

# 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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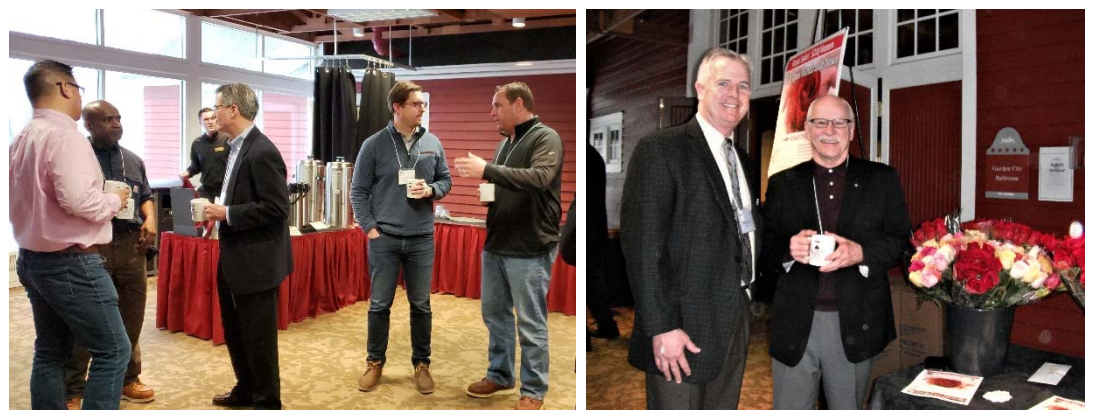
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Fifty MNCEG members and associate members attended the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Inspec Seminar at the Earle Brown Heritage Center along with other industry professionals from across the state. The seminar highlighted best practices for indoor air quality presented by experts from three different specialty consulting firms - Inspec, Hallberg Engineering, and Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings fellow guild members. What a winter and spring we've had... Lets hope for a nice summer and fall.

A big thank you goes out to Inspec for hosting the MNCEG Quarterly Meeting in March that was in conjunction with their 13th annual half-day training. As always, it was a successful event with Fred King, Mike Remington, and the crew doing a great job!

Just around the corner is the June Quarterly Meeting at Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater. After the meeting will be the annual scholarship scramble golf tournament. Even if you're not a golfer stick around and share a fun time with fellow Guild members. It's a great time for networking and finding out that others share the same experiences and challenges that you do.

Congratulations to members that completed the Certified Plant Maintenance Manager training on February 20-22. As always Howard Berny and Jim Nieswaag continue to do a great job instructing. Thank you Amy Satterfield and IEA for hosting the training for MNCEG members.

The 2019 Annual Conference is slated for September 4-6. It will be held at Breezy Point as it has been the past few years. If you've never been there it's a great way to learn and to make connections with vendors and other Government employees experiencing some of the same challenges we all face. And we are especially pleased to be adding a refresher course for members planning to upgrade their boiler license, and a 2 hour Continuing Education for Registered Electricians and Power Limited Technicians to our educational line-up this year.

Last year was a great year with the 75th anniversary of the MNCEG. I fully expect this to be another educational and exciting year.

Fun fact from MNCEG 1st year 1943: Average wages per year = \$2,000.

Wishing your chillers run well, and you have a great summer!

Dave Rydeen

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## STRONG LINE-UP OF EDUCATION SESSIONS BEING OFFERED AT 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The MN Chief Engineers Guild is extremely pleased with the quality educational programming we are offering at the 2019 Annual Conference! We have a variety of sessions covering many of the topics our members have asked for in feedback from last year's conference. We appreciate the great response from both our associate members and several state agencies in stepping up to share their knowledge. Here are the sessions we have planned:

