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## Members enjoy Summer Golf Outing, despite rain

The 29th Annual APWA-Minnesota Summer Golf Outing had several changes in store for this year's attendees: a new date, day of the week, start time, golf course, clubhouse, dinner menu, prize format, and weather all awaited the participants. Attendees warmly welcomed all the changes, with the possible exception of the weather.

We made these changes to address the feedback we received from our membership survey, which indicated we should consider moving the golf outing to a day other than Monday and having a lighter meal. We were also able to accommodate more members by using a 27-hole format, and had a record attendance.

As the golfers arrived shortly before noon, so did the monsoon-like rains. Rumor has it that several teams opted to take up residence in the bar until clearer skies prevailed, although a vast majority braved the elements for the noon shotgun start. Although the rain continued for the first six or seven holes, spirits remained high, as did the scores.

Despite the inclement conditions, the event continued to be one of the chapter's most popular events, with nearly 136 golfers registered to play and an additional 16 chapter members and sponsor employees joining us for the evening banquet in the clubhouse.

**Thank you, sponsors!** As in the past, this year's event yielded fantastic support from our local corporate sector in the form of a record number of sponsors. On behalf of our chapter, I would like to thank each of our 23 corporate sponsors for their generous financial support and unique contributions to the event.

As a participant at the outing, I can say that the refreshments provided at the hole locations, as well as a dry tent to stand under, helped to create a memorable event. In addition, hole contributions made it possible for the event to make a \$500 contribution to the chapter scholarship fund, which was presented to APWA-MN President **Mark Maloney** at the banquet.

Thanks also to all of this year's chapter volunteers; course sponsor and Coon Rapids City Engineer **Steve Gatlin**; emcee **Mike Marti**; registration desk attendants, **Nick Egger, Mark Kasma, Jim Owens, and Kathy Warren**; and our ever-present go-fers, **Charles Cadenhead** and **Shannon Tyree**, who were busy right up to the end of the banquet.

If you get the chance at the APWA National Congress or APWA-MN Fall Conference, please recognize each of these individuals for their efforts. Without all of their help, our local chapter could not put on such a great event!

In addition, I would like to thank our gracious hosts at Bunker Hills, including Catering Manager **Angie Johnson** and Club Pro **Tim Anderson**. They had their hands full to live up to the great experience provided by Indian Hills in years past, but they lived up to the task.

If you attended the banquet, you had an opportunity to provide direct feedback to our committee regarding the summer golf event. We have reviewed the responses and appreciate the comments. If you did not get an opportunity to fill out a questionnaire, please contact **Jason Sprague** at (612) 217-4420 and we'll do our best to accommodate your suggestions.

Thanks again and we'll see you next summer!

(To see photos from the Golf Outing, turn to page 8.)

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

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## Calendar of Events

Sept. 18-21	APWA Congress (Denver, Colorado)
Sept. 20	Chapter Dinner at Congress
Oct. 5-6	MN Fall Maintenance Expo
Oct. 27	Executive Committee Meeting
Nov. 16	APWA-MN Fall Workshop
Nov. 17-18	APWA-MN Fall Conference
Dec. 1	Executive Committee Orientation Meeting

For the latest information or to register for training opportunities, visit the APWA-MN Chapter website at [minnesota.apwa.net](http://minnesota.apwa.net).

## Deadline for Chapter awards is September 30



Nominations are now being accepted for several annual Chapter awards.

Know of an outstanding project, a staff person, or environmental program? Check-out the nomination forms on the APWA-MN website at [minnesota.apwa.net/c/awards/](http://minnesota.apwa.net/c/awards/).

The Chapter awards are as follows:

1. Hugo G. Erickson Award
2. Personnel Awards:
  - a. Director or Manager
  - b. Superintendent
  - c. Supervisor
  - d. Maintenance
3. Project Awards (large and small)
4. Environmental Stewardship

Submission deadline is **September 30**.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mark Hansen** at [mchansen@srfconsulting.com](mailto:mchansen@srfconsulting.com) or (763) 249-6782.

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

## APWA-MN is going paperless

As we have noted before, the *Chalkline* and other chapter and national notices and publications are continuing to move toward digital-only distribution.

We will publish the *Chalkline* to members in digital format only beginning in 2012. Not only will this save on the chapter's budget, it will also allow us to link to other resources to give members better access to more detailed information.

