

Minnesota well represented in Boston for APWA Congress

Nearly 90 Minnesota Chapter members, spouses, and guests attended the 2010 APWA International Congress and Expo in Boston, Mass., August 15-18. The educational sessions stressed leadership, innovation, and sustainable approaches to public works in these challenging times.



Minnesota award winners and chapter representatives for the PACE Award at APWA Congress
 (Left to right): Jim Grube, Walter Eshenaur, Mark Maloney, Dan Gage, Dave Hutton, Jeannine Clancy, Beverly Farraher, Pete Willenbring. (Not pictured): Brad Henry

Two of our members (**Brad DeWolf**, Bolton-Menk, and **Mark Maloney**, APWA-MN Vice President) were invited to present Minnesota-based success stories to international audiences.

In addition, the Minnesota Chapter saw a number of our members and organizations honored with national awards:

- Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award: **Jim Grube** (Hennepin County)
- Professional Manager of the Year Award, Transportation: **Beverly Farraher** (MnDOT)
- Professional Manager of the Year Award, Water Resources: **Pete Willenbring** (WSB)
- Professional Manager of the Year Award, Engineering & Technology: **Brad Henry**
- International Service Award: **Walter Eshenaur** (SRF Consulting Group)

- Excellence in Snow & Ice Control Award: **City of Prior Lake**
- Exceptional Performance Award, Adversity: **City of Moorhead**
- Exceptional Performance Award, Safety: **Minnesota Departments of Transportation and Public Safety**

A big thank you to the APWA-MN Awards Committee for getting the national recognition for our members' achievements.



Sunset over Boston Harbor

Following the formal awards presentation, sponsors of the Minnesota Chapter held a reception at The Pub at Cheers (near Faneuil Hall) to honor the achievements of our national award winners.

On August 17, we held our chapter dinner aboard the Spirit of Boston. Following a buffet dinner, guests were treated to a cruise of Boston Harbor. Near perfect weather conditions (and no mosquitoes!) found most of our members up on deck enjoying the spectacular night views of downtown Boston.

Submitted by **Mark Maloney**
 APWA-MN Vice President

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 23** **Technical Tour** (Hiawatha Maintenance Facility)
- Sept. 24** **Nomination Deadline for Chapter Awards**
- Oct. 6-7** **Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo** (St. Cloud)
- Oct. 19** **UUIS School Begins**
- Nov. 17-19** **APWA-MN Fall Conference** (Brooklyn Center)

Save-the-dates in 2011:

- March 29** **Feed My Starving Children** (Eagan, Chanhassen & Coon Rapids)

For the latest information or to register for training opportunities, visit the APWA-MN Chapter website at minnesota.apwa.net.

Fall Conference reminder

Registration is now open for the **APWA-MN Chapter Fall Workshop and Conference**, to be held **November 17-19**, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center.



The conference promises to deliver timely, high-quality public works education and training sessions on topics like sustainability, conservation, safety and infrastructure management.

A highlight this year is the highly-anticipated motivational session, "How to Stay Up No Matter What Comes Down." We're also excited to include a presentation from a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that will help us better understand the landscape of infrastructure security in this modern age.

The conference also includes our Awards Program that recognizes member achievements and the announcement of our technical school and university scholarships. And don't forget the Membership Committee Bowling and Networking Event on the evening of Thursday, November 18!

Similar to past years, a separate Fall Workshop is scheduled on the day before the Conference that is intended to serve members who are primarily involved with public works operations (but all are welcome!). This year's workshop emphasizes the protection of our waters and natural environment, and includes sessions on stormwater infrastructure, road salt use, Emerald Ash Borer strategies, and traffic sign maintenance and management.

Additional conference details and registration will be distributed electronically this year so watch your email. To register online, visit www.cce.umn.edu/conferences/mpwa. For exhibitor information, contact **Kathy Warren** at kwarren@usinternet.com.

Submitted by Mark Maloney
APWA-MN Vice President

Wanted: Chapter historian

Do you like really old stuff? Enjoy researching old records and photos? Have some extra time on your hands, maybe retired or semi-retired, or simply riding off into the sunset of your career? Are you looking for a new hobby?

