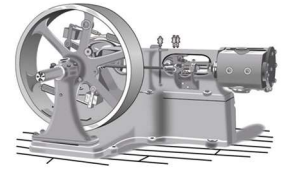


# Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild **Update**

Established in 1943, the Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild (MNCEG) is an association for employees in Minnesota who are actively engaged in the planning, management, and maintenance of public facilities, grounds, equipment and systems.



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## TERRIFIC TURNOUT AT 2016 MNCEG ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thanks to the 200 attendees, exhibitors, and speakers who all contributed to make the 2016 Annual Conference a huge success again this year. This year's conference featured 11 informative education sessions as well as several networking events.



The education sessions and department breakout sessions at the conference were well-attended.



The conference provided numerous opportunities for information sharing and networking.



The Trade Show featured 38 vendors showcasing a wide variety of products and services.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

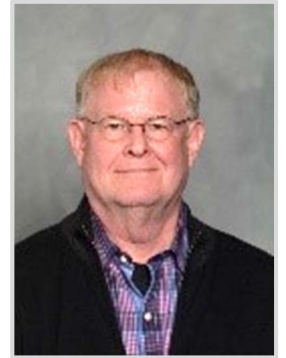
Fall, my favorite time of the year. The Guild just finished a fantastic annual conference held at Breezy Point and by most accounts members, vendors, and leaders of the conference indicated this was time well spent.

With the many divisive events happening such as our election cycle, questions about rights, questions about leadership in our country, I'd like to report that our Guild is strong, we are united and our new Mission statement embodies our desire to excel, both now and into the future. Check out what the Guild has to offer on our updated website, [www.mnceg.org](http://www.mnceg.org). Also, check out the MNCEG fashions with our link to the new clothing and apparel with MNCEG logos available now!

My goal over the course of the next few years is to work with members, vendors, leaders and anyone who wants to make their facilities a safe, secure, and healthy place to work and experience. Enough for now, see you at the next event!

Best Regards,

Steve Lawrence  
President



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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

- December Quarterly Meeting: Date and Location TBD
- Certified Plant Maintenance Manager (CPMM) Training and Examination – February 2017
- March Quarterly Meeting: March 16, 2017, Inspec Seminar, Golden Valley Country Club
- June Quarterly Meeting & Scholarship Golf Tournament, June 5, 2017, Oak Glen Golf Club

# MNCEG RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE GUILD

The Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild’s Executive Board recognized seven members at the Annual Conference Banquet for their outstanding service to the organization. Fred King, Vendor Representative, Kerry Bacon, out-going President, and Steve Lawrence, in-coming President, presented awards to recognize and celebrate these members for their significant contributions to the Guild.

### Engineer of the Year



**Howard Berny, Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry**

### Vendor of the Year



**Jody Landsberger, MINNCOR**

### Service Appreciation Award



**Kerry Bacon, MN Specialty Health System – Cambridge**

### Four Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award



**Roger Freeman, retired from Anoka Ramsey Community College**




**Bill Montgomery, retired from the Minnesota Department of Corrections**



**Frank Sahlin, retired from Voss Lighting**




**Steve Udell, Lifetime Member and former MNCEG Treasurer/Secretary and President**



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# BOILER TRAINING AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE HAS STRONG RESULTS

For the second year in a row, the MN Chief Engineers Guild partnered with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to offer a Boiler Operator License review training and testing at our Annual Conference. The review class was lengthened to 6 hours this year and a training manual, "Safe Operator Boiler Fundamentals", was mailed ahead of time to members taking the Special Engineer exam. Attendance was up this year with thirteen MNCEG members taking exams with a 92% pass rate. Thanks to Howard Berny and David Gonoski for conducting this successful training!



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## MNCEG MEMBER NEWS

### MNCEG is Growing!

The MN Chief Engineers Guild welcomed 78 new members in 2016! As part of our new membership outreach and recognition initiative, New Member Certificates were given to all new members at the Annual Conference or mailed to those new members not in attendance.

Our Associate Member ranks are growing also, with 19 new Associate Members joining the Guild in 2016!



*Out-going President Kerry Bacon ready to deliver a New Member Certificate.*

### RETIRES WELCOME!!!

#### *Did You Know?*

- The MNCEG provides fully paid lifetime memberships for retired members.
- Retiring members are invited to attend the Banquet at the Annual Conference the year following retirement, with banquet expenses paid by the MNCEG.
- As Retired Life Members, attendance at Quarterly Meetings is free.

Retired members have a wealth of knowledge and experience the MNCEG greatly values. If you are retiring, or know someone who is retiring, please let us know and provide updated contact information so we can keep in touch. We encourage retirees to continue their involvement in the MNCEG!