**Electronic voting.** The chapter's 2011 elections will use electronic voting. This process has worked well for many APWA chapters, as well as for the City Engineers Association of Minnesota. Electronic voting will allow us to increase and improve the information provided and streamline our operations.

The majority of members have noted their email addresses with their membership information; those of you who haven't, we suggest that you update your member profile on the APWA website.

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

*Chalkline* is a quarterly publication of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA-Minnesota Chapter). Publication dates are March, June, September, and December. Articles for the Winter 2011 issue may be submitted for consideration by November 29 to *Kathy Warren* at [kwarren@usinternet.com](mailto:kwarren@usinternet.com). Past issues of the *Chalkline* are available in PDF format on the APWA-MN website at [minnesota.apwa.net](http://minnesota.apwa.net).



APWA-MN  
President  
Mark Maloney

## Message from the President

The Minnesota Chapter continues to be a national leader in providing education and outreach for the public works industry. I'm proud to be part of such a strong, positive organization that is not just surviving, but thriving, in difficult times.

We have seen growth in membership, training programs, and conference attendance over the past few years, which is exceptional given the realities of this economy.

The American Public Works Association has again recognized the accomplishments of APWA-MN with the Presidential Achievement for Chapter Excellence (PACE) Award, the seventh year in a row. This recognition is a result of the leadership, hard work, and dedication of a number of volunteers who donate their time and talents on various APWA-MN committees. These efforts deliver the education, training, and professional networking opportunities essential for the infrastructure that makes our quality of life possible. Our economy depends on it, our schools depend on it, and our communities depend on it. What we do, and its importance, is a story that we all need to tell in our areas of influence.

Late this summer, we were again reminded of the role of the public works industry in maintaining our culture's sense of "normal." Hurricane Irene barreled its way up the Eastern Seaboard, causing an estimated \$15 billion in damage from South Carolina to Maine.

I noticed that a significant amount of media coverage concerned what the public traditionally sees as "first responders" (e.g., police and fire services). However, I believe that much of the work to protect our everyday life falls to the public works industry. Clearly, in the aftermath of a natural disaster, it is the public works industry that provides the equipment, labor, and expertise to clean up and restore the infrastructure essential to our communities.

And, while not routinely reported in the media, the people in our industry are exposed to dangerous conditions while performing their service to the public. A 30-year public works employee of Rutland, Vermont, together with his son, lost their lives to the floodwaters of Hurricane Irene while working to keep the water supply safe for their small community. Earlier this year, Minnesota lost one of its own in the line of duty when a MnDOT employee, Michael Struck, lost his life while working in response to Minnesota River flooding near St. Peter.

Our industry is there, 24/7, doing the work the public has come to expect, but not always to appreciate.

I urge you to take the extra step of sharing the public works story where it can make a difference. The Minnesota Chapter will continue to provide the education, training, and professional opportunities that are essential to maintaining Minnesota's infrastructure.

Thank you and keep up the great work!

*Mark Maloney, APWA-MN President*

## Fall Conference features outstanding speakers and sessions

The APWA-MN Fall Conference, which will be held November 17-18 at Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, will be an outstanding opportunity for learning and networking.



Doug Dvorak

The committee has retained author, consultant, and speaker Doug Dvorak as our keynote speaker. Mr. Dvorak has received rave reviews from other APWA chapters and he will talk to us about employee productivity, customer satisfaction, and humor in the workplace.

The technical sessions will include information on emergency management, asset management, utility maintenance, reducing worker comp injuries, the latest on MIDS, pavement maintenance, and more. These

technical sessions were chosen from proposals received through a solicitation for conference presentations. The planning committee had wonderful proposals to choose from, which is a testament to the talent in our organization. Thanks to all of you who responded and submitted a proposal for a conference session!

Be sure to visit with our sponsors at the reception late Thursday afternoon. Then, plan to join your friends for bowling at AMF Earle Brown Lanes from 6-8:30 p.m.

Friday sessions include an update from APWA National, sustainability, and an update from MnDOT.

Please plan to stay until the end of the conference to hear Paul Douglas, meteorologist, author, entrepreneur, and software expert, speak about new technologies to improve weather prediction and the delivery of weather information to the public. Paul will describe his experience with weather prediction, climate change, and meteorological technology. He will also relate how that experience can improve the normal and emergency response of public works officials to our Minnesota "theater of seasons" weather.



Paul Douglas

As always, many of your colleagues will be recognized with awards during the conference for both personal achievement and projects.