The Minnesota Chapter is seeking a Chapter Historian to help us organize and create a digital archive of our long and illustrious history. The pay isn't much, but the fun factor is high.



If interested, please contact any member of the APWA-MN Executive Committee.

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APWA-MN
President
Dave Hutton

Message from the President

Once again, the Minnesota Chapter had a fantastic showing at the National Congress in Boston. Our chapter continues to be one of the leaders in APWA and that is a testament to our tremendous members who make up the chapter.

The awards ceremony was very well attended and our chapter did well again, winning nine awards. While we did not win any Project of the Year awards, we led the country in individual awards, capped off with our very own Top Ten Leader of the Year award to **Jim Grube** from Hennepin County. This is one of the highest honors presented by APWA and it has been several years since Minnesota has won a Top Ten award. And finally, the chapter won the coveted Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) for the sixth year in a row. Outstanding! For more information about individual award winners, please see article on page 1.

I have to give a huge “attaboy” to **Mark Hansen**, chair of the APWA-MN Awards Committee, and to all of his committee members for working so hard to bring home the hardware from Boston. Congratulations to all the award winners.

In addition, we have two members serving on national committees: **John Scharffbillig** (Minneapolis), Fleet Services Committee chair, and **Joel Schilling**, Project of the Year Selection Committee. This is truly a big deal for our chapter and my hats off to them.

Finally, I want to recognize our first-ever recipient of the APWA-MN’s new program to sponsor a “young” member to attend Congress. Often, our younger members do not meet the qualifications of their agency or company to attend a national event like Congress, but yet they are active in the chapter. So the APWA-MN Executive Committee has decided to sponsor one person each year to go to Congress.

This year, **Chris Petree** of Lakeville was selected to attend Congress. Chris is very active in our Chapter, serving as vice chair of the Education Committee. Congratulations, Chris! In Boston, Chris participated in a chapter roundtable discussion of education programs; our Chapter was invited to participate in the discussion as a result of the strong and diverse program we have for all levels of public works employees.

The chapter also assisted in **Tom Klatt’s** attendance at Congress in recognition of his receiving the Hugo G. Erickson Award.

The celebration and reception at the Cheers bar following the awards ceremony was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank all of our sponsors for making that event possible.

Keep up the great work, Minnesota!

Dave Hutton, APWA-MN President



APWA-MN President Dave Hutton hanging with APWA mascot P.W. Paws at Congress

Nominations for APWA-MN Awards Program due September 24

The APWA-MN Chapter Fall Conference will once again include an awards ceremony recognizing those that have made significant contributions to the profession at all management levels. Awards will be given in several categories, including personnel awards, project awards and environmental stewardship.

Personnel awards. The personnel awards recognize individuals from all management levels, including:

- Director or Manager of the Year
- Superintendent of the Year
- Supervisor of the Year
- Maintenance Worker of the Year

Individuals receiving these awards have demonstrated outstanding service to citizens that enhances the public perception of public works services; the use of innovative applications of new and existing technology; the use of innovative applications of new or existing project management and service delivery systems; outstanding efforts in career and personal growth; and outstanding efforts in developing teamwork and cooperative working relationships.

Project awards. The project of the year awards recognize outstanding projects, both large and small, that highlight the diverse facets of public works projects. Criteria for project of the year includes: innovative applications of new or existing technologies; innovative project management, financing, and multi-agency participation; providing future value to the public works profession and perception by the public; and taking social, economic, and sustainable design considerations into account.



Understanding that the implementation of a successful project requires the exemplary efforts of all members of the project team, various team members including the implementing agency, project designer, construction administrator, and the contractor will all be recognized at the awards ceremony.

Environmental Stewardship Award.

In its second year, this award recognizes those that have demonstrated a sustained effort towards environmental conservation or protection, benefits to the community and to the environment, and consideration of Public Works values, including cost effectiveness and long-term operation and maintenance.

