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## St. Croix Boat Cruise & National ACEC/PAC Fundraiser – August 15

### Tour the New Stillwater Crossing Bridge from the River!

There’s still time to register for this fun social event! Join your friends and fellow ACEC/MN members for a evening of networking and cruising on a private charter along the St. Croix River in Stillwater!



Upon boarding, guests will enjoy two complementary beverages and appetizers, followed by dinner and a tour of the new St. Croix Crossing Bridge from the water on a multi-level boat. We will pass underneath the new St. Croix Crossing Bridge, giving you the opportunity to observe this substantial engineering achievement from the water. Members who were involved in this project will be on board to provide details of its design and construction.

This event benefits the National ACEC/PAC. All funds raised will be donated to this important activity. We hope you can attend this fun, summer social event!

[Register online](#) or email Kristine Cassidy at [kristine@acecmn.org](mailto:kristine@acecmn.org).

**Thank you to our event sponsors!**



## Awards Informational Seminar – September 13

Has your firm completed a great project within the past two years? You should enter it into the 2017-18 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 13, 2017 at 12 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
- 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.

**DATE: Wednesday, September 13**

**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 were recently mailed to key awards contacts and principals. If you did not receive a packet, you can download the forms [online](#). If you would like the information mailed to you, contact Kristine Cassidy at [kristine@acecmn.org](mailto:kristine@acecmn.org).

Deadlines are as follows:

- State Informational Meeting: September 13, 2017 (12:00 – 1:30 pm – lunch provided)
- Preliminary State Entries Due: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 (**electronic submittals via email only please**)
- Final State Entries Due: Monday, October 23, 2017 (12:00 pm)
- State Judging: Wednesday, November 15, 2017
- Notice of State Grand/Honor Winners: Monday, November 20, 2017
- Final National Entries Due to ACEC National in Washington, DC: Friday, January 5, 2018
- ACEC/MN Awards Banquet: Friday, January 26, 2018
- National Judging: February 16-18, 2018
- National Awards Gala: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

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## 37th Annual ACEC/MN Scholarship Softball Tournament in Memorial of Duwayne “Dewey” Kasma a Success!



The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual ACEC/MN Scholarship Softball Tournament in Memorial of Duwayne “Dewey” Kasma Memorial held on Saturday, August 5, was a beautiful and fun day of ball for all. Over \$3,700 was raised at the event to support engineering students. Thank you to the Kasma family for continuing to sponsor this tournament.

**The 2017 tournament results are:**

**Division A:** 1st place: Barr Engineering Co.; Runner-up: KLJ; Consolation: Dunham

**Division B:** 1st place: Braun Intertec (Green); Runner-up: SRF Consulting Group; Consolation: Stantec

**Division C:** 1st place: BKBM; Runner-up: Stonebrooke Engineering

Visit the ACEC/MN [website](#) for photographs of the winning teams.

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## Engineering Explorer Post Seeks Host Firms

This fall, ACEC/MN will once again launch its engineering explorer post program to introduce students (9-12 grades) to the field of engineering. It's a great opportunity for firms in the twin cities metro area to reach out and show students how exciting and diverse the field of engineering is. We are looking for firms to host one meeting each this fall. Meetings will take place every Monday evening from 7:00 – 8:30 pm from October to mid-December.

A planning committee meeting for firms interested in participating is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm at HGA Architects and Engineers. Please contact Kristine Cassidy at ACEC/MN at [kristine@acecmn.org](mailto:kristine@acecmn.org) if you are interested in getting involved. Check out our [website](#) for a list of participating firms from last year's program. Thank you to those of you who hosted a meeting last year!

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## Participate in ACEC/MN Committees

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. Committee descriptions are available on the ACEC/MN [website](#). Contact the ACEC/MN office at 952/593-5533 if you're interested in joining a committee.

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## Committee Chatter

### Scholarship Golf Committee

#### ACEC/MN Partnered with VAA Scholarship Tournament Raises over \$20,000!



This year's Scholarship Golf Tournament held on Monday, June 19 at Oak Marsh Golf Course generated over \$20,000 for the scholarship fund. 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, VAA!**

The Gross Score 1st Place 1st Flight Winners were Tony Kutzke, Mike Nill, Ryan Stenski, and Mike Warner of Bolton & Menk. Congratulations to the winning team! A special thank you to Braun Intertec for their \$3,000 donation in celebration of its 60th anniversary!

You can view fun candid photos out on the course on our [Instagram page](#) and search "#acecgolf17" to see all the photos that were taken at this year's tournament. Thank you to the following firms for sponsoring the event:

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### **Emerging Professionals Committee**

#### **“Battle on the Beach” Volleyball Tournament**

The Emerging Professionals Committee is sponsoring the 9th Annual “Battle On the Beach” Volleyball Tournament. This 4 on 4 event will take place on Saturday, September 23 at Drac's Pub in Inver Grove Heights. The entry fee is \$100/team. 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. Funds 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](mailto:derekar@bolton-menk.com) and/or Kristine Cassidy at [kristine@acecmn.org](mailto: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 20, 2017

#### **Financial Support for Emerging Leaders at 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 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 (April 15, 2018). Application deadline is February 2, 2018. Visits [ACEC/MN's website](#) for more information and to download the application.

