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Mission: *The Minnesota Construction Association fosters education, recognition and networking for all industry professionals who collaborate, plan, create and sustain best construction practices.*

Vision: *The collaborative place for the building industry.*

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Each year the Minnesota Construction Association (MCA) recognizes construction projects and members that make substantial contributions to the community and the Association. Join MCA 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!

JANUARY 26, 2022 | 5:30 - 9:00 PM | MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT WEST

PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Nominations will be accepted from MCA Members in good standing during 2020 and 2021. Contractors and Subcontractors/Specialty Contractors are invited to nominate a project completed between 2018 and 2020. The project must be substantially completed when nominated.

Early bird entry fee is \$250 if paid on or before November 15, 2021. Entry fee is \$350 if paid November 16 – December 9, 2021.

PROJECT CATEGORIES:

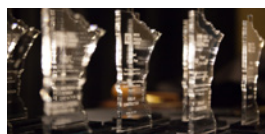
- New Project Total Value Under \$15 Million
- New Project Total Value Over \$15 Million
- Renovation, Expansion or Tenant Improvement Project
- Publicly Funded Construction Project
- Research, Innovation or Use of Technology
- Subcontractor/Specialty Contractor Project

▶ [Click here to login or create an account and submit your nomination online.](#)

▶ REGISTER NOW!

Registration Deadline is January 19, 2022. Please [register online](#) in advance; onsite registration will not be available.

EARLY BIRD (Ends January 19)	REGULAR (January 20 until sold out)
Member: \$90	Member: \$110
Nonmember: \$100	Nonmember: \$120
Table of Four (4): \$360	Table of Four (4): \$440
Table of Eight (8): \$720	Table of Eight (8): \$880



View Annual Awards Gala sponsorship opportunities on page 6.



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dave Lyste, P.E.
Rachel Contracting

In the wise words of Coach Jimmy Dugan from the movie *A League of Their Own*, "Of course it's hard. It's supposed to be hard. If it was easy, everyone would do it. Hard is what makes it great." Of course the quote was about playing baseball, but it can be related to many other things especially construction. Supply chain issues, employee shortages, COVID-19 and many challenges have affected our industry negatively in 2021. It doesn't look like these problems will be solved as soon as we hope. Fortunately, we have a resilient industry full of problem-solvers that will help us propel forward toward a successful conclusion of 2021 and move optimistically into 2022.

2021 has been a successful year for the MCA as we've been able to educate and recognize our members as well as network with each other which is the mission of our organization. The best way to move the MCA forward into a prosperous new year is for our members to get involved. We have a great opportunity for more involvement as a new Events Committee will be forming. We are currently looking for enthusiastic members and a chairperson to lead the new committee. The committee will focus on planning and providing oversight for our networking events throughout the year. Annual events include the St. Paul Saints Game outing, the summer Boat Cruise and the fall Soiree, just to name a few. Please contact any of the MCA board members or email info@mnconstruction.org if you're interested in getting involved.

It's been an honor to serve as the president this year working alongside a dedicated board of directors. You're in great hands with the upcoming leadership team and board in 2022.

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Why Are You a Member of MCA?

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.

HEATHER GRAZZINI-SIMS, Carciofini Company

Member since 2015



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Please help MCA welcome our newest MEMBERS:

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We are a steel erector providing our services to a wide range of companies and projects throughout the Midwest and Southwest United States.

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KNUTSON CONSTRUCTION

Knutson Construction is a family-owned company that has been around for over 110 years. We have multiple offices throughout the midwest. We are a self-perform union contractor that represents trades, concrete, carpenters, laborers, and operators. Knutson Construction is focused on a customer-first mentality to ensure we have repeat clients at the end of each day.

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Fisher Bren & Sheridan, LLP's legal practice includes representing contractors, developers, architects and engineers. Our attorneys have extensive experience litigating and arbitrating construction disputes and defect claims. We also handle contract drafting and negotiations, subcontractor default issues, delay disputes, mechanic's liens, and advising clients on all construction matters.