Also presented is the **Hugo G. Erickson Award**. This award is presented to an individual who has provided superior and outstanding service to our chapter to further the continued successful operation and goals of the APWA-MN Chapter.

Award deadline. Nomination forms for all of the awards can be found on the APWA-MN Chapter website and should be submitted by **September 24** to **Mark Hansen** at SRF (mchansen@srfconsulting.com). Submittals can be made in PDF format and should be no larger than 3 megabytes.

On behalf of the awards committee, I would like to thank those making a nomination this year. Without your nominations the awards program would not be the success that it is.

Submitted by Amy Grothaus
APWA-MN Director

Thank you for opportunity to attend Congress

Greetings APWA-Minnesota Chapter members!

I just returned from the APWA Congress in Boston and it was a great experience!

Thanks to the APWA-MN's new Young Member Scholarship Program, I was nominated and selected to attend this year's APWA Congress in Boston. This was a wonderful opportunity for me since my city has eliminated out-of-state training/travel.

This year's APWA Congress was filled with valuable education sessions, an extensive exhibitor show, a terrific awards ceremony, and the chapter dinner (a great opportunity to network).

I was also proud to represent our chapter at the Public Works Institute Open Forum. We have two APWA accredited institutes, the Leadership Academy and the Public Works Certificate Program, and chapters from around the country were very interested to learn about how we have developed such successful institutes.

Again, thank you, APWA-MN, for the opportunity!

Submitted by Chris Petree
Vice Chair, Education & Training Committee



Delegate's Report (August 2010):

The House of Delegates Annual Meeting was held August 14 in conjunction with the APWA Congress and Exposition in Boston. Some highlights include:

- Attendance was up about 30 percent from 2009, with projections of more than 5,500 people attending. Many educational sessions were offered along with 78,200 square feet of exhibit space, excluding the SWANA exhibit space. Next year's Congress will be held in Denver.
- The new "I Am Public Works" video encourages middle and high school students to consider careers in public works. It is approximately 10 minutes long and explains the entire range of the public works profession. The video, along with many other K-12 outreach supplies, can be ordered through the APWA Bookstore. These are great tools to use when asked to speak at your local schools!
- APWA will be launching a new website next year with an enhanced search and other improved resources. Please visit the APWA website at www.apwa.net to take full advantage of your membership benefits; log on to www.apwa.net and create an account with just your name and APWA member number. If you do not know your member number, please contact **Angela Popenhagen** or **Kathy Warren**.
- APWA continues to offer the "First-Time Member" promotion where anyone who has not previously been a member can join APWA for \$70. Visit the APWA website for more information.

Submitted by **Angela Popenhagen**
APWA-MN Delegate

Treasurer's Report (August 31, 2010):

I. ASSETS	2/19/10	4/26/10	6/30/10	8/31/10
a. Cash/Bank Accounts				
HCFU Savings	\$5.06	\$5.07	\$5.07	\$5.07
MPWA Checking	6,319.97	\$27,311.86	\$17,544.45	\$10,885.88
MPWA Money Market	\$11,546.49	\$26,546.49	\$16,607.13	\$11,616.26
Petty Cash (closed)	\$0.00	Closed	Closed	Closed
Total Cash/Bank Accounts	\$17,871.52	\$53,863.42	\$34,156.65	\$22,507.21
b. Investments				
APWA Merrill Lynch Fund	\$75,274.06	\$78,444.31	\$92,549.97	\$95,490.24
Total Investments	\$75,274.06	\$78,444.31	\$92,549.97	\$95,490.24
Total Assets	\$93,145.58	\$132,307.73	\$126,706.62	\$117,997.45
II. LIABILITIES				
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$93,145.58	\$132,307.73	\$126,706.62	\$117,997.45

* Information received from APWA on Minnesota Chapter Black Rock Global as of August 31, 2010.

Submitted by **Jeannine Clancy**
APWA-MN Secretary/Treasurer

Members enjoy 28th annual APWA-MN Golf Outing

The 28th Annual APWA-MN Summer Golf Outing was held at Indian Hills Country Club in Stillwater on July 19. The annual event is designated as a membership drive to attract potential members to join our chapter, as well as a fundraiser for scholarships to be provided to local students.