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## Fall Welcome Reception and Expo – October 2

Save the date for the 2017 Fall Welcome Reception & Expo, featuring Lester Bagley, Executive Vice President of Public Affairs for the Minnesota Vikings. More details will be out soon. Affiliate members, if you are interested in featuring your firm at a booth again this year, please contact Melissa at [melissa@acecmn.org](mailto:melissa@acecmn.org) to learn more about expo opportunities.

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## 6th Annual “Shoot for the PAC” Competition – October 4

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual clay shoot will be on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club located at 2920 East 220th Street Prior Lake, MN 55372. Mark your calendars and plan on joining your colleagues for a fun afternoon of clay shooting with proceeds supporting the ACEC/MN PAC. The registration form will be coming out soon. Plan your teams now!

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## Building Engineering and Construction Conference (Hosted by ACEC/MN & DBIA-UMR) – October 10

Save the date for the third annual Building Engineering Construction Conference on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the Marriott Minneapolis West.

This year we are partnering with the Design Build Institute of America Upper Midwest Region (DBIA-UMR). The conference focuses on engineering business management including emerging or expanding markets, building codes, and delivery methods developed by practitioners and facility/infrastructure owners.

Engineers, Architects, Owners and Contractors are invited to this event organized to bring the community together for education, networking and sharing ideas. Look for more information in the coming weeks. In the meantime, mark your calendars and plan on being there.

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## ACEC National Fall Conference in Orlando – Oct 15-18

The ACEC National Fall Conference in Orlando, FL is scheduled for October 15-18, 2017. If you are interested in attending the National Fall Conference, follow [this link](#) to register. The early bird deadline for registration is September 14, 2017. Hotel rooms fill up quickly, so consider registering as soon as you can.

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## Minnesota’s Transportation Conference – Call for Presentations

Mark your calendars for the 2017 conference! Next year’s event is scheduled for February 27-March 1, 2018, at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, MN.

The conference planning committee is currently soliciting presentation ideas for the 2018 conference. If you have been involved in an innovative practical application, developed new methods, or conducted research that addresses transportation challenges, please consider sharing your work at the event. The conference audience includes professionals from all areas of transportation and all parts of the state.

Lecture, panel, and activity-based presentations are welcome. Presentations may be 20 or 40 minutes in length.

Presentation ideas must be submitted electronically by August 31, 2017 for consideration using this [online form](#). Visit the [MTC website](#) for more information.

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## MnDOT & Consultant Project Manager Forum – September 21

This Project Manager Forum is intended to maintain and improve partnership relationships between Consultant and MnDOT project managers. MnDOT Project Managers from across the State will be in attendance. Space is limited. Please send/bring only 1-2 project managers from your firm. You must RSVP to Brad Hamilton at [brad.hamilton@state.mn.us](mailto:brad.hamilton@state.mn.us) by August 31, 2017. Brad will confirm if space is still available. Attendance will be limited to the first 20 firms that RSVP. The forum will be held from 1:45 – 5:30 pm at the University of Minnesota Continuing



## Discounted Renaissance Festival Tickets Available

ACEC/MN has discounted Renaissance Festival tickets available. The festival is open weekends August 19 – October 1. 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 Cassidy at 952/593-5533 or [kristine@acecmn.org](mailto:kristine@acecmn.org).

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## News From Around the Membership

**American Engineering Testing, Inc.** has opened an office in Sheridan, Wyoming. It will serve public and private sector clients in commercial construction, aggregate and western mining and energy industries. The firm also announced the addition of **Calvin Kammerer** and **Katie Zadrozny, PE**, as geotechnical engineers to its St. Paul office.

**Barr Engineering Co.'s** has named the following five new vice presidents, who are also principals of the firms: **Erik Boleman**; **Jed Greenwood, PE**; **Rob Morrison, PE**; **Brian Tri, PE**; and **Richard Ver Strate, PE**.

**Braun Intertec Corporation** is pleased to announce the hire of Transportation Construction Services Quality Manager, **Matthew Semerad**.

**DLR Group** announced that Dallas based interiors firm Staffelbach is joining DLR Group. The firm will operate as DLR Group|Staffelbach and join with DLR Group offices in Austin and Houston to serve public and private sector clients throughout Texas.

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton recently announced new appointments to the state Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design. **Dave Blume, PE**, of **Gausman & Moore** will replace Jim Grube, PE, on the board.

**LHB** is pleased to announce the following recent hires: **John Senftner, PE**, and **James Lundequam** as structural engineers in its Minneapolis office; and **Joe Flanagan** and **James Olson** as survey technicians in its Duluth office.

**Northern Technologies, LLC** announced the promotion of **Chris Myers** to Construction Services Manager in its Fargo office.

**TKDA** has recently hired several new employees in multiple divisions: **Owen Curtiss**, **Toshiya Isomura**, **Clayton Kruger**, **Nghi Tran**; to the Facilities Engineering Division; **Chase Fjelstad** to the Architecture Division; **Katie Jurenka** and **Derek Nadeau** to the Aviation Division; **Huy Le** has joined the Municipal Division; and **Robert Rudin** to the Surface Transportation Division.

### In Memoriam

John Amundson, long time forensic engineer with American Engineering Testing, Inc., passed away on July 29, 2017. John was the husband of Laura Amundson of WSP (formerly WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff). He will be missed.

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If you have an announcement you'd like to see included in the next Parameters newsletter, please contact: Kristine Cassidy, [Kristine@acecmn.org](mailto:Kristine@acecmn.org) P: 952-593-5533 F: 952-593-5552