

Award winners recognized at APWA-MN Fall Conference

The 2010 Fall Conference Awards program was extremely successful. Many thanks to the great nominations made by our chapter members and congratulations to all the winners!

Project of the Year Award. The **City of Minneapolis** received the Project of the Year Award for the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility. Accepting the award on behalf of the city was **Greg Goeke**, Interim Director of Property Services. In addition, the city's project team included **RSP Architects** and **Knutson Construction**.



Representatives from the City of Minneapolis and RSP Architects accepting the Project of Year Award for the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility

The Hiawatha Maintenance Facility project renovated and preserved an existing 10-acre City maintenance facility site into a new facility opened in April 2010, and is pending LEED Platinum certification. The project was the City of Minneapolis' first LEED Platinum facility, and is the first public works maintenance facility in the country to achieve such an exemplary level of sustainable design. The project was completed on time and on budget.

Selected for **Project of the Year, Honorable Mention** were:

City of Hastings: Industrial Park Area Improvements Project

Mn/DOT and City of Saint Peter: T.H. 169 Saint Peter Design Build Project

Recipients of the Personnel Award Recipients were:

Director of the Year: Lewis Giesking, City of Saint Peter

Supervisor of the Year: Wayne Sandberg, Washington County

Superintendent of the Year: Dave Peterson, City of Brooklyn Center

Maintenance Person of the Year: James Hoffman, City of Bloomington

Angela Popenhagen, president of Stevens Engineers, received the **Hugo G. Erickson Award for Excellence in Chapter Service**. Angela served on the APWA-MN Executive Committee as a director in 2000 and 2001. She was elected treasurer in 2002, and served as APWA-MN president in 2005. She has been a long-serving member of the Awards Committee, and was instrumental in making the chapter Awards Program the success it has been over the last several years. Angela currently serves as the Chapter Delegate to APWA. Many thanks to Angela for her service to the chapter and the public works profession in Minnesota.



Angela Popenhagen, recipient of the Hugo G. Erickson Award for Chapter Service

APWA Awards Program. The close of this year's local chapter awards leads us to the national 2011 APWA awards program. Nominations are due to APWA in early March 2011. If you are interested in submitting for an APWA award, please contact **Mark Hansen**, SRF Consulting Group, by January 10. The awards committee would be happy to assist you or your agency with putting together your nomination packet. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the APWA website at www.apwa.net/About/awards.asp.

Read more about the Fall Conference and see additional photographs of award winners on pages 6-7.

Submitted by **Mark Hansen**
 Chair, Awards Committee

Calendar of Events

Jan. 6	Environment & Sustainability Committee Meeting
Jan. 10	Communications Committee Meeting
Jan. 13	Executive Committee Meeting
Feb. 1	Strategic Planning Meeting
March 10	Executive Committee Meeting
March 29	Feed My Starving Children (Eagan, Chanhassen & Coon Rapids)
April 14	Executive Committee Meeting
May 11-13	Spring Conference

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

Welcome, new members!

The APWA-MN Chapter welcomes our newest members:

- **Gordon Bergstrom**, Minnesota DOT
- **Doug Bode**, City of Waconia
- **Gregory Brown**, URS
- **Steve Love**, City of Maplewood
- **Don Moldenhauer**, City of Waconia
- **Wayne Sandberg**, Washington County



Serve at the national level!

APWA is soliciting nominations for appointments to national offices for the September 2011–August 2012 year. Step forward and offer your expertise to your profession. Contact the Minnesota chapter to let them know you have an interest in serving at the national level.

Information on open positions for appointment and time commitment may be obtained on the APWA website at www.apwa.net/membersonly/nominations or from **Kaye Sullivan** at APWA at

ksullivan@apwa.net or at (800) 848-APWA, ext. 5233. A brief bio must be completed online or through hard copy. Nominations must arrive at headquarters by March 1, 2011.



Thank you for scholarship

As a recipient of an APWA-MN Scholarship, I would like to thank you for supporting my education and my future career. I am very grateful for your financial assistance and find it encouraging knowing that others believe in my academic pursuits.



I will continue to strive for excellence in my studies and to be an asset to my community. Upon graduating with a master's of water resources engineering degree, I hope to join the Peace Corps where I can build a link with an international community that I will be able to keep in touch with through the rest of my career.

Sincerely,

Robert Lee

(Recipient of \$750 APWA-MN Scholarship)

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APWA-MN
President
Dave Hutton

Message from the President

Generally speaking, most outgoing presidents take time in their final message to thank the chapter and members for their support and help during the past year, but I decided I would take a different approach.

