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2017 Annual Meeting – Thursday, May 18

Join your fellow ACEC/MN members for an exciting evening of networking and celebration at the **Walker Art Center in Minneapolis!** Mingle with friends and colleagues in the City View Room and then move up to the Skyline Room, with stunning views of downtown Minneapolis and Loring Park. Guests will also enjoy self-guided tours of the Walker Art Center's art galleries.

The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, dinner catered by Culinaire, and an awards presentation. Guests can tour art galleries beginning at 5:30.

Join ACEC/MN President, Dan Murphy of Meyer Borgman Johnson, as he highlights significant ACEC/MN accomplishments and introduces the 2017-18 Board of Directors. The 2017 Tom Roche Award winner will be recognized, as well as the recipients of the President's Award, Firm of the Year, and the Emerging Leader Award. Before the evening comes to a close, our current president will pass the gavel to incoming president, Tim Korby of Donohue Associates, Inc. You won't want to miss the festivities!

Location:

Walker Art Center is located at 725 Vineland Place in Minneapolis. For directions, maps, and parking please visit www.walkerart.org.

Timeline:

5:30 - 6:30 pm	Reception & Gallery tours
7:00 pm	Awards Presentation followed by dinner

Cost:

\$90 per person includes: Awards presentation, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner catered by Culinaire

***To register for the 2017 Annual Meeting and please visit our [website](#).**

Thank you to our Annual Meeting Sponsors!





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If you're interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Kristine at kristine@acecmn.org or 952/593-5533.

Forecasting Seminar: Client Groups – May 19

ACEC/MN has invited several state agencies and client groups to discuss their project plans for the next 3-5 years. This is your opportunity to learn about project and budget forecasts from the client groups your firm works with!

Invited agencies include Army Corps of Engineers, Metropolitan Airports Commission, Metropolitan Council (environmental services), Metro Transit, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, AND Xcel Energy. Look for more details online as we continue to confirm our list of agencies.

Attendees will learn about the following:

- Current projects in each county's pipelines (buildings, sewers, streets, vertical construction, etc.)
- Long-term construction plans (3-5 years)
- Future challenges
- New design standards
- Changes to policies
- Intergovernmental agreements

Timeline:

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Registration and continental breakfast

8:30 – 11:00 a.m. – Program

Cost:

\$75 ACEC/MN members

\$150 Non-members

Location:

[Sheraton Minneapolis West](#) – 12201 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka (952) 593-0000. Register [online](#) today!

ACEC/MN's 2017 Membership Survey – Your Input is Needed!

ACEC/MN is seeking input from its members to help us set the future direction and activities of the association. This is your opportunity to weigh in on what you see as valuable, what is not, and what you would like to see improved. The survey results will be used to assist in establishing our next strategic plan.

All members can participate. The survey should take only a few minutes to complete and will close on April 28, 2017. A summary of the results will be shared with the membership. You'll find the link to the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MembSurvey2017>

This is your organization and it is important that it reflects the wishes and needs of its members. Your input will be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your participation!

2017-18 Annual Membership Updates

ACEC/MN is updating its member database for 2017-2018. ACEC/MN's online software package allows members to update their firm and employee information any time the company or an individual's information needs to be updated.

This information will be used for our printed membership directory (*Assets Resource Guide*--distributed early fall of 2017) and the ACEC/MN website. Members can provide updated information by making modifications to the printed update materials that we distribute annually at this time of year. Your firm should receive a form in the mail shortly. We encourage you to use the printed materials as a guide and use the online format to make changes electronically. **We ask that you update your firm's information by April 28.**

Contact Dave Oxley with questions at doxley@acecmn.org or 952/593-5533.

Monthly Meeting Partnered with MN Chamber of Commerce – May 1

ACEC/MN partnered with The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce for the association's last Monthly Meeting of the 2016-17 year on May 1, 2017. At this meeting, we will learn about the Chamber's business assistance programs available to ACEC/MN members and address legislative positions (e.g. tax and labor mandates). A concern for many firms has been a growing shortage of personnel in the engineering profession. ACEC/MN is very interested in how to address this issue, not only through typical paths to this profession, but through alternative avenues that will help diversify the mix of professionals. The Minnesota Chamber will share with attendees some of the programs it has initiated throughout the state to meet our workforce requirements.

Presenter: Bill Blazar is senior vice president of public affairs and business development at the Minnesota Chamber. In that capacity, he is responsible for the Chamber's policy and political programs. He also directs Grow Minnesota!, the Chamber's statewide business retention and assistance program.

