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# NEWS

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Members:

It was great to see many of you at our Quarterly Meeting and Scholarship Golf Classic in June. We had some great education sessions in the morning, following by an exceptional afternoon of golf. Thanks to our sponsors who provided some extra fun throughout the course, as well as extra support for our scholarship program. If you haven't attended this event yet, I'd encourage you to do so next year—it's just a nice afternoon of networking and golf, all for a great cause.

We have been busy making the final arrangements for the annual conference. Based on your feedback, we are returning to Breezy Point this year. It should be a great conference, and registration is now open. I hope to see you there!

Best Regards,

Kerry Bacon  
President

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

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Annual Conference and Trade Show  
September 9-11, 2015 Breezy Point Resort

# Full Steam Ahead.....It's the 2015 MnCEG Annual Conference & Trade Show!

The 2015 Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held September 9-11, at Breezy Point Resort. Registration is now open for both attendees and exhibitors. The conference both opens and closes with a focus on leadership, featuring engaging and inspiring speakers. In between, there are breakouts, department meetings, our annual trade show, and time for networking. Plus, there are some exciting new components to the conference this year:



**Boiler Operator (Special Engineer) Training and Test** MnCEG has partnered with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to offer a review training and testing session at our annual conference. This training is open to all MnCEG members, and there are no additional fees (other than state licensing fees). They will also be going over process and criteria for the other boiler license levels as well. You must register in advance—please see the conference registration packet on our web site for complete information.

**Networking Event Takes to the Water** In response to member feedback for more networking time, we'll be spending an evening together on the Breezy Belle, an authentic stern wheel paddleboat. While enjoying the beautiful Pelican Lake, attendees will have time to learn, share, and connect with each other.

**Energy Hot Topics** This panel discussion features experts in solar systems, green roofs, and wind turbines to share information and answer your questions about these top trends in energy conservation and management.

Complete registration information can be found at [www.mnceg.org](http://www.mnceg.org).

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## Conference Agenda At-A-Glance

### Wednesday, September 9

- 8:00am-4:00pm Registration
- 8:00am-Noon Boiler Operator (Special Engineer) Training/Test
- 11:00am-12:00pm Keynote – Leadership vs. Management, Wm. Blair Anderson, St. Cloud Chief of Police.
- 12:00-1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00-1:30pm Break
- 1:30-2:20pm Breakouts: Electrical Preventive Maintenance & The NFPA 70E....Are you prepared?; Roof Inspections; Achieving Energy Savings & Reducing Maintenance Costs in Hot and Chilled Water Systems via Improved Thermal Distribution Efficiencies
- 2:30-3:20pm Breakouts: Electrical Preventive Maintenance & The NFPA 70E....Are you prepared?; Roof Inspections; Building Automation System (BAS) – User Level Information on What the Number Mean, and Service Agreement Tips
- 3:30-4:20 pm Breakouts: Achieving Energy Savings & Reducing Maintenance Costs in Hot and Chilled Water Systems via Improved Thermal Distribution Efficiencies; Utility Funded Recommissioning; Building Automation System (BAS) – User Level Information on What the Number Mean, and Service Agreement Tips
- 5:00-6:00pm Reception and Networking
- 6:00-7:00pm Dinner
- 7:30-8:45pm Networking Excursion on the Breezy Belle

### Thursday, September 10

- 7:30-10:00am Registration
- 7:30-8:30am Breakfast
- 8:30-9:50am Department Breakouts: DHS, DOC, MnSCU; General Breakout: Are You Having Trouble With Your Concrete Floors?
- 9:50am Break
- 10:00-10:50am MnSCU Breakout; General Breakouts: B3 in Operations; Are You Having Trouble With Your Concrete Floors?
- 10:50-11:00am Break
- 11:00-11:50am Breakouts: B3 in Operations; Fire Life Safety Systems – A Practical Approach to Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance; The Best of LED Retrofits
- 12:00 Lunch

- 12:30pm Business Meeting (held during lunch)
- 1:00-1:50pm Breakouts: Fire Life Safety Systems – A Practical Approach to Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance; How to Select a Construction Manager for Your Next Project; The Best of LED Retrofits
- 1:00pm Vendor Meeting
- 2:00-4:30pm Trade Show
- 5:00-6:30pm Reception and Networking
- 6:30-8:00pm Banquet
- 8:00-10:00pm Dollars for Scholars Event: Games4Grads

### Friday, September 11

- 7:30-8:30am Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-9:30am MSRS, Saving for Retirement
- 9:30-9:45am Break
- 9:45-11:00am Energy Hot Topics – This panel discussion features experts in solar systems, green roofs, and wind turbines to share information and answer your questions about these top trends in energy conservation and management.
- 11:00am-Noon Closing Keynote: Now Go Leap Tall Buildings in a Single Bound – Tom Esch, Esch Consulting.
- Noon Prize Drawing, Adjourn - Grab and Go Lunch



# Scholarship Applications Now Accepted!

The Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild Scholarship Program provides scholarships for individuals enrolled in post-secondary educational institutions. Scholarship applications are being accepted from now through July 31, and the application can be found on our web site. Awards are made each fall, with the official announcement made at the MnCEG Fall Conference. The Scholarship Program is funded through events and contributions.

*Scholarship Deadline is July 31—applications can be found at [www.mnceg.org](http://www.mnceg.org).*

The primary fundraiser is the annual Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament. 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 year!

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## Remember to Renew Your Membership!!


The membership year ends on June 30, so please remember to renew your membership when you register for the conference.

All members renewing by August 1 will be included in our annual membership directory. If you do not renew by August 1, we cannot guarantee that you will be listed in the directory, which is distributed at the annual conference.



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## June Quarterly Meeting and Scholarship Golf Event a Huge Success!

The June Quarterly meeting and annual "Dollars for Scholars" golf event was held June 10 at Majestic Oaks Golf Club. The scholarship golf event was held immediately following the quarterly meeting. It was a spectacular June day, with a great turnout of sponsors and golfers--thanks for all of you that participated and supported this event. Thanks also to the golf committee, comprised of Frank Sahlin (committee chair), Lori Bauer, Rick Lucio, and Mike Remington for all of their work to make this day such a success.

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