Finally, don't forget to stop by some of the poster displays to learn about some of the latest challenges facing public works departments.

We look forward to seeing you in November!

### Submitted by

**Jeannine Clancy, APWA-MN Vice President  
& Conference Co-Chair**  
**Bob Cockriel, Conference Co-Chair**

## Young Professional Stipend to attend Congress awarded

In May, APWA-MN solicited applications for the 2011 Congress Young Professional Stipend.

Applications were received from four qualified, talented professionals who are committed to the work of the Minnesota Chapter.

After careful consideration, **Brian Bjorgaard**, City of Alexandria, was selected and will be attending 2011 Congress in Denver with the assistance of a \$1,500 stipend from the Chapter. Congratulations, Bryan!

Young members: Watch for this opportunity next year. Get involved in the Minnesota Chapter and submit your application.

**Submitted by Jeannine Clancy**  
**APWA-MN Vice President & Conference**  
**Co-Chair**

## Delegate's Report (September 2011)

**House of Delegate's Meeting.** The annual, fall House of Delegate's meeting will be held September 17 in Denver. APWA President **George Crombie** will address the APWA Global Solutions initiative; President-Elect **Diane Linderman** will speak about the vision for APWA in 2011-2012, and Executive Director **Peter King** will provide an overview of APWA activities along with committee reports. A full report of the discussions will be presented in the next Delegate's Report.

**Congress.** APWA Congress will be held September 18-21 in Denver. On Sunday, Sept. 18, a Chapter Leaders Forum will be hosted to discuss the APWA Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership Excellence in Public Works, meet and ask questions of the APWA Board of Directors, and learn about the "New Chapter" for the Chapter Relations Department in its efforts to provide extended resources.

**APWA Public Works Leadership Fellows.** APWA has announced the 94 Public Works Leadership Fellows who will contribute to the profession through their service as

mentors in the Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership Excellence in Public Works. The Minnesota Chapter, again showing its excellence in quality professionals, has three representatives: **Mike Eastling, Tom Eggum, and Ramankutty Kannankutty**. As part of the inaugural group, they will be recognized for their commitment to the future of public works leadership at a special ceremony at Congress on September 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the Korbel Ballroom.

**Upcoming deadlines.** Two deadlines are quickly approaching for those of you who like to present. The deadline for presentations for the 2012 APWA Congress (held August 26-29 in Anaheim, CA) is **September 30**; and the deadline for presentations for the 2012 Sustainability Conference (held June 25-27 in Pittsburgh, PA) is **October 15**.

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

## Treasurer's Report (August 1, 2011)

ASSETS	2/28/11	4/30/11	5/31/11	7/31/11
<b>Cash/Bank Accounts:</b>				
Cash	\$34,023	\$48,405	\$33,397	\$59,091
Operating Investments	\$566	\$566	\$1566	\$567
Total Cash/Bank Accounts	\$34,589	\$48,971	\$33,963	\$59,658
<b>Investments:</b>				
Short-term	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Long-term	\$105,962	\$109,617	\$111,254	\$109,617
Total Investments	\$105,962	\$109,617	\$111,254	\$109,617
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$140,551</b>	<b>\$158,588</b>	<b>\$145,217</b>	<b>\$169,275</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$140,551</b>	<b>\$158,588</b>	<b>\$145,217</b>	<b>\$169,275</b>

Submitted by **Lee Gustafson**  
APWA-MN Secretary/Treasurer

## MN2050 moving forward with work

Minnesota 2050 is a coalition of 14 Minnesota organizations working together to spotlight the vital role of infrastructure on the health of our state's quality of life and economy, and to stress the need for adequate, long-term funding for infrastructure projects.

Our 14 member organizations are:

- Minnesota Section/ACEC
- Minnesota Chapter/APWA
- Minnesota Section/AWWA
- Central States Water Environment Association
- City Engineers Association of Minnesota
- Metropolitan Council
- Minnesota Council of Airports
- Minnesota County Engineers Association
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Minnesota Transportation Alliance
- Minnesota Ports Association
- Minnesota Rural Water Association
- Minnesota Section/ASCE
- Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers

Our goal is that Minnesota 2050 will be the go-to organization for infrastructure information for citizens, decision makers, and groups.

We're currently working to create the MN2050 website, which will share infrastructure-related articles, videos, presentations, and links, as well as materials organized by category that coalition members can access to help make the case for needed infrastructure investment.

