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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 27, 2010

6:00 - 9:00 PM

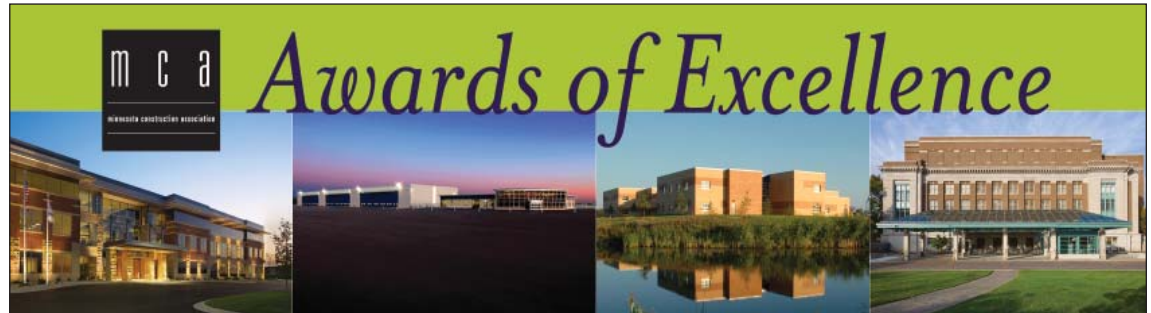
Awards of Excellence
Dinner & Gala

*Minneapolis Golf Club
Registration Deadline -
January 18, 2010*

THURSDAY,
JUNE 3, 2010

MCA Scholarship Golf
Tournament

*Majestic Oaks Golf Club
Registration Deadline -
May 20, 2010*



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Wednesday, January 27, 2010
from 6:00-9:00 PM
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Golf Club.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Robert Struve

Happy New Year???

First of all, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve you as your 2010 President. I am looking forward to getting to know you and learning more about your businesses over the next year. I'm available to you and would appreciate your comments and suggestions to improve our organization.

As I prepared for the year ahead, I asked myself: "What is the Minnesota Construction Association (MCA)?" The MCA was incorporated in 1996 by a diverse group of construction professionals that were interested in advancing the industry in Minnesota. Then the next question became, how do we fulfill that charge in today's marketplace?

That said, what a year to become your President! The headlines that we are all seeing include:

- Minnesota gains construction jobs in November, but losses are still staggering compared with last year (Finance & Commerce, 12/23/09)
- Stalled – Inflation will show little movement in 2010 as recession shuts down the non-residential building market (ENR, 12/21/09)
- Most industry executives say the recovery in construction may not be for another year (ENR, 12/07/09)
- We will see more stimulus money in 2010 turn into construction projects (Finance & Commerce, 12/23/09)
- Global firm executives are bullish (ENR, 12/07/09)

If there is anything these headlines tell us, it is that things are not the way they used to be and probably never will be again. I'm sure many of you have realized that big changes in how we conduct our business have and will continue to occur as we move forward. Change is not something most of us embrace with outstretched arms. In fact, I think that the human condition tends to resist change.

This is where your Minnesota Construction Association comes in. We can help you embrace and benefit from change. In other words, MCA can help you in "advancing the industry" by offering:

- Networking Opportunities – You will meet the best and brightest members of the construction industry in Minnesota at MCA events. ►►

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Experience the
MCA 2010 SCHOLARSHIP
Golf Tournament

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010
MAJESTIC OAKS GOLF CLUB

The Minnesota Construction Association invites you to participate in the 2010 Scholarship Golf Tournament! MCA awarded two (2) \$1000 scholarships and three (3) \$1500 scholarships to students in Construction-related programs at Dunwoody, the University of Minnesota – Mankato, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin – Stout over the past two years. At the 2010 Golf Tournament, we hope to raise enough funds so we can continue awarding scholarships to students in Construction Management and related Construction programs.

WHEN:

Thursday, June 3, 2010

11:30 AM Registration & Box Lunch

1:00 PM Shotgun Start

6:00 PM Dinner & Awards

WHERE:

Majestic Oaks Golf Club

701 Bunker Lake Blvd.

Ham Lake, MN 55304

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Details and registration information are available at www.mnconstruction.org.

President's Column *continued*

- Monthly Programs – MCA offers topical and current professional presentations at our monthly meetings. MCA will focus on presentations that help you deal with change.
- Job Search – The Job Postings section of the MCA website is a service offered to members for \$50 per position posting. MCA plans to continue offering discounts and other considerations while our unemployed colleagues search for their next position.
- Monthly Newsletter – Construction views keeps you up to date on local and national industry news.

- Committee Involvement – MCA is an active association that relies on the participation of its members, which in turn offers opportunities for professional growth.
- Awards of Excellence – Each year the MCA recognizes construction projects and members that are leading the way as our industry faces the new tomorrow.

