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Still Time to Register for Capitol Consulting Day – February 25, 2020



Join your colleagues in St. Paul for the 2020 Capitol Consulting Day. With issues of major importance to our community in infrastructure funding, bonding, and more, we need to join together to educate our legislators on why these issues matter not just to consulting engineers, but to Minnesota.

Once again, two tracks will be offered at this event in the State Office Building. **Track One** is for those members who are familiar with the legislative process and who plan to meet with legislators. ACEC/MN lobbyist Tom Poul will host a planning session to coach members on how to effectively interact with legislators to make sure our message is understood and delivered effectively. **Speaker of the House, Melissa Hortman will be addressing the group between 9:00 and 10:00 am.**

Track Two is for members less familiar with the legislative process but have an interest in learning more about how the legislature works. Members attending this track will tour the Capitol, the Senate Office Building, and possibly sit in on a committee hearing.

ACEC/MN’s goal is to increase the value of engineering services our members provide.

[Register now!](#)

Solicitations for Firm of the Year, Emerging Leader, and President’s Awards

Do you know a member who has contributed considerable time and effort over the past year and deserves to be acknowledged for his/her achievements? ACEC/MN members 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.

Nomination forms can be received by contacting the ACEC/MN office or by visiting our website or clicking the links below. The deadline for nominations is **March 27, 2020**. Please send your completed forms to Kristine Scott 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 that have benefited the association and the profession. 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 developed to recognize an ACEC/MN member still in the early stages of their career who has 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 the April board meeting. The awards will be announced at the ACEC/MN Annual Meeting in May.

Tom Roche Lifetime Achievement Award – Nominations Needed

ACEC/MN is soliciting nominations for the annual Tom Roche Lifetime Achievement Award for any individual member, affiliate member, or a non-member who has played a **significant** role in supporting the association or the consulting engineering profession in general.

[Tom Roche Lifetime Achievement Award](#) – Tom Roche was instrumental in establishing ACEC/MN (then the Minnesota Association of Consulting Engineers – MACE). He was a primary force behind the formation of ACEC and was also instrumental in establishing chapters in other states. His passion for engineering was unparalleled, and his passion for ACEC was a close second, which is why we continue to bestow this career achievement award in his name. Nominations for this distinguished award are due to Jonathan Curry (jcurry@acecmn.org) by **February 28, 2020**.

A selection committee will review nominations in March. The Tom Roche Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced at the ACEC/MN Annual Meeting in May.

To see a complete list of Tom Roche Lifetime Achievement recipients, visit our [website](#).

Board of Directors Positions Available 2020-2021

ACEC/MN is currently seeking candidates for the 2020-21 Board of Directors. Four director positions are available, as well as the young PE position. Participation on the board exposes you to a variety of activities and issues affecting the engineering profession. It is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge base while giving something back to the profession.

Directors of the board serve two-year terms, after which they have the opportunity to move into an officer position. The young PE position is a one-year term for someone interested in learning how the ACEC/MN board functions. This is an opportunity for an individual to preview future leadership opportunities within the association.

Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings at the ACEC/MN office (typically the second Thursday of each month from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm) and serve as director for at least one ACEC/MN committee. Board members are also encouraged to attend events including strategic planning meetings, seminars, Leadership Breakfasts, Capitol Consulting Day, the Annual Meeting, and the Engineering Excellence Awards banquet.

The list of potential candidates will be reviewed by the ACEC/MN Nominating Committee in March. The Nominating Committee will recommend a group of candidates that will be forwarded to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting held in May. If these positions sound appealing to you, contact Jonathan Curry at 952-593-5533 or jcurry@acecmn.org by **Friday, March 6, 2020** in order to be considered.

Annual Scholarship Basketball Tournament – March 7, 2020

The annual ACEC/MN basketball tournament is being held this year on Saturday, March 7 at Bloomington Kennedy High School. We are expecting another great turnout! A "traveling" trophy will be awarded to the top team and profits from the tournament go to the ACEC/MN scholarship fund. If your firm is interested in participating, please contact Justin Schmidt at justinsc@bolton-menk.com.

