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Remaining optimistic during difficult times and tight budgets

Each person in our nation either has been personally affected by these tight economic times or knows folks who have been. Combine that with the realities of budgets that either decrease or cannot keep up with inflation, and anyone could become disheartened.

Each person's and business's challenges require the same attributes of optimism, tenacity, and creativity to prevail in today's world. These are key to not just success but survival, and require energy and commitment — and they must come from within. Make a commitment to yourself and your goals, evaluate where you are spending your time and energy, and take the actions you need to be able to live with a positive attitude.

While it might seem simplistic, I find Mark Twain's wisdom to be helpful. As he said, "The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up."

The same would be true of valuing and achieving a positive attitude. Recognize and appreciate what you have accomplished and achieved through many other past challenges. Remember what sustained you and your business and see what new opportunities can be leveraged from past success. Partner with others in powerful ways (how about within the areas of training, compliance activities, specialized equipment, and inspection activities?) that stretch both your limited resources and your past perceptions of what you could accomplish. Take time to learn more about the subjects that affect you and

your world. Publicly and proudly recognize your and others' successes. Instead of hoarding resources in tight times — whether materials, equipment, or knowledge — find new ways to share them that accomplish multiple goals and builds trust.

After all, as Ben Franklin said, "The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on Feb. 17 in Denver, Colorado. An amazing 20 percent of the \$787 billion act will be spent on infrastructure. Minnesota will receive over \$500 million for highway infrastructure investment. The act requires very quick action towards project lettings on the part of funding recipients in order to affect the nation's economy.

In a recent chat with Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT's commissioner, he stated, "I am confident that Mn/DOT and other agencies are ready to deliver well-chosen and effective projects using economic recovery funding. Mn/DOT has worked with its external partners — both individuals and communities — and is ready to deliver projects within the established parameters. Residents within Minnesota and travelers through Minnesota will benefit from these investments."

Commissioner Sorel also stated his appreciation and support of the work that APWA nationally, as well as here in Minnesota, has accomplished, and shared his hope for increased participation by Mn/DOT employees in APWA's activities and goals.

For more information about the act, the distribution of funds, and the stringent time limits on use and potential redistribution, visit www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery.

Submitted by Beverly Farraher
MPWA Director

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Calendar of Events

March 18	Executive Committee Meeting
March 31	Feed My Starving Children Eagan & Chanhassen
April 14-15	Spring Maintenance Expo
April 29	Executive Committee Meeting
May 13-15	Spring Conference
May 17-23	National Public Works Week
June 5	MPWA Scholarship deadline
July 20	Summer Golf Outing
Sept. 13-16	2009 APWA Congress Columbus, Ohio

For the latest information or to register for training opportunities, visit the MPWA web site at minnesota.apwa.net

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RSVP to volunteer

Help prepare nutritionally-balanced meals for the world's hungriest children. Last year, 35 MPWA volunteers prepared over 17,000 meals in one hour at Feed My Starving Children!

This year, we've signed up to assist in meal preparation at two Feed My Starving Children locations on Tuesday, March 31, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the 35 volunteers needed at the Eagan location, we are also offering an opportunity for 15 volunteers at the Chanhassen location. Please sign up today so we can fill the 50 spots.

To RSVP, please contact *Kathy Warren* at kwarren@usinternet.com or (651) 351-7432 and let her know at which location you will be participating.

For more information, visit www.fmssc.org. Check the FMSC website for maps and directions.

Show your MPWA affiliation with style!

Clothing that showcases the MPWA logo is now available from Lands' End.



To order your MPWA-logo shirt, follow the instructions posted on the MPWA web site. See the "News" section under "Headlines" on the MPWA web site at minnesota.apwa.net.

Welcome, new MPWA members!

