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2017 MECA ~ Educational Opportunities

MECA educational events for 2017. Please watch your email for event announcements or go to www.mnerosion.org for forms, or call (320) 685-5444 to request registration forms!

MS4 Program Workshop, Inspections ~ April 26th, 2017 in Willmar, Minnesota

MECA has partnered with the MPCA to bring you this MS4 training opportunity. The training will focus on the inspection aspects of meeting your MS4 permit requirements. Highlights include prioritizing construction sites, pre-inspection activities, completing inspections, post-construction activities, non-compliance, MS4 system inspections, and incorporating IDDE inspections into everyday activities.

Field Seminar ~ May 17, 2017 in Jordan, Minnesota

Don't miss your chance to see the latest erosion and sediment control products and demonstrations. Come and see the actual practices installed on a site. Have your questions answered by experts!

Field Seminar ~ August 1, 2017 in St. Cloud, Minnesota

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MS4 Program Workshop, Inspections ~ October 25, 2017 in Rogers, Minnesota

Same class offered in April at Willmar (above).

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MECA 2017 Annual CONFERENCE RECAP

The Minnesota Erosion Control Association 2017 annual conference was held in Mankato Minnesota on February 1-2, 2017. **We were proud to be able to bring people together from across the state to share ideas, solutions and success stories!**

The MECA Annual Conference gave everyone the unique opportunity to interact with colleagues who have also dedicated their professional lives to erosion control, stormwater management and natural resource protection.

Over 200 people attended. The overall evaluations from those that attended the annual conference can be summed up in one word—GREAT! Attendees said that the workshops, networking, trade show and food was wonderful!

Thanks to all the members, attendees and sponsors for their support of MECA and helping create another excellent conference!

We look forward to next year! Mark Your Calendars! January 24th & 25th, 2018

DoubleTree Park Place, Minneapolis MN

NETWORKING!

FUN!

EDUCATION!

2017 MECA
Memorial
Scholarship

Message from MECA Vice President



To begin with, I want to personally thank all the attendees and sponsors of the 2017 MECA Annual Conference in Mankato in February. I always enjoy the opportunity to catch up with our longtime supporters and welcoming the first time attendees. The conference was a great success and the weather was better than expected for early February. Our membership continues to grow and because of you our organization is strong as ever as we start a new year.

With spring attempting to come early this year we are all itching to get a jump on our projects. The MECA board and staff have already begun scheduling training events for the spring, summer and fall to make sure we are providing the education and resources you need. Check out our website and watch your email for schedules.

Our next conference will be January 23rd – 25th, 2018 at the Double Tree in Minneapolis. The MECA Board would appreciate your ideas on how we can make the next conference even better. Please send us your thoughts by April 12, 2017. We will be holding a planning meeting and welcome all ideas and suggestions. The MECA staff and board look forward to seeing you at the next event! Have a great 2017!

Regards,
Rick Baird, MECA Vice President

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2018 MECA Conference Planning Meeting

We will be holding the 2018 MECA Conference Planning Meeting on April 12, 2017. We are looking for input on speakers and projects and need your help with ideas.

Date: April 12, 2017
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton
1500 Park Place Blvd, Minneapolis MN
Time: 9:30 AM – Noon

If you would like to attend please let the MECA office know by calling or emailing at meca@mnerosion.org or 1-320-685-5444.

New MECA Board Member



Keri B. Aufdencamp has over 14 years of experience working for the MN Dept. of Transportation and M.A. Mortenson Company. Her environmental experience includes: environmental risks, soil and groundwater contamination, vapor intrusion, hazardous building materials, environmental compliance, wetlands, and endangered species. Keri's willingness to think "outside the box" helps develop creative solutions to complex environmental issues.

Keri is a member of the International Erosion Control Association, MECA, MN Ground Water Association, and MN Brownfields. Keri holds certifications through the U of M Erosion and Storm Water Management Certification Program. Keri has a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and Earth Science from the University of Northern Iowa and has completed graduate work towards a Master's degree in Geology and Water Resources at Iowa State University.

She enjoys volunteering at her children's schools, co-leading a Girl Scout Troop, and baking. Keri looks forward to working with the other MECA Board Members.

MECA 2017 Scholarship Recipient

Austin Cavallin is this year's recipient of the MECA Scholarship Award

Austin is from Pine City Minnesota and is attending the University of Minnesota Duluth. He is majoring in Geology and is planning to graduate in May of 2019.