- All-Gender Restrooms: Design, Maintenance + Lessons Learned
- Applications of Air Sampling Smoke Detection
- Building Automation Systems: Tips for Maintaining, Troubleshooting, and Knowing When to Call for Outside Help
- Construction – Occupancy – Protection – Exposure (COPE Surveys)
- Energy Saving Demand Ventilation Kitchen Hood Controls
- Ergonomic Impact on the Workforce: Injuries Do Not Age Discriminate!
- Getting Started with B3 Benchmarking
- How to Manage Your Parking Lots and Other Pavements
- Industrial Hygiene in Review
- Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Sprinklers & Valves
- Mechanical Room – Hands On Maintenance Training
- Minnesota State Retirement System - Saving for Retirement
- New Electronic Access Control Technologies
- 2 Hour Continuing Education for Registered Electricians (RE) and Power Limited Technicians (PLT)
- Using Data from Your Existing Building Systems to Gain Actionable Insights for Improving IAQ, Occupant Comfort and Energy Performance
- Using Energy Data to Justify Capital Improvements

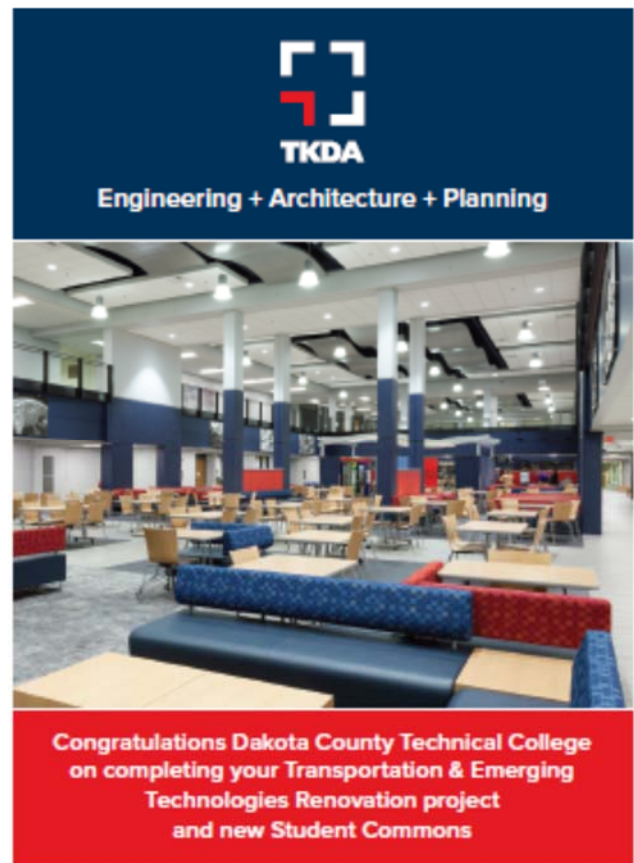


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## KEYNOTE AND CAPSTONE SPEAKERS

We hope you will enjoy our keynote and capstone addresses this year! Our Conference Committee has been focused on providing our membership with dynamic, high-quality speakers to kick off and close out our conference and we are pleased to announce our keynote and capstone speakers for the 2019 Annual Conference:

**Keynote Address:** Joe Schmit presents “Silent Impact - A Blueprint to Living a Life of Significance”

**Capstone Address:** Kit Welch presents “Applying Emotional Intelligence for Career Success” and “Team Member Effectiveness”.

## DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS EVENT AND SILENT AUCTION BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Our Dollars for Scholars Event, held Thursday night, September 5th after the Banquet, is a great chance to continue networking with fellow MNCEG folks, try your skill at Texas Hold'em or the Bean Bag Toss competition, and most importantly, to raise money for our scholarship fund. We are also having a Silent Auction again this year with winners announced at the Dollars for Scholars Event. Thank you very much to our members who are busy building lamps to donate for the Silent Auction fundraiser. All proceeds go directly to our scholarship fund.

## REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MNCEG BRANDED APPAREL!

Remember to wear your MN Chief Engineers Guild logo wear at our Quarterly Meetings, Annual Conference, and just around town!

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## REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR REGISTERED UNLICENSED ELECTRICIANS OFFERED AT 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Most of our member agencies have registered unlicensed staff performing electrical work at their facility. Specific parameters for performing this work and requirements/qualifications for individuals performing this work are outlined in the Department of Labor & Industry’s website under “REGISTERED UNLICENSED ELECTRICIANS”.

