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Chapter recognizes award winners at Fall Conference

The 2011 Fall Conference Awards program was extremely successful, many thanks to the great nominations made by our chapter members.

The **Minnesota Department of Transportation** (MnDOT), **Hennepin County**, **City of Brooklyn Park**, and **C.S. McCrossan Construction** (CSM) received the **Project of the Year Award** for the TH 169 Triangle Project. Accepting the award on behalf of their respective agency were **Dan Penn** and **Bob Rabine** (MnDOT), **Jennifer Lowry** (Hennepin County), **Jeff Holstein** (City of Brooklyn Park), and **Jim Helgestad** (CSM).

Ranked as the most hazardous and heavily traveled at-grade intersection in the state of Minnesota, enhancing safety was a driving force behind the TH 169 Triangle project. Significant multi-agency coordination and participation was required to make this a successful project. Further, the project received positive feedback regarding communications and efforts to work with area businesses impacted by construction. The project was completed under budget, increases safety, and reduces congestion.

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

- **City of Vadnais Heights** – Vadnais Heights North Service Center
- **City of Roseville** – Twin Lakes Parkway Improvements
- **Cities of Golden Valley, Fridley, and Hutchinson** – 2011 Trunk Water Main Pipe Rehabilitation

Personnel Award recipients for 2011 were:

- **Director of the Year – Bernie Bullert**, City of Minneapolis
- **Supervisor of the Year – Pete Stadler**, MnDOT
- **Superintendent of the Year – Bryan Nagel**, City of Maplewood
- **Maintenance Person of the Year – William “Billy” LaLonde**, City of Richfield

Public Works Director **Tom Montgomery**, City of Hastings, received the **Hugo G. Erickson Award for Excellence in Chapter Service**. Tom served on the APWA-MN Executive Committee as a director from 2003-2004. In 2005, Tom was elected secretary/treasurer, and then went on to serve as the chapter president in 2007. Tom continues to serve as chair of the Education and Training Committee.

Tom was instrumental in shaping the Leadership Academy by helping to develop the curriculum and select Hamline University as a provider. Tom was also the main driving force behind the successful Underground Utility Inspector School. Many thanks to Tom Montgomery for his service to the chapter and the public works profession in Minnesota.

2011 marked the third year of the successful **Environmental Stewardship Award**. This award is given by the Minnesota Chapter to groups, individuals, or organizations that demonstrate a sustained commitment to environmental conservation and protection. Once again the chapter received a number of highly-qualified nominations, and chose the **City of Bloomington’s Public Works Environmental and Conservation Programs and Operations** to receive this award.

APWA 2012 nominations due January 7. The close of this year’s chapter awards leads us to the national 2012 APWA awards program. Nominations are due to APWA on March 1. Anyone interested in submitting for an APWA award should contact **Mark C. Hansen** of SRF Consulting Group by January 7. The awards committee would be happy to assist you or your agency with putting together your nomination packet. Nomination forms and criteria can be viewed and downloaded from the APWA website at www.apwa.net/awards.

Submitted by **Mark Hansen**
Director, APWA-MN

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Calendar of Events

Save the Date: May 9-11, 2012

APWA-MN Spring Conference at Grand View Lodge on Gull Lake

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

Get half off first year of APWA individual membership

Any employee or official of a governmental agency, manufacturer/supplier, contractor, or consulting firm who is actively engaged in the field of public works and has not previously been an APWA national association member is eligible for the First-Time Member Special Offer.

The special offer is also available for adding first-time members to your existing group's roster or starting a new group membership.

For more information, go to: www.apwa.net/membership/Never-Been-a-Member.

This is it! No more paper...

As we have been letting members know for the last year, this is the final issue of the printed *Chalkline*. Starting in 2012, the *Chalkline* will become a completely electronic newsletter. This continues our move toward an integrated communications plan that will eventually include a new website and enhanced social media tools. We look forward to continuing to provide fresh and relevant information to members. As we've noted previously, please check your membership information on the APWA website (www.apwa.net) and make sure your contact information and communication preferences are correct so you will get the *Chalkline*, as well as other APWA national and state information.

Support Wiitas as they recover from accident

Joe Wiita, parks, streets and utilities superintendent for the City of Prior Lake, and his wife, **Carrie**, were recently injured in a serious motorcycle accident. Both are working hard at recovery, and need our prayers and support.

Upon learning of Joe and Carrie's accident, members of APWA-Minnesota Chapter donated \$405 to the Wiita Benefit Fund during the Fall Conference.