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www.jakcpa.com

Please help MCA welcome our newest STUDENT MEMBERS:

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

- Connor Coenen
- Ryan Turner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 16

8th Annual Soiree at Bad Axe Throwing

NOVEMBER 30

Construction Industry Forecast: The State of the Minnesota Economy

JANUARY 26

Awards of Excellence Gala



Find more information on MCA events at mnconstruction.org/events/calendar



8th Annual Soiree

NOVEMBER 16, 2021 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM CDT | BAD AXE THROWING

Throwing excitement back into the 8th Annual Soiree at the biggest and highest rated axe throwing club in the world! Learn how to throw an axe, play games, network with friends and colleagues, stay for the annual recognition of members, and above all, have fun!

Cost: \$40 for members; \$55 for nonmembers

➤ **REGISTER NOW**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Event Sponsor – **SOLD OUT!**
- Food Sponsor (1 sold; 2 available) – \$250
- Drink Sponsor (1 sold; 2 available) – \$200

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SUBMIT CONTENT FOR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS!

► **Share your content!** Leverage your membership by sharing your company's story. We make it easy to celebrate accomplishments with your fellow members. Click the buttons below to submit newsletter content.



FEATURED PROJECTS



IN THE COMMUNITY



NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS



Visit the MCA website for guidelines and more information.



RYAN



Hard hats off to Tara and Annie

for being selected as finalists for Finance and Commerce Top Women in Construction!

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TARA BLOTSKE
Senior Project Manager



ANNIE PEPER
Assistant Superintendent

Development | Architecture + Engineering | Construction | Real Estate Management | Capital Markets



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AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Become A Sponsor

You can help make the Annual Awards Gala a night to remember by becoming a sponsor!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Event Sponsor – \$750
 - Drink Ticket Sponsor (1 sold, 2 available) – \$625
 - Dinner Sponsor – \$550
 - Toothpick Sponsor (1 sold, 3 available) – \$350
 - Dessert Sponsor – \$250
- To become a sponsor, please complete the [Awards Sponsorship Form](#) and return it by January 7, 2022.

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HIGHLY ANTICIPATED Q&A WITH MR. AWARDS CONDUCTED BY MR. NOMINATION!

MR. NOMINATION: Thank you for the taking the time to sit down with me to answer a few questions I have on MCA's 2022 Awards of Excellence Gala!

MR. AWARDS: Of course! I'm happy to be here and I'm excited to see the great nominations coming in this year.

MR. NOMINATION: Let's get started, shall we? Last year's Awards Gala was adjusted due to Covid-19. What is the anticipated format for this year's Awards Gala?

MR. AWARDS: Currently the Gala is planned to return to its typical in-person format. The gala will be held on January 26, 2022 at the Minneapolis Marriott West. We look forward to our exciting event inclusive of the annual awards, comradery, and networking.

MR. NOMINATION: I'm interested in nominating a candidate for the Member of the Year Award. Who is eligible for consideration?

MR. AWARDS: The Member of the Year is a member candidate who is active in the MCA, demonstrates a commitment to MCA and its growth, and has contributed to the success of ongoing or recently completed construction projects. We welcome multiple submissions!

MR. NOMINATION: I have attended numerous MCA events in the past and would like to further engage through sponsorship or volunteering. How can I learn about this these opportunities?

MR. AWARDS: Thank you for offering additional support to the MCA! Please look out for our emails or visit the [MCA website](#) to learn about sponsorship opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering we welcome volunteers to support our various networking, education, and recognition events. Please reach out to us at info@mnconstruction.org.

MR. NOMINATION: Will do! When can I register to attend this year's Awards Gala?

MR. AWARDS: Great news you can sign up now on the [MCA website](#)! Don't miss the early bird signup period now through January 19th. Also, past years have sold out so don't wait to sign up.

CLICK HERE



for more details on the 2022 Awards of Excellence Gala

Blast from the Past!

— 2020 AWARDS GALA —



Student Outreach:

MCA STUDENT RECRUITMENT CHALLENGE!

With many students and faculty back to in-person learning, MCA presents a recruitment challenge to students and faculty! When you refer a new student to join MCA and they mention your name in the “describe your construction experience” box at the bottom of the [signup form](#), you will have the opportunity to win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Don't forget, students can join MCA for FREE!

