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As we close-out another record-setting rainfall year, these final months of 2019 give us all time to reflect on all that we’ve accomplished and more. I am personally thankful for 1) rain suits, and 2) to continue to serve on this Board with such a dedicated and talented group of professionals.

As we move into 2020, we look forward to having you join us at our 32nd Annual Conference. The conference will be packed with new informational sessions, inspiring speakers, including Chris Heeter and PJ Fleck, and even some game show fun. Whether you’re coming to network, learn beyond your field of interest, or to find solutions to problems, there is something for everyone at this one-of-a-kind event.

We also have new interesting, educational workshops in the works for 2020 – from hands-on opportunities to opportunities involving beer and water quality… Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!

Finally, I wanted to take a moment to thank our outgoing Board members, April Ryan and Keri Aufdencamp, for their hard work and dedication to MECA. Their contributions have been significant, and we are so appreciative of their leadership over the years. If you are interested in serving the Board or have questions about membership, please feel free to contact one of the MECA Board members or our new Administrator directly.

Best wishes during the Holiday Season and we’ll see you in January!

Cheers,
Meghan Litsey, MECA Board Member
NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR THE MECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

MECA Board of Directors has three positions up for election. They are for a term of February 2020 to January 2023 (three year term). Nominations will be accepted until December 10, 2019. Elections will follow, prior and during the 2020 MECA Conference being held in January 2020.

Submit MECA Board nominations to meca@mnerosion.org

Nominations should include:
Name & company/organization | Phone number, email & address | Picture, & Bio

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we appreciate your support for MECA, and look forward to receiving your nominations.

MECA 2020 AWARDS

Each year MECA recognizes outstanding individuals and projects. Awards will be presented at the MECA Conference in January 2020.

If you know of a person or a project that deserves recognition, we welcome you to submit a nomination form to the MECA office.

Visit www.mnerosion.org to download the nomination form.

The MECA Board of Directors will review nominations and determine which submissions are will receive awards.

Nominations due December 16, 2019
The Memorial Scholarship was established by the Minnesota Erosion Control Association (MECA) in 2007 in memory of MECA members who have passed and who contributed to the erosion and sediment control and stormwater field with outstanding work and enthusiasm.

MECA wishes to award this $500 scholarship to an individual who wants to pursue an engineering or science degree with an emphasis on erosion and sediment control or stormwater management.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**
- To be eligible for the MECA Scholarship, you must be a student with intent to complete an engineering or science degree.
- You should also demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career involving stormwater management or erosion and sediment control.
- You must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and be a Minnesota resident. Your college does not have to be located within the state of Minnesota. Both new college students and those currently enrolled are encouraged to apply.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Fill out the Scholarship Application Form (www.mnerosion.org).
2. Submit an essay stating why you feel you deserve to receive the MECA Scholarship. Please indicate your objectives, and information about your educational, career, and personal goals. Demonstrate your talent by writing about any special interests or special circumstances that you may wish the selection committee to consider. Include information on evidence of leadership and community service. Essay format: One page, 11 point font size with 1” margins. Use your name and essay name as the title.

Return your application and essay by mail or email (digital copy is preferred) by December 16, 2019 to:
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Being Wild at work means having the courage to bring the gift of all of who you are to all of what you do. That means showing up whole, creative, free, engaged, connected, and bold. Chris, a nationally known speaker and dog musher is from Minneapolis.

Scott Struck | Geosyntec
Scott has more than 15 years of experience focused on planning, design, and implementation of stormwater infrastructure and watershed management to meet drainage and regulatory requirements. He works with public, private and non-profit clients. Scott is based in Denver, Colorado.

Leif Fixen | Nature Conservancy
Leif is the Agriculture Strategy Manager for The Nature Conservancy in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Leif leads The Nature Conservancy’s agricultural initiatives in the region, working closely with the agriculture sector on issues related to water quality, soil health, and natural climate solutions.

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Wednesday | January 22, 2020

**MORNING**
7:00 **Registration**
Hot Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:30 **Welcome**
Greg Berg, MECA Board President and
April Ryan, MECA Board Vice President

8:45 **Keynote Speaker**
Create a Wild Revolution in the Workplace
*Chris Heeter, Dog Musher /The Wild Institute*

9:45 **General Session**
Worldwide Practices of Operation and Maintenance for
Stormwater BMPs
*Scott Struck, Geosyntec, Denver, Colorado*

10:45 **Break Time**
Visit with Exhibitors

11:15 **General Session**
Importance of Native Plants in Landscape; Case Study
with Cool Stuff!
*Jim Moriarty, Senior Manage of Wildlife;
Three Rivers Park District*

**AFTERNOON**
12:00 **Product Education**
Minnesota Seeders Association

12:10 **Product Education**

12:20 **Lunch | Trade Show Floor**
Lunch with Dessert & Coffee

1:20 **Awards/Scholarship**
Rebecca Forman, MECA Board Treasurer

1:45 **Concurrent Sessions | Select One Session**
#1 Personalities at Work; What Sled Dogs Know that
We Don’t | *Chris Heeter, The Wild Institute*
#2 Beneath Your Feet on Campus
*Tony Runkel, University of Minnesota*

2:30 **Concurrent Sessions | Select One Session**
#1 Soil Health | *Jake Voit, Terra Services*
#2 35E Mississippi River Bridge: After 18 Years
*Joey Lundquist and Dwayne Stenlund, MnDot*

3:15 **Break Time**
Visit with Exhibitors

3:45 **Game Show Fun**
Family Feud
Hosted by Greg Berg, MECA Board President

4:00 **General Session**
Impacts of Extreme Events on Erosion Control
*Bruce Wilson, University of Minnesota*

4:45 **MECA Meeting**
All are welcome!