For members who are interested in helping to support Joe and Carrie, learn what you can do at www.caringbridge.org/visit/carriewiita.

Documentary explores infrastructure and quality of life

Liquid Assets, the film documentary produced and sponsored with the assistance of APWA-MN, premiered Sunday, December 4 on Twin Cities Public Television (TPT).

The documentary explores the function, age, and condition of our water, wastewater, and storm water infrastructure, and delivers the message that the infrastructure is in urgent need of repairs and capacity relief or our quality of life may be threatened. Liquid Assets is also a teaching tool that explains and demonstrates with animated graphics how these systems work.

Please set aside time in your busy schedule to watch Liquid Assets, a program whose message is so important to our industry.

The program will be repeated several times on TPT. In addition, the documentary will be made available on DVD so that it can be viewed and discussed by select groups such as schools, city councils, public utilities, other civic groups, legislators, and anyone interested the future of our water infrastructure. Special thanks to **Dan Gage** for his leadership and work with MN2050, and specifically in the development of the partnership with TPT.

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APWA-MN
President
Mark Maloney

Message from the President

It's About Relationships

Over the past few years, and especially this past one as your APWA-Minnesota Chapter president, I've developed a much better understanding of how much we depend on relationships to be successful in our industry.

It's natural for most of us, especially when we're younger or new to this business, to assume that hard work and technical expertise will largely determine how happy and successful we're going to be. Those are no doubt important factors, but the public works industry, represented by diverse market sectors, age groups and interests, is essentially a multitude of relationships.

The public's perception and value of public works ultimately depends on our ability to work with each other, across traditional boundaries and likely in new and challenging ways. This thought is what is energizing me in my career, and much of this perspective is a result of my contact with APWA-Minnesota.

This has been a wonderful opportunity for me. I've made many new friendships and strengthened old ones, and generally become much more aware of what this profession is about. While it's natural for any of us to focus on our everyday job responsibilities, it's also important to be active in the larger public works community that this organization provides.

What you and your organizations have taught me is valuable to me, both personally and professionally. I am grateful for the support that you've given to me this past year.

I want to especially thank the Executive Committee members whose terms ended in 2011: Past-President **Dave Hutton**, Director - Engineer/DPW **Klayton Eckles**, Director Out State **Jon Erickson**, Director - Consultant **Sue Mason**, and Director - State/County Agency **Dave Redig**. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Help me in congratulating the newly elected Executive Committee members for 2012: President **Jeannine Clancy**, Vice President **Lee Gustafson**, Secretary/Treasurer **John Rodeberg**, Director Out State **Bryan Bjorgaard**, Director State/County Agency **April Crockett**, Director - Consultant **Mark Hansen**, and Director - Engineer/DPW **Wayne Houle**. They are going to do a great job for the chapter.

Thanks also to our extremely qualified slate of candidates for being willing to run for office for the Minnesota Chapter: **Mike Marti**, **John Olson**, **Dan Fick**, **Jupe Hale**, and **Ken Ashfeld**.

We're blessed in Minnesota to have so many qualified members willing to serve our chapter.

Thank you for the trust and confidence that you've shown in me. It was an honor to serve you in 2011.

Mark Maloney, APWA-MN President

APWA Congress held in Denver

Tuesday night at Congress is always reserved for Chapter dinners. This year, the Minnesota Chapter decided to take a detour from tradition and attend the Colorado Rockies vs. the San Diego Padres game at Coors Field. In addition to about 70 Minnesotans, the chapter welcomed Congress attendees from Canada, Nebraska, Illinois, Arizona, Montana, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Iowa.

We had a great time watching the game, eating ball park food, and networking with Minnesotans as well as with our guests from other states and Canada!

Wayne Sandberg shared his impressions:

The Denver Congress was my first time attending an APWA conference and all I can say is, Wow! I was blown away with the presentation and by professionalism of the conference and staff. Additionally, the technical program was simply outstanding. There were multiple times when I had a hard time choosing the one session I would attend, because there were so many great choices.

Receiving the award for Professional Manager of the Year in Transportation was the highlight of 2011 for me personally. It is truly an honor to be recognized by a world class organization such as APWA. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given in my career and I feel blessed to be able to work in such a wonderful profession. We provide the foundation for our cities, counties, and nation to be strong and safe.



It was a great honor for Washington County to receive the award for Excellence in Journalism for our

Roundabout U campaign. When we first started designing the program, we made a decision to develop it so that any agency could adopt the materials and methods, and use them in their own communities. This decision was a good one, as the program has been used all over the State of Minnesota, as well as in other states in the country. We appreciate APWA's recognition of the program.