I'm writing this a few days after our fall conference and I left the conference with two interesting observations.

The first one occurred while I was attending the past president's breakfast. I was struck by how old everybody was (mathematically speaking), and how much wisdom and experience was in that room. Their dedication and hard work is still evident in a number of the activities and committees which we still do today. They truly set the foundation for the chapter to build upon. They are our chapter "historians" and a valuable resource for all of us. I am proud to be able to join their ranks.

The second observation hit me as I presided over the general sessions and networked during the breaks. As I surveyed the crowd, I was amazed by how young the audience has become. I think this is a good thing because it shows me that our younger members are interested and engaged in the chapter. The number of people I personally know at this conference continues to be overshadowed by the ones I do not know. These young folks will be our next generation of leaders.

When I was first getting involved in APWA, my mentors were some of those same people I have now joined at the past presidents breakfast, such as Lloyd Pauly and Charlie Honchell. Their actions truly inspired me to get involved in the chapter. And for that, I thank each and every one of them.

I challenge our younger members (I'll let the reader define who that is) to further develop and redefine our chapter. I would like to suggest the following opportunities or initiatives that you can get involved in and make your own mark on the chapter:

- I would like to see a student chapter formed at one or more of our engineering universities, but that requires a champion from the newer generation to lead this effort.
- I would like to see a young member committee formed that provides social opportunities and specific training needs for your generation.
- I would like to see our chapter develop stronger outreach to the younger generation through the increased use of technology such as the constantly changing social media tools and a more dynamic and modern website.

As I looked at the "old guys" during the Friday morning breakfast compared to the younger crowd in the audience, it is clear that changing demographics will impact our chapter immensely. I am challenging this younger generation to make my vision and goals a reality. But you will not have to do it alone. I and many others would be more than happy to help you get started and be a mentor to you for any of these initiatives.

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." William James.

And so with these final words of wisdom, I look forward to many more Friday morning past president's breakfasts and to an exciting time of change to our chapter led by the younger generation.

Thanks for listening and allowing me to serve you for the past year.

Dave Hutton, APWA-MN President

APWA-MN Board reviewing member survey feedback

The goal of the APWA-MN Board of Directors has been — and always will be — to ensure the chapter continues to meet the needs of the membership while adhering to the chapter’s mission statement.

The mission of the APWA-Minnesota Chapter is to advance the theory and practice of the design, construction, maintenance, administration, and operation of public works facilities and services. The purpose of the Minnesota Chapter is to exchange information and experiences; promote improved and sustainable best practices in the public works field; expect that all public works association members will adhere to high professional and ethical standards; and improve the professional and social involvement of its members, as set forth in the “Rules Governing Chapters of the American Public Works Association.”

We think this is especially important to emphasize during these challenging economic times and heightened media scrutiny.

In an effort to “check-in” on some of the services we provide, a membership survey was recently sent to all members. The survey focused on two main events: the annual Spring Conference, held in recent years at Grand View Lodge in Brainerd; and the Summer Golf Outing, typically held at Indian Hills Golf Course in Stillwater.

The Board is currently reviewing the results, taking inventory of the responses, and working to incorporate many of the suggestions. While no definite changes have been made to date (based on Board discussion and approval), the Conference Planning and the Membership Activities & Special Events committees will begin working to identify potential improvements and recommend incremental changes to both of these events so as to better serve member needs.



Spring Conference. The Conference Planning Committee will be gathering for its first Spring Conference planning meeting in early 2011. The goal of the Spring Conference is to provide a less technical, more management- and personnel development-based agenda. This distinguishes it from the Fall Conference, which traditionally provides attendees with a full range of technical sessions and presentations on current trends and practices within the public works community. The Conference Planning Committee will be discussing several options, based on responses to the survey, which may include revising the Spring Conference schedule/agenda to incorporate additional sessions and/or technical tours, or perhaps moving from a three-day to a two-day conference.

Summer Golf Outing (Membership Drive). The summer golf outing has historically been held on a Monday in mid-July. As indicated by survey responses, this poses a conflict for many of our public sector members who regularly attend council meetings on Mondays. Therefore, the Membership Activities & Special Events Committee will be looking into the possibility of moving the Summer Golf Outing to another day of the week in order to attract more municipal members. Other incremental changes that may be incorporated in the coming years relate to event location, type of dinner, and the possible elimination of door prizes.