As we move forward with our work, we face the following funding needs:

- Professional communications assistance to ensure clear and consistent website content.
- Website development, hosting, and upgrading.
- Documentary video development (work with TPT to produce a documentary on declining infrastructure and the need for funding, similar to "Minnesota Liquid Assets").

To help us reach our initial goal of \$80,000, we are asking sponsors to consider making a generous contribution of \$500 or more. Together, we can demonstrate the importance of sound and supported infrastructure on our state's quality of life and economy.

Please contact **Dan Gage** at (651) 645-5726 or [dgage@macqueeneq.com](mailto:dgage@macqueeneq.com) if you have questions about Minnesota 2050 and our work. We appreciate your support!

### MN 2050 Committees:

**Roads and Bridges:** Jim Grube, Nick Erpelding, Margaret Donahoe, Mark Carlson.

**Water, Wastewater and Stormwater:** Joel Schilling, Ruth Hubbard, Alva Rankin, Jeff Oliver, Patti Craddock.

**Airports:** Harold VanLeeuwen Chris Roy.

**Ports and Waterways:** Kevin Walli.

**Rail:** Tom Eggum, Margaret Donahoe, Amy Vennewitz, Connie Kozlak.

**Presentations:** Dan Gage, Joel Schilling, Margaret Donahoe, Brad Henry, Tom Eggum.

**Website:** Joel Schilling, Dave Oxley, Brian Gage.

**Fundraising:** Dan Gage, Brad Henry, Joel Schilling.

**Supernumeraries:** Mark Maloney, Lance Bernard, Jeannine Clancy, Paul Coone, April Crockett, Bryant Ficek, Doug Hendrickson, Brian Lokkesmoe, John Mazzitello, Jeff Oliver, Mark Norgaard, David Oxley, Pat Shea, Morgan Dawley, Diane Hankee, Steve Klein, Beth Engum, Rhonda Rae, James R. McDonagh, Jim DeBenedet.

**Sidetrack:** Solid Waste, Public Buildings and Grounds, Energy, Parks and Forestry, Telecommunications, Gas/Electric Steam Utilities.

**Submitted by Dan Gage  
Chair, MN2050**



## Stormwater regs got you down? Maybe you need some MIDS!

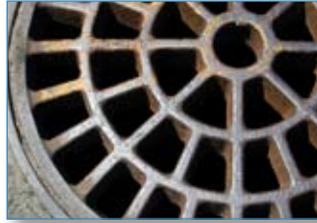
Stormwater management has evolved substantially over the past 20 years. Historically, the goal was to move stormwater off the landscape quickly and reduce flooding concerns. Now we are focusing on keeping the raindrop where it falls and mimicking natural hydrology in order to minimize the amount of pollution reaching our receiving waters.

As new methods and techniques are being developed, there are an increasing number of standards, water quality goals, and requirements from a regulatory environment that is becoming increasingly complex. The result has been confusion, frustration, and worse — public works professionals are often labeled as being the “bad guy” or “uncooperative” or “unimaginative.” This has created a need for better communication and a standardization of the goals and objectives.

In response to this need, and advanced by a diverse group of partners, the Minnesota Legislature allocated funds to “develop performance standards, design standards or other tools to enable and promote the implementation of low impact development and other stormwater management techniques.” (Minnesota Statutes 2009, section 115.03, subdivision 5c).

Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) represent the next generation of stormwater management and contains three main elements that address current challenges:

1. A higher clean water performance goal for new development and redevelopment that will provide enhanced protection for Minnesota’s water resources.
2. New modeling methods and credit calculations that will standardize the use of a range of “innovative” structural and nonstructural stormwater techniques.
3. A credits system and ordinance package that will allow for increased flexibility and a streamlined approach to regulatory programs for developers and communities.



For the last 18 months, the MIDS team, along with the consultants hired by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, have been working to come up with some base, uniform standards that could be applied against new development. From this, it is hoped that the standards can then be widely adopted by various regulatory entities, eliminating the double-triple jeopardy that many implementers face when undertaking a project. Once the new development standards are refined and completed, the effort will look at other thorny regulatory issues such as retrofits and linear projects.

The first phase of the MIDS effort is being wrapped up, and there are some significant outcomes. First, the MIDS Work Group agreed on a performance goal for new developments across most of the state that the first 1.1-inches of stormwater from impervious areas will be treated onsite (generally using infiltration). Second, it was agreed that there are significant areas of the state that make infiltration impractical; for these areas, flexible treatment options will be developed over the next six to nine months by the MIDS Work Group and its consultants. Third, a Performance Calculator has been developed that allows designers and regulators the ability to gauge the overall effectiveness of a wide range of treatment practices that might be employed on a given site.