We welcome the following members into MPWA membership:

- Todd Blomstrom*, Director of Public Works, City of Apple Valley
- Paul Blum*, Project Manager, TKDA
- Sherri Buss*, Manager/Planning Group, TKDA
- Rocco Forte*, Director/Emergency Preparedness, City of Minneapolis
- Tyson Hajicek*, Project Manager, Moore Engineering
- Andrea Naves*, Utilities Manager, City of Moorhead
- Bernie Weber*, Maintenance Worker, City of New Hope
- Mark Weimelt*, Streets Foreman, City of Apple Valley



MPWA President
Dan Gage

Message from the President

Facing new opportunities, together

It is with the utmost honor that I begin my term as president of the Minnesota Public Works Association. I am told this is the first time that a vendor has served as president of any chapter in the country!

The Minnesota Chapter is looked upon with high regard throughout the national scene. The leadership of MPWA over the years has set us on the road to long-term success. As I start my term, I only need to steer the ship in the right direction and let the directors and committees do their job.

As this issue of the *Chalkline* goes to press, the Executive Committee and committee chairs are preparing to meet for a strategic planning session. We will be discussing the short- and long-term goals for our chapter.

Following are some of the issues we will address during the strategic planning session.

Update operations manual. We will work to update Chapter by-laws and job descriptions for all executive positions. We will also update committee structure, goals, and descriptions.

Outstate meetings. One of the short-term goals for 2009 is to conduct two outstate meetings — one in Rochester, our second year meeting there, and, for the first time this year, one in the Mankato area. If you are interested in getting involved with planning these meetings, please contact *Mike Cousino*, Olmsted County, at cousino.mike@co.olmsted.mn.us. Mike is our outstate director and is in charge of the chapter's newest committee, Outstate Development.

We'll be discussing several long-term topics:

- How do we, as a chapter, work with other similar state organizations such as AWWA, Minnesota Rural Water, City Engineers, County Engineers, etc.?
- Is there a benefit to working closer together?
- How do we take a lead role?
- What do we offer?

Other discussion topics include:

- How do we bring public works to the forefront of people's attention?
- When the economy falters, how do we safeguard public works from budget cuts?
- How do we organize with other state groups and make a stronger case for public works overall?

The challenges that face all of us in today's economy are better met as a group. I look forward to facing these new opportunities together with you.

Dan Gage, MPWA President

Visit the new and improved MPWA website

The Minnesota Chapter has a new and improved website! Please check it out at minnesota.apwa.net.

The MPWA website is based upon a template constructed and offered through APWA; therefore, it looks and operates similar to most APWA chapter websites.

Process for updating website. Access to the website for posting and updating material is controlled by our current webmaster, Joel Schilling. Communications Committee members also have access to the website, and are in the process of identifying outdated information and formatting issues that will provide for a more user-friendly website. We encourage members to use the site, and share any comments with committee members.

The Communications Committee will soon be scheduling a training session for committee chairs, who will then have website access, learn how to post committee material, provide meeting notices, and update their membership rosters on the website. In the coming months, we'll be adding conference material packets, links to public works websites, and other pertinent content to the site.

Request for input and participation. Suggestions for website content can be forwarded to members of the Communications Committee: John Rodeberg (chair), Amy Grothaus, Mark Hansen, Bob Cockriel, and Joel Schilling. And if you are interested in joining the Communications Committee, please contact *John Rodeberg* (jrodeberg@sehinc.com) — we're always looking for new ideas!

Submitted by Mark Hansen
Communications Committee

Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew for National Public Works Week

Why wouldn't the third week in May be the most exciting and vibrant week of the year for you, your coworkers, and all of our neighbors, friends, family, and legislators? Of course you know that May 17-23 is National Public Works Week 2009, so why wouldn't we all be a part of a statewide celebration to recognize the amazing contributions and future of public works?

Really, why not celebrate? Think about it — even in these challenging times, maybe even more importantly *because* of these challenging times, we have much to recognize and celebrate within our world of public works. We need to reflect upon the vibrancy of these times and recognize, amidst the challenges of a dire economy and tight budgets everywhere, that we have amazing opportunities within our grasp. We must call upon our ingenuity and optimism, apply our education, experiences, and hard-earned knowledge, pursue excellence through our efforts and partnerships, and showcase our accomplishments with pride and professionalism.