Denver is an outstanding and beautiful city. This was the first time my wife and I had visited Denver and we didn't want to leave.

The hospitality and welcoming atmosphere were noticed and appreciated.

The APWA event at the Colorado Rockies game was the highlight of the social events. Minnesota was represented well and everyone had a great time visiting a unique stadium that clearly was an inspiration for the designers of our own Twins Stadium.

Paul Pasko participated in the Congress 5K Run and noted the following:

Tuesday morning of Congress broke sunny and crisp — ideal weather for the Congress 5K Fun Run. Thirty-two Congress participants were on hand for the 7:30 a.m. start.

Five of those 32 runners were Minnesota Chapter mem-



bers: **Wayne Houle, Paul Pasko** (Paul's wife, **Michele**), **Dale Reed, Julie Long, and Tom Struve**. All five of them successfully completed the run. Only one of them, Wayne Houle, got lost and needed the race officials to help get back on the course. Not too bad a showing!

The run followed the Cherry Creek Trail round trip between the Convention Center and Commons Park. At the conclusion of the run, all of the Minnesotans breathlessly agreed that Denver is definitely one mile in the air. (In the photo, the Minnesotans are at the left side of the group.)

**Submitted by Jeannine Clancy
Vice President, APWA-MN**

Preview of 2012 Minnesota legislative session

Once again, it seems likely that the primary focus of the Minnesota Legislature will relate to budget matters.

Although the November forecast showed a small surplus, the Legislature never really fixed the structural deficit last session, resorting to borrowing and deferring payments to schools to close the gap, essentially one-time money. Where the February forecast might land is hard to say, but any surplus that might occur will be quickly absorbed by new debt service and catching up with the deferred payments.

In addition, the inability of the governor, legislative leadership, and the Vikings to agree on a stadium plan may carry the issue into the regular session, further reducing the likelihood of their consideration of city issues. We will, however, move forward with another version of Street Improvement District legislation as opportunities present themselves and we develop a better feel for the pulse of the Legislature.

Lastly, the absence of a long-term federal transportation re-authorization makes project development very difficult. Combined with the structural budget deficit, the only consideration given to transportation infrastructure this



session may be through the bonding bill, wherein transportation has to compete against other government agencies, MnSCU, and U of M requests for what will probably be a very small bill given that they delivered a bonding bill last session.

Note: APWA-MN coordinates our legislative initiatives through the City Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM) Legislative Committee, which is supported by the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC). More information is also available from the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC). Although CEAM works to coordinate their efforts, and that of LMC and AMC, there may be some discrepancies in their priorities and initiatives.

- League of Minnesota Cities 2012 Legislative priorities: www.lmc.org/page/1/lmcpriorities.jsp
- Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Information: www.mncounties.org/legislative.html

Submitted by **Dave Sonnenberg**
Chair, CEAM Legislative Committee

Stipend and scholarship recipients thank APWA-MN Chapter

I would like to express my gratitude to APWA-MN for the generous scholarships you awarded me in 2010 and 2011. I feel extremely fortunate that the Minnesota Chapter has been able to help me out financially in both my junior and senior years at the University of Minnesota. I plan to use the scholarship to buy textbooks and pay tuition expenses. It will help make this year's expenses that much less cumbersome.

— **Eric Seaburg**

Last September, thanks to the APWA-MN Chapter, I was able to attend the International Public Works Congress in Denver. I have been in public works for about 16 years now, and have seen and built relationships with people that have spent 20, 30, or more years building the communities in which they live and work. Some people may be involved in what they do for their community, we in public works are committed and give our all. I would encourage young members to get involved with APWA-MN. And consider applying for the Young Member Stipend, so that you can attend Congress in Anaheim, California, next year!

— **Bryan Bjorgaard**

The APWA-MN scholarship award for the 2011-2012 school year will be most helpful in paying tuition and housing expenses at North Dakota State University (NDSU). As I enter my fourth year at NDSU, I reflect back on the past three summers working as a seasonal engineering intern in the Twin Cities area. I have worked alongside civil engineers, technicians, and inspectors from three different cities, many of whom are members of APWA-MN, who have been instructive and helpful in so many ways.

I am nearing the completion of my studies and am now weighing the decision to continue my education in graduate school. Once again, I have turned to the experience and industry knowledge of APWA-MN members to help and mentor me in making this important career decision.