Other upcoming educational opportunities:

VEIT [Brown Bag Seminar](#): Building Around History: Underpinning & Retention of Minneapolis Landmarks (April 21)
[Women In Engineering](#): Building a Network that Rocks (April 23)
[Forecasting Seminar](#): Client Groups (May 19)
[MNSEA Seminar & Tradeshow](#): Post-Tensioned Concrete Structures (May 9)

To register for this and other ACEC/MN meetings, please visit our [website](#).

ACEC/MN and ACE Present 2017 Scholarship

ACEC/MN has partnered with the Architecture. Construction. Engineering. (ACE) Mentor Program to offer a \$1500 scholarship to promote a diverse workforce in the field of engineering each year. The scholarship was generated by ACEC/MN and awarded at the ACE year-end event on March 16. In addition to the scholarship, ACEC/MN will also provide the student with a mentor in his or her field of interest.

This year a student from St. Louis Park High School with an interest in mechanical engineering was chosen to receive this scholarship.

Greg McCool from Ericksen Roed and Associates represented ACEC/MN at the ACE banquet and presented the scholarship. Thank you to the ACEC/MN members who support the next generation of engineers!

ACEC/MN Partnered with VAA Golf Tournament – Call for Sponsors

The ACEC/MN annual scholarship golf tournament is Monday, June 19 at Oak Marsh Golf Course in Oakdale. To see what sponsorship opportunities exist, [click here](#) or contact Melissa Langowski at 952.593.5533. **Online golfer registration will be coming soon!** Thank you to our current sponsors!



**Scholarship
Golf Tournament**

Monday, June 19, 2017

Registration: 10:00-11:00 am

**10:50 am Caddy Cart Drawing & Setup
(Win a Range Finder, Golf Items &
Personal "Fore" Caddies for the Day)**

11:00 am Shotgun Start

Dinner/Awards/Prizes: 5 pm

4-person scramble format

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Firm of the Year, Emerging Leader, and President's Awards Nomination Deadline – April 10

There is still time to nominate ACEC/MN members that deserve to be acknowledged for their achievements! You are invited to submit nominees for the President's Award, Firm of the Year Award, and the Emerging Leader Award. These awards are designed to recognize individuals and firms that have made significant contributions to ACEC/MN and the engineering profession over the past year.

Contact the ACEC/MN office or visit our website with the links below for nomination forms. The deadline for nominations is **April 10, 2017**. Please send your completed forms to Kristine Cassidy at Kristine@acecmn.org. It is perfectly acceptable to nominate yourself and/or your firm.

The President's Award is presented to an individual employed at an ACEC/MN member firm that has made a significant contribution to ACEC/MN and has been a valuable asset to the consulting engineering profession over the past year. This could include regular or ad hoc committee activity; attendance at the awards banquet, monthly meetings and seminars; promoting ACEC/MN to the public and/or acting in the interests of ACEC/MN; or other activities. Current members of the ACEC/MN Board of Directors are not eligible for this award. [Here is a complete list](#) of President's Award recipients.

The Firm of the Year Award is presented to an ACEC/MN member firm that, through their activities, has made a significant contribution to the advancement of ACEC/MN and the consulting engineering profession. The selection for this award is based on activities or involvement of firm employees. When selecting the recipient, consideration is given to the size of the firm and availability of time and resources. To see a complete [list of firms](#), visit our website.

The Emerging Leader Award was created to recognize an ACEC/MN member who is still in the early stages of their career and have already contributed significantly to the association. [Here is a complete list](#) of Emerging Leaders recipients.

The ACEC/MN Board of Directors will select the recipients of these awards by secret ballot at its April board meeting. The awards will be announced at the ACEC/MN Annual Meeting on May 18.

ACEC Officers Visit Minnesota

ACEC officers, Gregg Spagnolo (Senior Vice Chair) and Greg Knopp (Executive Director, Political Affairs), visited the Minnesota ACEC office on Thursday, March 9, to discuss national PAC goals with the board of directors. They jointly developed a plan to help ACEC/MN reach its goal in support of the ACEC National PAC.

The ACEC/PAC achieved its goal of raising \$1 million in 2016. According to the March/April issue of Engineering Inc., "The ACEC/PAC is the largest PAC in the design industry and in the top 3 percent of all federal PACs."

