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Participate on ACEC/MN Committees

Committee members help develop new program ideas and initiatives, and support and execute existing programs. The ACEC/MN Board of Directors encourages you to serve on any number of committees that help make the organization strong. Participation on a committee is a great way to give back to the profession, develop skills in a group setting, and connect with your peers.

Committee descriptions are available on the ACEC/MN [website](#). Once you've chosen a committee to serve on, please contact the ACEC/MN office at 952/593-5533.

Awards Informational Seminar – September 11

Has your firm completed a great project within the past two years? You should enter it into the 2019-20 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 11, 2019 at 12:00 pm at the ACEC/MN office (FREE PIZZA). Join us and learn the following:

- How to prepare your entry
- What elements make a good entry
- How the judging process works
- Advice 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](#) for more information.

DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

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

Awards packets will be mailed shortly. Deadlines are as follows:

- Preliminary State Entries Due: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 (**electronic submittals via email only please**)
- Final State Entries Due: October 29, 2019 (12:00 pm)
- State Judging: November 13, 2019
- Notice of State Grand/Honor Winners: November 18, 2019
- Final National Entries Due to ACEC National in Washington, DC: January 3, 2020
- State Awards Banquet: January 25, 2020 (Marriott Minneapolis Northwest)

- National Judging: February 7-9, 2020
- National Awards Gala: April 28, 2020 in Washington, D.C.

Annual Fall Welcome & Expo – October 7

Save the date for the 2019 Fall Welcome & Expo. This is ACEC/MN's kick off for the year. It's your chance to mingle with other members, learn about the association's plans and upcoming activities. We will have a speaker from the Federal Reserve present on current industry economic trends. More details will be out soon. Affiliate members, if you are interested in featuring your firm at a booth again this year, please contact John at john@acecmn.org to learn more about expo opportunities.

ACEC/MN's Got GAME

11th Annual "Battle on the Beach" Volleyball Tournament – September 28

The Emerging Professionals Committee is sponsoring the 11th Annual "Battle On the Beach" Volleyball Tournament. This 4 on 4 event will take place on Saturday, September 28 at Drac's Pub in Inver Grove Heights. The entry fee is \$100 per team for members and \$200 per team for non-members. Each team will get 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 gather teams to include those individuals. Proceeds from this event go toward the scholarship fund awarded each year to deserving engineering students.

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 years' tournaments have filled up fast, so sign up now to guarantee your team's spot in the tournament this year!

Entry deadline: Wednesday, September 25, 2019
[Register online](#) here.

8th Annual "Shoot for the PAC" Competition – October 2

The 8th annual Clay Shoot will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club located at 2920 East 220th Street Prior Lake, MN 55372. Mark your calendars now and plan on joining your colleagues for a fun afternoon of clay shooting with proceeds supporting the ACEC/MN PAC. You can download the [registration form](#) here. Plan your teams early to stay on target!

DATE: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

TIME: 3:00 – 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Horse & Hunt Club, Prior Lake

COST: \$500 per 4-person team / \$150 individual shooter / \$125 youth shooter

Emerging Professionals Committee Planning Meeting – August 21

The success of programming and events held by the Emerging Professionals Committee depends on you and your input at this event! We would greatly appreciate your attendance and opinions on what types of events and topics we should cover this year.

DATE: Wednesday, August 21, 2019

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: [Pizza Luce-Seward](#) (FREE pizza)

COST: Free

RSVP to ep.acecmn@gmail.com

If you are unable to attend, but have specific topics you would be interested in learning about this year, please contact ep.acecmn@gmail.com and share your ideas! Please also contact us if you have any questions.

ACEC National Fall Conference in Chicago – October 13-16

The ACEC National Fall Conference in Chicago, IL is scheduled for October 13-16, 2019. If you are interested in attending the National Fall Conference, follow [this link](#) to register. Hotel rooms fill up quickly, so consider registering as

soon as you can.

MnSPE PE Prep Courses

Register now for courses to help you prepare for the October PE exam. The Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers (MnSPE), in partnership with Professional Publications (PPI), is again offering PE exam prep courses to help you prepare for the October 2019 PE exam. Choose from civil (structural, transportation or water resources/environmental), electrical power or mechanical (HVAC, machine design or thermal & fluids systems).

Attend via live webinar from your location. All webinars are recorded and posted for students as an additional learning resource. Courses are relevant for students and PE exams throughout the country and use books and other course materials published by PPI, provider of the popular Lindeburg books. MnSPE's courses carry a LIFETIME GUARANTEE: Retake your course as many times as you like if you don't pass your PE exam.

Start dates vary:

- Civil: August 6
- Mechanical: August 12
- Electrical: August 19

Are you registering late? No worries – watch the webinar recordings and catch up on your timetable.

Learn more and [register here](#).

Discounted Renaissance Festival Tickets Available

ACEC/MN has discounted Renaissance Festival tickets available. The festival is open weekends August 17 – September 29. 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 12 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.

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News From Around the Membership

Tyler Shannon, PE recently joined **Burns & McDonnell** as a commissioning engineer.

Jake Turgeon, PE of **HGA Architects and Engineers** was honored as one of five Young Professional of the Year by ACEC National. Winners will be recognized at the Fall Conference in Chicago. Jake has led the structural engineering team for many complex projects including Hagfors Center at Augsburg University, Big Sky Medical Center, and McGough Construction Headquarters. He led a research and development effort to develop specialized vibration design tools for designing structures subject to dynamic crowd loading. Jake served on ACEC/MN's board of directors in 2016-17 and co-chaired the Emerging Professionals Group for three years. Congratulations, Jake!

KLJ is proud to announce the following hires to its St. Paul office: **Brenda Thomas**, as a business development manager; **Chris Weyer**, as a transit senior advisor; and **Austin Lovaas**, as an engineer.

Kraus-Anderson Insurance has promoted **Jon Diessner** to vice president of operations.

Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) is pleased to announce the following: On August 1, 2019 SEH and Russell Planning & Engineering merged companies and will operate as Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.; **Class B Stockholders: Derek Deuschle, Scott Hotchkin, and Sheila Olson; Associates: Susan Danzl, Dan Hinzmann, Graham Johnson, Lindsey Roberts McKenzie, April Ryan, and Jodi Winberg.**

Stantec is pleased to announce that **Andrew Nordseth, PE** has joined the firm as transportation program manager in

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

TKDA announced the expansion of its aviation planning capability by hiring **John Doerr** as an aviation planner.

WSB announced the recent hire of its new vice president of transportation, **Jody Martinson**.

If you have an announcement you'd like to see included in the next Parameters newsletter, please contact:
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