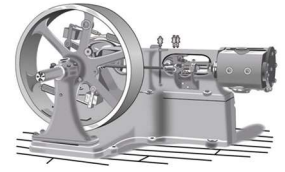


Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild **Update**

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.



Fall 2019

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2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE GREAT SUCCESS!



Approximately 215 members, retired life members, and associate members attended the 2019 Annual Conference this year, one of our largest turnouts ever!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings fellow guild members. Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the fall.

The Quarterly Meeting held in June at the Oak Glen Golf course in Stillwater had a nice turnout with some excellent speakers. Thank you goes out to Scott Haag, and Tom Esch, speaking about their experiences and how these can relate to life and our days at work. Along with Scott and Tom, thanks to Derek Hillstad speaking about Dunwoody's facilities program.

After the meeting was through it was a great day for the annual Scholarship fund raising event. Thank you to the vendors that give so much, the participants, the golf committee, especially Frank Sahlin for making this great event happen. Must say my favorite is visiting with Steve Udell, Barry Schaub, and Fred King on Hole 10. Sorry about hitting that brand new ball in the water Fred...

We had a really terrific 2019 Fall Conference in September. This year's theme "MNCEG Building Your Future" truly reflects what the MN Chief Engineers Guild strives to do for our members. Along with a number of excellent educational breakout session choices, training and exams for all level of Boiler Operators licenses was offered. And new this year was the 2 hour Continuing Education for Registered Electricians and Power Limited Technicians, which we had positive feedback about and plan to offer again at future conferences. We were also excited to have a great Keynote speaker with Joe Schmit, and Capstone speaker Kit Welchin.

I hope you enjoyed the fall conference – it's a great way to learn, to make connections with vendors, and other Government employees experiencing some of the same challenges we all face.

Fun fact from MNCEG 1st year 1943:

Cost for a movie ticket: 35 cents

Wishing your boilers are running well, and I hope to see you at the January Quarterly Meeting and Tour of the Bell Museum!

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2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Education was front and center at the MN Chief Engineers Guild Annual Conference with 16 break-out sessions over 2 ½ days along with 2 Boiler Training & Testing sessions on Wednesday. We had a record 31 people attending the boiler training class this year! The MNCEG continues to enhance our educational offerings with the addition of the 2 Hour Continuing Education for Registered Electricians (RE) and Power Limited Technicians (PLT) and the Mechanical Room – Hands On Maintenance Training sessions.

Along with our more technical oriented training, we also offered sessions for managers related to planning, design, and team-building and communication skills.



Thank you to all our presenters at this year's conference! Sessions were very well attended and we received overall positive feedback from members. We couldn't put on the Annual Conference without all of you!

THANKS TO TRADE SHOW EXHIBITORS!

Thank you to all our Associate Member firms who exhibited at our Annual Trade Show this year! The trade show always provides a great opportunity for members and associate members to connect and learn from each other.



MNCEG PRESENTS 2019 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Every year, the Awards Committee selects several members to recognize their extraordinary service and commitment to the MN Chief Engineers Guild. Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Engineer of the Year Award, Vendor of the Year Award, and Service Award!

Al Pfeilsticker, MCF – Red Wing
Engineer of the Year



Taylor Robertson, Mavo Systems
Vendor of the Year



**Brian Yolitz, Minnesota State
Colleges and Universities**
Service Award

*Brian was not able to
attend the Awards Banquet*

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS EVENT AND SILENT AUCTION – GREAT FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Dollars for Scholars Event, helping to raise over \$2,500 for the Scholarship Program! The Texas Hold'em competition was a hard fought battle that ended in a draw between Rob Darnell, last year's champion, and Steve Udell, a savvy and frequent contender for the championship. Congratulations to you both! And congratulations to Mike Comstock and Ryan Thorson who won the Bean Bag Toss competition this year (finally dethroning Nick Johnson as the multi-year reigning champion)!

We once again had a very fun and successful Silent Auction, raising over \$800 for the Scholarship Program! Special thanks to Kerry Bacon and Doug Johnson for the wonderful lamps built and donated, and to Charlie Judge for donating the awesome wooden American Flag this year! Finally, we really appreciate everyone who bid on the lamps and flag and made the auction such a success.

All told, we raised over \$3,500 this year for the Scholarship Program including sales of shirts and hats. Thank You All!



THANK YOU VENDOR MEMBERS!

The MN Chief Engineers Guild benefits greatly from the ongoing support of our vendor (associate) members. Their support through advertising, T-shirt Sponsorships, Games4Grads Sponsorships, Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorships, and Scholarship contributions helps us provide quality educational programming and keep our membership fees affordable.



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JUNE QUARTERLY MEETING FOCUSED ON LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Our June Quarterly Meeting provided leadership and “soft skills” training for members. Thank you to Scott Haag who presented a session “None of Us are as Smart as All of Us” and Tom Esch who presented “Building a Strong Work Culture – What the Best Leaders Need to Know”.