APWA-MN members get ready to play some golf



A foursome enjoys the APWA-MN 28th Annual Golf Outing

The event continues to be one of the chapter's most popular events, with a full roster of 144 golfers registering within two weeks of the notice being sent, and an additional 18 members joining us for the evening banquet in the clubhouse.

This year's event yielded fantastic support from our local corporate sponsors. On behalf of our chapter, I would like thank our 21 corporate sponsors for their generous financial support and unique contributions to the event.

The refreshments provided at the hole locations, as well as the door prizes made possible by our sponsors, played an important part in creating a memorable event.

Thanks also to all of this year's chapter volunteers; course sponsor **Jack Simonson**; emcee **Mike Marti**; registration desk attendants **Mark Kasma**, **Jim Owens**, **Greg Stonehouse**, and **Kathy Warren**; and our door prize runners, **Lane Christianson**, **Boyd Paulu**, and **Shannon Tyree**, who were kept busy right up to the end of the banquet.

Without all of our volunteers' help, our local chapter could not put on such a great event!

In addition, I would like to thank our gracious hosts at Indian Hills — **Jeff Weber**, **Tom Nelson**, and **Tracy Olson**. Every year they have worked extremely hard to put on a great event for us, which makes it so easy for us to come back to their facility.

Based on the increasing popularity of the event, we will continue to review the potential need to move to a larger golf course with 27 holes. It would be difficult to leave Indian Hills, but we hate turning foursomes away when the event fills up as quickly as it typically does.

As always, we welcome your opinions as we begin to plan next year's event.

If you have any suggestions to help improve the event or would like to offer your assistance in planning next year's event, please contact

Jason Sprague at (612) 217-4420.



Another group on the greens

Left to right: Fran Hoffman, Gary Warren, Chet Harrison, John Scheerer

Submitted by **Jason Sprague**
Chair, Summer Golf Outing

Rain-out results in reschedule, but spirits high for Saints

On Friday, June 25, the APWA-MN Membership Committee teamed up with the Saint Paul Saints to host a riveting game between the Saints and the Wichita Wingnuts! Each ticket sold generated \$5 that went back to the chapter, raising almost \$400!

Public works employees tailgated before the game, shared some great face time with the Membership Committee, and enjoyed some beverages and brats (expertly grilled by **Boyd Paulu** and **Greg Stonehouse**). Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate that day, and, despite having a tent to shield us from the elements, horizontal rain canceled the game.

Not to be denied, on July 22 we held a make up game for those unfortunate, formerly drenched, Saints fans. We had a modest turn out, grilled, and finally got to enjoy our Saints game.

We hope to hold another APWA-MN Saints game next year, so be ready!



Boyd Paulu taking charge of the grill

Submitted by Lane Christianson
Co-Chair, Membership Committee



APWA-MN members gather before the Saints game

Left to right: Shannon Tyree, Mark Kasma, Lane Christianson (kneeling), Boyd Paulu, Sue Mason, Greg Stonehouse, Jason Sprague

RSVP for Hiawatha Maintenance Facility Technical Tour on September 23

Built a century ago as a place to treat the Fire Department's sick horses, the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility has just undergone an extensive renovation to meet strict standards for energy efficiency and sustainability. Come check out this unique and innovative Public Works Facility: the first city building to meet strict Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

The tour will be held Thursday, September 23, from 4-5:30 p.m. The tour will be limited to the first 100 registrants and there is no cost to attend. Limited parking is available; please carpool if possible.

To register, please contact **Kathy Warren** with the following information: name, organization, email address, and total number attending. Phone/Fax: (651) 351-743. Email: kwarren@usinternet.com.

The tour will meet outside the main entrance at the flagpole. Address: 1901 East 26th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404-4028.

For more information, please visit the APWA-MN website at: minnesota.apwa.net.



