-20 academic year. Please help us distribute our applications to eligible engineering students. Feel free to also pass along to others in your firm. If you want hard copies of the applications, please contact Melissa Langowski at melissa@acecmn.org or 952/593-5533 and some will be sent to you free of charge.

Applications are due in the ACEC/MN office by November 1, 2018, by 12:00 pm. Please note, the recommendation form is due by October 26, 2018.

ACEC/MN scholarships are made possible by the generous donations from ACEC/MN member firms as well as firms that participate in the annual golf, softball, volleyball, and basketball tournaments. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

Last year, ACEC/MN awarded \$28,000 through 11 scholarships ranging from \$2,000 - \$3,500. Five special scholarships will be awarded this year:

- \$3,500 Don Stormoe Geotechnical Scholarship (to a student with a geotechnical focus)
- \$3,000 Cameron Kruse Scholarship (to a student with a geotechnical or environmental focus)
- \$2,500 ACEC/MN Scholarship partnered with HDR (Golf Tournament Title Sponsor)
- Bob Rosene Scholarship (to a student with a civil focus)
- Earl Oxley Scholarship (to the top-qualifying candidate)

Scholarship Committee Thanks 2018-19 Contributors!

The scholarship committee would like to thank firms listed below that have donated to the fund this year. There is still time to contribute. If your firm would like to contribute please contact Melissa at melissa@acecmn.org or 952/593-5533 by December 1, 2018. Thank you to the following 2018-19 supporters:

Century (Gift of \$100 per index or greater)

TKDA

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Emerging Professionals Committee

Engineering on the Mississippi: Downtown Bike Tour – September 20

Join the Emerging Professionals for a fun bike tour in downtown Minneapolis with stops and brief presentations about the engineering behind the following structures:

- Guthrie Theater
- Stone Arch Bridge
- St. Anthony Falls Lab (SAFL)
- Hall Island
- Target Field
- Blue Line Light Rail
- Nicollet Island Park Bridge

Social hour to follow bike tour at Pryes Brewing. * Bicycles will not be provided for attendees; please bring/ride your bike to Pryes or rent a bicycle for the event. There are two Nice Ride bike rental stations near Pryes Brewing: <https://secure.niceridemn.org/map/>

Please RSVP Stefanie Massignan at smassignan@amengtest.com and complete [waiver form](#) by Monday, September 17 to participate.

“Battle on the Beach” Volleyball Tournament – September 29

The Emerging Professionals Committee is sponsoring the 10th Annual “Battle On the Beach” Volleyball Tournament. This 4 on 4 event will take place on Saturday, September 29 at Mama G's in Maple Grove. The entry fee is \$100/team. Each team will receive a free pitcher of beer or soda and a free appetizer. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to teams

in the winner's circle!

If your company can't fill a team or has too many people for one team but not enough for two, the Emerging Professionals Committee will create teams to include those individuals. Funds from this event go toward the scholarship fund.

Teams can register online or complete the registration form and email Derek Arens at derekar@bolton-menk.com and/or Kristine Scott at kristine@acecmn.org. Past tournaments have filled up fast, so sign up now to guarantee your team's spot this year!

Entry deadline: Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Financial Support for Emerging Leaders at ACEC Spring Conference in Washington, DC

The ACEC/MN Board of Directors has set aside funds to subsidize the cost of two young professionals (\$1000 each) to attend the Spring ACEC National Conference in Washington DC. The purpose of the subsidy is to provide two individuals with the opportunity to gain exposure and experience on the national level, meet industry leaders from around the country, attend high quality educational events, and gain experience that can help move their careers forward. In addition, they are encouraged to participate in visits to Capitol Hill where they will meet with congressional representatives and/or staff.

Candidates must be an employee of a member firm and under 35 years of age by the first date of the ACEC spring conference (May 5, 2019). **The application deadline is February 4, 2019.** Visits [ACEC/MN's website](#) for more information and to download the application.