National Public Works Week, with its theme "Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew," is an ideal opportunity for us all, and there are worthwhile actions to take now and into May that will bring well-deserved attention and accolades to

public works. Consider reviewing your mission statement to determine one or more goals for you and your organization (such as increase public understanding), then define your target audience and determine some objectives and strategies (such as an open house, outreach program, equipment demo, etc.), pursue those strategies and evaluate your efforts. For more information, ideas, and resources Visit www.apwa.net/About/npww/. I invite you to be a part of this amazing effort that showcases how public works are the foundation of our society.

In addition to National Public Work Week activities, it benefits us all to learn more and powerful methods to bring attention to public works since we have both the pleasure and responsibility of knowing that the work we do is critical to society — businesses and citizens, the old and the young — and that our work will frequently outlast our lifetime and benefit thousands of our fellow citizens. The upcoming MPWA Spring Conference will provide some excellent opportunities for learning and strategic thinking.

Submitted by Beverly Farraher
MPWA Director

Spring conference planning is underway

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the MPWA Spring Conference, to be held May 13-15 at the Grandview Lodge in Nisswa.

Members of the Conference Planning Committee have been very busy in early 2009, pulling together another informative and entertaining Spring Conference that hopefully will not cut into our very important social activities...

As usual, the Spring Conference focuses on timely, current issues, and provides more of the management training rather than the technical topics that are covered at the MPWA Fall Conference.

The big issue this year is the state of our economy and the budget cuts being forced on cities by the state. Conference topics under consideration will help us to convey the value of public works and how we communicate its importance to decisionmakers so we are on the same playing field as other core services.

We hope to kick off the conference with a rousing start, so please plan on attending this year for the educational benefits and fellowship with your peers.

Submitted by Dave Hutton
MPWA Vice President &
Co-Chair, Conference Planning Committee

MPWA Delegate Report (Nov. 2008 – Jan. 2009)

Following are highlights from APWA Region VI Director Larry Stevens' (Iowa) quarterly report to regional delegates on Board actions and additional items of interest. Larry will be joining us at our 2009 Spring Conference.

APWA Center for Sustainability. In November, the APWA Board, acting on an APWA Task Force Report on Sustainability, established the APWA Center for Sustainability that will be governed by a 12-member board. The Center's mission is to integrate sustainability into all aspects of APWA as an organization and into public works management and services. The Center shall engage, lead, and facilitate APWA in identifying and advancing sustainability initiatives, and support and intensify members' capacity to integrate current and future social, economic, and environmental outcomes into local public works management.

In December, APWA solicited members interested in being appointed to the Center's board. Two members of the Minnesota Chapter threw their "hats in the ring" for possible appointment by APWA President Noel Thompson: Bruce Besse, St. Paul Director of Public Works, and Klayton Eckles, P.E., Woodbury Deputy Director of Public Works. MPWA President Dan Gage mailed APWA a letter of support for both candidates. The appointment of the governing board should be decided soon.

APWA Bylaws and Rules Update. The APWA Board in late January adopted recommended changes to model chapter bylaws template and rules governing chapters. The Board's action is timely as chapters are required to review and amend bylaws, as needed, every five years. The current Minnesota Chapter bylaws were approved in November 2005.

House of Delegates Spring 2009 regional meeting. A joint meeting of regions VI, VII, VIII, and IX will be convened April 19-20 in Estes Park, Colorado. The spring meeting is usually a joint meeting of two or more regions. An outcome from last year's meeting in Kansas City was the drafting of summary issues from the America 2050 Report and other major matters facing public works. The draft was accepted by the APWA Board at its August 2008 meeting, and was to be further analyzed during a retreat in early November. The two-page summary is Exhibit A within the Delegate's report in the January 23 Executive Committee meeting packet, available on the MPWA website at minnesota.apwa.net. This effort gives you a flavor of the HOD's new role as a "Think Tank" for the Association.