City of Minneapolis Hiawatha Maintenance Facility

APWA and Minnesota Chapter consider sustainability

The 2nd Annual APWA Sustainability in Public Works Conference was held in Minneapolis, June 8-10, and played to a diverse audience from the U.S. and Canada. The conference was designed to explore and promote the evolving role of public works professionals in the creation of sustainable communities.

APWA-MN President Dave Hutton welcomed conference attendees to Minnesota, and detailed our strong background and successful experiences in sustainability. Many Minnesota chapter members were also involved in supporting the conference through sponsorships, exhibits, attendance, and presentations.

In particular, Mark Maloney's well-received presentation on the City of Shoreview's previous concrete project showed that "green" solutions are more than just fads, but an important and useful option in finding the appropriate solutions to address projects with often very complicated aspects.

Sustainability is a cross-cutting concept that touches all aspects of public works, and APWA continues to play an expanding role in the education and promotion of the topic, including developing the APWA Center for Sustainability in 2008, and focusing on the topic as the theme for 2010 APWA International Congress.

The APWA Center for Sustainability is embarking on an initiative to drive the transformation of public works management so that public works professionals can

confront the challenges facing their communities. The fundamentals of sustainability center on creating balanced solutions that deliver services at levels citizens expect, and doing so in an environmentally and socially responsible way and insuring the best economic choice in the long-term.



New challenges like shrinking local budgets, increased cost of materials, a more engaged and better informed public and stakeholders, and new regulatory mandates are confronting public works professionals and making our daily jobs even more challenging. These new challenges require a new approach to public works management that must focus on innovative, collaborative, and whole-systems thinking.

The next generation of public works professionals must look at the problem in its broadest context and ensure that decision makers, government and private, are aware of the consequences and opportunities of a wide variety of possible solutions.

The Minnesota Chapter's Environment and Sustainability Committee helps lead our local efforts. The committee continues to expand efforts in engaging and educating our members, and also provides important support and evaluation of state and national initiatives like the Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) program, see article on page 10.

Submitted by **John Rodeberg**
Chair, Communications Committee

Welcome, new APWA-MN Chapter members

The APWA-MN Chapter welcomes our newest members:

- **William Bellows**, City of Brooklyn Park
- **David Bennett**, City of Apple Valley
- **Jessica Cook**, Ehlers & Associates
- **Sean Delmore**, WSB
- **Ellen Dosedall**, City of Minneapolis
- **Mark Garrison**, East Jordan Iron Works, Inc.
- **Brian Hilgardner**, Bolton & Menk, Inc.
- **Michelle Julius**, URS
- **Chris Kapke**, FORCE America, Inc.
- **Lena Larson**, City of Farmington
- **Jenifer Loritz**, City of Minneapolis
- **Kelly Moriarty**, City of Minneapolis
- **Susan Mulvihill**, Minnesota DOT
- **Thomas Pfeffer**, Ayres Associates
- **Ryan Pobuda**, FORCE America, Inc.
- **Harmon Quesenberry**, FORCE America, Inc.
- **Kevin Reich**, City of Minneapolis
- **Craig Schlichting**, City of New Brighton
- **Benjie Schoenrock**, FORCE America, Inc.
- **Chad Schuman**, Olmsted County
- **Ken Stone**, Kodet Architectural Group, Ltd.
- **Karl Swanson**, Equipment Distribution Management, Inc.
- **Paul Teicher**, City of St. Francis
- **Gary Thompson**, URS



Public Awareness Committee establishes goals

Did you get a few emails this past spring reminding you about Public Works Week? Okay, maybe more than a few?

Those emails were part of an effort implemented by the new APWA-MN Public Awareness Committee (PAC) to help you get the word out about the importance of what you do as a public works professional and, ultimately, to increase the awareness of public works in Minnesota.

Formerly the Public Policy Committee, the PAC had historically been the eyes and ears of the Minnesota Chapter regarding state legislative issues. Due to cooperation with other professional organizations that have a history of tracking legislative matters and share members with APWA-MN, the APWA-MN Executive Committee decided to have the PAC focus more on public relations or awareness.