All consultant work products and additional information can be found at [www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-mids.html](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-mids.html). The MIDS calculator will be posted online after additional refinements and review.

**Submitted by Klayton Eckles  
Director, APWA-MN**

## Photos from the APWA-MN 2011 Summer Golf Outing

Despite the inclement conditions, the 29th Annual APWA-MN Summer Golf Outing continued to be one of the chapter's most popular events, with nearly 136 golfers registered to play and an additional 16 chapter members and sponsor employees joining us for the evening banquet in the clubhouse.



## The relevance of history in public works

As the current president of the Public Works Historical Society (Society), I am often asked about the benefits and reasons for joining our group. The answer was brought home to me again just the other day on a conference call with the other trustees of the PWHS. We were discussing our newest oral history venture — an interview with Robert Albee. Those of you who attended Congress in Boston may have been fortunate enough to attend his session on the Big Dig.

Robert Albee, former Boston city engineer and Central Artery/Tunnel construction director, is managing director of Telecommunications Engineering for VHB, an engineering, land planning, and environmental services firm with private and public clients. Bob was in charge of the Big Dig, and prior to the start of the project he had his staff read *The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York* by Robert Caro.

According to Wikipedia, “Robert Moses’ works remain extremely controversial. His critics claim that he preferred automobiles to people, that he displaced hundreds of thousands of residents in New York City, uprooted traditional neighborhoods by building expressways through them, contributed to the ruin of the South Bronx and the amusement parks of Coney Island, caused the departure of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants Major League baseball teams, and precipitated the decline of public transport through disinvestment and neglect.”

Bob wanted his staff to learn from the mistakes of another historical figure responsible for numerous infrastructure projects in New York City, prior to undertaking the Big Dig, in hopes that a greater sensitivity would be shown by staff members during the project.

### Join the Public Works Historical Society.

The PWHS logo depicts the nation’s first federal public work, the Cape Henry Lighthouse at Chesapeake Bay, Virginia (at right). The lighthouse was built in 1791 at the specific direction of the first Congress of the United States, President George Washington and Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton were personally involved with the project. The lighthouse was built on the site of the landing of the *Susan Constant*, the ship carrying settlers who founded Jamestown in 1607 — the first permanent English-speaking colony in the new world. It stands today as a historical monument, not only to our nation’s heritage but also to the timelessness of public works.



Membership is comprised of public works practitioners, historians, authors, and educators, and is open to all, regardless of APWA affiliation. The annual dues are \$35, and can be paid separately or with APWA dues. For membership information, visit [www.apwa.net/About/SIG/PWHS/member.asp](http://www.apwa.net/About/SIG/PWHS/member.asp).

The mission of the Society is to enhance the planning and management of public works programs, and to promote public understanding and appreciation of the role of public works in the growth and development of civilization. The Society accomplishes this mission through the collection, preservation, and dissemination of public works history.

Specifically, the goals of the Society are to:

- Foster scholarly research and publication;
- Support collaboration among public works practitioners, historians, and educators;
- Encourage the preservation of historically significant public works;
- Promote historical awareness and activities throughout APWA; and
- Collect and preserve records of individuals and groups engaged in important public works activities.

It was chartered in 1975 by the American Public Works Association (APWA) to prepare a history of public works in America to coincide with the United States bicentennial. Our official formation was announced at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C., on April 10, 1975. Senator Jennings Randolph, then Chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee, was the principal speaker. The Society’s first annual meeting followed later that year in New Orleans.

During our 35-year history, the Society has evolved as a historical organization, having published volumes of books, essays, and articles; administered research grants; sponsored award programs; and hosted academic seminars and meetings.

*A special thanks to Bob Moorhead, Washington State Chapter History Committee Chair and current Trustee on the PHWS Board for his contributions to this article.*

**Submitted by Bill Kappel  
President, PHWS Board of Trustees**

## MnDOT debuts Minnesota GO visioning process

In February 2011, the Minnesota Department of Transportation launched Minnesota GO — a visioning process to better align the transportation system with what Minnesotans expect for their quality of life, economy, and natural environment. Visioning will help MnDOT and partners prioritize among the multiple goals, objectives, and expectations for the transportation system, and will directly shape an updated Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan by mid-2012.