Submitted by Joel Schilling
MPWA Delegate

MPWA scholarship applications available in March

In March, MPWA will distribute scholarship applications to area colleges and technical schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

Each year, MPWA awards:

- One college scholarship at \$1,500 or more.
- Four college scholarships at \$1,000.
- Four technical school scholarships at \$750.

Application criteria. Interested applicants must be juniors or seniors in a college's civil engineering or public works administration program; or in a technical school's public works-related program (i.e. forestry, water treatment, waste water treatment, fleet management, engineering technician, and surveying).

Request application materials. If you know an interested student, an application may be obtained from: Daniel Fick, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, 390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101-1805. Phone: (651) 602-1061. Email: daniel.fick@metc.state.mn.us. Or download scholarship application materials from the MPWA website at minnesota.apwa.net.

Please specify if you need a college or technical school application. Preference will be given to MPWA members, spouses, or dependents.

Deadline for application submittal is **June 5, 2009**.

**Submitted by Daniel Fick
Chair, Scholarship Committee**

Scholarships awarded for Public Works Technician Program

On February 3, 2009, MPWA Fall Expo Committee members *Tom Tufenk*, *Kathy Warren*, and *Tom Struve* attended the Scholarship Award Ceremony at Hennepin Technical College – Eden Prairie campus.

The new Hennepin Technical College entry-level Public Works Technician Program began during the fall semester of 2008 with 21 students.

Six successful second semester students from this new program — Douglas Eldien, David Ellefson, Steve McBride, Richard Menefee, Dane Neska, and Charles Pemberton — were recognized at the award ceremony.

The \$1,000 scholarships were donated by the MPWA Fall Expo Committee (\$4,000) and the Minnesota Street Superintendents Association (\$2,000). Both groups have committed to making this monetary donation on an annual basis.

MPWA/MSSA member *Tom Struve* and Rod Pletan (retired from MnDOT) are among the instructors for the new program (PW 1000 Intro to Public Works Employment and PW 1005 Intro to Maintenance Operations, respectively).

**Submitted by Kathy Warren
Registration/Finance Chair, Fall Expo**



HTC Public Works Technician Program Scholarship Award Ceremony

(Left to right): Charlie Pemberton, Tom Tufenk, Richard Menefee, Tom Struve, Dane Neska, Steve McBride, Mike Colestock (Program Director), Kathy Warren

Getting more life out of your public infrastructure

Public infrastructure in Minnesota cities has aged. This deterioration process has been accelerated by lack of maintenance, leaks due to poor pipe bedding or tree roots, and lack of timely repair.

Not planning to replace or extend service life is a recipe for service failure — in some cases, dramatic failure.

The unfortunate effect of this neglect has been highlighted nationally by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), which has identified infrastructure improvement as their highest priority for action: “Years of deferred infrastructure investment and maintenance, and the profession’s limited effectiveness in communicating with public officials regarding infrastructure needs: a) Place public safety at risk, and b) Hinder the nation’s economic growth and competitiveness.”

Engineered attention to maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement extends the life of public investments. The consensus here in Minnesota is that maintenance has been deferred due to budget shortfalls, and that capital investment — just to protect what we already have — has been woefully lacking for many years.

Public infrastructure in Minnesota’s cities has, in many places, reached its textbook life. Facilities constructed under less than ideal conditions will age and fail sooner than statistics suggest. This situation is increasingly the case in our developed suburban cities, as well as in our older central cities.

Implementing new repair, rehabilitation, and replacement programs requires meticulous planning and the political skills to convince elected decisionmakers of their value and the urgency for action. Infrastructure managers have not convincingly communicated with policymakers.

