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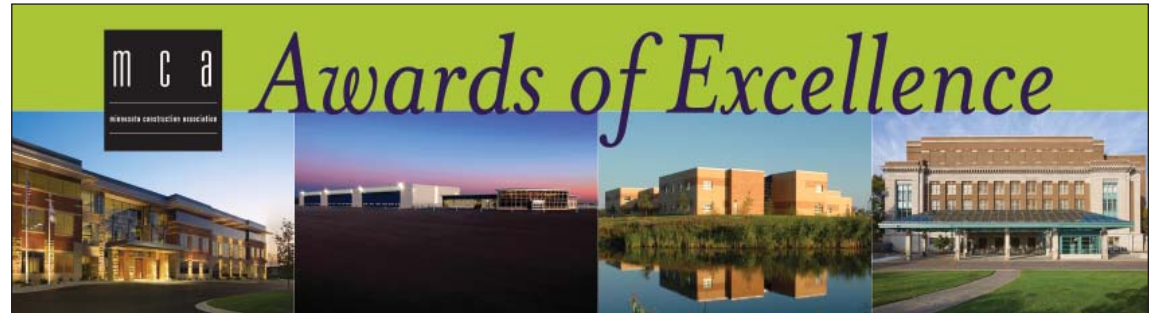
## Calendar of Events

TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 20, 2009

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

MCA Board Meeting

MCA Office  
4248 Park Glen Road  
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Please RSVP by calling  
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## Shouldn't Your Work Be Acknowledged?

When advertising costs continue to increase and contractor's profit margins are decreasing, there is no better time to take full advantage of acknowledging your projects – for almost no cost at all!

Now's the time to start planning for the 15th Annual MCA Awards of Excellence nominations! In only three short months, nominations will be due for the Awards of Excellence and the chance to spotlight your construction projects completed in 2009.

### What's changing this year?

- **New deadlines for the Awards of Excellence nominations:**

- *December 4, 2009 — early bird deadline*
- *December 18, 2009 — standard deadline*

- **The Special Recognition Award is a very unique category.**

But rather than looking just at construction type or value, we will be focusing on projects which are community oriented while providing a quality product. We want to acknowledge work that took a combined effort of various agencies, teams, or areas working together to make the impossible a reality. We will not be accepting nomination packages for the Special Recognition Award this year, but rather are looking for your suggestions for projects you have knowledge of, or on which you may have worked.

- **New electronic PDF format for submitting your nomination packages will be available soon!**

- *No more binders or paper submittals needed*
  - *Saves time and money submitting your nomination – paperless!*
  - *Faster and easier to file*
- *Electronic judging of the award categories*
  - *Award judges will be able to review and evaluate the award nominations 24/7 - electronically!*

**Mark your calendars for the Awards of Excellence Gala on January 27, 2010 at the Minneapolis Golf Club and start planning for your award nomination now!**

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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*By Patrick Lee-O'Halloran*

## *Learning and Working Together*

This month MCA began an association with Finance and Commerce, who printed our first guest column in their "Association Update" feature. Under the theme of succeeding by working together, I wrote in that column that "it is MCA's members, and the opportunity to get to know construction, design and development executives with whom you may not have worked – at least, not yet – that sets MCA apart. The networking opportunities, shared perspectives, and engaged conversations form the framework for future endeavors, and a stronger industry as a whole." You can review the entire article here: <http://www.finance-commerce.com/article.cfm/2009/09/09/Association-update-Building-together-to-strengthen-industry>. Thanks to Finance and Commerce for highlighting the importance of industry associations like MCA.

This month's half-day seminar will be a chance take advantage of MCA's networking and education benefits while focusing on a timely topic: Green Building. Green Building generally describes design and construction methods focused not just on putting up a building, but also on achieving laudable public goals such as reduced CO2 emissions and improved indoor environmental quality. This month's program will take place at the Wilder Center in St. Paul, which was designed to meet LEED's Gold standard. Representatives of the project team from Wilder Foundation, Perkins + Will, and Duke Construction will be on hand to discuss the challenges and rewards of Green Building in general, and the Wilder project in particular. I hope you will join us for an informative morning!

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# WHERE'S THE GOLD?