Please extend my thank you to all the members of the Minnesota APWA community for making me feel welcome, supporting my goals, and allowing me to contribute to projects as I continue to learn.

— **James Soltis**

Congratulations, APWA-MN Award winners!



Tom Montgomery, Hugo G. Erickson Award for Excellence in Public Service
Left to right: PW Paws, Nick Egger (engineer), Tom Montgomery, Paul Hicks (mayor), Dave Osberg (city administrator), Mark Maloney



Bernie Bullert, Director of the Year



Pete Stadler, Supervisor of the Year
Left to right: Mark Maloney, Pete Stadler (Mn/DOT), Scott McBride (Mn/DOT)



US 169 Triangle Project, Project of the Year
Left to right: Mark Maloney, Jeff Holstein (City of Brooklyn Park), Dave Penn (Mn/DOT), Jennifer Lowry (Hennepin County), Bob Robene (Mn/DOT), Jim Helgestad (CS McCrossan Construction).



Bryan Nagel, Superintendent of the Year
Left to right: Mark Maloney with City of Maplewood staff and Bryan Nagel



City of Bloomington, Environmental Stewardship Award
Left to right: Mark Maloney, Paul Edwardson (City of Bloomington), Sherri Buss (Chair, Environment & Sustainability Committee)



Billy LaLonde, Maintenance Person of the Year
Left to right: Mark Maloney, Billy LaLonde, Mike Eastling (City of Richfield)

Photos from the APWA-MN Fall Conference



APWA-MN Executive Committee

Left to right: Wayne Houle, Bryan Bjorgaard, Larry Stevens (District VI Director), Lee Gustafson, John Rodeberg, Kristin Asher, Jeannine Clancy, Dave Redig (outgoing director), April Crockett, Klayton Eckles (outgoing director), Angela Popenhagen, Sue Mason (outgoing director), Mark Hansen, Mark Maloney, Chris Petree



Mark Maloney passes the gavel to Jeannine Clancy



Attendees of APWA-MN Past President's Breakfast



APWA Donald C. Stone Center for Excellence in Public Works, Public Works Leadership Fellows
Left to right: Tom Eggum (TKDA), Mike Eastling (City of Richfield), Ramankutty Kannakutty (Mn/DOT)



After Work Hours Bowling Event

Fifty-four bowlers competed; an additional 20-25 hecklers attended to root on their favorite team. 1st Place Team: Monica Heil, Chris Petree, Steve Love, Michael Thompson, Dan Lonnes, and Lane Christianson. High Game Men: Lane Christianson with a 220. High Game Women: Monica Heil with a 192.

Improvement through gene, genealogy, and fable

Most people are born with a gene in their DNA that creates a desire to leave the world a better place than they found it. This value impacts those around us as our sphere of influence allows.

When you rented that first apartment — did you want to leave it cleaner than you found it? When you turned the key in the lock of your first home, did you do so with intent to leave it “as is” or did you immediately begin thinking about how you might make improvements?

That same thinking translates into our work lives. As public works professionals and leaders, we make incremental and tangible strides every day to make that better world a reality. As public works leaders know, it is a vision for the future of our organizations that can really make significant progress for our communities.

Saint Paul Public Works took a risk three years ago when we embarked on our vision to document all of our work as “Best Practices” through the American Public Works Association (APWA) Management Practices Manual and to seek APWA accreditation.

From a genealogical perspective, Saint Paul’s staff was fortunate. In most organizations, current leaders stand on the shoulders of those that have gone before. Past Saint Paul staff included industry (and APWA-MN) leaders like Tom Eggum and Ed Warn, who had the vision and drive to be involved in the creation of the Management Practices Manual from its birth in the early 1990s. While that early work set the stage, it did not allow us the ability to avoid the hard work that the Best Practice process brought.

Over a three and a half year period, we proceeded to systematically create documentation in the APWA-approved format for the 401 practices that applied to us (of a possible 546).

In recognition of our current generation, I cannot say enough about our current leaders to get the job done. Their commitment to this goal did not waiver through the process. Naming Paul Kurtz as our Best Practices Manager was one of the smartest things we did. His organization skills and ability to keep us all on track was invaluable.

What is to be gained from this work you might ask? Three fundamental answers continued to guide our process: 1) Documenting our work practices allowed us to ask questions about relevance to our customers and whether our methods were up-to-date; 2) Succession planning will be key for our organization over the next 10 years and this material provides a ready resource for our future leaders; and 3) We want our employees to be recognized as the professionals they are by our community.