Make a donation to the 2017 [Spring Sweepstakes](#) for your chance at \$10,000! There are only 1,500 tickets available to win 15 cash prizes. Drawings will be held on April 26, 2017.

If you would like to make a donation to the PAC or learn more about it, please visit the ACEC National [website](#).

MNSEA Seminar and Trade Show – May 9, 2017

The Minnesota Structural Engineers Association (MNSEA) annually holds a seminar and trade show. ACEC/MN members are welcome to attend.

POST-TENSIONED CONCRETE STRUCTURES

AGENDA: MNSEA MAY SEMINAR TRADE SHOW

7:00 a.m. Registration, Start of Trade Show, Breakfast
7:45 a.m. MNSEA General Meeting
8:15 a.m. Trade Show Introductions
8:30 a.m. Session 1

10:00 a.m. Session 2
11:00 a.m. Trade Show Wrap-up, Snacks
11:45 a.m. Session 3
12:45 p.m. Raffle and Prices

9:30 a.m. Trade Show Break

Session 1 Basics and Principles of Post-Tensioned Concrete

Session 2 Common Structural Applications and Advantages

Session 3 Best Practices and Tips for Constructability

The seminar will provide 3.0 PDH credits. Certificates will be distributed at the end of the seminar.

LOCATION: [Marriott Minneapolis West](#) 9960 Wayzata Blvd, MN Minnetonka (952/544-4400)
(Located on the north frontage road of I-394 between Hwy 169 & Hopkins Crossroad – directly across from the ACEC/MN office)

[Click here](#) for full event details. **Space is limited, so register early.**

Engineer Vacancy on MN Board of High Pressure Piping Systems – Volunteer Needed

There is an opening on the Minnesota Board of High Pressure Piping Systems for a licensed mechanical engineer member. Member duties would include adopting rules for high pressure piping codes for Minnesota, final interpretations of code when submitted to the board, and adopting rules to regulate high pressure piping licensure registration.

To learn more about the Minnesota Board of High Pressure Piping Systems, follow this [link](#). To submit an application for the opening, follow this [link](#).

37th Annual Scholarship Softball Tournament – August 5

The 37th Annual ACEC/MN Scholarship Softball Tournament in Memorial of DuWayne “Dewey” Kasma is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2017 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 entry fee for members is \$255 for members and \$510 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 Cassidy at 952-593-5533 or kristine@acecmn.org.

ACEC worked with the Kasma family in an effort to remember “Dewey” by naming the yearly softball scholarship fundraiser after him. In return, the family annually makes a generous donation in memory of Dewey that will be added to the ACEC Scholarship Fund. DuWayne “Dewey” Kasma was a registered civil engineer. He graduated from the University of Minnesota and worked his entire career at TKDA from 1963 until his death at age 48 in 1988. He managed the Municipal Department from 1968 to 1976, established TKDA’s Marketing Department and was named Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors in 1978. He was a member of ACEC, MPWA, CEAM and MSPE.

News From Around the Membership

Amec Foster Wheeler appointed **Todd Larson** to lead the company’s power and process engineering office in Minneapolis.

Clark Engineering welcomes **David Williams PE**, and **Arby Goudarzi PE, LEED AP, CEM** to its Minneapolis office.

Sambatek, Minnetonka, promoted **Mike Kuno** to director of municipal services.

Heidi Hamilton PE, has joined **Stantec**’s St. Paul leadership team. She is the former City of Minneapolis deputy public works director and most recently construction project manager at Kraus-Anderson.

Julie Tufte CSP, recently joined TKDA as safety manager.

Ulteig, St. Paul, hired **Andrew Melvin** as technical manager of its new solar performance engineering offering.

Save the Date! Upcoming ACEC/MN Events

- April 21 – [Building Around History: Underpinning & Retention of Minneapolis Landmarks](#)
- April 23 – ACEC/MN Emerging Professionals Committee Kickball Team
- April 24 – [Women In Engineering: Building a Network that Rocks](#)
- May 16 – [ACEC/MN Emerging Professionals Committee & ASCE Younger Members Group Twins Game](#)
- May 18 – [Annual Meeting at Walker Art Center](#)
- August 13 – 36th Annual ACEC/MN Scholarship Softball Tournament in Memorial of DuWayne “Dewey” Kasma (Tentative date)
- October 10 – Building, Engineering & Construction Conference

If you have an announcement you'd like to see included in the next Parameters newsletter, please contact Kristine Cassidy at Kristine@acecmn.org.