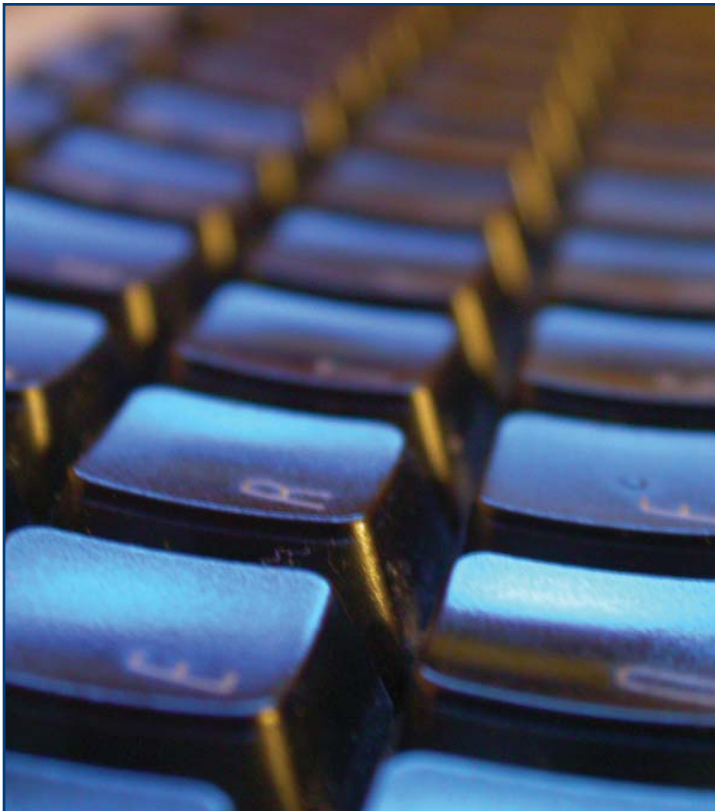
## *We need your help!*

It is in the achievements of what we partake. It may be money, or a tangible rewards which soon become tarnished, spent, or simply packed away unlikely to be seen again. But like the studies have shown, people become dissatisfied with their jobs and seek other opportunities, seldom because of the money, but more likely due to lack of recognition they feel they deserve.

Each year the MCA gives recognition to projects and individuals for various categories and positions, and provides judgement based on specific criteria, to award plaques and give recognition signifying the excellence that project/individual has brought to our industry. Their achievements will be recognized by their peers of the MCA.

The MCA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD goes beyond the “simple boundaries” of the brick, mortar and people who build projects. This award recognizes a project which impacts our community in a special way, not because it wanted to be recognized, but because the people who achieved the results had something special which they brought to the table which could not be measured, and, which many assumed simply couldn't be done.

**The Awards Committee is soliciting member suggestions (digging for the gold),  
for projects which deserve this special recognition.  
Please send your “gold nuggets” to [info@mnconstruction.org](mailto:info@mnconstruction.org).**



## **Join the MCA Website Committee**

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](mailto:info@mnconstruction.org) or call (952) 928-4646.



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

*Event Sponsor*

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**Details and registration information are available at [www.mnconstruction.org](http://www.mnconstruction.org).**

## Join the 2010-2011 MCA Board of Directors

The MCA Board is looking for dedicated industry leaders to apply for open positions. As an MCA Board Director you must be willing to contribute your time and talent over the next two years to the organization, but the rewards that you and your organization will reap are invaluable! This is your opportunity to make a difference!

If you are interested in joining the MCA Board, please send an email to [info@mnconstruction.org](mailto:info@mnconstruction.org) or call (952) 928-4646.

## Earn Rewards by Recruiting New MCA Members!

The Minnesota Construction Association (MCA) needs you to help grow our membership in 2009! You may ask yourself - why should I recruit my peers to join this organization? Networking is one of the most valuable benefits of MCA membership. By sharing the value that you have discovered with your membership, you will expand your network of construction industry professionals and increase the value to yourself and others.

To demonstrate the value of MCA membership to potential members, you can invite them to attend one of the remaining programs in 2009 for free (if they have not previously attended a program). You and your guest will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$25 gift card at the program that you attend.

Not only will you increase the networking value of the MCA, if you recruit five new members during 2009 (recruiting a company membership counts as two) you will be recognized as a Prospector at the 2010 Annual Awards Gala. For each new member that you recruit, your name will also be placed into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 prize (to be awarded at the Awards Gala on January 27, 2010). Anyone who is recruited to join MCA can begin earning rewards by recruiting more new members!

# Member to Member

Four Twin Cities managers with **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)** have received their LEED accreditations from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). They include: John Campobasso, senior vice president, business development; John Solberg vice president and project manager; Justin Webster, project manager; and Hali DuShane, assistant project manager.



**JOHN CAMPOBASSO**  
*Senior Vice President, Business Development*  
Campobasso joined KA in 1992 and has led the company's business development and marketing efforts since 2000. He also works closely with the company's senior management team on KA's green initiatives. Campobasso holds a B.S. degree in Economics from Winona State University.



**JOHN SOLBERG**  
*Vice President and Project Manager*  
Solberg joined the company in 1985. His recent projects include the Augsburg College Gateway Center and two mixed-use projects at Excelsior & Grand in St. Louis Park, and Jumer's Hotel Casino in Rock Island, Ill.



**JUSTIN WEBSTER**  
*Project Manager*  
Webster has managed 69 projects for Boston Scientific and dozens of retail projects for national clients including Best Buy, Circuit City and the Gap. He earned his B.S. in Construction Management from Minnesota State University, Mankato.



**HALI DUSHANE**  
*Assistant Project Manager*  
DuShane joined KA in 2008 and has worked entirely on the Regions Hospital Expansion in St. Paul. She received her B.S. in Construction Management from North Dakota State University.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED professional accreditation distinguishes building professionals with the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the rigorous goals for sustainable design and environmentally sensitive procedures throughout the building process.