Unlicensed electricians **must complete two hours of continuing education** on the electrical code for annual renewal of their registration. The MN Chief Engineers Guild is pleased to offer this required continuing education to our members this year at our annual conference. The two hour session will be held Thursday morning, September 5, 2019.

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### BOILER LICENSE UPGRADE REVIEW

Continuing our efforts to provide value to our members, we are adding a refresher class this year for current boiler license holders who are upgrading their license. The refresher class is designed to answer questions and clarify information; attendees will want to purchase the class materials well in advance of the class to study and go through the recommended exercises. Look for more information on this new offering in the Conference Registration Packet available soon.

### BOILER OPERATOR (SPECIAL ENGINEER) TRAINING AND TEST

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the MNCEG is offering the Boiler Operator (Special Engineer) Training to our members at our Annual Conference. The 6 hour review class, provided in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am followed by the Boiler Exam, offered for all level exams, at 2:30 pm.

We also provide a Safe Operator Boiler Fundamentals book (an \$80 value) for MNCEG members taking the Special Engineer exam, made possible by the generosity of Steve and Pat Udell.

Since initially offering this training opportunity in 2015, over 30 members have taken the class and exam, and in a number of cases have returned to take their next level exam in subsequent years. This is a tremendous success and a very tangible value to our members and to the facilities where they work.

The 2019 Annual Conference Registration Packet will be coming out soon and will include all the information you need to sign up for this training, or the License Upgrade refresher class, and to register to take a boiler exam.

## MN CHIEF ENGINEERS GUILD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

**Ethen Jacob**, City of St. Cloud

**Mark Svenkeson**, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

**Clayton Jacobson**, MCF – St. Cloud

**DeEon Phillippi**, MCF – St. Cloud

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**Clint Jaakola**, MCF - Willow River/Moose Lake

**Adam Long**, MCF - Willow River/Moose Lake

**Tim Lourey**, MCF - Willow River/Moose Lake

**Eldred Ostertag**, MCF - Willow River/Moose Lake

**Brett Wilson**, MCF - Willow River/Moose Lake

**Mark Ripperda**, Minnesota Veterans Home – Luverne

**Danney Erickson**, Minnesota Zoo

**Nick Sarkela**, Minnesota Zoo

**Rolland LaPlante**, St Cloud State University

**Jerry Kane**, University of Minnesota

**Jim Berry**, University of Minnesota

**John Delich**, University of Northwestern

*Our current membership term ends on June 30, 2019. Membership applications are available on the website and will be included in our 2019 Annual Conference registration materials coming out in the next few weeks. Be sure to renew your membership so you don't miss any MN Chief Engineers Guild events this coming year!*

## MNCEG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 31<sup>st</sup>

Scholarships are available to children of members, associate members, and retired life members who are enrolled in post-secondary educational institutions. Scholarship applications are now being accepted and are due July 31st. Application is available on our website at [www.mnceg.org](http://www.mnceg.org).

## VENDORS EXCHANGE

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

The Education and Conference Committees have been busy! Thank you to everyone who submitted presentation proposals for our upcoming 2019 Fall Conference – we appreciate the quality submissions sent in by both our business associate members and state agency members. Besides including Bricks and Mortar, Heating and Cooling, Energy Saving and Efficiency topics, we are also looking at additional Leadership training for all our members. We all have something we can share to make the Guild the Best Association for education, networking, and problem solving for Facility Professionals.

If you care to be part of sharing a project or a recent innovation for a quarterly meeting, please reach out to a Board Member or member of the Education Committee.

We look forward to seeing you at the June Quarterly Meeting and the 2019 Annual Conference.



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**June Quarterly Meeting / Scholarship Golf Tournament:** June 3, 2019, Oak Glen Golf Club, Stillwater, MN.

**2019 Annual Conference:** September 4 – 6, 2019, Breezy Point Conference Center, Breezy Point, MN

**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



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