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BOILER LICENSE TRAINING & TESTING

25+ members participated in the Special Operator or Boiler License Upgrade Review training and 19 took and passed their boiler license exam at this year’s conference. Congratulations to everyone who attained or upgraded their boiler license!

Thank you to Howard Berny and David Gonsoski from the Department of Labor & Industry for providing this training and proctoring the exams for the MN Chief Engineers Guild. We greatly appreciate their efforts and the tremendous value they provide to our members and their facilities!

2 HOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERING A GREAT SUCCESS!

When Al Pfeilsticker, 2nd Vice President for the MN Chief Engineers Guild and Physical Plant Director at MCF – Red Wing, brought up the idea of offering a 2 hour continuing education session for electricians at this year’s conference, the Education Committee was very excited about the potential benefit to members and asked Al to pursue the idea.

Thank you to Al for developing the course and getting it approved by the Department of Labor & Industry in order to offer this for the first time at the MNCEG Annual Conference. Thirteen members participated in the continuing education and received their CE credits. We heard much positive feedback about the class as well as suggestions on adding more hands on features to improve the effectiveness of the class for a future offering.

MN CHIEF ENGINEERS GUILD CONTINUES TO GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP

We have too many new members for the 2019/2020 membership term to list! We are happy to welcome the many new members and hope you all enjoy the benefits of membership.

Our current Membership consists of:

- 116 from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- 114 from the Department of Corrections
- 113 from the Department of Human Services
- 14 from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
- 76 from various other public organizations including the State Capitol Complex, Minnesota Zoo, Minnesota Historical Society, cities of St. Cloud and Brooklyn Park, several counties and school districts.
- 44 Retired Life Members

Our Associate Membership consists of 84 associate members from 46 vendor firms, with many of these firms being involved with the MNCEG for many years as well as 6 new vendor firms joining this year.

Total membership in the MN Chief Engineers Guild has grown to 561 this year, an increase of 10% over last year and an increase of 35% over the past 3 years! We greatly appreciate the value our long-time members bring to our organization and are excited about the number of new members, especially the large number of first time attendees at our conference this year!

If you know of anyone in the public facility arena who you think would benefit from membership, please refer them to info@mnceg.org or to any of our committee members.

VENDORS EXCHANGE

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With winter just around the corner, it's a great time to look back on the MNCEG's 76th year in operation. We had a very successful 2019 Annual Conference thanks to the hard work of the many volunteers we have on the Conference, Education, Awards, and Scholarship committees. The attendance at the conference was near an all-time high, and we were especially pleased to see so many first time attendees at the conference. A special thank you goes to Mike Remington for stepping up to help at the conference in my absence. And thanks to our vendor members for their continued support of the organization, providing education, information and resources to our members, and financial support of our scholarship program and overall organization.

All our events were well attended this year and we appreciate the participation of all our members. This is your organization and all regular and business members are encouraged to be involved. As the organization continues to grow, we must grow with it, and stay ahead of the emerging issues that continue to challenge us. I would like to welcome new members, and the Executive Board would like to say Thank You for the past support we have received.



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10TH ANNUAL MNCEG SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you to everyone involved with our 10th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament held in June – the Scholarship Golf Committee (Frank Sahlin, Lori Bauer and Mike Remington) who makes the event happen each year, our hole sponsors who provide financial support, door prizes, and entertainment/networking at the tee boxes, and of course, all the golfers who make this such a fun and successful event! Due to the hard work and generosity of everyone who participated in this important fundraising event, we raised \$5,600 for our Scholarship Program!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Congratulations to the 20 students who were awarded scholarships this year! These outstanding children of MNCEG Members and Associate Members are attending a variety of schools in Minnesota and out of state, with studies ranging from Aviation, Business, Education, Engineering, Nursing, Pre-Medicine and Pharmacy. Congratulations and we wish you the best in your studies and eventual career!

Brianna Aldrich
Colton Corcoran
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Aaron Daoust
London Donohoe
Allison Ewig
Carrie Jean Froemming

Nick Hauck
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Henry Koch
Thomas Koch
Tayler Lee

Matthew Munkelwitz
Logan Remington
Shane Rogers
Jarret Seela
Isaac Shelton
Michael Straus

Please mark your calendar for upcoming MNCEG Events:

January Quarterly Meeting/Tour: January 7, 2020, University of Minnesota Bell Museum Tour.

2020 March Quarterly Meeting: March 11, 2020 at Inspec Seminar, Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, MN

CPMM Training & Test: March 18 - 20, 2020, Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA), Brooklyn Park, MN

June Quarterly Meeting: June 1, 2020, Oak Glen Golf Center

MNCEG Scholarship Golf Tournament: June 1, 2020, Oak Glen Golf Center



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