Two gift cards will be available, one for a faculty member and one for a student with the newest referrals. This challenge will run until December 2021. The winners will be notified in the new year.



Check out MCA's [calendar of events](#) and take advantage of all of the upcoming Fall opportunities. Have a great school year!



Student Membership Application



NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS



AARON ABELLEIRA

*Associate Attorney, Arthur Chapman
Kettering Smetak & Pikala, P.A.*

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BRANDON JOHNSON

*Estimator/Project Manager,
Rachel Contracting*



KORTNEY KENVILLE

*Business Development Manager,
Terra Construction*

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*Director of Human Resources,
Kraus-Anderson Companies*

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DICK TRAVIS

*Senior Estimator/Project Manager,
Rachel Contracting*



MARY VANCURA, PE, PHD

*Principal Engineer, American
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STEVE WOLBECK

*Development Manager,
Rachel Contracting*



Construction Industry Forecast: THE STATE OF THE MINNESOTA ECONOMY

- When:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 from 7:45 – 9:00am
- Where:** Via Zoom – A link will be sent to all those pre-registered a week prior to the event
- Cost:** MCA or MSA Members – \$10 | Non-members – \$15

OVERVIEW

Using recent data and ongoing surveys by the Minneapolis Fed, Ron will discuss the speed and breadth of recovery in the construction sector and broader Minnesota economy, and role of labor force on economic growth going forward. Using an interactive survey, Ron will also gauge sentiment among attendees regarding recent business activity, hiring demand, labor and wage trends, and the short-term outlook.

SPEAKER

RON WIRTZ — Regional Outreach Director Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Ron's primary responsibilities involve tracking current business conditions across the six-state Ninth Federal Reserve District, which includes northwest Wisconsin, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana. Among many areas of the economy, Ron pays special attention to employment and wages – which are central to the Federal Reserve's dual mandate of promoting stable prices and maximum employment – along with construction, real estate, consumer spending and tourism. Ron is a central contributor to the Beige Book, which is a report of current business conditions published by the Federal Reserve System every six weeks. Ron's work includes extensive outreach to business and community leaders, and he gives frequent speeches on economic conditions across the Ninth District.

REGISTER NOW >



4TH ANNUAL MCA SPORTING CLAYS EVENT IS A HIT!

On Wednesday, October 13, the MCA hosted its 4th Annual Sporting Clays Event at the Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake, MN. 120+ construction professionals gathered to network with members, compete in shooting clays, connect with peers at the Happy Hour, and win prizes. Participants enjoyed the 18 station, 75 clay format.

PRIZES WERE GIVEN:

1st Place: Jake Boerboon – 71/75

2nd Place: Steve Hosier – 69/75

3rd Place: Nathan Niemann – 68/75

Top Team of the Year with a score of 68.5

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— FEATURED PROJECTS —

Loeffler Construction & Consulting

Lakeville Liquors Keokuk –
Lakeville, MN



The new Lakeville Liquors Keokuk store features clean and modern elements, large tasting areas, attached event and tasting room open to public and private events and an outdoor patio for summertime events. Since 2002, the City of Lakeville has run the state of Minnesota's largest municipal liquor operation. The Keokuk location adds a fourth store to Lakeville's line-up, and boasts a huge selection of beer, wine and spirits, with an impressive 33 coolers. Loeffler, a proud member of the Lakeville Community, is so grateful to have had a hand in bringing this project to fruition. ■

Completion Date: October 2021

Client(s) / Architect(s) / Partner(s):

Tushie Montgomery Architects, Lakeville Liquors / City of Lakeville, MN, Steen Engineering, Lindau Companies

Adolfson & Peterson Construction

Minnesota Masonic Home
OES Chapel – Bloomington,
MN



The goal of this project was to refresh the dated chapel on the Minnesota Masonic Homes campus. AP removed all finishes in the 1950's building, as well as re-roofed and re-tuckpointed the entire structure. We updated the building's mechanical and AV systems. As well as added a wheelchair lift so that the lower level can be accessed by all individuals. Finally, we added a new custom made 10' stained glass window, which is the visual centerpiece of the new worship space. This chapel honors old world craftsmanship and is a building full of exquisite details. ■

