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Vision: The collaborative place for the building industry.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



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Each year the Minnesota Construction Association (MCA) recognizes construction projects and members that make substantial contributions to the community and the Association. Join MCA members for an exciting night of networking, catching up with fellow construction professionals, delicious dinner, and award ceremony at the annual MCA Awards of Excellence Gala!

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Heather Grazzini-Sims
Carciofini Company

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! The FUTURE is here! Who is building a floating home or purchasing a flying car this year? I'm excited for what 2020 brings for the MCA and the entire construction industry. The former is still a few years away, but I do hear of strong backlogs across the industry for this coming year.

I am honored to serve as President this year alongside an experienced and motivated Board of Directors. I am grateful for the support and trust the MCA has provided me over the last several years. I cut my teeth by volunteering as a committee member, then was nominated to the Board of Directors, finally to the Executive Board. The board experience has provided me with both personal and professional growth.

Membership continues to hold strong at nearly 100 companies, and partnerships with other industry associations are growing. I encourage members and guests to become active in all parts of the association. The MCA offers several networking events spread throughout the year in different formats of education, recognition, and some friendly competition too. A few events to look forward to are:

- **January 29th: Awards of Excellence Gala**
- **February: MCA Choice Award Recipient Program and Tour**
- **February 18th: Interviewing – Keys to Success**

Check out the website for more information, www.mnconstruction.org.

Volunteering is an excellent way to get involved, meet new people and give back to the industry. The MCA Construct*ium Committee focuses on student outreach, connecting colleges and students pursuing degrees in construction with local companies, mentors, student competitions, and scholarship opportunities. We are in need of motivated members to keep this program strong. Make your 2020 New Year's Resolution to get engaged and stay engaged. Volunteers have kept the MCA growing and made it what it is today, be part of the MCA FUTURE too!

The MCA achieved some momentous accomplishments in 2019. For example, January started cold and snowy which postponed the 2019 Awards Gala for the safety of all our guests however, the event went off without a hitch six weeks later! Additionally, the Communications Committee developed a new website and expanded their objectives to include a focus on social media. Moreover, we hosted a sold-out St. Paul Saints game on a beautiful day, followed by a sold-out golf tournament. Lastly, the second annual sporting clay event was also a huge success, nearly tripling revenue from 2018.

Whether you are a young or seasoned professional, be part of the future of the MCA. You will find it a rewarding place to collaborate and network with likeminded individuals. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year and meeting new members. Please reach out to me with any MCA questions, suggestions, or comments at heather.grazzini@carciofini.com or (612) 328-4212.

Wishing you good health, happiness, and success in the coming year and beyond.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Understanding Compliance with the Minnesota Wage Theft Law and the Minneapolis Wage Theft Ordinance

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

2020 Awards of Excellence Gala

FEBRUARY

Choice Award Recipient Program and Tour

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Education: Interviewing – Keys to Success

LATE MAY

St. Paul Saints Baseball Game at CHS Field

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Education: When Tragedy Strikes

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Golf Tournament at Deer Run

AUGUST

Saints Game Networking Event

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Education: Creating a Successful Partnership – A Subcontractor's Point of View

OCTOBER

3rd Annual Sporting Clays Shoot

OCTOBER

Education: Construction Industry Forecast – The State of the Minnesota Economy

NOVEMBER

7th Annual Soirée

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on MCA events at

[mnconstruction.org/events/
calendar-of-events/](https://mnconstruction.org/events/calendar-of-events/)

SUBMIT YOUR COMPANY BLOGS & ARTICLES



Submit your company blogs and articles to be featured on the MCA website and social media!

One of the ways we want to keep the new MCA website fresh is to offer our members the opportunity to showcase news, relevant stories, or interesting articles on our blog page. Each month, our goal is to feature a member's special project, company, or event that they want to share on the MCA website and social media platforms. This will provide valuable exposure for your company and give you the opportunity to engage new customers.

We're excited to provide fun and interesting content for our members written by our members!

Use the button below to submit blogs and articles for Winter 2020!

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– WINTER 2020 BLOGS –



New Legislation Gives Guidance on Procurement Protests

By Hugh D. Brown & Lauren E. Ritchie, Fabyanske Westra Hart & Thomson

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Understanding Sales Tax for Construction Industry Businesses

By Smith Schafer & Associates

Success in the construction industry requires the ability to cost effectively create a building envelope, structure or support system and virtually every financial decision regarding your construction company, has a tax consequence.

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MCGOUGH CONSTRUCTION WINS 2020 CHOICE AWARD!

The Minnesota Construction Association is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2020 Choice Award is McGough Construction for The Bell Museum project in St. Paul, MN.

The Bell is Minnesota's official natural history museum, established by the legislature in 1872. For over a century, the museum has preserved and interpreted our state's rich natural history and served learners of all ages. The Bell Museum is located on the traditional and treaty land of the Dakota people, in the area known as Mnisóta Makhóčhe (the land of Minnesota).

Prior to start of the actual deconstruction of the dioramas, McGough completed a test move, roughly one year, prior to the actual deconstruction of the dioramas that were to get moved. There was close collaboration between Museum staff and the construction team while working on these dioramas. The project includes a 120-seat digital planetarium as well as permanent and temporary exhibits for the public.