ACE Twins Cities Mentor Program – Volunteers Needed

ACEC/MN members are encouraged to participate in the ACE Twin Cities Mentor Program to make a difference in the lives of students and the industry's workforce shortage.

ACE Twin Cities is recruiting mentors for this program year. ACE Twin Cities is a 16-week program that runs from mid-Oct until mid-March. Mentors meet about once a week for 2 hours to help the students develop their project. Each team has 5-8 mentors with about 4-10 students. Please note – with multiple mentors on the team, you individually are not required to be at the session every week – there is a team rotation. The ideal frequency is every other or every third week.

Below you will find a link if you are interested in becoming a mentor or possibly a co-lead mentor. **Please complete the survey by September 25, 2018.** September 25th is the kick-off event for this program year. This is a chance to meet your team, teacher liaisons, and get organized for the year. Location is TBD (either Ryan Companies building in downtown Minneapolis or Grumpy's in Roseville). It will be in the early evening (around 4-6pm).

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACEMentor2018-2019>

ACE Mentor Program Website: <http://www.acementor.org/>

Building Engineering Construction – Sponsors & Save the Date!

Save the date for the 4th annual Building Engineering Construction Conference (BECC) on December 6, 2018 at the Marriott Minneapolis West. Join ACEC/MN partnered with Design-Build Institute of American (DBIA-UMR) as we explore various topics related to building engineering construction. The conference will offer:

- An in-depth presentation of the St. Paul Ford Site
- Informative sessions about the challenges facing building owners and the AEC industry
- Networking and reception with presenters, sponsors, and attendees following conference
- Complimentary beverages and appetizers with an opportunity to win prizes at the reception

The BECC is calling for sponsors. If your firm would like to contribute, please contact Melissa at melissa@acecmn.org or 952/593-5533. [Register for the conference here.](#)

ACEC National Fall Conference in Las Vegas – Oct 28-31

The ACEC National Fall Conference in Las Vegas, NV is scheduled for October 28-31, 2017. The **Fall Sweepstakes drawing for a chance to win a grand prize of \$10,000** will be held during the General Session on Tuesday, October 30 from 7:45 am to 8:00 am. [Click here](#) for the entry form. If you are interested in attending the National Fall Conference, follow [this link](#) to learn more and to register. The early bird deadline for registration is September 28, 2018.

Hotel rooms fill up quickly, so register soon.

Discounted Renaissance Festival Tickets Available

ACEC/MN has Renaissance Festival tickets available at a discounted rate. The festival is open weekends August 18 – September 30. Ticket rates are as follows: Adults: \$18.95 (discounted from \$23.95); Children: \$11.50 (discounted from \$14.95); Food books: \$5.00 (discounted from \$6.00). The festival has twelve main stages and six music stages. If you are interested in these discounted tickets or food books, contact Kristine Scott at 952/593-5533 or kristine@acecmn.org.

Save the Date! Upcoming ACEC/MN Events

- September 12: [Engineering Excellence Awards Informational Seminar](#)
 - September 20: [ACEC EP Group Bike Tour of Downtown Minneapolis](#)
 - September 23: [ACEC Human Resources Forum 2018](#)
 - September 28: [Brown Bag: Strengthening of Concrete Members](#)
 - September 29: [10th Annual “Battle on the Beach” Volleyball Tournament](#)
 - October 3: [7th Annual “Shoot for the PAC” Clay Shoot Competition](#)
 - October 10: [Fall Welcome Reception & Expo](#)
 - October 28-31: [ACEC National Fall Conference in Las Vegas](#)
 - December 6: [Building Engineering Construction Conference](#)
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News From the Membership

Sambatek is pleased to announce that **Michael Conlee** has joined their team as Director of Field Services.

TKDA has hired **Merritt Clapp-Smith** as an urban planner and project manager within the company’s Municipal Services Division and has named **Andy Wagstrom, PE**, as the firm’s vice president of the Rail Division.

If you have an announcement you’d like to see included in the next Parameters newsletter, please contact: Kristine Scott, Kristine@acecmn.org P: 952-593-533 F: 952-593-5552