

67th Annual
**Minnesota County
Engineers Conference**

January 17-20, 2012

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The Minnesota County Engineers Association (MCEA) Annual Conference Planning Committee invites you to participate in our 67th annual conference. This year you will notice a change in the format of the conference on Tuesday — afternoon activities start with a reception in the Paul Bunyan Room at 3:00 p.m. with the awards and recognition banquet following at 5:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. We hope the new format will allow more time for everyone to build relationships and connections within the industry.

Please take the time to visit with and thank the consultant sponsors of our conference Tuesday evening at poolside. We really appreciate their assistance to make this conference a success.

We are blessed with a number of speakers and topics that will be sure to hold your interest. Minnesota Department of Transportation Commissioner Thomas Sorel and Derrell Turner from FHWA will kick off the technical sessions on Wednesday morning. Thursday afternoon, Ben Shank with Writing Consultants Inc. will help us to be better business and technical writers. Packed in between are relevant and timely topics for county engineers and the engineering industry throughout the great State of Minnesota.

You will find the conference educational, informative, and, most important, fun! We hope you will go home with new insights, relationships, and inspiration to take back to your local communities. We are excited about our program and look forward to seeing you in January.

Bruce Cochran, Co-Chair, Conference Planning Committee,
Mille Lacs County

Darin Mielke, Co-Chair, Conference Planning Committee,
Sibley County

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Tuesday, January 17, 2012

1:30 p.m. **On-Site Registration Begins**
Lobby

2:00 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**
Lakeshore 4

3:30 **Reception**
Bunyan Room

5:30 **Awards and Recognition Banquet**
Dining Room

Presiding: *Darrell Pettis*, MCEA Past-President, LeSueur County
Guests: *Doug Fischer*, MCEA President, Anoka County
Todd Kinney, ICEA President, Clinton County
Thomas Sorel, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Photos of award winners, *Mick Alm*, Norman County

7:30 **Reception**
Poolside

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Dining Room

MORNING SESSION

Lakeshore 1-3

Presiding: *Bruce Cochran*, Mille Lacs County

8:30 **Administrative Updates**
Derrell Turner, Division Administrator for Minnesota, Federal Highway Administration
Thomas Sorel, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation

9:15 **Cold Inplace Recycle, Hot Inplace Recycle, and Full Depth Reclamation**
Cory Slagle, Washington County

Concrete Overlays
John Brunkhorst, McLeod County

10:15 **Refreshment Break**

10:30 **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS Minnesota): Intersection Conflict Warning Systems for County Applications**
Jon Jackels, Traffic Safety and Technology, Minnesota Department of Transportation
Tom Sohrweide, SEH, Inc.

11:00 **Project of the Year Award**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Dining Room

AFTERNOON SESSION

Lakeshore 1-3

Presiding: *Darin Mielke*, Sibley County
District committee meeting rooms announced

- 1:00 **Timber Bridges**
Brian Brashaw, Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota-Duluth
Dave Conkel, State Aid Bridge Unit, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- 2:15 **CSAH NEEDS Task Force Report**
Nathan Richman, Waseca County
Brian Giese, Stevens County
- 2:45 **District Meetings**
- 5:00 **Reception to Greet New Engineers**
Shore Room
- 6:00 **Dinner**
Dining Room

Thursday, January 19, 2012

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Dining Room
- 8:00 **Group A Committee Meetings**
- 9:00 **Group B Committee Meetings**

MORNING SESSION

Lakeshore 1-3

Presiding: *Lyndon Robjent*, Carver County

- 10:00 **Minnesota County Engineer Association Resolutions**
Darrell Pettis, Resolutions Committee Co-Chair, LeSueur County
Steve Kubista, Resolutions Committee Co-Chair, Chippewa and Lac Qui Parle Counties
- 10:15 **Local Road Research Board (LRRB) Overview**
Rick West, Ottertail County
- 10:30 **Local Road Research Board – Research Implementation Committee (LRRB – RIC) Overview**
Richard Sanders, Polk County
Mike Marti, SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
- 10:45 **Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Overview**
Jim Grothaus, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota
- 11:15 **Best Value Training Overview**
Rick Kjonaas, State Aid for Local Transportation, Minnesota Department of Transportation
Mike Marti, SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
- 11:30 **Small Business Contracting and Workforce Inclusion**
Mary Prescott, Office of Civil Rights, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- 12:00 p.m. **Luncheon**
Dining Room

AFTERNOON SESSION

Lakeshore 1-3

Presiding: *Mike Hanson, Mower County*

- 1:00 **State Aid for Local Transportation (SALT) Hot Topics**
Rick Kjonaas, State Aid for Local Transportation, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- 2:15 **Annual Conference Activities Task Force Report**
- 2:30 **Break**
- 2:45 **Creativity and Innovation– Managers Are the Key to Nurturing Innovation in Organizations**
Ben Shank, Writing Consultants, Inc.
- By practicing how and when to innovate, managers can add significant value to their organizations. They can "take the shutters off" their own creativity and that of those they manage. This session will help participants achieve the following:
- Learn the payoffs for practical innovation in government and business today.
 - Explode myths that keep individuals unplugged from their creativity.
 - Customize an innovation toolkit that will work reliably and profitably.
- 5:00 **Adjourn**
- 6:00 **Dinner at Poolside**
Indoor Pool Area
- 7:00 **Recreation Night**
Centre

Friday, January 20, 2012

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Dining Room
- 8:30 **Business Meeting – Full Memberships**
Board of Directors Meeting
Screen Board Meeting
Lakeshore 1-3
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch and Adjourn**
Dining Room

Association Officers:

President – *Doug Fischer, Anoka County*

Vice President – *John McDonald, Faribault County*

Secretary – *Rich Sanders, Polk County*

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Past President – *Darrell Pettis, Le Sueur County*

Registration and Fees

The registration fee is \$145 and includes all sessions and instructional materials. Please register online at www.mncountyengineers.org or fill out the attached registration form and fax it to 612-624-5359, or mail it to the address indicated.

Retirees are invited to register and pay \$40 to attend the Wednesday program, and receive continuing education credits.

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your registration a refund of your fee, minus a \$30 processing fee, will be made if written notice is received by January 10, 2012. Cancellations after this date are not eligible for a refund. The University reserves the right to cancel the event, if necessary, and would issue a full refund.

Attire

Casual attire is welcome.

Location and Accommodations

The conference will be held at Cragun's Resort and Hotel on Gull Lake. Participants are responsible for reserving room and meal packages directly with Cragun's. Reservation forms are available on the website at www.mncountyengineers.org.

We recommend reserving your room early, as rooms may fill to capacity.

Continuing Education Units

Participants who attend the entire conference will receive 10.25 Continuing Education Units (CEUs). One CEU is defined as 10 contact hours of participation in an organized continuing education program. A CEU certificate will be sent to each participant after the conference. A permanent record of CEUs earned will be maintained by the University of Minnesota Office of Admissions and Records Transcript Office.

Please visit the following website for pertinent information about PDH requirements:

<http://www.aelslagid.state.mn.us/conted.html#go.html>.

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REGISTRATION FEES

- \$145 – Conference
 \$40 – Retiree rate (Wednesday only)

PAYMENT METHOD

- Enclosed is a check or money order payable to the University of Minnesota.
 My fee will be paid by my employer. Enclosed is a purchase order or a letter of authorization.
 Please charge my credit card:
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