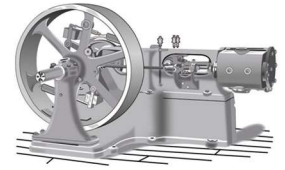


# Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild **Update**

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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Breezy Point Conference Center  
September 6 – 8, 2017

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## JUNE QUARTERLY MEETING PROVIDES HANDS-ON FIRE PROTECTION TRAINING

The June Quarterly Meeting held at Oak Glen Golf Center on June 5, 2017, “Changing Technologies in Fire Sprinkler Systems”, gave attendees a chance to learn about differences between dry and preaction fire protection systems and see functioning sprinkler system components in Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company’s demonstration trailer.



Go to [www.mnceg.org](http://www.mnceg.org) for all the photos from the Quarterly Meeting and Scholarship Golf Tournament!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I was out last night with part of my family in Wisconsin, at a restaurant called the Smilin Moose and who do I run into but Dave Rydeen, MN Veterans Home – Hastings, one of our Executive Board members. He was celebrating his daughter’s birthday, and well I was just celebrating. It was a beautiful night in our part of the country; good food, good adult beverages, and great company. And where was my mind wandering to: that’s right

you guessed it: SNOW!

It’s that time of year when we’re punching down boiler tubes, construction season is in high gear, and we are dashing to make ready for the next heat season. I wonder how many people realize how far ahead we have to think in our jobs in order to be ready for what the winters around here can throw at you.

So for all you facilities people, who like me who are getting ready for the next change of season, see you this fall at the MNCEG Fall Conference again at Breezy Point. Our theme this year, **“Building Energy for Success.”**

Enjoy the rest of your summer of 2017!

Steve Lawrence  
President

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 2017 Annual Conference and Trade Show, **September 6 – 8, 2017**, Breezy Point Conference Center
- Boiler Operator License (Special Engineer) Review Training and Testing, **September 6, 2017**, Breezy Point Conference Center
- State Capitol Complex Remodel Tour, **October 12, 2017**
- University of Minnesota Main Energy Plant (MEP) Tour, **January 2018**

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE KEYNOTE AND CAPSTONE ADDRESSES

Be sure to attend our Keynote and Capstone presentations at the Annual Conference and hear two knowledgeable and dynamic speakers provide insight on leadership and life skills.

**Keynote:** “**Top 20s Use Top 20 Thinking: How Our Thinking Governs Our Experience**”, Willow Sweeney, Top 20 Training, Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 11:00 am-12:15 pm.

*This session focuses on becoming aware of our thinking so we know when it is working and when it is not working. It explores (1) the conditions that come up in our life that invite us to think like a Bottom 80, (2) indicators telling us when we are Bottom 80, (3) how to handle Bottom 80 experiences with more grace and dignity and (4) how to trampoline to Top 20 Thinking.*

**Willow Sweeney** is co-founder of Top 20 Training that provides training and materials to empower leaders, teachers, parents and students to develop their potential. She and her Top 20 team have trained over 600,000 leaders throughout the United States. Willow has co-authored Top 20 Teachers: The Revolution in American Education, Top 20 Parents: Raising Happy, Responsible and Emotionally Healthy Children and Top 20 Teens: Discovering the Best-kept Thinking, Learning and Communicating Secrets of Successful Teenagers. Willow's career has included high school teaching, coaching and she has been a national speaker and trainer since 2002. She and her husband, Brian, have two sons and live in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

**Capstone:** “**Your Leadership Legacy - What Will It Be?**” Nick Ruehl, Ruehl + Associates, Friday, September 8, 2017, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

*Have you ever considered how people in your organization will view your “gift of Leadership” when you are no longer their leader? Do you care? Should you care? Nick will share some inspirational stories and some lessons learned that will help you to be more intentional with your Leadership Journey. And, no, it's never too late to start!*

**Nick Ruehl** works with leaders of A/E/C companies, coaching Leadership Development, Strategic Planning, Team Building, and Co-Innovation. He formed Ruehl + Associates in 2005 and has been an effective business coach for over 11 years. He has 45 years of experience in firm ownership and leadership, plus served 4 terms as Mayor of the City of Excelsior, Minnesota.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MNCEG MEMBERS WHO ATTAINED THEIR CPMM CERTIFICATION IN 2017!

**Guy Albers**, Physical Plant Chief Engineer, MCF – Faribault

**Adam Bourassa**, Water Services Manager, City of St. Cloud

**Dan Haugen**, Physical Plant Director, Minnesota Zoo

**Kurt Heideman**, Building Maintenance Supervisor, MCF – Oak Park Heights

**Stacy Honer**, Building Maintenance Foreman, MN Veterans Home - Fergus Falls

**Daniel Legatt**, Maintenance Supervisor, City of St. Cloud

**Brian Schoenecker**, Wastewater Services Supervisor, City of St. Cloud

**Michael Thayer**, Plant Maintenance Engineer, Anoka Ramsey Community College

**Chris Vander Weyst**, Equipment Maintenance Manager, City of St. Cloud

## THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

We greatly appreciate all the Associate Member Firms who support our Scholarship Golf Tournament by sponsoring a golf hole and donating door prizes for our raffle drawing. Their support is key to the success of this important fundraiser for the MN Chief Engineers Guild Scholarship Fund.

