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Mission: Foster education, recognition and networking for all industry professionals who collaborate to plan, create and sustain best construction practices.

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Awards of Excellence

JANUARY 24, 2024 | 5:00 - 9:00 PM | MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT WEST

You're invited to a night of celebration and recognition! The MCA Awards of Excellence Gala is a hallmark event in the construction industry where we honor outstanding achievements, innovation, and remarkable projects within our community. Join us as we applaud the dedication, hard work, and excellence that have defined the best of the best.

EARLY BIRD (Ends January 10)	REGULAR (January 11 until sold out)
Member: \$90	Member: \$110
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Corey Bronczyk
Arthur Chapman Law Firm

Greetings MCA members and industry friends! I hope you had a wonderful summer and are staying warm in this chilly fall weather.

Our dedicated committees and board of directors have been working tirelessly to deliver on our mission to foster education, networking, and recognition. Looking ahead, I hope you're able to attend these exciting events:

- **EDUCATION:** Register for our next education session, [New Earned Safe and Sick Time Law and Changes to FMLA \(Family and Medical Leave Act\)](#), on Tuesday, December 5 at McGough in St. Paul.
- **NETWORKING:** Our [10th Annual Social](#) (formerly Soirée) is a lively and energetic night to remember! You'll have the opportunity to socialize with industry friends and make new connections.
- **RECOGNITION:** The [Awards of Excellence Gala](#) is the event where we recognize incredible projects and people in the construction community.

It was great meeting old friends and new faces at our other events this year. Last month we held our [6th Annual Sporting Clay Event](#) at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club. This is one of the most anticipated events in the community, selling out in only a few hours with 158 shooters participating.

I extend a warm welcome to our newest members who have joined our organization in recent months. We are delighted to have you as part of our community, and we believe your presence will enrich our group. Each new member brings a unique perspective, skills, and experiences to our community. I encourage you to actively participate, share your insights, and engage with fellow members.

We are still looking for volunteers to serve on committees. If you're interested in getting involved, please email me at csbronczyk@arthurchapman.com.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of MCA and our mission to educate, network, and recognize in the construction industry. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events soon!

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NOVEMBER 14, 2023

10th Annual Social at
Punch Bowl Social

DECEMBER 5, 2023

Education Session: New
Earned Safe and Sick Time
Law and Changes to FMLA

JANUARY 24, 2024

Awards of Excellence Gala

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

Education Session: A Deep
Dive into New Drone and
Machine Technologies

APRIL 11, 2024

Education Session:
Ensuring OSHA Compliance
on Your Jobsite



Find more information
on MCA events at
[mnconstruction.org/
events/calendar](https://mnconstruction.org/events/calendar)

Project Excellence Awards

5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD NOMINATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS!

- 1. Celebrate Your Achievement:** Your construction projects deserve recognition. Nominating them is a celebration of your team's hard work, dedication, and innovation. It's a chance to shine a spotlight on your success.
- 2. Stand Out in the Crowd:** In a competitive industry, accolades matter. Winning a Project Excellence Award sets your company apart from the rest, positioning you as a leader in quality, precision, and ingenuity.
- 3. Attract Industry Recognition:** Becoming an award recipient grants you credibility and respect within the construction community. It's a badge of honor that clients, partners, and peers will admire.
- 4. Inspire Your Team:** Winning an award boosts team morale and motivation. It acknowledges the collective effort that goes into every project and inspires your workforce to strive for even greater heights.
- 5. Share Your Best Practices:** The awards process encourages companies to reflect on their work, refine their processes, and share best practices with the industry. Your commitment to excellence benefits not only your company but the entire construction community.

Don't let your projects go unnoticed. Nominate them for our Project Excellence Awards and let the construction community see the outstanding work that defines your company. Be a part of a legacy of excellence that inspires others and sets new industry standards.

ENTRY FEE:

- Early Bird (ends November 17, 2023) - \$250
- Regular (November 18 – December 8, 2023) - \$350

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 SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION!

— The deadline to nominate projects is December 8, 2023. —



Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 MCA Annual Scholarships recipients! This is one of the many pursuits MCA utilizes to help students in the construction industry. We look forward to their continued growth and contributions to the construction industry! Get to know each of the students below.

4-YEAR PROGRAM



CINDY WUDDAH
Minnesota State University,
Mankato
\$4,000 Scholarship

I'm in my final semester studying construction management at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Currently, I'm the vice president of the Construction Management Women's Association on our campus. I'm thankful to have been selected as a recipient of this scholarship. Due to MCA's contributions, I'll graduate debt free! Following graduation, I plan to work here in the Midwest and continue to contribute to the construction industry.



HANS STELPFLUG
University of Wisconsin-Stout
\$2,000 Scholarship

I'm a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, studying construction management. I've been involved in construction clubs at Stout throughout my last 4 years and look forward to continuous involvement in the industry. After graduation, I will be working as a project engineer with Knutson Construction in Rochester, MN. Thank you to the Minnesota Construction Association for selecting me as a recipient of such a great scholarship!