Stay tuned — exciting changes are ahead!

Submitted by
Amy Grothaus, APWA-MN Director
Bob Cockriel, APWA-MN Director

Update from the MN2050 Committee

The MN2050 Committee has been busy since the Spring Conference. At the July meeting, we started to lay the ground work for the collection of information that will be the basis for everything moving forward. We decided we needed to begin with some basic questions and follow this format so we could have continuity in the process.

We divided the group into five distinct groups:

- Airports/Aviation: Including all forms of aviation, commercial, medical, freight, business, and general flights.
- Ports: All water ports
- Transportation: Roads, bridges
- Rail
- Water, Waste Water, Storm Water

We asked each group to answer four questions:

1. Describe current infrastructure type? How does infrastructure benefit the daily lives of Minnesotans and the economic development of the state?
2. What are the five major initiatives (and, by example, five projects that support those initiatives) or infrastructure investments that need to be addressed statewide?
3. What is the trend line? Are things getting better or worse?
4. What can people expect if an adequate level of funding is not maintained?

At the October meeting, each group gave a short presentation of their findings and submitted their comments. The information will eventually make it to the MN2050 web site for review.

Fall Conference presentation. We also presented information at the APWA-MN Chapter at the Fall Conference. **Tom Eggum**, TKDA (representing ASCE), **Patti Craddock**, Craddock Consulting (representing CSWEA), and **Dan Gage**, representing our chapter, gave an update on how the committee got started, its goal and purpose, where we are in the process, some examples of the information gathered, and where we are headed in the next year. Judging by some of the feedback, the presentation was well received and several people expressed interest in getting involved.

Our hope is to educate the public about infrastructure and how it affects their daily lives. To show how infrastructure affects our economy and how if all of the organizations on the committee work together we can put Minnesota in a better position economically in the long run. We want to be a collection point of information, and provide tools to help everyone educate the public.

Future plans. We will be speaking again in January at a couple meetings representing partners of the committee and trying to get the word out to everyone involved in our various professions. We will also be holding a committee meeting sometime in late January or early February so if you would like to get involved please contact **Dan Gage**.

Submitted by **Dan Gage**
Chair, MN2050 Committee

Coming in April: Self-Assessment/Accreditation Workshop

APWA-MN will host an APWA Self-Assessment/Accreditation Workshop this April.

Self-assessment uses the Public Works Management Practices Manual as a valuable tool for determining how an agency's policies, procedures, and practices compare to recommended practices identified by nationally-recognized experts in the field of public works.

Agencies can use the recommended practices contained in the manual as a model for developing or improving existing practices to enhance performance, increase productivity, and to strengthen employee morale.

Some of the benefits of self-assessment include:

- Improve effectiveness.

- Clarify budget needs.
- Identify operation and management needs.
- Identify duplication and wasted effort.
- Promote team work and staff development.
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- Improve communication.

A self-assessment review will prepare an agency for accreditation should it choose to take the next step.

More information and registration forms for the Self Assessment/Accreditation Workshop will be shared with members this winter.

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

Fall Workshop and Conference makes strong statement

The Minnesota Chapter of APWA kept the tradition and delivered another high-quality and well-attended Fall Workshop and Conference at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, November 17-19, 2010.

Pre-conference workshop. The day-before workshop, arranged by the chapter's Education and Training Committee, started the conference with a variety of infrastructure maintenance topics, as well as an update on the Emerald Ash Borer response in Minnesota.

Interesting sessions. The conference began on Thursday with a very engaging and well-received session by Mark "Tenacious" Towers, titled "How To Stay Up No Matter What Comes Down." Following the annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony, attendees chose from a number of concurrent sessions on topics such as Water Sustainability, Health and Safety, Recreational Trails, Snow and Ice Control, Pond Sediment Management, Communication, and Innovative Project Delivery.

Bowling event. On Thursday evening, 70 of our members participated in our popular bowling event that was facilitated by the Membership Committee. **Lane Christianson** had the men's high score with a 288. The high women's score was **Beth Engum** with a 164. The team of **Lane Christianson, Toby Muse, Nate Stanley, Mark Scholle,** and **Brent Christensen** had the highest team score of 762.

Business Meeting and Officer Installation. Friday's program began with our Business Meeting and the 2011 Officer Installation.