5:00 **Social Network & visit with exhibitors. Enjoy**
Hors d’oeuvres & beverages.
**BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT!**
Sign up at the conference registration table!
Two lucky tournament winners will receive a Corntoss Bean Bag Game with Case!

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Thursday | January 23, 2020

**MORNING**
7:30 **Registration**
Hot Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:30 **Year in Review**
Meghan Listey, MECA Board Secretary

8:45 **General Session**
Soil Health, Leif Fixen, *The Nature Conservancy*

9:30 **Game Show Fun**
Jeopardy!
Hosted by Jeff Forsberg, MECA Board Member

9:45 **Product Education**

10:00 **Break Time**
Visit with Exhibitors

10:30 **Concurrent Sessions | Select One Session**
#1 Sources of Pollutants to Watersheds
*Jacques Finlay, University of Minnesota*
#2 Drawdown of Mississippi River & Little Rock Lake
*Eric Altena, DNR Fisheries Little Falls*

11:15 **Concurrent Sessions | Select One Session**
#1 Overview and Updates to the Minnesota
Stormwater Manual | *Mike Trojan, MPCA*
#2 Indian Creek Watershed Study
*Riley Mondloch and Rachel Pichelmann, S.E.H.*

**AFTERNOON**
Noon **Lunch | Trade Show Floor**
Lunch with Dessert & Coffee

1:00 **Election Results**
Keri Aufdencamp, MECA Board Member

1:15 **General Session**
Mill Pond, City of Champlin
*Todd Tuominen, City of Champlin, Minnesota*

2:00 **Capstone Speaker**
How to Build a Difference Making Culture
*PJ Fleck, University of Minnesota*

3:00 **Door Prizes | Closing**
Tuesday | January 21, 2020

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  #1 Construction Installer Certification/Recertification  (Offered by U of MN)
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  #2 Site Manager Recertification  (Offered by U of MN)
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM  #3 MS4 Workshop  (Offered by MECA)
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  #4 Streambank Stabilization & Restoration Design (Offered by MECA)
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM  #5 Product/Information Sessions & Minnesota Seeder Association Sponsored Social

Pre-Conference Workshops include:
- TRADE SHOW ACCESS FOR THE PRE-CONFERENCE DAY
- SOCIAL SPONSORED BY THE MINNESOTA SEEDERS ASSOCIATION
- PRODUCT INFORMATION SESSIONS

#1 | Construction Installer Certification/Recertification  (5.5 PDHs)
Offered by the University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management Program
Registration Fee:  $130 MECA Member | $160 Non-Member
This course is for those who install erosion and sediment control devices and establish vegetation on construction sites. The emphasis is on permit regulations pertaining to laborer activities, proper installation and quality control of various erosion and sediment control devices and turf establishment items. Includes lunch.

#2 | Site Manager Recertification  (5.5 PDHs)
Offered by the University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management Program
Instructor:  Dwayne Stenlund
Registration Fee:  $120 MECA Member | $150 Non-Member
This recertification course is designed for those who hold a current Site Manager certification through the University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management Program. If you are not sure if you hold a current Site Manager certification, contact the UMN Erosion Program at 612-625-9733. Includes lunch.

#3 | MS4 Workshop  (5.5 PDHs)
Offered by MECA
Registration Fee:  $75 MECA Member | $95 Non-Member
This pre-conference workshop will include an overview of the new MS4 permit, provide information and insight into the MS4 requirements, and provide an opportunity to learn how MS4s are currently and plan to address MS4 requirements. Includes lunch.

#4 | Streambank Stabilization & Restoration Design  (4 PDHs)
Offered by MECA
Instructors:  Neil Haugerud and Amy Childers
Registration Fee:  $75 MECA Member | $95 Non-Member
Alterations of our stream networks, either directly to the channel or indirectly to the watershed, have diminished their ability to be stable and healthy. Unstable streams that are incised, degrading, and disconnected from their floodplain commonly have excessive bank erosion and high unstable cutbanks. What can and should be done to address these problem areas? The first essential step is properly diagnosing the cause and extent of instability. This is essential to successful stream streambank stabilization prioritization and implementation. A review of the fundamental concepts in fluvial geomorphology and stream stability will provide a framework for diagnosing stream stability and determining causes of instability. Case examples will be examined to practice identifying symptoms and determining causes of instability. Various examples of bank stabilization projects will be discussed along with the type of situations in which they are appropriate. Includes lunch.

#5 | Social and Product Information Sessions
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A NOTE FROM THE NEW MECA ADMINISTRATOR

Hello MECA Members! Please allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Roberta Ringstad and I have been working with the current MECA Administrator, Ruth Kraemer, to become acclimated with your wonderful association since late October. I am excited to take over full responsibility in February of 2020. Marketing/advertising, social media, photography and design are some of my areas of expertise and it’s been so enjoyable putting some of these talents to work for you already.

My husband (Mike) and I, along with our two amazing daughters (Elayna 6, Alyse 3), live near St. Stephen, MN along a beautiful wetland. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling, gardening and photography.

Thank you so much to the current board members and Ruth for the warm welcome and for trusting me with your association.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the MECA 32nd Annual Conference in January!