The 5-acre site was built with 100 percent controlled runoff. It also follows the SB 2030 Green building codes, which were used to achieve the project's green building goals.

The project was multifaceted in its funding needs for this project. The Minnesota Legislature struck an agreement where the University of Minnesota would borrow \$51.5 million for the project and the state would pay the debt service on the bonds over a span of 25 years with the remaining \$6 million coming from private contributions.

In addition to the Bell Museum & U of M representatives, McGough worked with a number of consultants and specialists, many of them local in addition to a few from different countries.

The award, along with many others, will be presented at the 2020 MCA Awards of Excellence Gala on Wednesday, January 29th at 5:30 PM at the Marriott Minneapolis West. More details about the project will be announced at the gala and at a separate MCA Choice Award program and tour held in February. The cost of this program will be free for anyone attending the Awards of Excellence Gala. More details of this program will be forthcoming.

Please visit the [Awards of Excellence Gala website](#) for more details, registration and sponsorship information.



2nd Annual MCA Sporting Clays Event was a Hit!

On Wednesday, October 16, the MCA hosted its Second Annual Sporting Clays Event at the beautiful and inviting Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake, MN. Over 100 construction professionals gathered to network with members, compete in shooting clays, connect with peers at Happy Hour, and win prizes. The late October day was perfect with weather in the mid-fifties and sunshine. Participants enjoyed the 18 station, 75 clay format. Following the action on the course a happy hour was hosted in the lodge.



Event photos can be viewed [here](#)



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Josh Carr, assistant project manager with **Kraus-Anderson**, has been elected to the board of directors of Hearts and

Hammers – Twin Cities, Inc.

Hearts and Hammers provides exterior home improvement assistance for senior, disabled and veteran homeowners so that they may continue living independently. Since 2014, Carr has been an active Hearts and Hammers team member, bringing groups of volunteers together for programs and fundraising events.

For more than 20 years, Kraus-Anderson has supported Hearts and Hammers. Teams of KA volunteers work together to restore the character of the homes and to improve their weatherproofing and security.

Carr joined Kraus-Anderson in 2017 as a project engineer. He received his B.S. in Construction Management from the University of Wisconsin – Stout. ♦

Kraus-Anderson Construction has completed an 18,000-square-foot office complex for Grant County,

located at Central Ave. and Division Street in Elbow Lake, Minn.

Designed by JLG Architects, the new \$5 million Government Services Center will house under one roof the county's Social Services, Public Health, Veterans Services, and Human Services.

The two-story office secured building features conference rooms, meeting rooms, offices, breakrooms and reception, and a public waiting area, and children's waiting and play area.

The exterior of building has a large parking lot and a stone storefront with metal panels. The interior has glass panels walls sections in the meeting rooms. ♦



Kraus-Anderson (KA) Construction has hired Wayne Gray as vice president of finance. He will oversee the company's

accounting and financial operations. Gray will be based in the KA's Minneapolis office.

Gray comes to KA with more than 20 years of experience in senior financial and operational management and corporate planning at Clark Construction Group, LLC in Bethesda,

Md. The century-old company is one of the country's largest building and civil construction firms. Most recently, Gray was Clark's senior director of operations finance, and had previously served as director of internal audit and director of enterprise risk management.

Gray earned an MBA from the University of Maryland University College in College Park, Md, and B.S. in Business Administration, Finance and Economics from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Md. He is member of the Construction Financial Management Association. ♦



On October 22, 2019, David Campbell, AIA, RWC, GRP and Charles Schuh, RRO were named Vice Presidents of **Inspec**.

David Campbell has been employed with Inspec since 1994. He is the Supervisor of the Walls/Windows/Waterproofing Group. He is a Licensed Architect, an accredited Green Roof Professional, and one of only two Registered Waterproofing Consultants in Minnesota. He has over 38 years of experience. As an Architect, Mr. Campbell has been involved in the design of a wide variety of building types. In addition, he has devoted the last 30 years to the study, investigation, and design of below-grade waterproofing and subdrainage systems.



Charles Schuh has been employed with Inspec since 2001. He is the supervisor of the Roofing Observation and Testing Department. His background includes extensive technical knowledge and experience with commercial roofing applications. During his employment at Inspec, he has been responsible for failure investigations, surveys of existing conditions, insurance investigations, and construction observation of built-up, single-ply, tile, and metal roofing. ♦

Kraus-Anderson has completed construction on a major remodeling of River Falls High School, located at 818 Cemetery Rd. in River Falls, Wis.

Designed by Ayres Associates, the \$8.1 million project remodeled the STEM labs; installed new turf and field lighting in the football and soccer fields; replaced the indoor track surface and exterior rubber track; and installed a new parking lot at the baseball fields. The swimming pool was re-plastered; and the starting blocks, diving boards, doors, dehumidification unit and pool heater were replaced; and a pool exhaust was added.

Upgrades also included new carpets and flooring in the first and second floor classrooms, media center and common areas; and a new chiller, lighting and AV in auditorium were added.