To help craft the vision, MnDOT partnered with the University of Minnesota and the Citizens League to engage Minnesotans throughout the state. Fourteen professors at the University and other experts were interviewed to discover key issues facing the state. Three advisory groups were convened to discuss quality of life, economic competitiveness and environmental health. Interactive surveys and videos provided opportunities for youth and other Minnesotans to join the discussion online. Lastly, MnDOT conducted 10 public workshops throughout the state during May and June. Separate youth workshops were also held.



Minnesota and the transportation system are facing many challenges and opportunities, including, but not limited to: an aging population, higher and more volatile energy prices, elevated rates of obesity and other chronic health conditions, budget constraints at all levels of government, increasing global competition, more frequent and severe floods, and new vehicle and telecommunications technologies. In the face of these challenges and opportunities, MnDOT

remains committed to creating a transportation system that will sustain and connect a vital economy, healthy environment, and strong communities.

MnDOT intends to release a draft vision for public review and comment in mid-September. Once adopted, the vision will serve as the framework for the next Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan.

More information about Minnesota GO is available at [www.minnesotago.org](http://www.minnesotago.org).

Submitted by **Philip P. Schaffner**  
Principal Planner, MnDOT

## Kevin Schlangen receives APWA CFPF certification

**Kevin Schlangen** is now one of the elite members of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Certified Public Fleet Professionals (CPFP).



The program recognizes public fleet professionalism, expertise, and Kevin's personal dedication to advancing services in Dakota County.

Kevin has been with Dakota County for 22 years and has demonstrated leadership in many areas, including centralization, right sizing, and managing lifecycles of the county's fleet, while at the same time addressing environmental issues.

Kevin's primary goal is to balance fleet resources to meet the workloads of the County departments in order to provide quality services for the citizens of Dakota County.

Submitted by **John Scharffbillig**  
Director - Public Works Fleet Services,  
City of Minneapolis

## News Around Town

### Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH)

SEH Board of Directors named three new stockholders, who now serve as company principals, **Matt Bolf**, PE, **Trevor Frank**, AIA, and **Jackie Zamorano**. The Board selected these individuals based on their superior performance, and the trust and respect held by their clients and peers. Matt serves as the municipal engineering office leader in SEH's Duluth office. Based in SEH's Appleton, Wis., office, Trevor serves as the company's practice lead for architecture in Wisconsin and Indiana. Jackie serves on the company's Executive Leadership Team as the company's human resources director at the company's headquarters in St. Paul.

### SRF Consulting Group, Inc.

SRF is celebrating its **50th anniversary** in 2011. SRF has established a tradition of excellence by serving public and private sector clients on notable projects that include the I-35W/TH 62 Crosstown Commons Reconstruction and MnPASS I-394 HOT Lane for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Silverwood Regional Park and the Dakota Rail Trail for Three Rivers Park District, the Lowry Avenue Bridge and Lake Street Reconstruction for Hennepin County, and the TCF Bank Stadium Infrastructure for the University of Minnesota

### TKDA

TKDA has elevated three staff members to vice president: **Larry Bohrer**, PE, has been named vice president, Municipal Services; **Bret Farmer**, PE, has been named vice president, Rail; and **Dean Gratz** has been named vice president, Finance. These promotions, effective September 1, will expand and strengthen the TKDA leadership team.

### WSB & Associates, Inc.

WSB welcomed **Janelle Borgen**, PE, PTOE, in September. Janelle has more than 13 years' experience in the transportation industry, which extends from concept through installation, integration and operations, and maintenance planning.

## Welcome, new members!

APWA-MN welcomes the following new members:

- **Christina Caouette**, University of Minnesota
- **Glenn Cunningham**, City of Faribault
- **Nick Fleischhacker**, City of Mounds View
- **Monica Heil**, WSB & Associates Inc.
- **Michael Olmstead**, Hennepin County
- **Jeffrey Pearson**, City of Richfield
- **Robert Simons**, City of Bloomington
- **Jay Strachota**, City of Hopkins
- **Jacob Theisen**, City of Prior Lake
- **Joe Wiita**, City of Prior Lake

### Show your APWA-MN affiliation with style

Showcase the Chapter logo at the Fall Conference and Workshop, just like Dan Gage.

To order your shirt, see the Resources/Documents section of the APWA-MN website at [minnesota.apwa.net](http://minnesota.apwa.net).





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