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Engineering Excellence Awards: Preliminary Entries Due October 2

Your firm is invited to participate in the 53rd annual ACEC/MN Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition. The EEA program gives your firm an opportunity to be recognized for your outstanding work and celebrate with your colleagues and clients. The EEA banquet will be held on Friday, January 24, 2020 at the [Minneapolis Marriott Northwest](#).

Preliminary state entries are due on October 2, 2019 and must be submitted via email to kristine@acecmn.org. See the 2019-20 EEA guidelines or list below for initial entry requirements:

Preliminary State Entry Requirements:

1. Project name, location, date of completion, and client name
2. A \$900 non-refundable entry fee payable to ACEC/MN (\$1,800 for non-members. *Member firms that have not entered the competition in the past 10 years pay only \$450 per entry*)
3. One digital image, drawing, artist rendering, table/chart, or report that indicates the nature of the project or achievement (digital image, format as JPEG, CMYK at 300 dpi)
4. A brief project description (125 words max)

Send the preliminary entry via e-mail to:

kristine@acecmn.org

Send the entry fee to:

ACEC/MN

ATTN: Awards fee

10201 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 240, Minnetonka, MN 55305

2019-20 Engineering Excellence Awards Guidelines

New this year to the Engineering Excellence Awards competition is an online submittal process. Entrants must submit all materials via ACEC National's website. **Submitting materials through this site does not enter the project into the national competition.** Please submit all text documents in MS Word. PDFs will not be accepted.

Final State Entry Requirements:

[Click this link](#) to be directed to the ACEC/MN awards entry page. Your login information is the email address you provide. Please remember this email address as you will be able to save the application at any time and revisit it as often as you like to upload and edit files until the **final entry deadline on October 28, 2019**. Contact Kristine Scott at kristine@acecmn.org with questions.

Annual Fall Welcome & Expo – October 7

There's still time to register for the Fall Welcome & Expo, ACEC/MN's first big event of the 2019-20 year. ACEC/MN is thrilled to announce that Ron Wirtz, Regional Outreach Director for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, will be our featured speaker at this year's Fall Welcome.

Ron will discuss the current state and trajectory of the Minnesota economy compared with neighboring states and the US overall, and the importance of labor force trends on future economic growth in the state. With the current concerns over where the economy is headed and its potential effect on our profession, this presentation is extremely timely. Ron will also be conducting a real-time survey of attendees to get your take on the market and trends in the engineering profession.

[Register today](#) and mingle with other members, learn about the association's plans and upcoming activities, and meet members of the board of directors and committee chairs.

Monday, October 7, 2019

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

ACEC/MN members: \$50 (Non-members: \$100)
Emerging Professionals: \$30

Brown Bag: Specifying Trenchless Sewer Rehabilitation Projects

Prior to the early 1970's the vast majority of sewer rehabilitation projects incorporated conventional dig and replace methods. Trenchless rehabilitation methods have been growing in popularity as municipalities are asked to maintain their even aging infrastructure with reduced budgets and pressure to reduce infiltration and inflow. This presentation will introduce a number of trenchless rehabilitation techniques beginning with sewer cleaning and televising followed by cured-in-place pipe lining, sectional lining, and chemical grouting for main line sewers, manholes, and laterals. The presentation will focus on design criteria, standards, and items to consider when specifying your sewer rehabilitation project.

Friday, October 11, 2019

11:30 am – Registration
12:00 – 1:00 pm – Luncheon and Program
Marriott Minneapolis West

This program is free to ACEC/MN members. Thank you to **Visu-Sewer** for sponsoring this program.

[Register online now!](#)

First Women In Engineering Meeting of the Year! October 15

Resiliency: Habits of Body & Mind that Sustain Us with Wendy Nemitz

Burned out? Stressed out? Tired too often to enjoy the things you really like? We are not going to talk about 'balance' or other things to add to your to-do lists. Instead, we are going to take time out and consider a few habits that add the joy back to work and to life. You will take away:

- How to tell if a situation is truly toxic or you just need to "vent"
- A few simple changes in your body that power you up right away
- Resiliency at every stage of a woman's life – it changes

Wendy Nemitz, of Nemitz Enterprises, is one of our most popular presenters in the Women In Engineering program and we are happy to have her back again to kick off the series.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

11:30 am – Registration
12:00 – 1:00 pm – Program

Cost: \$20 ACEC/MN members (\$40 non-members)

[Register online today!](#)

11th Annual “Battle on the Beach” Volleyball Tournament Results



The Emerging Professionals Committee held their 11th Annual "Battle on the Beach" sand volleyball tournament on Saturday, September 28 at Drac's Pub in Inver Grove Heights. Twelve teams enjoyed a full afternoon of volleyball action with team building and professional networking.

This year's winner was the Alliant Maroon (pictured left). Team Sparkle (Stantec, 3RP, MCES) took home 2nd place, and third place went to Gausman & Moore. A big thank you to all the firms and individuals who participated this year to raise money for scholarships. The tournament raised \$900 for the scholarship fund. Please keep your eyes and ears open for additional Emerging Professionals' events in the future as well as next year's date for the volleyball tournament!

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 2020-21 academic year. Applications are due in the ACEC/MN office by November 1, 2019, by 12:00 pm. Please note, the recommendation form is due by October 25, 2019.