The newly-elected Executive Committee members are:

- **President: Mark Maloney**, City of Shoreview
- **Vice President: Jeannine Clancy**, City of Golden Valley
- **Sec./Treasurer: Lee Gustafson**, City of Minnetonka
- **Director-Engineer/Manager: Kristin Asher**, City of Richfield
- **Director-Vendor: Judd Genereaux**, MacQueen Equipment
- **Director-Superintendent: Chris Petree**, City of Lakeville

The returning Executive Committee members are:

- **Past President: Dave Hutton**, SRF
- **Director-Engineer/DPW: Klayton Eckles**, City of Woodbury

- **Director-Outstate Agency: Jon Erichson**, City of Austin
- **Director-Consultant: Sue Mason**, SEH
- **Director-State/County Agency: Dave Redig**, Mn/DOT

A huge "thank you" to the members of the Executive Committee whose terms of service have ended:

- **Past President: Dan Gage**, MacQueen Equipment
- **Director-Vendor: Amy Grothaus**, Goodpointe Technology
- **Director-Superintendent: Bob Cockriel**, City of Bloomington
- **Director-Engineer/Manager: Lee Gustafson**, City of Minnetonka (now Sec./Treasurer)

Also, a big "thank you" to the chapter members that were on the slate of candidates: Don Theisen (Washington County), Rick Moskwa (Red Wing), Richard McCoy (Robbinsdale), and Anthony Aderhold (Insituform Technologies).

Following an update from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, members were treated to a presentation regarding InfraGard by Special Agent Sean Boylan of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After lunch we heard a very effective and moving presentation concerning Minnesota's "Toward Zero Deaths" initiative. Closing the conference were informative presentations from the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

It is really encouraging that we continue to have excellent levels of attendance and participation in the Fall Workshop and Conference. This year the actual attendance exceeded the earlier estimates and indicates that even in these tough economic times, our members

are still finding value in our education programs. This is a great statement about the commitment and sincerity of our profession.

My thanks to the Conference Planning Committee, Kathy Warren, and staff from University of Minnesota Continuing Education who work to pull this off every year.



Members of the 2011 APWA-MN Executive Committee

Submitted by **Mark Maloney**
APWA-MN Vice President &
Co-Chair, Conference Planning Committee

Congratulations, APWA-MN award winners!



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APWA-MN Life Members: (Left to right) Brian Lokkesmoe, Lawrence Tschida, Michael Sheehan, Michael Eastling, Dharam Bobra, Mark Burch



Environmental Stewardship Award: City of Woodbury

New Website Development Task Force to look at chapter Web needs

The Minnesota Chapter of APWA has worked with its Communications Committee over the last couple of years to update our newsletter and website. The *Chalkline* newsletter has been successfully revamped to better serve our membership, and is now primarily delivered in a digital format, saving time and money.

We have also worked on making upgrades to our website, which is based on a template provided and supported through APWA. We have been struggling somewhat with both the usability and limitations of the website, as well as trying to determine what content and features should be included.



Now, the Communications Committee needs your help! We are looking for 10 to 12 motivated members of all ages to help us review and recommend improvements to our chapter website as part of the new Chapter Website Development Task Force.

The first phase of this work will include identifying the content and features that the website should provide to our members, as well as helping to identify the “personality” of the site. We will meet three to four times for up to 2 hours over the next few months, beginning in

January. The second phase will include an analysis of the capabilities of the available APWA software to accomplish our goals.

The Task Force would work with the Communications Committee to respond to the Board as to what we can provide through the current national website template, and discuss alternatives and options.

If you are interested in being in on the ground floor of a new APWA Minnesota Chapter website, please express your interest by December 24 to **Charles Wild** at (952) 563-4661 or cwild@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

The Minnesota Chapter of APWA is committed to developing a website that serves the needs and desires of the chapter, and has approved funding to commence this effort in the 2011 budget. We look forward to your involvement in and support of this effort.