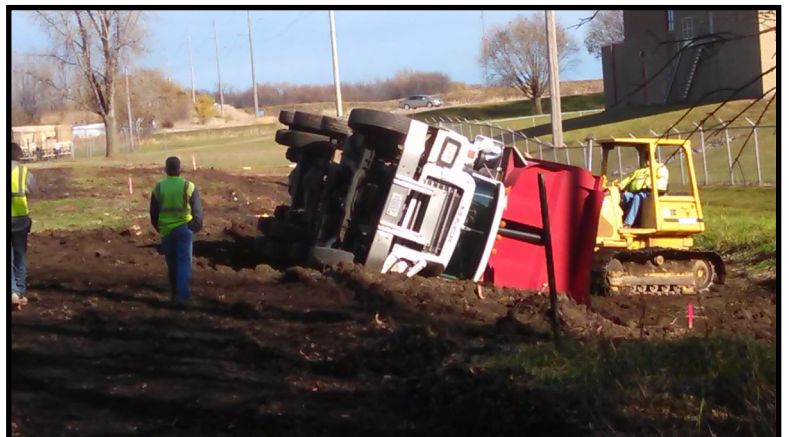
Congratulations to Austin! We wish him the best in his career!



MECA Annual Photo Contest Winner—Bloopers!

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Submitted by:
John Paulson
Project/Environmental/
Regulatory Manager
City of Hutchinson





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MECA Annual Photo Contest Winner—Technology in Action!

Technology in Action

This is the first mechanical installation of PaveDrain in MN. PaveDrain blocks were palletized to a 4x3x4 pattern and the installer modified their existing Probst paver machine to accommodate the large PaveDrain blocks.

Photos submitted by:
 Greg Halverson
 Brock White Company



MECA Annual Photo Contest Winner—Before & After!

West River Parkway slope failure repairs!

Submitted by:

Adam Popenhagen, CPESC, CPSWQ, CESSWI

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MINNESOTA EROSION CONTROL ASSOCIATION 2017 AWARDS

Each year MECA recognizes outstanding individuals and projects.

We are honored to present this year's awards to the following people/companies!



MECA Environmental Excellence Award Susan Museus & William Ahl, MNDot

Travis Simon, Mathiowetz Construction
Awarded to an individual, company, government agency or organization for a project that is deemed excellent based on many factors including, but not limited to; innovation, partnership, water quality and quantity protection, and project success.

Nominated by Dwayne Stenlund, MNDot



MECA Recognition Award & MECA Innovation Award Dr. John Chapman, University of Minnesota

Innovation Award is awarded to an individual, company, government agency or organization that developed new products/ideas that advance the field of erosion & sediment control/stormwater management.

The MECA Recognition Award is awarded to an individual that proves continued support to MECA.

*Nominated by Dwayne Stenlund, MNDot
And the MECA Board of Directors
Presented by April Ryan and Rick Baird*



MECA Environmental Leadership Award City of St. Cloud

Awarded to an individual, company, government agency or organization that has demonstrated leadership in the erosion and sediment control, or stormwater management field.

*Nominated by April Ryan, S.E.H.
Accepted by Linda Vollbrecht
& Noah Czech,
City of St. Cloud
Presented by April Ryan*



MECA Environmental Leadership Award City of Lindstrom

Awarded to an individual, company, government agency or organization that has demonstrated leadership in the erosion and sediment control, or stormwater management field.

*Nominated by John Olinger,
City of Lindstrom
Accepted by Lindstrom Mayor Keith Carlson
and Planning Commissioner Curt Flug
Presented by Brad Vierkant*



MECA Industry Leadership Award Eric Peterson, Superior Construction Company

Awarded to an individual, company, government agency or organization that has demonstrated leadership in the erosion and sediment control, or stormwater management field.

*Nominated by Melanie Bomier, Carlton SWCD
Accepted by Mr. & Mrs. Peterson (Eric's Parents)
Presented by Rick Baird*

MECA Innovation Award Dr. Bruce Wilson, University of Minnesota

Awarded to an individual, company, government agency or organization that developed new products/ideas that advance the field of erosion & sediment control/stormwater management.

*Nominated by Dwayne Stenlund, MNDot
Dr. Bruce Wilson was unable to
attend the award event.*

Thankyou to everyone who submitted nominations for the 2017 MECA Awards. We had many worthy nominations, and it was tough selecting the ones listed here.

We look forward to next year's awards!

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