My hope is that 2010 is a happier new year for all. I look forward to working with the MCA staff and membership and other industry members as we work to change our industry not back to what it was, but to what it will become.



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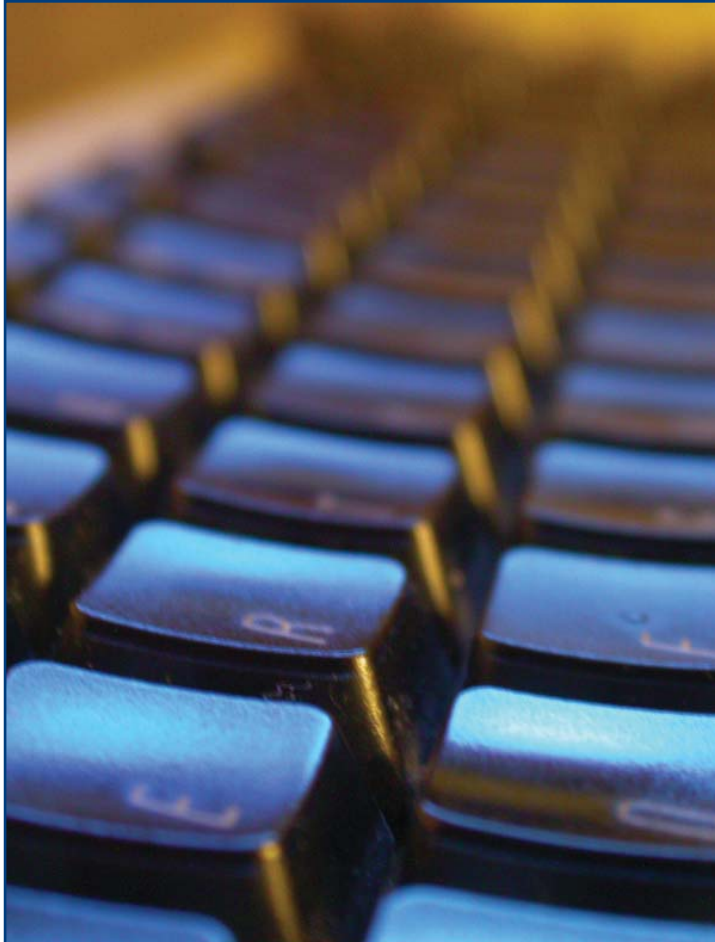
*Networking,
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Please help MCA welcome
our newest member!

Paul Rauch — *Marsden Bldg Maintenance, L.L.C.*

Marsden Bldg Maintenance, L.L.C., has an unmatched reputation for integrity, service and value. Since 1952, we have dedicated ourselves to providing our customers with an always-expanding list of cleaning, building maintenance and specialty services, including final cleans, window washing, and floor care. The hard work, long hours and commitment to our mission has made Marsden one of the largest privately held businesses in the industry. Locally owned, our workforce has grown to match our customer's faith in our ability to meet their needs. Today, over 3,500 Marsden associates clean and maintain more than 85 million square feet of office space around the country. From the corner store to the headquarters of Fortune 500 companies, we treat every customer with integrity and a heartfelt commitment to value and quality service.

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The MCA Board is forming a new committee with the task of evaluating the current website and making recommendations on possible improvements. If you or someone at your firm has an interest in web design and would like to join this committee, please send an email to info@mnconstruction.org or call (952) 928-4646.

Member to Member



BOSSARDT CORPORATION is pleased to announce **AUDIE MILLER** has been hired as Project Coordinator, and is currently working on the Construction Management team for Duluth Public Schools. The \$105 million Duluth building program includes additions and renovations to two high schools and an existing elementary school, as well as the

construction of a new elementary school.

Miller has a degree in Construction Management from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and has several years of experience in the construction industry.

The City of Eagan, Minnesota, has selected **BOSSARDT CORPORATION** to provide Construction Management services for the new \$8 million Eagan Fire Safety Campus. The new fire campus plans include a fire station, dormitories for firefighters, police evidence storage space and fire administration headquarters. The new campus will be fitted with a geothermal heating system and other energy-saving amenities. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2010.

On Tuesday, December 15th **GEPHART ELECTRIC** officially launched its new brand identity and web site. Please go to www.gephartelectric.com to see what we've created!

With the help of our digital marketing agency space150, our goal was to build a web site that would be both intuitive and useful to the marketplace. In addition to listing over 120 projects in 19 different categories on the Projects page, you'll find great case studies of seven highlighted projects we've done such as the Minnesota Twins Target Field. In the About Us and Services pages, we have posted information meant to give you a more complete picture of who we are and what we can do, and, on the Contact page, we give you a chance to reach out to us as well as submit a request to receive our newsletter debuting this spring.