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## GREAT TURNOUT FOR SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thanks to everyone who participated in the MNCEG Scholarship Golf Tournament on June 5<sup>th</sup>! 76 golfers played the Oak Glen Golf Course and enjoyed a beautiful day, friendly competition, and helped raise over \$5,000 for the Scholarship Fund! Congratulations to our Tournament Champions: **Steve Norberg, Mike Comstock, and Mike Piper!**



Go to [www.mnceg.org](http://www.mnceg.org) for all the photos from this event!

## WELCOME TO MORE NEW MEMBERS IN 2017

**Debra Aldrich**, MCF - Faribault  
**Scott Clark**, Minnesota Zoo  
**Dan Cummings**, MCF – Rush City  
**Paul DeMuth**, Dakota County Technical College  
**Jerrod Fehlen**, MCF – Rush City  
**Jason Frederick**, Minnesota Zoo  
**Brad Hess**, Minnesota State University - Mankato  
**Todd Kilde**, MN Veterans Home - Fergus Falls  
**Tim Klein**, St. Cloud State University  
**Lona Mack**, MCF – Rush City  
**Jason McCue**, Minnesota State University - Mankato  
**Tim Morrison**, MCF – Rush City  
**Leroy Olson**, Metropolitan State University  
**DeEon Phillippi**, Anoka Technical College  
**Brad Pixley**, MCF – Rush City  
**Allen Rocholl**, MN Veterans Home - Fergus Falls  
**Doug Stender**, Minnesota Zoo  
**Mitch Thorn**, Central Lakes College  
**Bill Yax**, MCF - Willow River/Moose Lake



## VENDORS EXCHANGE

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

Next year the Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Conference and Program Committees are starting to put together an exciting year to celebrate this milestone. It is a real “feather in our cap” to have been in existence for such an extended period of time. We have put together a committee which is being chaired by our past President (2014-2016), Mr. Kerry Bacon. Kerry has assembled a team of past leaders to help make this effort a success. Chapter historians, past presidents, and longtime members have rolled up their sleeves to make this a yearlong celebration for the organization. We are looking for old records and photographs that can be shared with members to help us carry on the culture of this great organization. Kerry can be contacted by email at [Kerry.bacon@state.mn.us](mailto:Kerry.bacon@state.mn.us).

The Annual Conference September 6-8, 2017 will be the first step on our journey of celebration. In October, we will have a tour of the Minnesota State Capital that recently underwent a \$310 million dollar renovation. The tour will be led by the State Capitol Complex Team Chris Gauvin, and it will include some behind the scenes views of challenges faced by the owners, contractors, and design firms. Look for additional information to register for this exciting tour. We look forward to kicking off the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with you!!

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## REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2017 MNCEG ANNUAL CONFERENCE!



Thanks to everyone who has already registered for the MNCEG Annual Conference, being held at Breezy Point Conference Center September 6 – 8, 2017.

For those who haven't registered yet, there is still time!

We have 11 information-packed educational sessions (with repeat sessions for most), 4 department breakout sessions, our enlightening Trade Show, and dynamic speakers to open and close the conference. Join us Thursday night at the Banquet where we'll announce our Scholarship Awards and our Membership Awards. Be sure to stay for the Dollars for Scholars Games4Grads Event to test your skill at Texas Hold'em and the Bean Bag Toss competition; this is always a fun event and an important fundraiser for our Scholarship Program.

Registration materials and the complete conference agenda are available on our website at [www.mnceg.org](http://www.mnceg.org).

We hope you can join us at the 2017 MNCEG Annual Conference September 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## STATE CAPITOL REMODEL TOUR

The Minnesota State Capitol has undergone a massive renovation over the past three years. Marble was repaired or replaced, historic architectural details restored, and mechanical systems modernized. Plan on attending the MNCEG Quarterly Meeting and Tour on October 12<sup>th</sup>.



Look for more information about this exciting upcoming tour on our website and at the Annual Conference in September.



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## UNIVERSITY OF MN MAIN ENERGY PLANT (MEP) TOUR PLANNED FOR JANUARY 2018

The MN Chief Engineers Guild is planning a tour of the Main Energy Plant at the University of Minnesota for early January 2018. The University is reinvesting in the former “Old Main Heating Plant,” replacing old boilers with a new 22.8 megawatt combustion turbine and heat recovery system that will generate electric power and steam for the Minneapolis campus. Fueled by natural gas, the Main Energy Plant is a key investment in the University’s climate action plan to reduce campus emissions by half by the year 2020.

Look for more information about this planned tour coming in October/November 2017.



*For more information about the Main Energy Plant, go to <https://facm.umn.edu/energy-management/main-energy-plant>*