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

Last year, ACEC/MN awarded \$31,500 to 12 scholarship recipients ranging from \$2,000 - \$3,500. Seven special scholarships will be awarded this year:

- \$3,500 Don Stormoe Scholarship (geotechnical focus)
- \$3,000 Cameron Kruse Scholarship (geotechnical or environmental focus)
- \$2,500 ACEC/MN Scholarship partnered with Kimley-Horn (Golf Tournament Title Sponsor)
- Terry Swor Scholarship (civil, environmental, or geotechnical focus)
- Melissa Langowski Scholarship
- Bob Rosene Scholarship (civil focus)
- Earl Oxley Scholarship (top-qualifying candidate)

Scholarship Committee Seeks Golf Tournament Title Sponsor

This year will be the 17th annual Scholarship Golf Tournament! Over the last sixteen years, over \$250,000 has been raised, which equates to roughly 125 \$2,000 scholarships.

Is your firm interested in being the title sponsor of this year's ACEC/MN's annual scholarship golf tournament? As a title sponsor, your firm receives:

- Company name incorporated into tournament name *(to read “partnered with ACEC/MN”)
- Scholarship presented in company name
- Ad in ACEC/MN membership directory (1/2 page black & white)
- Tee or green sponsor (signage included)
- Hole-In-One Sponsor (signage included)
- Opportunity to have staff representation at hole
- Company name included on event signage as Title Sponsor
- Opportunity to market services during golf reception
- Inclusion in ACEC/MN member newsletter -- distributed to over 3,000 people
- Listing on ACEC/MN website
- Verbal recognition during event presentation
- Special recognition at ACEC/MN 2020-21 events

The tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 20 at Oak Marsh in Oakdale. It is a four-person scramble with several contests and opportunities to win prizes – including a chance to win \$10,000 cash on several holes.

Please contact John Krapek at john@acecmn.org for more details.

MNSEA Safety Assessment Program Seminar – October 23

The California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Safety Assessment Program (SAP), hosted by NCSEA, is highly regarded as a standard to train emergency second responders. This training has been reviewed and approved by FEMA's Office of Domestic Preparedness.

This SAP training course provides engineers, architects and code-enforcement professionals with the basic skills required to perform safety assessments of structures following disasters. Licensed design professionals and certified building officials will be eligible for SAP Evaluator certification and credentials following completion of this program and submission of required documentation.

The CalOES SAP Evaluator student manual will be provided with the program. Attendees should bring their own ATC45 and ATC20 manuals, which are available online: <https://store.atcouncil.org/>. [Click here](#) for more information.

CalOES will provide the CalOES SAP Evaluator certification card after submittal of course completion documentation

If you have any questions about this seminar, please contact Mustafa B. Igdelioglu with Barr Engineering Co. at 952-832-2709 or e-mail: migdelioglu@barr.com.

MNSEA or SEAWI member, AIA member architects, Building Officials, Certified Building Inspectors: \$75.00
General Attendees (non-member): \$150.00

LOCATION: (2 Sites, Twins Cities and Duluth)

Site#1: American Engineering Testing, Inc. (AET) 550 Cleveland Ave N, St Paul, MN 55114 - (651) 659-9001
(Presenter will be in person at this location)

Site#2: TENTATIVE - Barr Engineering Co., 325 S Lake Ave, Duluth, MN 55802, 6th Floor. (218) 529-8200
(Presentation will be broadcast as a webinar. Site 2 will be confirmed by October 12, 2019, minimum 6 participants)

Eloquent Engineers Toastmasters Club Seeks New Members

The Eloquent Engineers Toastmasters Club is seeking new members. Toastmasters provides a self-paced curriculum that can be tailored to meet your personal objectives and focuses on improving communications and leadership skills. The group meets every Tuesday from 12:15 to 1:15 pm in the ACEC/MN office.

Guests are always welcome! Reservations are not necessary and there is no obligation to join. Come and see what Toastmasters can do for you! Contact Pam Jergenson, VP of Membership at pierjenson@inspec.com or Steve Gartner, President, at smgartner5@gmail.com to learn more.

AIA Conference Registration is Now Live – November 12-15

Registration for the A'a9: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture is now live. Online registration will be open until Tuesday, November 5, 2019. [Register here](#).

Save the Date! Upcoming ACEC/MN Events

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- [ACEC National Fall Conference in Chicago](#) – October 13-16
- [Women In Engineering: Resiliency – Habits of Body & Mind that Sustain Us](#) – October 15
- [Leadership Breakfast: Morrissey Goodale on Mergers & Acquisitions](#) – October 30
- [Seminar: Primer on Federal Acquisition Regulation \(FAR\)](#) – October 31
- [Seminar: The Surprising Truth to Managing Today's Workforce](#) – November 4
- [Brown Bag: Specialty Concrete for Repair](#) – November 8
- [AIA MN 85th Annual Conference and Products Expo](#) – November 12-15
- [Women In Engineering: ElevateHer – a Discussion of Survival in the AEC Industry](#) – November 18
- [Brown Bag: Overview & Applications of Tire Derived Aggregate](#) – December 13

News From the Membership

Stephen Boden recently joined the Chicago office of **Burns & McDonnell Engineers-Consultants** to lead design-

build, municipal and industrial water/wastewater projects across the U.S.

LHB, Inc. announced the following recent hires to its Minneapolis office: **Nicolle VanWie**, Architect; **Rachel Marsh**, Designer; **Martin Thompson, AIA, LEED AP**, Senior Architect; and **Jack McComber**, Electrical Technician. The following employees were hired in its Duluth office: **Chris Fleege, MBA, PE**, Structural Engineer and Management Consultant; and **Patrick Dalbec**, Structural Engineer.

TKDA is pleased to announce that **Justin Cruz, PE**, has been named group manager for its West Coast rail offices.

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