Finally, if you subscribe to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, also check out our ad on page 152.



AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC. announces the hiring of **CRAIG KUSKE, P.E.** as Senior Engineer in the Building Technology Division. Mr. Kuske has an extensive background in structural engineering that will enhance AET's ability to serve its clients with structural forensic analyses, building condition investigations and specialty

products and systems evaluations. Craig will focus his efforts on expanding AET's engineering services with contractors, building owners and property managers and developing value-added services for architectural and engineering firms.

Mr. Kuske comes to AET with 30 years of structural engineering design experience in Minnesota and the upper Midwest, as well as national project experience. Prior to joining AET, Mr. Kuske spent 13 years with Opus Corporation and Opus Architects & Engineers, recently as a Manager of Structural Engineering, leading the design-build efforts for commercial, institutional and multifamily residential projects. He also has eight years of experience with Ellerbe Becket as a Senior Structural Engineer on medical, commercial, government and industrial projects.

Mr. Kuske received his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University, and is currently completing MBA certificate courses at the University of St. Thomas, as well as a Sustainable Energy Efficient Building certification from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Craig is a licensed engineer in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado and Maryland, and also holds NCEES certification.

Large buildings are not the only projects earning GOLD LEED certification. The new 8,000-square-foot Molin Concrete office building in Lino Lakes, Minn., completed last year by **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**, has achieved the exceptional GOLD LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) status from the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Green Building Rating System™. The USGBC accepted all 41 points submitted. The building, which was designed by Professional Design Group of Northfield, Minn., houses Molin's design and engineering staff. Other key members of the construction team included St. Paul-based Karges-Faulconbridge, Inc., which provided mechanical and electrical engineering services.

Member to Member

LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Kraus-Anderson (KA) built the office building using one of the most sustainable building materials as well as one of the most traditional and cost-efficient materials in the world: precast concrete. The precast concrete's exterior, which has a sand-blasted colored finish, also features precast sunshades and spandrels, providing function and aesthetics.

Other environmentally sustainable features include a white, plastic roof, which reduces the building's heat island effect to minimize the impact on microclimate and human and wildlife habitat. The roof is comprised of 16-inch hollow-core planking, allowing a clear span of 55 feet within the structure. Additional energy-efficient and indoor quality measures include light tubes and large windows to allow more natural light into work areas, and in-floor heating for more consistent thermal control.

"We felt strongly that an environmentally friendly building was the way to go and the right thing to do," said Tom Molin, president of Molin Concrete. "And precast concrete goes hand-in-hand with green building practices."



COBB, STRECKER, DUNPHY & ZIMMERMANN, INC., specialists in Construction Insurance, Contract Surety Bonding, Professional Liability Insurance, Risk Management and Site Safety Services for the construction and design industries, has hired **WILL LEAF** as a sales representative.

Will's focus is Risk Management and Insurance for Architectural and Engineering firms.

"We are excited to have Will join our sales team", said Jim Hentges, insurance sales manager at CSD&Z. "His professionalism in providing solutions through attitude, character and enthusiasm exemplifies the culture of CSD&Z."

**Would you like to see your name or your company's name in the
Member To Member section of *Construction Views*?**

**If so, please send all company press releases, announcements and updates to
Corinna Hastings, Executive Director and Editor,
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Sign up now to advertise in *Construction Views*, the monthly newsletter that puts you in contact with the people most likely to purchase your products and services.

Construction Views is distributed monthly to 200 members in the industry, as well as others, throughout the year.

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The benefits of advertising in *Construction Views* are clear:

- ◆ It's economical
- ◆ It reaches your target market.
- ◆ It gives you the frequency you need.

Artwork is due on the 20th of each month to be included in next month's issue. *All artwork is to be camera ready, of the specified size and in the following formats: Quark, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat PDF. Prepayment is necessary.*

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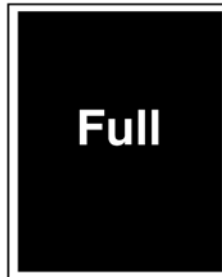
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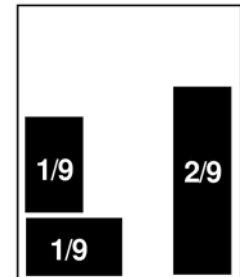
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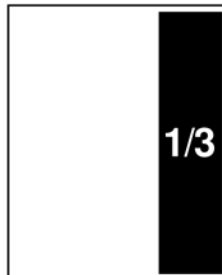


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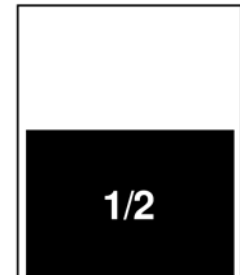


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