"More and more of our managers are becoming LEED certified," says John Campobasso, KA's senior vice president of business development. "This expertise is extremely important and keeps Kraus-Anderson at the forefront of sustainable development."

Kraus-Anderson is ranked among the top Green Contractors in the U.S. by Engineering News Record and has been leading the charge in sustainable design and construction for the last 20 years. KA has been involved in 23 LEED-designed projects nationally. Westwood Elementary School in Zimmerman, Minn. was not only KA's first project to be awarded LEED certification (2003) but was also the first LEED-certified project in the state. KA also managed construction for Cub Foods in the Phalen neighborhood of St. Paul (Gold LEED), Quality Bicycle Products in Bloomington, Minn. (Gold LEED), and Vanguard Office Building, the first commercial building in Scottsdale, Ariz. to meet Gold-level LEED certification.

**KRAUS-ANDERSON® CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)**, one of the nation's premier commercial general contractors and construction managers, has completed two related Park Rapids, Minn. medical facilities. St. Joseph's Area Health Services, owned by Catholic Health Initiatives, and the new Innovis Health Park Rapids clinic, owned by Innovis Health make up the \$22,000,000 project that is expected to improve accessibility to the Park Rapids community.

Construction on St. Joseph's Area Health Service's 44,396-square-foot hospital renovation included a new, state-of-the-art, surgical suite addition and mechanical plant addition. The new 56,375-square-foot Innovis Health Park Rapids clinic encompasses and links the two healthcare facilities.

KA's Bemidji office managed the project. The architect for the project was HGA, and the owner was represented by Hammes.

While this was the first project KA worked on for the campus, the construction company has completed several projects in the past for Catholic Health Initiatives and Hammes, including Mercy Medical Center, St. Elizabeth's Regional Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center.



**VEIT**, a specialty contracting and waste management company based in Rogers, Minn., has hired **JOHN LEMIRE** as a project manager/estimator focusing on earthwork and utilities projects. Lemire will be based at VEIT's Duluth office and will be responsible for estimating, bidding and managing projects from inception to completion.

A Duluth native, Lemire knows the market well. During his 28-year career at Nels Nelson and Sons, John gained extensive experience in heavy civil and commercial site construction. John has a degree in civil engineering technology from Duluth Technical College.

"We are excited to have John join our team," said Greg Boelke, President with VEIT. "His knowledge of the area as well as his extensive background in the construction industry will serve our customers well."

VEIT's earthwork group provides industrial and commercial site preparation and development, excavation and grading, landfill construction and closure, dredging, sports field and golf course construction, as well as environmental remediation.

# Member to Member

**RJM CONSTRUCTION** is in the middle of \$8.1 million in renovations at Prairie Seeds Academy, a K-12 academy located in Brooklyn Park, Minn. The project includes a 30,000 sq. ft. remodel and 55,000 sq. ft. addition to the school, located at the intersection of 62nd Avenue and West Broadway.

The renovations to the elementary grade space began in June, and are expected to be completed in time for the 2009-2010 school year. The addition of junior and senior high space began in April and is expected to be complete in March 2010. The addition will include a gymnasium, auditorium, science classrooms, media center, music room, central atrium and administrative offices. RJM has worked closely with the architect, DLR Group, throughout the project.

Prairie Seeds Academy was founded in 2002 by two administrators, husband and wife. They leased space through the Minneapolis school district for two years, the Robbinsdale school district for five years and gradually raised funds and acquired bonds to purchase their own building. With growing enrollments, the need for an expansion was imminent.

“The community is very excited to see the improvements take shape. It’s definitely seen as the start of an area revitalization,” said Rick McKelvey, senior project manager, RJM Construction. “We’re happy to be a part of the new facility and learning environment for Prairie Seeds Academy.”

**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, at [info@mnconstruction.org](mailto:info@mnconstruction.org) or 4248 Park Glen Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416.**



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**Please help MCA welcome our newest member!**

**Jamie Bohm —  
Jamie Bohm Construction**

I do quality installation of windows and doors. I’m also available for home repairs, odd jobs, and finish work. 10 years experience! Ask for references!

*Jamie\_bohm@yahoo.com*

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*You only need to recruit 5 new members  
to become an MCA Prospector in 2009!*

- *Patrick Lee-O'Halloran*  
*1 new member*
- *Mike Purfeerst*  
*2 new members*

*Note: Recruiting a Company Membership  
counts as two (2) new members.*

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

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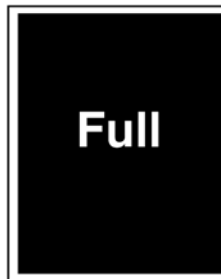
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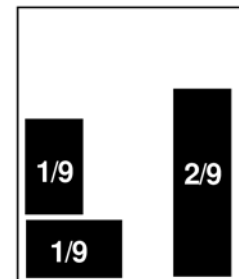
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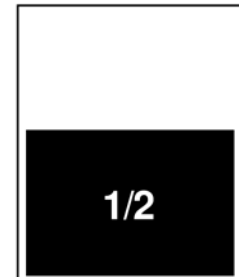


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