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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Members:

Planning is already underway for our Annual Conference and Trade Show, to be held September 3-5 in St. Cloud. We had a very good conference, with a great attendance last year, and we are already looking forward to the 2014 Conference.

But before that time, there are two quarterly meetings that will provide some valuable professional development. This week, our quarterly meeting will be held at the Inspec Annual Seminar—our thanks to Inspec for offering this event at no charge to our members. Then, in June, we will hold our quarterly meeting at Majestic Oaks, just prior to our scholarship golf event.

Please mark your calendars for these events now, and we hope to see you there!

Best Regards,

Howard Berny
President

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Quarterly Meeting

June 11, 2014 Majestic Oaks Country Club, Ham Lake

Dollars for Scholars Golf Classic

June 11, 2014 Majestic Oaks Country Club, Ham Lake

Annual Conference and Trade Show

September 3-5, 2014 Holiday Inn & Suites, St. Cloud

Annual Conference Scheduled for September 2-5

The 2014 MnCEG Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held September 2-5 at the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, Minnesota. "All Systems Go" is the theme for this year's conference, and planning is already underway. A Call for Presentations was sent to all members last month, and if members have any suggestions on topics that they would either like to hear about, or present about, please contact Jim Nieswaag, Education Committee Chair.

The format for the conference will be similar to last year, with a keynote speaker and breakouts on the first day of the conference. Department sessions, and more breakouts will be held on Thursday, the second day of the conference, with the trade show that afternoon. The conference then concludes on Friday with a half day of sessions. Registration for conference attendees and for exhibitors will open by early summer, so please mark your calendars now, and watch for more announcements.

June Quarterly Meeting and Scholarship Golf Event

The June Quarterly meeting will be held on June 11 at Majestic Oaks Golf Club. This is a half-day meeting, and will conclude with lunch. That afternoon, the annual scholarship golf classic will be held on the Signature Course at Majestic Oaks. This event is the primary fundraiser for our scholarship program that provides scholarships for the children of our members, who are enrolled in post-secondary study. Members are encouraged to form their own foursomes, but are also welcome to register individually. Hole sponsorships are available. More information, and a registration form, can be found on the MnCEG web site.



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MnCEG Scholarship Program

In 2013, just under \$10,000 was awarded in scholarships as part of the Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild Scholarship Program. This program provides scholarships for individuals enrolled in post-secondary educational institutions. Scholarship applications are accepted through July 31, and awards are made each fall, with the official announcement made at the MnCEG Fall Conference. The Scholarship Program is funded through events and contributions.

The primary fundraiser is the annual Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament, held in June each year. Money is also raised at an event at the fall conference. All proceeds from both of these events go directly to scholarships. Contributions are also an important source of funding for the program. Every year the MnCEG Board contributes an amount from the general fund, based on fund balance.

Contributions are accepted throughout the year, and can be sent to the MnCEG office. Providing these scholarships is a primary goal for MnCEG, and a way for all members to "pay it forward." Look for an opportunity to contribute to the scholarship fund when you renew your membership this summer!

MnCEG Annual Memberships are from July through June.

Watch for renewal information coming later this spring!

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Certification Program Postponed

The Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild (MnCEG), in partnership with the Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE), is offering the Certified Plant Maintenance Manager (CPMM) training and examination. This program takes place over three days, with the first two days of classroom learning, and a review session followed by the exam on the third day.

Plant and Facilities Maintenance personnel must confront a wider array of complex issues than ever before, and therefore must possess an extensive knowledge of the many facets of maintenance management. Earning the CPMM credential validates that an employee possesses in-depth expertise in plant and facilities maintenance management.

The CPMM shows a mastery of current teachings and a desire to learn as new methods are developed. Program topics include: preventative maintenance, work flow-planning and scheduling, computerized maintenance, investment returns and total productive management, to name a few.

Originally scheduled for March, the program has been postponed—most likely to sometime this summer. Members are encouraged to consider, and take advantage of this great opportunity for professional development. Look for more information on rescheduled dates to come soon.



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