While the PAC is still responsible for keeping the Executive Committee aware of issues of importance at the state Legislature, which they may want to weigh in on, its primary purpose is to carry out the following goals.

Advocate for public works safety. Advocating for a safe workplace for public works professionals, especially when that workplace is often shared with numerous travelers focused on everything but the public works worker sharing the right-of-way, is of primary interest to the PAC. The committee has thought of a number of ideas to advocate for greater safety for public works professionals, including the use of electronic billboards such as the MnDOT-produced Move Over (Ted Foss law) campaign. Shared training opportunities between agencies (state, county, city, township), especially during the current budget challenges, can provide safety benefits that may have no other way of being realized by some of us.

Enable a viable workforce. This goal, in large part, addresses succession planning. We all have the interest in leaving our legacy or at least retiring with our workplace better off than when we started. An important part of this is ensuring that the person who will replace you is available and fully prepared. Allowing the public to see what the responsibilities of a public works professional really are is critical to creating an interest or a desire for others to follow in our footsteps. Through school presentations to elementary students, such as snow plow painting competitions and high school mentoring

programs with ride-alongs, students will be encouraged to consider the field of public works as they move into the workforce. By taking advantage of the multiple mediums available to us, we can present numerous opportunities to have the public learn about the impact we have on their daily lives.



Facilitate public advocacy/funding.

The beneficial use of the media to demonstrate our successful endeavors can also go a long way to facilitate public advocacy and funding for public works. Typically, we are our own worst enemy when it comes to sharing the importance of what we do and how well we do it. Our happy customer is one who is able to go wherever they want to go while having all of the desired services available to them at the turn of a handle. The problem with this scenario is that this customer may have no idea what it takes to keep them happy. Why should they support additional gas taxes or a fully staffed public works crew if they don't understand how significant a role these items, or the lack of them, play in the continuation of their daily euphoria. This education also needs to be extended to the elected officials who create the rules that we enforce or enable the funding of that much needed public improvement.

All of these goals can become even more successful by coordinating efforts with peer organizations and developing partnerships. We don't need to be the ones coming up with all of the ideas. We can be very successful by taking what has been done by others and sharing it with a larger audience, or by adjusting it to allow others to see the same message in a different light. Idea sharing and cost sharing can stretch all of our time and money even further.

The PAC consists of six of the most creative and energetic APWA-MN members the Minnesota chapter has to offer. **Dave Redig**, the State Agency/County Director, oversees their efforts for the Executive Committee. A unified commitment is very evident as each member contributes to the worthwhile endeavor of successfully achieving the committee goals.

Submitted by Russ Matthys
Chair, Public Awareness Committee

Idea Center: Taking the lid off MIDS

When we start talking about stormwater, we start talking in acronyms. This is just an offshoot of the complexity of this topic in Minnesota. Minimal Impact Design Standards, or MIDS, is an ambitious new program under development by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) that might be a step toward standardizing our response to stormwater requirements. If successful, it could provide some definitive guidance on how to meet some of the conflicting and ever-changing stormwater requirements.

The program was brought about by the state Legislature, which passed a statute that directs the MPCA to develop MIDS.

Minnesota Statutes 2009, section 115.03, subd. 5c. Regulation of stormwater discharges, states:

“The agency shall develop performance standards, design standards, or other tools to enable and promote the implementation of low-impact development and other stormwater management techniques. For the purposes of this section, ‘low-impact development’ means an approach to stormwater management that mimics a site’s natural hydrology as the landscape is developed.

Using low-impact development approach, stormwater is managed on-site and the rate and volume of pre-development stormwater reaching receiving waters is unchanged. The calculation of predevelopment hydrology is based on native soil and vegetation.”

According to the MPCA: “the State of Minnesota is embarking on a major effort to promote Low Impact Development (LID) in conjunction with existing stormwater rate control practices, to reduce runoff volumes and rates, improve runoff quality and to develop a unified crediting system for practitioners and the MPCA to document pollutant load reductions. MIDS products will assist in complying with Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) allocations and for documenting protection measures required for non-degradation reviews.”