BROCK ALESHIRE
South Dakota State University
\$3,000 Scholarship

I'm incredibly honored to be a recipient of the Minnesota Construction Association Scholarship. I'm a senior in the Construction Management program at South Dakota State University minoring in heavy highway construction and engineering management. Outside of classes I participate in several construction clubs sharing my passion for the industry with others. After graduating in the spring of 2024, I hope to serve in a project engineer role with a heavy civil contractor in the Midwest.



BENJAMIN VANBINSBERGEN
University of Minnesota
\$1,000 Scholarship

I'm currently a senior at the University of Minnesota, pursuing a degree in residential construction management with a minor in military science. I will begin my internship with Lennar in the spring as a construction manager trainee. Upon graduation, I hope to work for a residential construction company here in Minnesota that focuses on sustainable housing options. I am excited for what the future holds!

TECH/TRADE SCHOOL PROGRAM



NOAH JOHNSON
St. Paul
Community
College
\$1,000 Scholarship
Recipient

I'm in my second year at Saint Paul College, studying electrical technology. My future plan is to find an opening in the industry and gain experience while in school. After graduation, I plan to work and gain true apprenticeship experience until I

can become a journeyman and further progress to become a master. My goal is to own my own company one day and be a true master of my trade.



DITEU MAKOKU
Dunwoody
College of
Technology
\$1,000 Scholarship
Recipient

I'm honored to have been chosen as a scholarship recipient. Currently,

I'm in my third year at Dunwoody College of Technology, where I'm working towards a bachelor's degree in architecture. I have also earned an associate degree in architecture drafting and design. My future plans involve securing an internship within the field of architecture, which is required for an architectural license. I'm excited and eager to continue this journey and explore the opportunities that the architecture field has in store for me!

SUBMIT CONTENT FOR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS!

SHARE YOUR CONTENT!

Leverage your membership by sharing your company's story. We make it easy for you to celebrate accomplishments with your fellow members. Click the buttons on the right to submit newsletter content:



FEATURED PROJECTS



IN THE COMMUNITY



NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS



Visit the MCA website for guidelines and more information.

10TH ANNUAL SOCIAL

It's party time! Join us at our 10th Annual Social (formerly Soirée) and have fun bowling and playing games including:

- Ping Pong
- Corn Hole
- Scrabble
- Jenga
- Billiards
- Darts
- Bonzini (8-person foosball)

You'll get to socialize with industry friends while enjoying appetizers and drinks. Let's celebrate the construction community together!

COST: Member – \$45 | Nonmember – \$55

TIME: 5:00-8:00 PM

LOCATION: Punch Bowl Social in Minneapolis

REGISTER HERE >>

TUESDAY
NOV. 14





MINNESOTA CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

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— WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS —

COMPANY MEMBERS:

AMES CONSTRUCTION >>



Ames Construction

Ames Construction has delivered quality construction services for more than 60 years. They were founded as a small, family-run earthwork contractor that served a single community. Today, they're a full-service, heavy civil and industrial general contractor operating throughout North America.

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In its third generation of family leadership, Ben's Structural Fabrication has grown to over 40 employees and provides a full spectrum of in-house services including estimating, detailing, structural fabrication, OEM plate parts, and environmental services to companies and projects throughout the United States.

DUNWOODY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY >>



It begins with learning. But that is only the beginning. Dunwoody challenges students to come determined and graduate destined. That means being ready to do things, ready to apply that learning, and ready to understand that knowledge alone will never truly satisfy. If you are hungry, if you have a passion, if you are determined to learn, create, make, and refine – Dunwoody is right for you. They welcome students from all backgrounds – new high school graduates, returning military members, and adults who

want to hone marketable skills. Dunwoody will provide you with state-of-the-art labs, real-world tools, and educators who have worked as professionals in the field.

GARDNER BUILDERS >>



Gardner Builders is a hospitality company in the commercial construction business. They're a general contractor focused on delivering projects – both simple and complex – in a way that gives you complete confidence and has you rest assured that you are in excellent hands.

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OlympiaTech Electric is a full-service electrical contractor dedicated to quality and excellence in the design, installation, and service of complete electrical systems.

ORIGINAL ROCK DESIGN, INC. >>



Original Rock Design is a full-service well-rounded masonry company. They have crews that specialize in all types of masonry. They have been in business for 21 years and counting. They have installed projects ranging from small patching up to large brick jobs. Brick, Block, Stone, Thin and Full. They also install footings and will do small concrete jobs.

THE WHITING-TURNER CONTRACTING COMPANY >>



As one of the nation's largest and most respected construction firms, Whiting-Turner provides construction management, general contracting, design-build and integrated project delivery services on projects small and large for a diverse group of customers throughout the country.

WILLIS TOWERS WATSON >>



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GIVEAWAY: SEND US YOUR HOLIDAY PHOTOS!