So where do fables come in? Not everyone will be able to clearly see this vision of the future or the benefits a big (and not glamorous) project like this holds. As you can well imagine, this is important but not urgent work that competes daily with the fires that cross your desk. Maintaining momentum and incrementally picking away at the goal is the best way to get there. Think tortoise, not hare.

We are humbled that a group of our peers from APWA reinforced our view that we are among the best in our profession and doing work worth recognizing as the 75th public works organization to be accredited in North America and the first in the State of Minnesota.

We like being the one and only, but that is just on paper. Your organizations are that good too. You have no doubt heard it said that “it’s lonely at the top.” Won’t you join us there?

**Submitted by Bruce Beese
Public Works Administration Manager,
City of Saint Paul**



Where are they now? John Haukaas

Some of you may remember Jon Haukaas from his days in Fridley as the assistant director of public works/city engineer from 1997-2000 and director of public works/city engineer from 2001-2007. He then decided to move to Colorado.

At the 2011 APWA Congress, many of us had a chance to catch up with Jon and thought it would be great to share with you as well.

Upon moving to Colorado, Jon became the director of public works and utilities for the Town of Superior, Colorado. He worked there for a few years before landing his dream job in Fort Collins, Colorado.

For those who are not familiar with Colorado, Fort Collins is a Home Rule municipality situated on the Cache La Poudre River along the Colorado Front Range, and is the county seat of Larimer County. Fort Collins is located 57 miles north of Denver. With a 2010 Census population of 143,986, it is the fourth most populous city in Colorado. It is a large college town, home to Colorado State University, and was named *Money* magazine's Best Place to Live in 2006 (#2 in 2008 and #6 in 2010).

Jon is currently the water engineering and field services (WEFS) manager for Fort Collins Utilities. The WEFS Unit is one of the three operational arms of Fort Collins Utilities and reports to the utilities executive director. The WEFS group is comprised of three engineering divisions, five field services divisions, and an asset management program division:

- Water Utilities Development Review Division reviews development proposals and construction projects that include water, wastewater, or stormwater extensions.
- Capital Projects Engineering Division oversees the design and construction of Capital Improvement Projects for the water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities.



- Stormwater Master Planning and Floodplain Administration Division manages the flood warning system, reviews and permits development or construction proposals in the floodplain, and coordinates the Master Planning of stormwater improvement projects.
- Distribution System Maintenance Division maintains and repairs over 525 miles of water mains and associated infrastructure.
- Collection System Maintenance Division maintains and repairs over 437 miles of sanitary sewer mains and associated infrastructure.
- System Maintenance Construction Division provides construction services for the repair and replacement of minor water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Drainage System Maintenance Division operates and maintains the citywide stormwater drainage and detention system.
- Meter and Customer Services Division installs and maintains the water meters for over 33,200 customer water services.
- Asset Management provides a detailed inventory of all components of the Utility Systems and provides information to aid in the strategic long range planning of the financial operation of the Utility and planning of Capital Improvement Projects.

Jon is very happy to be in Colorado, but misses his colleagues in Minnesota.

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

Awards Committee shines light on public works industry

As part of my position as director/vendor/contractor, I get to sit on the APWA-MN Awards Committee and act as liaison between the Awards Committee and the Executive Committee. So far, I am impressed.

The committee consists of approximately 15 individuals, with a range of backgrounds. A number are engineers, quite a few from cities. We also have a new addition from MnDOT and another new member from the University of Minnesota. Then there is me, the lone salesman.

Mark Hansen of SRF Consulting is without question the backbone of this little group. Mark has been on the committee for four years and has served as chair for the last three.

In the past 10 years the Minnesota chapter has received nearly 50 national awards, including four Top Ten Public Leaders Awards, and has received the President's Award for Chapter Excellence for eight consecutive years. This year, Mike Eastling from Richfield was awarded Top Ten Public Works Leader of the year. To put this in perspective, a recent Google search reveals there are approximately 30,000 incorporated cities in the United States, all with public works staff. Congratulations again, Mike.

One of APWA-MN's primary goals is to bring some light to the important role public works plays in this world. By the time they are 10 years old, every little kid has been to the local park, the library, the fire hall, and the police station. Yet very few have ever been to a public works facility.

One of the ways we can bring light to the importance of public works is to recognize the outstanding achievements of the outstanding individuals involved. The Awards Committee has been developed to seek out and recognize these people, help them with the submittal process, and ultimately share it with the community.