Investing in techniques that go beyond repair but stop short of total replacement will spread limited infrastructure dollars farther and extend service life more quickly.

Available techniques include pavement management and pipe lining.

“Investing in techniques that go beyond repair but stop short of total replacement will spread limited infrastructure dollars farther and extend service life more quickly.”

Pavement management — the most often used technique — combines accurate location information, condition inventory, and scheduled action to extend pavement life. Trenchless lining for gravity sewers is very cost-effective and can add 50 years to the life of a pipe. Trenchless lining for pressure pipes is a technique new in the U.S. TKDA’s recent Edina water main lining project indicates the value, and limitation, of this emerging technology.

Should your city be doing more to predict, and then minimize, infrastructure replacement needs? Maybe.

Your city might need rehabilitation if:

- You have annoying maintenance headaches, most often best known by supervisors and maintenance crews.
- You have areas where repairs are a sink hole for your limited funds. A fast payback is likely in these situations.
- You experience repeated street damage caused by frequent dig-ups of deteriorated utility pipes.

Rehabilitation work can be done as part of larger neighborhood and commercial area improvement initiatives. Efforts to revitalize housing and increase tax base can be enhanced by also upgrading utilities and streetscape.

This is worth thinking about — and taking action. Last year, a cartoon in a national publication featured a Bin Laden-like character urging that, “We have to destroy America’s infrastructure...before it falls apart.”

We have to make a better case for action...before it falls apart.

**Submitted by
Bernie Bullert and Tom Eggum, TKDA**

IDEA CENTER

Cooperation between departments enhances communications effort

This past year, the City of St. Paul has faced a serious foreclosure and vacant property crisis. Since 2005, the number of sheriff sales has risen dramatically. In 2005, 503 clients served; 2006, 1,206; 2007, 1,819; and, in 2008, 2,289.

In April, Mayor Chris Coleman, the City Council, and the Planning and Economic Development Department (PED) created a Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Department within PED. The goal was to consolidate all the housing counselors into one location with a direct-dial call and message center for families facing foreclosure.

The new department was a sub-grantee of a grant program, whereby a portion of the grant was allocated for program-related support funds. PED was looking for a low-cost way to market the program and inform residents about the services available. This is where Public Works comes in!

The problem: Getting information to residents

After considering a few approaches (placing ads in Metro Transit buses, etc.), training our own staff on getting the word out became a priority, and what better way to advertise this service than on our own fleet of city vehicles? In addition to the city's fleet, Public Works employees asked for signs for their own personal vehicles.

Public Works Director Bruce Beese and Program Administrator Michelle Vojacek shared information about the seriousness of the situation and explained the program and cooperative effort at the October Public Works All-Staff meeting. Thus, the magnetic sign partnership was created between Public Works and PED.

In addition to information available on the city's website, Mayor Coleman and Council Member Carter, whose district has been particularly hard hit, announced the program at a press conference and placed the first sign on a truck.



How successful has the sign program been?

Very! PED reports that days and weeks following the press conference, hundreds of calls were placed by families who said they saw the information on city trucks. To this day, the program hears from many callers who say they got the phone number from seeing one of the signs; for instance, while waiting at a bus shelter or stopped at a traffic signal.

Considerations

The cost of the magnetic "bumper sticker" type signs was \$4,166 for 750 signs, or \$5.55 per sign. Two different signs were created: a regular "bumper sticker" size for the sedans, and an 8" x 20" sign for bigger equipment.

Magnetic signs were chosen because the program, while long-term, is temporary in relation to the life of a vehicle, so using actual bumper "stickers" was ruled out. For a more permanent communication, bumper stickers may be an even cheaper option.

Fleet Manager Ron Mundahl has a few additional suggestions for a successful sign program: clean the surface of the vehicle before placing the sign; place the sign on the flattest part of the vehicle, if possible, which will help during prolonged periods of freezing temperatures by keeping the sign

conformed to the vehicle; match the sign size to the vehicle size; remove the sign prior to washing the vehicle.