The MPCA has pulled together a MIDS design group, including watershed representatives, cities, the development community, contractors’ association, landscape architects, and other interested parties like

APWA-MN, to provide direction to the MPCA and the consultants working on the project. The first phase of the project is targeted for delivery in spring 2011.

If successful, MIDS would set the standard that stormwater practitioners need to meet in order to fulfill stormwater requirements. And more importantly, would define the effectiveness of various strategies in meeting the requirements.

Ultimately, MIDS practices could become the goal in and unto themselves. If a stormwater practitioner implements a MIDS solution, it will be presumed that the regulatory requirements are being met and all the other measures of success

and compliance might be put aside. MIDS is something like best management practices with performance standards and measures of effectiveness.

When the MIDS effort is complete, each technique for dealing with stormwater (think of a BMP) will have objective criteria, computational methods, and a credit system to determine its positive impact on the stormwater discharge.

In addition, a MIDS calculator is being developed that will provide practitioners with a series of strategy options for managing a site, along with the effectiveness of each in meeting the MIDS requirements for the site. Imagine a scoring system where each BMP would provide a certain range of points towards the overall stormwater goal. If the point goal is reached, the site meets stormwater requirements.

If successful, MIDS could provide a single performance standard, eliminating double and triple jeopardy in stormwater regulation while allowing for flexibility in selection of appropriate technical solutions.

APWA-MN continues to participate and has made a strong case for the need for attention to cost-effectiveness and life cycle costing of the options, as well as a need for off-site credits and banking.

As more information from various non-point sources infiltrates our way, we won’t keep a LID on it.



Submitted by Klayton Eckles
APWA-MN Director

News Around Town

Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S)



Nicole Larson has been hired as a marketing coordinator in the Minneapolis office. Nicole worked as a marketing intern at AE2S prior to her being hired as marketing coordinator. She will be working on brand development, video and website production, advertising, and various graphics and marketing projects.

AE2S has launched a new **financial/asset management division, AE2S Nexus**. AE2S Nexus, considered the financial link, grew out of the need to assist public and private clients with issues beyond traditional engineering services. AE2S Nexus provides utility rate analysis, funding/project development, asset management, and economic development services.

Bonestroo



Bonestroo recently named **Tom Palansky** president. The announcement was made by **CEO Jerry Bourdon**. Palansky is a registered professional engineer with nearly 30 years of engineering, environmental consulting, operations and client development experience.

He has enjoyed strong working relationships in both the public and private sectors, and has been with Bonestroo for six years. Palansky will lead the delivery of quality service and technical expertise to meet client needs in the firm's government, private, energy and industrial markets.

Bonestroo has opened an **office in North Dakota**. Located in Fargo, the new office allows Bonestroo to serve an expanded client base in North Dakota and western Minnesota. While its Fargo office is new,

Bonestroo is not new to North Dakota and western Minnesota. The firm prepared the City of Bismarck's comprehensive plan in 1998 and is currently working on the NDSU Bicycle & Pedestrian Access Study for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments.

HR Green



Costa Dimitracopoulos has joined the firm's St. Paul office as water group manager. Dimitracopoulos' addition offers an exceptional opportunity to work with existing clients in providing water/wastewater services, while developing relationships with new clients for the firm.

SEH



Sam L. Claassen, PE, has been named as the new president, effective July 1, 2010. The Board selected Claassen based on his proven executive and leadership experience. A long-time SEH employee and well-respected leader within the company, Claassen has served as a vice president, the chief operating officer, and the wastewater leader for the entire company.

Stevens Engineers, Inc.



Stevens Engineers, Inc. has received national certification as a Women's Business Enterprise by the Women's Business Development Center, a regional certifying partner of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). **Angela Popenhagen, PE, LEED AP**, is owner of the firm.

Chapter elections coming soon!

Ballots for APWA-MN Board positions will be mailed to all members prior to the Fall Conference. Keep your eyes open for the ballot, and make sure to vote! More information will also be available on the APWA-MN website at minnesota.apwa.net.





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