Submitted by
Charlie Wild, Chair, Chapter Website Development Task Force Chair
John Rodeberg, Chair, Communications Committee

Treasurer’s Report (October 31, 2010):

I. ASSETS	2/19/10	4/26/10	6/30/10	8/31/10	9/30/10	10/31/10
a. Cash/Bank Accounts						
HCFU Savings	\$5.06	\$5.07	\$5.07	\$5.07	\$5.07	\$5.07
MPWA Checking	6,319.97	\$27,311.86	\$17,544.45	\$10,885.88	\$12,272.12	\$18,606.11
MPWA Money Market	\$11,546.49	\$26,546.49	\$16,607.13	\$11,616.26	\$11,618.65	\$11,621.12
Petty Cash (closed)	\$0.00	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Total Cash/Bank Accounts	\$17,871.52	\$53,863.42	\$34,156.65	\$22,507.21	\$23,895.84	\$30,232.30
b. Investments						
APWA Merrill Lynch Fund	\$75,274.06	\$78,444.31	\$92,549.97	\$95,490.24	\$100,736.91	\$100,736.91
Total Investments	\$75,274.06	\$78,444.31	\$92,549.97	\$95,490.24	\$100,736.91	\$100,736.91
Total Assets	\$93,145.58	\$132,307.73	\$126,706.62	\$117,997.45	\$124,632.75	\$130,969.21
II. LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$93,145.58	\$132,307.73	\$126,706.62	\$117,997.45	\$124,632.75	\$130,969.21

* Information received from APWA on Minnesota Chapter Black Rock Global as of September 30, 2010. Actual value is projected to be higher based on increased stock value since 9/30/10.

Submitted by Jeannine Clancy
APWA-MN Secretary/Treasurer

Where Are They Now? Lowell Odland

Lowell Odland started his career at Banister Engineering (now SEH) in 1956. Much of his work included design and construction of the sewer system in Roseville.

After a short career change to serve as the assistant city engineer of St. Louis Park in 1962, Lowell was contacted by the City of Roseville. Through his past work with the city, they decided to create a public works department. So, in 1964, Lowell accepted the position as the head of the newly created public works department. Lowell worked for the City of Roseville for three years when his dream job at the City of Golden Valley opened up. Lowell was the director of the Golden Valley Public Works Department from 1967 until 1991 when he retired.

Lowell became involved with APWA-MN when he was working for the City of St. Louis Park in the early '60s. His boss was involved and encouraged Lowell to become involved as well.



Lowell Odland, 1988

Lowell recalls many Fall Conferences held on the University of Minnesota campus (Nolte Center). Attendance was about 35 people and it snowed every year during the conference. He always made it; but, it wasn't as pleasant a drive for the attendees from Worthington, Albert Lea, and Rochester.

Lowell looked forward to those conferences. The ability to share information among colleagues and socializing with a great bunch of people.

His best memories in addition to the annual spring and fall conferences, were the national Congresses. He recalls many occasions where he and Dewey Kasma would skip out of the sessions and join the spouse's tours. It allowed them to spend time with their wives, as well as see the sights of the town other than engineering projects.



Evie and Lowell, 1991

Lowell eventually went on to serve as president of the Minnesota Public Works Association (former name) in 1984. He also served as secretary/treasurer in 1982 and vice president in 1983.

What is Lowell doing now? Golfing, bowling, and going to his grandkids' sports events ... and loving every minute of it. His grandkids range in age from 21 years down to three-year old twin boys. Lowell also enjoys woodworking when he has time, but his busy life has seemed to get in the way of that hobby.

As many of you will agree, Lowell says the biggest change he has noticed is the difficulty of getting projects through the federal process. He remembers the good 'ol days when life was simpler. He also remembers when city councils were a little easier as well. No declaration of political preferences, no special interests — just business people who cared about their community and ran the community like their business.

Words of wisdom: "When you're able to retire, do it!" He explained that this allows more time for golf.

Lowell and his wife, Evie, reside in Shoreview during the winter and in Amery, Wisc., during the summer. After owning a lake home in Amery since 1991 (and a different lake home since 1977), they decided to move to a townhouse on the Amery golf course.

So, if you're ever playing the 17th hole on the Amery Public Golf Course, look for Lowell!



Lowell, today, enjoying retirement

Attend a technical tour! You don't know what you're missing

We all get the announcements about APWA-MN technical tours. If you're like most of us, you read it, pause for a moment and, unless it sounds spectacular, you probably convince yourself that you have better things to do. Well, if you missed the last two technical tours, I hate to tell you that you made the wrong decision and missed some really great stuff.

Spring Technical Tour. The spring technical tour was held as a part of the 2010 Spring Conference in Brainerd. It included a bus tour of the Whitefish chain of lakes, and a historical presentation at the Crosslake dam site which controls the water elevation for this chain of lakes.

I initially thought the tour was going to be just a nice ride in the country and a presentation of information that I thought I already knew. Like others at the conference, I spent a lot of time in this area growing up and thought I knew most everything about the area. Boy, was I ever wrong. I discovered that I was frankly clueless as to how this area truly developed and why the Cross Lake dam was initially constructed.