Completion Date: August 2021

Client(s) / Architect(s) / Partner(s):

Cunningham Group

— FEATURED PROJECTS —

Kraus-Anderson Construction

Crystal Police Department –
Crystal, MN



Kraus-Anderson (KA) has begun construction on a new \$16 million police department building on the City of Crystal's municipal campus located at 4141 Douglas Dr. N. in Crystal, Minn. The two-floor, 53,281-square-foot energy-efficient facility features new work spaces, a secure, centralized evidence storage area, secure indoor fleet storage, dedicated space for K9 officers, detention area, expanded locker room and community meeting room. ■

Completion Date: Summer 2022

*Client(s) / Architect(s) / Partner(s):
Wold Architects and Engineers*

Versacon, Inc.

Peony Trailhead Building –
Plymouth, MN



The Peony Trailhead Building project kicked off at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Like most companies, Versacon faced numerous unprecedented challenges, including navigating of lockdowns, procedures, social distancing, masking up and additional health and safety protocols. Construction was thankfully deemed essential through the pandemic which kept the schedule moving. However, we had to overcome supply chain issues, rising cost of materials, and lead times. Overall, this was a unique process for all parties involved. ■

Completion Date: July 2021

*Client(s) / Architect(s) / Partner(s):
City of Plymouth, Hagen, Christensen & McIlwain Architects,
Steward Engineering, LLC, Emanuelson-Podas Consulting Engineers*

— FEATURED PROJECTS —

Ryan Companies US, Inc.

10 West End –
St. Louis Park, MN



10 West End is located on a simultaneously ideal and complicated property. Situated in a booming retail and residential hub, this 11-story office building with 8-story parking ramp has offered easy connectivity to Downtown Minneapolis, western suburbs and the metropolitan bike trail system. Ryan Companies is managing development, architecture + engineering, construction and capital markets. 10 West End also earned a LEED Silver certification. The building shows approximately 27.1% energy cost savings over what energy code requires. Through its electricity and natural gas efficiencies, the building is designed to save approx. 23,840,414.7 kBtu of energy per year. ■

Completion Date: January 2021

*Client(s) / Architect(s) / Partner(s):
Ryan A+E, Inc.*

COVID-19 RESOURCES

The past two years have not been “business as usual”; the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to reconstruct the way we conduct business and think out of the box in order to remain successful. To support our members, we have created a [COVID-19 Resources page](#) on the MCA website. If you are in need of support, please check out those resources or email info@mnconstruction.org.



[COVID-19 Resources Page](#)



info@mnconstruction.org



Ryan Companies Breaks Ground on Talamore Senior Living Woodbury

Ryan Companies, Great Lakes Management and Artemis Real Estate Partners broke ground on Talamore Senior Living Woodbury this September! Talamore Woodbury will be a four-story, 245,00-square-foot senior living community with 90 independent living units, 70 assisted living units, 26 memory care units and 14 care suites. It will include multiple dining venues; a library; wellness/telehealth center with fitness areas, spa and salon; club room, activity room and a large gathering space for community events and spiritual services. This is Ryan's third project with Great Lakes Management, and it is expected to be completed in early 2023.

[Read News Release](#) ■



Adolfson & Peterson Construction Moves Up Industry List of Top 100 Green Contractors

Adolfson & Peterson Construction (AP) announced it was ranked #26 on Engineering News-Record's most recent "Top 100 Green Contractors" list—moving up more than 10 spots from #39 last year. Rankings are based on revenue generated from projects that meet specific standards for environmental impact, energy efficiency or carbon footprint.

"Clients are asking for green building practices and outcomes, and our teams are responding with creative solutions to meet this need," said Jeff Hansen, CEO, AP. "Our ongoing dedication to quality, safety, sustainability and innovation is driving change in our company and the industry." ■



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AET is also excited to announce the launch of a new website, domain name, and logo. These exciting updates help build upon the excellent reputation they have achieved over the last 50 years. Check out these updates at www.teamAET.com. ■



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