Minnesota's Transportation Conference – Register Today!

Register now for this year's Minnesota's Transportation Conference on March 3-4, at Saint Paul RiverCentre.

Visit the [event website](#) for more information on registration, hotels, and sponsorship, or contact Maddie Grover at 612/624-4938 or ccapsconf5@umn.edu with questions.

ACEC National Annual Convention – April 26-29

The upcoming 2020 Annual Convention will present advanced business education sessions led by top industry practitioners, including the following:

- Bring Clarity to Your Key Performance Indicators: Understanding Your Firm Metrics and Why They Matter
- Bottom-Up Leadership - Breaking the Old-School Model of Engineering to Create a Relevant and Future-Focused Firm
- From Firm-Centric to Client-Centric: The Evolving Role of A/E/C Marketing
- The Ownership/Compensation Balancing Act
- Confidential Reporting on Structural Safety in the United States
- Federal Market Opportunities: Federal Use of MATOCs for Procuring Engineering Services: Know the Impacts!

The Convention, held in Washington, D.C., April 26-29, also features leading political and business speakers; Capitol Hill visits; federal market opportunities; business roundtables; industry panel discussions; and the Annual Engineering Excellence Awards Gala.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

ACEC National Young Professional of the Year Award – Nominations Due May 1

Is there a young professional in your office that deserves national recognition? ACEC National annually awards young professionals who have contributed to the engineering profession and impacted society. Please review the guidelines to understand how the program works. MOs must use the 2020 nomination form if they wish to submit eligible finalists for the national awards. **All applications for consideration must be transmitted to ACEC by Wednesday, May 1, 2020 through ACEC/MN's office (MOs).**

Each MO can submit a maximum of two (2) nominees to ACEC for award consideration. The 2020 ACEC Young Professional of the Year guidelines and nomination form are posted on ACEC's [website](#).

The major elements of the program include but are not limited to:

1. Nominees must be submitted by MOs only. No nominations will be accepted directly from member firms.
2. No more than two nominations shall be submitted from each MO.
3. Nominees shall be engineers 35 years of age or younger as of December 31, 2019.
4. Nominees shall be registered Professional Engineers.
5. Two nomination supporting statements are required – one from the nominee and a second from the nominee's employer/firm.

If you have additional questions, please contact Daisy Nappier at (202) 347-7474 or dnappier@acec.org.

Thank You Sponsors of the 2019 Engineering Excellence Awards!

ACEC/MN would like to thank all of the banquet sponsors for their generous contributions to the event:

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To view a complete list of Engineering Excellence Award winners and scholarship recipients, which includes a photo gallery, please [visit our website](#).

Save the Date! Upcoming ACEC/MN Events

February 25: [Capitol Consulting Day](#)
March 5: [Emerging Leader's Training: Series 2 \(Business Development\)](#)
March 7: [ACEC/MN Basketball Tournament](#)
March 13: [Brown Bag \(Forterra\)](#)
March 16: [Women In Engineering: Speak Up! Interrupting Bias](#)
March 24: [Engineering Ethics Seminar with Kristine Kubes](#)
April 7: Own Your Leadership Journey workshop

News From the Membership

HDR is excited to announce that **Mike Mayer** has joined its Minneapolis office as a senior environmental planning lead.

ISG recently announced that the firm's Board of Directors formally approved and appointed **Lynn Bruns** as CEO, **David Doxtad** as President, **Derek Johnson** as Executive Vice President, and **Chad Surprenant** as Chief Strategy Officer (formerly CEO/President).

LHB, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Stacey Demmer, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C, WELL AP**, has been promoted to Architectural Lead - Commercial within LHB's Integrative Design Team (IDT) and **Joe Litman** to Chief Operating Officer.

Steen Engineering, Inc. is pleased to announce the following: **DeNell Lanning** has been promoted to Senior Associate; and **Kurt Smith** and **Richard Becker, PE** have been promoted to Principal and Partner.

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

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