An option for your agency

This program was highly successful for our agency; I hope if you are faced with a "temporary" communication conundrum, or have an event that occurs annually, you can use this as a suggestion for your agency.



St. Paul Mayor Coleman and Council Member Carter announce the sign program

Submitted by Shannon Tyree
City of St. Paul

Have a good idea to share with your colleagues? How did you solve a problem? From simple fixes to complex solutions — please share your strategies. Email your contributions to Kathy Warren at kwarren@usinternet.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

MPWA Board officers and members



Dan Gage, MPWA President, is vice president of Mac Queen Equipment, where he has been employed for the past 20 years. Mac Queen operates in four states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Nebraska), each under a different company name but with the same core group of ownership.

Dan is a 1977 graduate of Burnsville High School. He and his wife, Sue, met at Mankato State University and have been married for 28 years.

They have two children: their daughter, Shannon (22), is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and is currently employed in the management training program with Enterprise Car Rental; their son, Tyler (21), is a junior at Marquette University studying business and commercial real estate, and playing on the hockey team.

Dan Gage, MPWA President

Dan's main hobby is riding motorcycles. He enjoys long-distance trips across the Midwest and country, and day trips with his wife and friends. He's also pretty much up for anything outdoors — boating, golfing, traveling included.

Dan played rugby for more than 10 years and refereed for an additional 10 years. He has coached almost every sport in which his children have participated, including soccer, baseball, softball, track, hockey, and basketball.

He's also participated in any school function/skit that his wife thought he should be involved in — he's not sure if she was just trying to embarrass him, but it never worked!



Sue and Dan with their children, Shannon and Tyler



Dave Hutton, MPWA Vice President, has been employed for nine years with WSB & Associates where he serves as principal/municipal manager. He previously worked with the cities of Savage (seven years) and Shakopee (six years) as public works director/city engineer; he was an assistant city engineer for the city of West Bend, Wisconsin, for four years; and construction engineer on the Santa Fe Railroad in Texas.

Dave and his wife, Ann, a surgical technician at Fairview Southdale Hospital, have been married for 28 years. Their oldest daughter, Rachel (27), is married and teaches special education; Brian (26) is a financial planner; and Sarah (22) is in marketing/sales. There aren't any grandchildren yet, but there is a 150-pound Great Dane (his daughter's dog!).

Dave's a golfer; enjoys traveling, photography, and camping; and volunteers with the Future Cities program.

Dave Hutton, MPWA Vice President

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Mark Maloney, MPWA Secretary/Treasurer

Mark Maloney, MPWA Secretary/Treasurer, is beginning his 15th year as director of public works with the City of Shoreview. Previously, Mark spent five years as Brooklyn Center city engineer; and 10 years doing various surveying, design, layout, and engineering activities at a Twin Cities consulting engineering firm.

Mark and his wife, Debbie, have four children, Kevin (22), Cole (19), Ashley (18), and Joey (9). They are anxiously awaiting the arrival in June of their first grandchild!

In his free time, Mark enjoys gardening, fishing, canoeing, and motorcycling.

He has served 12 years on the Local Road Research Board's Research Implementation Committee, on the Legislative Committee of the City Engineer's Association of Minnesota, and various Policy Development Committees of the League of Minnesota Cities.



Bob Cockriel, MPWA Director

Bob Cockriel, MPWA Director, has been utilities superintendent with the City of Bloomington for the last 15 years. Before his position with Bloomington, he was Roseville utilities superintendent for five years, and engineering technician and senior engineering technician with the cities of White Bear Lake and Woodbury.

Bob and his wife, Bonnie, have been married for 28 years and have three children, Lindsey (25), Kaylin (23), and Dan (17).

In his spare time, Bob plays racquetball three times a week, and enjoys bicycling, playing golf (poorly, he says), and watching his kids play their sports. Bob recently retired as baseball/softball coach after 17 years.