I found out that the Cross Lake dam and the dams on Leech, Winnibigoshish, Pokegama, Big Sandy, and Gull lakes were originally constructed to help relieve low water level problems in the Mississippi River during the summer months, and not for flood control. Back in the early 1900s, prior to the current lock and dam system, running barges on the Mississippi River was extremely difficult during the summer due to low water levels.

Apparently, the Pillsburys were successful in convincing federal and state agencies that this summer problem was significant and needed to be addressed. The solution called for holding back water in significant watersheds that drained to the Mississippi River, and then strategically releasing water during low-flow periods to increase water levels on the river so barge traffic could maneuver. In order to do this, dams were constructed on these five lakes and management of the system was given to the Corps of Engineers so all interests could be addressed, especially those of the logging industry.

The presentation also included additional historical information, and how the popularity of this area changed how the dam was operated.

City of Minneapolis Hiawatha Maintenance Facility Technical Tour.

The most recent technical tour included a tour and presentation of the new Minneapolis Hiawatha Maintenance Facility. I wasn't able to attend this tour, and after listening to the presentation of this project at our recent Fall Conference, I really regretted missing it. What a cool project, and very deserving of the 2010 Project of the Year Award.

The project consisted of the city taking their 90-year-old Hiawatha Maintenance Facility, which included an abandoned asphalt plant, and converting it into a state-of-the-art maintenance facility that is LEED certified.

They essentially took the entire site and recycled everything, including metal beams, concrete slabs, wood, bricks, switchboards, and even pieces of the old Lowry Avenue Bridge, and incorporated these things into the new site. One very fascinating recycled feature was that the city reused old underground tanks from the asphalt plant as components of the storm water treatment and conveyance system.

So, my advice is to think twice before deciding not to attend the next technical tour. You may really regret it afterwards.

A special thanks to everyone who has been involved in our past technical tours. You have done a great job!

Submitted by Lee Gustafson
APWA-MN Director



Paul Miller, City of Minneapolis, explaining details of the maintenance facility

Fall Expo offers hands-on, technical information

The 16th annual MN Fall Expo was held in St Cloud, October 6-7, 2010.

Two keynote speakers opened the event. Minnesota Department of Transportation Commissioner Tom Sorel addressed the future of transportation. Dennis Anderson, outdoors columnist and editor at the StarTribune, shared an overview of upland habitat that is disappearing and wetlands that are being drained around the state.

Other classroom sessions included using state contracts, snowplow calibration, "smart" snow and ice control, porous pavement, and PERA overview and updates.



With blue skies, warm temperatures, and more than 140 indoor and outdoor vendors, this year's event offered plenty

of one-on-one contact, hands-on, and technical/educational information for the more than 1,000 participants.

The annual Snow "Rodeo" competition included a pre-inspection this year. The top four drivers in this year's event are pictured below from left to right: **Gary Kertscher**, Becker County (1st place); **Doug Kolles**, City of St. Michael (2nd place); **Mike Schmidt**, City of Eden Prairie (3rd place); and **Tim Daluge**, City of St. Michael (4th place).



Preliminary general and vendor information for next year's event will be posted on the Expo website at www.mnfallexpo.com. Please check the website for updates.

Submitted by Kathy Warren
MN Fall Expo

News Around Town

Bonestroo

Bonestroo, a full-service engineering, planning, and environmental science firm, recently named new associates. The firm's associate program recognizes employees who have demonstrated leadership in their profession and dedication to technical excellence and superior client service.

CEO Jerry Bourdon says, "Our new associates' enthusiasm for and dedication to client service and innovation is integral to Bonestroo's continued ability to provide thoughtful, cutting-edge solutions to meet our clients' evolving needs."

New associates are:

Ryan Capelle, PE (St. Paul) – A registered engineer specializing in water treatment plant design, Capelle joined Bonestroo in 1998. In the past 12 years, he has

managed the design, planning, and implementation of several municipal water treatment projects in Minnesota.

Jason Quisberg, PE (St. Paul) – A registered professional civil engineer, Quisberg joined Bonestroo in 1999. With years of field experience in survey, construction inspection, and street, sewer, and water design, Quisberg guides municipalities in planning and design of infrastructure for development and redevelopment projects.

Share your news in News Around Town

All APWA-MN member agencies, firms, and departments are welcome to share their latest news. Please contact *Kathy Warren* at kwarren@usinternet.com.



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