I have been around public works most of my life and there is no doubt that public works is the most under-recognized group of civil servants in the United States. If you don't believe me, wait until the plow truck on your route breaks down and you are still not plowed out at 3 p.m. on a Saturday. The neighbors will figure who to call!

**Submitted by Judd Genereaux
Director, APWA-MN**

Dave Hutton thanks APWA-MN Chapter members

I wanted to thank the Minnesota Chapter for giving me four great years on the Executive Committee. It was an outstanding experience and I encourage anybody that has an opportunity to run for an office to do so.

I had some great mentors in Jim Grube and Dan Gage in showing how to lead the chapter, and this past year I have watched Mark Maloney continue to guide the chapter to another outstanding year. And we have an exciting group of new leaders coming up through the ranks.

But I can't speak of chapter leadership without thanking the hard working and dedicated committee chairs and the members on the committees. They truly are the people that make our chapter a dynamic and fun organization to be part of.

As I leave the Executive Committee for my final year, my message to you is to get involved and stay involved. We need your help to continue to strengthen and evolve our chapter to meet the ever-changing trends and rapid technology advancements in today's world.

We need to also continually tell our message about our public works infrastructure needs — not just about trying to find more money, but educating our public about the importance of public works to our quality of life. If we do a good job at that, I believe the public at large will support our efforts.

You can do this by promoting the good work of public works in your day-to-day conversations with family and friends, or, if you want to make an impact on helping the chapter be the leading voice on infrastructure in Minnesota, by getting involved in our Minnesota 2050 efforts.

Thank you, Minnesota Chapter!

**Submitted by Dave Hutton
Past President 2011, APWA-MN**



News Around Town

American Engineering Testing, Inc. (AET)

AET congratulates **Charles C. Tiller**, P.G., on earning his LEED® AP BD&C accreditation. LEED is a primary standard for green building design and construction. Charlie has been with AET since 1998 and is currently a Senior Geologist of the firm specializing in brownfield environmental consulting.

Robert Wahlstrom, P.E., P.G., has been promoted to principal environmental engineer. He joined AET in 2002 as a senior environmental/geotechnical engineer. Wahlstrom will continue serving clients with his geotechnical and environmental expertise for brownfield and greenfield developments. He will also continue to assist the Duluth office with their special needs for geotechnical and environmental expertise.

Braun Intertec

Amy Grothaus recently rejoined Braun Intertec as an engineer and senior project manager. Grothaus started her career with Braun Intertec in 1997 after graduating from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. For the past 11 years, Grothaus worked in the pavement industry, developing a software program for pavement management. Grothaus has extensive experience working with cities and counties across the United States to manage their infrastructure assets conducting pavement condition surveys, budget forecasting, recommending capital improvement plans and software training. Based in the Braun Intertec St. Paul office, Grothaus will be working on pavement related projects, including testing, research, management and design.

TKDA

The American Public Works Association recently inducted **Tom Eggum**, a senior engineer with TKDA, into the Donald C. Stone's Public Works Leadership Fellow program. The program, which is introducing its inaugural class this year, aims to help prepare the next generation of public works engineers to become leaders in their field through mentorship. Eggum was formally recognized on September 19 at this year's International Public Works Congress and Exposition in Denver, Colorado.

TKDA recently awarded their **first annual scholarship** to help fund the education of a University of Minnesota student pursuing a degree in engineering or architecture. The endowed scholarship was established in 2010 to invest in the future of the engineering and architecture industry. In a partnership with the University, TKDA's annual gift is matched by the President's Scholarship Match. The value of each year's scholarship will fluctuate with market returns.

Welcome, new members!

APWA-MN welcomes the following new members:

- **Larry Bohrer**, TKDA
- **Kent Brander**, Hydromethods LLC
- **Dustin Dale**, AE2S
- **Chad Donnelly**, AECOM
- **Connie Fortin**, Fortin Consulting Inc
- **Paul Hornby**, WSB & Associates Inc
- **Chad Isakson**, TKDA
- **David Kocker**, TKDA
- **Dustin Lind**, City of New Brighton
- **Christopher McKenzie**, S E H Inc
- **Darin Mielke**, Sibley County Public Works
- **Ronald Quanbeck**, TKDA
- **Joseph Stapf**, City of Northfield
- **Jared Ward**, Stantec Consulting Services Inc
- **Christine Wiegert**, TKDA

APWA names Certified Public Infrastructure Inspectors

Congratulations to **William Shutte**, City of Minneapolis, and **Mark Fremder**, City of St. Louis Park, on becoming part of a select group of APWA Certified Public Infrastructure Inspectors!



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