Lee Gustafson, MPWA Director

Lee Gustafson, MPWA Director, has been Minnetonka director of engineering for the past 14 years. Prior to Minnetonka, Lee was Hopkins public works director/city engineer for four years and Robbinsdale public works director for eight years.

Lee and his wife, Julie, have been married for almost 27 years. They both grew up in Brooklyn Park and have lived in Maple Grove for the past 18 years. They have two daughters, Andrea (22) and Lauren (17), and a spunky dog named Charlie. Andrea recently graduated from Concordia in Moorhead and works for Wells Fargo Financial. Lauren is a junior at Maple Grove Senior High School and loves to play soccer and hockey, and, of course, hang out with her friends.

Lee usually has a house or cabin project in the works. In his free time, he also enjoys fishing, pheasant hunting, and the occasional game of golf.

Up until a few years ago, Lee coached both of his daughters' basketball, soccer, and hockey teams. He's also been very involved in the City Engineers Association of Minnesota, serving on its state aid screening board, Executive Committee, Conference Planning Committee, and Website/Communications Committee.



Lee with his daughter, Andrea, and wife, Julie

News Around Town

Bolton & Menk, Inc.

The **Buffalo Wastewater Treatment Facility**, which opened in September 2008, has been honored by three organizations: the Minnesota American Council of Engineering Companies; the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers; and Environmental Business Journal. Bolton & Menk recommended a state-of-the-art system that virtually eliminates biosolids by converting them into a renewable energy source.



Janele Fowlds, L.S., received the William S. Kelly, Jr. Community Service Award from the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors. Fowlds is a licensed professional surveyor working out of Bolton & Menk's Mankato office and has been with the firm for 12 years.

American Testing, Inc.



Daniel Allison has earned his Geologist-In-Training certification. Allison, who has a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, is an environmental technician for AET.

WSB & Associates, Inc.



Steve Gurney, PE, has become a LEED-accredited professional. LEED professional accreditation distinguishes professionals with the knowledge and skills to steward the LEED certification process.

Jamie Wallerstedt and **Chris Hartzell** are now Minnesota registered professional engineers.



During her seven years with WSB, Wallerstedt has been involved in various projects, including water towers in Hugo and Mahtomedi, the North Branch Water Treatment Plant No. 2, and the Excelsior Water Emergency and Conservation Plans.



Hartzell has been a member of WSB's municipal group for more than four years, and has been involved in projects such as the award-winning West 70th Street Roundabouts in Edina and Hugo's Rice Lake Soccer Complex.

Treasurer's Report

Thanks to the excellent work of last year's MPWA Treasurer Dave Hutton, our chapter is fiscally sound and positioned for 2009. Dave has done a lot to bring me up to speed on Chapter finances, and I recently participated in APWA training specifically for new Chapter treasurers.

Below is a summary of change in total net worth of the Minnesota Chapter for the year 2008. You can see that our net worth has increased over \$2,000 for the year; pretty impressive, given the economy and all the things we're accomplishing.

We're currently in the process of completing our annual financial audit. Once completed, I will report on the results of the audit, as well as on recent changes in IRS requirements that impact us at the chapter level. The new requirements relate to reporting sponsorship revenues and contributions, scholarships, fundraising, and lobbying activities.

Submitted by **Mark Maloney**
MPWA Secretary/Treasurer

Summary of Net Worth Changes (12/31/07 to 12/31/08)

Account	12/31/07	12/31/08	Net Change
HFCU Savings	\$5.03	\$5.03	
MPWA Checking	\$11,488.73	\$4,294.35	(\$7,194.38)
MPWA Money Market	\$17,244.14	\$25,696.04	\$8,451.90
Petty Cash	\$243.48	\$438.07	\$194.59
APWA Merrill Lynch Fund	\$54,514.46	\$55,361.43	\$846.97
Total Net Worth	\$83,495.84	\$85,794.92	\$2,299.08



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