A special holiday edition of Construction Views is coming your way soon! Please upload holiday photos to be featured in our next newsletter. You'll also be entered to win tickets to a 2024 education session.

Photos can include:

- Company party
- Volunteering or charity event
- Ugly holiday sweaters
- Office decorations

UPLOAD HOLIDAY PHOTOS HERE >>



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6TH ANNUAL CLAY SHOOT HITS THE BULLSEYE

On October 11, 2023, we held our [6th Annual Sporting Clay Event](#) at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club. The Clay Shoot is one of the most anticipated events in the community, selling out in only a few hours. It's a place where construction professionals gather to network, make new connections, and forge genuine friendships in the industry. The event brought together 185 shooters, volunteers, and community members for a day filled with camaraderie and competition.

WINNERS:

Team Champion with a score of 60.2:

- Jake Bauer, Carciofini Company
- Jacob Schmiesing, Carciofini Company
- Bryce Hotzler, Greystone Construction Company
- Tyler Hartman, Greystone Construction Company
- Patrick Vos, Greystone Construction Company

Top Shot with a score of 75:

Jacob Boerboon, Kraus-Anderson

Shooting Blanks Award with a score of 9:

Jack Duhamel, Ryan Companies US, Inc.

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FUN AT THIS YEAR'S

CLAY SHOOT!



— FEATURED PROJECTS —



Rochon Corporation

Smash Park – Roseville, MN

Rochon is super excited to complete Smash Park, an entertainment-restaurant venue. Smash Park originates from West Des Moines, Iowa with Roseville being its first location in the Twin Cities. This design-build venue is approximately 30,000 SF of indoor space including a restaurant, bars, indoor pickleball courts, axe throwing, duckpin bowling, private karaoke room, darts and arcade. The outdoor space will have a patio with fire pits, pickleball courts, shuffle board and bags. There is really something for everyone to have a great time. ■

Completion Date: October 2023

Client: Smash Park Entertainment Group

Architect: DSGW



Kraus-Anderson

Ziegler Cat's New Rental Store – Dayton, MN

Kraus-Anderson has completed construction on a 17,200-square-foot rental store for Ziegler Cat located at 18171 Territorial Rd. in Dayton, MN. Designed by CNH Architects, the two-story facility replaces the former building. One of Caterpillar's largest dealers in North America, Ziegler is expanding its equipment sales, rental and repair services in the central Minnesota market area and expects to have a significant employment and economic impact. Ziegler sells and services Cat construction, paving, forestry, mining equipment, trucks, generators, and industrial engines. Ziegler also sells the full line of AGCO equipment and CLAAS combines. ■

Completion Date: July 2023

NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS



TONY PELESKA
*Chief Information Officer,
Kraus-Anderson*



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*Facility Assessment Manager,
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MAX STOCKBRIDGE
*Technology Services Product
Manager, Kraus-Anderson*



ANDY SCHILLING
*Team Leader, Commercial,
Bauer Design Build*



RYAN HOCHBRUNN
*Project Manager, G4 Construction
Management*

New Restrictions to Contractual Defense and Indemnity

By Hugh D. Brown, Fabyanske, Westra, Hart & Thomson, P.A.

A significant result of Minnesota's 2023 legislative session is a new law restricting the "duty to defend" that one party can require of another under a construction contract. By restricting agreements to provide a defense to

another party, the new legislation introduces a significant complication that contractors must address through their contracts . . . [continue reading](#).

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— MCA IN THE COMMUNITY —



Gavin Grady, Inspec, Inc., Receives Certifications

Gavin Grady, EIT, a Consultant at **Inspec, Inc.** in Minneapolis, received his Building Enclosure Commissioning Process Provider (BECxP) and Accredited Commissioning Authority and Building Enclosure (CxA+BE) certifications through the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Gavin is now certified to lead, plan, coordinate, manage, and implement commissioning processes in new and existing buildings. Gavin will be involved throughout commissioning projects from pre-design to design and review, preconstruction, construction and testing through to the warranty phase. ■



Corey S. Bronczyk Named Associate Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America

Attorney Corey Bronczyk of the law firm **Arthur Chapman Kettering Smetak & Pikala, P.A.** has been selected as an Associate Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA). Corey is partner and practice group leader in the firm's construction litigation group and president of MCA. Corey also volunteers his time by serving his community using his construction knowledge. He is an adjunct professor teaching construction law for construction management students at Minnesota State University Moorhead. He uses his experience in construction and construction law as a city councilman for the city of Greenfield, MN. ■

The background of the entire page is a collage of construction-related images. On the left, a vertical strip shows four construction workers in safety gear (hard hats and high-visibility vests) standing on a construction site with a building under construction in the background. On the right, a large yellow tower crane is shown against a clear sky, with its jib extending across the frame. Below the crane, the skeletal structure of a multi-story building under construction is visible, featuring concrete columns and steel beams.

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