

63rd Annual Minnesota County Engineers Conference
January 22-25, 2008 ~ Cragun's Resort and Hotel on Gull Lake, Brainerd, Minnesota

Building Relationships

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

- 11:30 a.m. **On-Site Registration Begins**
1:00 **Board of Directors Meeting**
2:30 **Opening Plenary Session**

Welcome

Gene Anderson, Program Director, College of Continuing Education, University of Minnesota
Mick Alm, Conference Co-Chair, Norman County Engineer

Trends and Issues in Transportation and County Engineering

Don Theisen, MCEA President, and Engineering Director, Washington County
Jim George, President, ICEA, and Dallas County, Iowa Engineer
Sue Miller, Vice President, NACE, and Freeborn County Engineer
Tom Sorel, Minnesota Federal Highway Director
Representative Bernie Lieder, District 01B, Chair, Transportation Finance Division Committee
Lisa Freese, Deputy Commissioner, MnDOT

- 4:00 **Reception**
New County Engineer Photos and Individual Engineer Photos, Mick Alm

- 5:30 **Awards and Recognition Banquet**
Presiding: *Don Theisen*, MCEA President and Engineering Director, Washington County

Pictures of award winners after the banquet, Mick Alm

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

MORNING SESSIONS

Presiding: *Jon Large*, Mahnomon County Engineer

- 8:30 **I35W Bridge Collapse**
Khani Sahebjam, Metro District Engineer, MnDOT

- 9:45 **Refreshment Break**

- 10:00 **Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) Testing**
Al Goodman, Lake County Engineer

- 10:30 **800 mhz System**
Mark Gieseke, Electronic Communications Director, MnDOT

- 11:00 **Wetland Conservation**
Doug Fischer, Anoka County Engineer, *Tom Tri*, Environmental Manager, Saint Louis County, Public Works Department

- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Presiding: *Mark Krebsbach*, Dakota County Engineer

District committee meeting rooms announced

1:00 **Roadside Management**
Carmelita Nelson, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

1:30 **Lightweight Fill GeoFoam**
Joel Ullring, Wadena County, *Earl Wilkins*, Saint Louis County

2:15 **Minnesota County Engineering Association Resolutions**
Darrel Pettis, LeSueur County Engineer

The legislative and the resolution committees will present advanced copies of the resolutions for Friday's business meeting.

2:30 **Refreshment Break**

3:00 **District Meetings**

5:30 **Reception to Greet New Engineers**

6:30 **Dinner**

Thursday, January 24, 2008

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

MORNING SESSION

8:00 **Committee Meetings**

Presiding: *Darrel Pettis*, LeSueur County Engineer

9:30 **The Trust Edge**
Dave Horsager, Horsager Leadership Studio

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **Bridge Scanning Tour – Washington State
Bridge Rating Course**
Dave Conkel, Bridge Engineer, State Aid, MnDOT

12:00 p.m. **Luncheon**

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presiding: *Marcus J. Hall*, Saint Louis County Engineer

1:00 **Project of the Year Award**

1:30 **Transportation Research**

Overview – *Julie Skallman*, State Aid Engineers Division Director, MnDOT
MN LTAP - *Jim Grothaus*, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota

LRRB Update - Safety Topics - *Mike Marti*, SRF Consulting Group, Inc., *Dave Robley*, LRRB Chairman, Douglas County Engineer

Center for Transportation Studies – *Linda Preisen*, Director of Research Administration, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota

Research Implementation Committee – *Michael Sheehan*, Olmsted County Engineer and *Rick Kjonaas*, Deputy State Aid Engineer, MnDOT

3:00 **Committee Report**
John Brunkhorst, McLeod County Engineer

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **Innovative Contracting and Best Practices for Local Governments**
Mike Marti, SRF Consulting Group, Inc.,

4:00 **State Aid Topics**

5:00 **Adjourn**

6:30 **Dinner at Poolside**

7:30 **Recreation Night**

Friday, January 25, 2008

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 **Business Meeting**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch and Adjourn**