*Retirees Roger Freeman, Steve Udell, and Steve Heinks enjoying some networking at the Annual Conference.*

## VENDORS EXCHANGE Fred King, [fking@inspec.com](mailto:fking@inspec.com)

The recent Annual Conference held at Breezy Point September 7-9<sup>th</sup> was a great success due to the hard work of numerous volunteers; the members of the Conference Committee, Education Committee, Executive Board, and the Executive Administrator, Doreen Remington. The newly updated Strategic Plan was rolled out at the Annual Business Meeting and Vendor Meeting by our Strategic Planning Facilitator, Nick Ruehl. New initiatives for the future include opening an on-line store for MNCEG Logo Wear, updating our website, shared educational programs with other associations, and membership and marketing outreach to potential new members of additional State Agencies, Cities, and Counties.

The Education Committee reiterated that they are always looking for new ideas and hot topics to help our members become more effective and efficient in their daily work environment. The theme "Power of Performance" is the theme for the MN Chief Engineers Guild for 2016-2017, and helped set the direction for the conference and the year. The education sessions, state agency breakout sessions, and Boiler Training review and testing were all well attended with positive reviews. We continue to look for ways to enhance the competence of our members and are continually looking for presenters, subject matter, and tours or recent projects.

The Annual Banquet Night saw many special awards to folks who have personally made major contributions to the organization, including Steve Udell, Bill Montgomery, Roger Freeman, and Frank Sahlin (Scholarship Golf Committee), Kerry Bacon (out-going President), Howard Berny – Engineer of the Year, and Jody Landsberger – Vendor of the Year.

If you are interested in getting more involved in the MNCEG, please contact me or any board or committee member.

# DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS EVENT A SMASHING SUCCESS!

The Games4Grads Event following the Conference Banquet was an incredible success this year. Thank you to all who participated in the Bean Bag Toss Tournament, the Texas Hold'em Tournament, or just came to watch the excitement. Our new tournament quality bean bag toss boards and the high skill level of many of the contestants made for a highly entertaining and closely contested tournament. While the Texas Hold'em Tournament was not as visually stimulating as the bean bag toss, a high level of skill was on display there as well. We raised over \$2,000 for the MNCEG Scholarship Fund, more than double what we raised at the event last year! Congratulations to our Champions!



**Bean Bag Toss Tournament Champions:**  
Nick Johnson, Assa Abloy, and Gary Sabart, TSP Architects  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**  
Thyron Wilking and Joe Wojtalewicz, DHS – St. Peter RTC



**Texas Hold'em Champion:** Dave Holm, Scan Air Filter

## Congratulations to our 2016 Scholarship Winners!

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| Thomas Bosek       | Eric King          |
| Kaley Jo Considine | Garrett Kuusisto   |
| Adam Daoust        | Lily Landsberger   |
| Danae Doust        | Sean Morrisette    |
| Jordan Danielson   | Andy Munkelwitz    |
| Anna Hobbs         | Matthew Munkelwitz |
| Sophie Holm        | Brittany Olson     |
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## Updated Website Launched

Check out our newly refreshed website at [www.mnceg.org](http://www.mnceg.org)! We have updated the look, added content to the Members Only section, and made it “mobile-friendly” so information on the site – images, texts, videos, links – is easily and readily accessible on the much smaller screen of smartphones and tablets. New Log-In instructions are being sent to all members to access the Members Only section. We hope you’ll visit our new and improved site today!

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We will be offering the CPMM training to MNCEG members in February 2017. The training, offered in partnership with the Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE), consists of a 2-day study group and half day exam. Look for information on the dates, location, and registration coming in December.



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## Swearing In of New Officers for 2016 – 2018 Term

New officers for the 2016 – 2018 term were sworn in at the Annual Conference Banquet Thursday, September 8. Meet the members who serve on the Executive Board:

**President:** **Steve Lawrence**, Assistant Public Works Director, City of St. Cloud

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** **Dave Rydeen**, Physical Plant Director, MN Veterans Home – Hastings

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** **Wade Berhow**, Building Maintenance Coordinator, DHS-Community Based Services

**Program Director:** **Jim Nieswaag**, Chief Engineer, Anoka Ramsey Community College

**Vendor Representative:** **Fred King**, Director of Business Development, Inspec

**Secretary/Treasurer:** **Bill Olson**, Retired Life Member

**Past President:** **Kerry Bacon**, Building Maintenance Supervisor, MN Specialty Health System - Cambridge



*Executive Board, from left: Kerry Bacon, Dave Rydeen, Fred King, Wade Berhow, Jim Nieswaag, Steve Lawrence. Not pictured – Bill Olson.*

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