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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Members:

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2015 Annual Conference this September. We moved the conference back to Breezy Point this year, after having the conference in St. Cloud for several years. We're very pleased with the strong attendance at the conference and positive feedback received.

We want to continue to offer valuable educational opportunities for our members. We partnered with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to offer a review training and testing for the boiler operator license for the first time at this year's conference, and we hope to offer this opportunity again next year. Also, we are pleased to be offering the Certified Plant Maintenance Manager (CPMM) training and exam session February 3-5, 2016.

Our scholarship program was a great success this year with 15 scholarships awarded. We truly appreciate all the generous contributions from our members and the great participation in our fundraising events.

Our upcoming Quarterly meeting will be held in early December, look for information about this in the next week or two, and we hope to see many of you there. Thanks again for your continued support and participation in the MnCEG.

Best Regards,

Kerry Bacon
President

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December Quarterly Meeting

December, 2015 Date and Details forthcoming

CPMM Training & Exam

February 3-5, 2016 Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA), Brooklyn Park

March Quarterly Meeting

March 23, 2016 Golden Valley Country Club, Golden Valley

Inspec's 10th Annual Half-Day Seminar – Building Envelope Design for Colder Climates

June Quarterly Meeting and Dollars for Scholars Golf Classics

June 8, 2016 Majestic Oaks Golf Club, Ham Lake

CERTIFIED PLANT MAINTENANCE MANAGER (CPMM) CERTIFICATION

The Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild (MnCEG), in partnership with the Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE), will be offering the Certified Plant Maintenance Manager (CPMM) training and examination February 3 -5, 2016. CPMM Certification is for those who are currently work in the facilities field, and would like to build on their specific competencies within the field of maintenance management.

The study and testing session will be held at Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA), 9201 West Broadway, Suite 600, Brooklyn Park. Study sessions will be on February 3 and 4, with a short review session followed by testing on February 5. More information about the training and exam including registration instructions and cost will be sent out in December.

DECEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING

Stay tuned for information on our December Quarterly Meeting, which will be held in early December. We are working out the final details and will send out a communication soon with the date, location, and registration information.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE BIG SUCCESS

The 2015 Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild Annual Conference and Trade Show was held on September 9-11. Thanks to all the attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and conference committee members who all contributed to make the conference a great success. The conference began with keynote speaker Wm. Blair Anderson, St. Cloud Chief of Police, who gave an engaging and inspiring talk about his personal experiences and lessons in leadership. The educational sessions were all very well attended, and the excursion on the Breezy Belle Wednesday night was a great networking outing (and the weather was beautiful)! The Trade Show was a big success with almost 40 vendors showcasing their products and areas of expertise.

Steve Udell, former Treasurer and long-standing member of the CEG, was not able to attend the conference this year, for the first time in 40 years, due to a scheduling conflict. Bill Olson, our current Treasurer, stepped up to give the traditional invocation in Steve's place to start the banquet Thursday night. The banquet wrapped up with the announcement of our Scholarship Awards to 15 students. Finally, the evening ended with our Games4Grads Scholarship Event. Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun and helped raise \$1,000 for the Scholarship Fund for next year's awards!

Our capstone speaker, Tom Esch, sent us home with an uplifting talk about using our strengths to be better managers, leaders and co-workers. Special thanks to the vendors who provided door prizes for the group prize drawings.

Thanks again to everyone who came to the conference and made it a big success, and we hope to see you at next year's conference!



MnCEG NEWS

A special thanks to **Connie Nordquist**, Executive Administrator for the Chief Engineers Guild since 2009. Her hard work and dedication contributed greatly to the growth and success of the organization. We wish her the best in her continued work as Executive Director for the Minnesota Association of School Board Officials.

Judy Enright has retired from her position as Physical Plant Manager at Riverland Community College, where she worked since 1993. Judy was President of MnCEG in 1997, and stepped back up as 2nd Vice President in 2014 until her retirement. We appreciate Judy's involvement in the CEG all these years.

Dave Rydeen, Physical Plant Director at MN Veteran's Home – Hastings, has been elected to serve as 2nd Vice President. Dave was awarded CEG Engineer of the Year in 2014, and has been a longstanding member of the Guild, including serving on the education committee. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the organization, Dave!

CONGRATULATIONS!

At the 2015 Annual Conference, we recognized these members for their contributions to the MN Chief Engineers Guild:

John Frischmann, Engineer of the Year

John is the Director of Facilities Management at St. Cloud State University. He was instrumental in arranging a tour of the Integrated Science and Engineering Laboratory Facility (ISELF), a state of the art teaching and research facility on the St. Cloud State Campus, at the 2014 Annual Conference. John has shown great leadership with his involvement in ISELF and other building projects at SCSU.

Steve Norberg, Vendor of the Year

Steve is in marketing/sales at Mulcahy Company and has been an active member of the MnCEG. Steve and the Mulcahy team sponsored the December 2014 meeting with an educational session on condensing boiler operations, hydronics and pumps along with a warehouse tour, helping our energy conscious members learn to manage their HVAC equipment more effectively.

Thanks to both of these members for their valuable contributions to the MnCEG!



MnCEG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This year \$15,000 was awarded in scholarships to 15 students as part of the Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild Scholarship Program. Providing these scholarships is a primary goal for MnCEG, and we really appreciate all the members who contribute to the scholarship program by participating in our annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, our Dollars for Scholars Event at the annual conference, and through individual contributions. This year, contributions were received from:

G & R Controls **Hiller Commercial Floors** **Inspec** **NAC Mechanical & Electrical**
Scan Air Filter **Uhl Company** **Howard Berny** **Steve Udell**

Another way to support the scholarship program is by providing a sponsorship for the MnCEG Games4Grads Scholarship Event. Thank you to these associate members who provided the Games4Grads sponsorships at this year's annual conference:

AKF Group **Inspec** **Low Voltage Contractor**

Because of this strong support, we were able to award substantial scholarships to all 15 applicants this year. We want to share a few of these student's words of gratitude after receiving their scholarships:

I'm writing to express my sincere appreciation for the scholarship I was awarded through the Chief Engineers Guild. These funds will help me greatly as I begin my studies at the University of Minnesota- Twin Cities. Thank you for your generous gift.

Your recent gift through the scholarship fund is much appreciated. My father always speaks highly of the Chief Engineers Guild as an organization. This generous gift will help greatly as I take the next step towards completing my educational goals.

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for making the MnCEG Scholarship Program possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this award, and I am deeply appreciative of your support. I will work very hard to make the most of this scholarship and will hopefully become a professional engineer in a matter of a few years.



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JOIN THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild is calling for interested Associate Members to get more involved in the organization by joining the Membership Committee. The Guild has a strong, solid group of members and associate members and has experienced steady growth over our 70+ plus years. And the CEG has much to offer our members with valuable educational offerings for professional development as well as information sharing/networking opportunities. By joining the Membership Committee, you can help spread the word to your business contacts about the benefits of membership in the Chief Engineers Guild.





If you'd like to join this committee, please contact Fred King, Vendor Representative at fking@inspec.com or email us at office@mnceg.org.



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