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K-12 facilities by Building Design and Construction magazine. Over the past five years, KA has completed over \$1 billion in K-12 projects. KA's comprehensive school construction services include facility analysis and budget approaches, leading to informed and successful referendum initiatives. ♦

Kraus-Anderson has completed construction at Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School for St. Louis Park Public Schools. Formerly known as Cedar Manor School, the elementary immersion school is located at 9400 Cedar Lake Rd. in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Designed by Cunningham Group, the \$8.4 million project features the renovation of all classrooms with new furniture, technology and lighting, and the addition of multi-purpose rooms and collaborative spaces for student services. Upgrades were also made to the kitchen, cafeteria and media center.

Additions include a new main entrance, bus loop, playground, reception and school offices. The parking lot was also modified.

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Kraus-Anderson Insurance, a national leader in risk management services, has promoted Mark Kampf to senior vice president

of sales. He has served as the firm's vice president of sales since 1991.

Kampf joined Kraus-Anderson Insurance as a producer in 1980 as one of eight original employees. Today, the firm is widely recognized as a leader in insurance, surety and risk management within the highly specialized construction and real estate development markets. Representing some of the largest and most complex clients, Kampf has played a major role in supporting the firm's sustained double-digit annual growth rate over the past ten years.

Kraus Anderson Insurance has grown to become one of the largest privately held independent insurance agencies in the region.

"In Mark's 39 years at our firm, he has been an unflinching advocate for providing best-of-class service to all of our clients," said Dennis Diessner, president and COO of Kraus-Anderson Insurance. "His passion, integrity and expertise have been truly instrumental in the development of our highly sophisticated agency service platform that differentiates in the insurance industry."

Kampf is an active member of the Association of General Contractors (AGC), Minnesota Sub-contractor Association (MSA) and Burnsville Chamber of Commerce. ♦

Kraus-Anderson Construction Company (KA) will begin extensive remodeling and additions at several new projects for Roseville Area Schools. The construction





of Roseville Area Middle School, Parkview Center School, Emmet D, Williams Elementary, Falcon Heights Elementary and Harambee Elementary is part of Roseville Area Schools' long-range facilities plan funded by a \$144 million bond referendum. The projects are designed by LSE Architects.

Roseville Area Middle School - 15 County Road B-2 East, Little Canada

The \$16.6 million project features renovating the science labs, art labs, and industrial technology and Pre-CTE areas; and creating a project-based flex classroom and lab area, digital studio and a new secure vestibule. A new gymnasium will be added for community use, as well as a scene shop to create additional stage time availability at the auditorium. Outside, the project includes the renovation of track and field for student and community use and repairing the paving.

Parkview Center School - 701 County Road B West, Roseville

The \$8.1 million project features renovating the science labs, art labs, media center, computer labs, dedicated Friendship Connection room, and a new secure vestibule and office modifications. The existing office will be converted to new classroom spaces. Outside, the project includes removing the deteriorated tennis courts, and adding a new basketball court.

Emmet D, Williams Elementary - 955 W. County Rd. D, Shoreview

The \$4.6 million project features renovating the media center, and adding new classrooms, gymnasium and dedicated Friendship Connection room. Outside, the project includes upgrading the softball fields and repairing the paving.

Falcon Heights Elementary - 1393 Garden Avenue West, Falcon Heights

The \$1.4 million project features renovating the art room and media center including the computer lab; and adding new classrooms and dedicated Friendship Connection room.

Harambee Elementary - 30 County Rd B East, Maplewood, MN

The \$5.2 million project features the addition of Early Childhood, a new center-based program located on the east side of the school district. The project also includes renovating the media center including the computer lab; and adding new classrooms and dedicated Friendship Connection room.

All of the schools will renovate their Special Education areas, upgrade the heating, ventilation and air conditioning in all classrooms and teaching spaces; and repair or replace the roofs.

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Kraus-Anderson has completed construction at Greenwood Elementary and Rocky Branch Elementary in River Falls, Wis. Both projects were designed by Ayres Associates.

The \$5.8 million, 22,000-square-foot Greenwood Elementary project included a new gymnasium floor and lighting, four classrooms, one special education classroom and a large flexible learning space for STEM, robotics, multi-purpose room, Lego league and Kids Club.

The Rocky Branch Elementary project included one new classroom and two new special education/ELL classrooms. A multipurpose living space, which will be utilized for an additional learn space as well as an after-school activity space, was also added.

In October, Kraus-Anderson completed an \$8.1 million remodel of River Falls High School.

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Kraus-Anderson has completed construction on a new 110,000-square-foot sports dome at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

The new facility will serve Minnesota State Mankato students and athletic teams, as well as youth and adult sports from the local and regional area.

Designed by ISG Architects, the \$5.5 million temperature-controlled, inflatable sports dome – the size of 1 ½ soccer fields -- will be divided into three fields, each 70 x 44

yards, for use by multiple groups simultaneously.

The dome will be used for a variety of sports, including soccer, lacrosse, rugby, cricket, ultimate Frisbee, softball, baseball, football and more. The project also includes an adjacent building that will provide a lobby, gathering space and restrooms. ♦



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