

Minnesota Builders Exchange



Annual Meeting Recap

Members joined MBEX staff and board of directors on Wednesday, January 15 to officially start another year of business at MBEX. Hosted at the Edina Country Club, attendees enjoyed networking, a sit-down luncheon and program. MBEX Board President Beth Nde of Adolfson & Peterson Construction recalled the success of MBEX throughout 2019, and concluded her tenure by passing on the presidential gavel to 2020 Board President, Danielle Dziedzic of Dziedzic Caulking Inc.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Rich Wagner, President of Dunwoody College of Technology, reviewed the past and ongoing efforts of Dunwoody in educating and training our workforce within the industry since its establishment in 1914. During the past year, leaders at the school successfully implemented their "Vision 2020" plan, focused on strategic growth and the current skills gap. Through the Women in Technology Careers Initiative and Program to Work, a program for high school students, Dunwoody has helped pave the way for careers in construction through scholarships, mentorships and job placement. Past and current students are provided with a variety of options via a traditional 2-year programs, bachelor degree programs and the new "2+2 degrees," allowing previous 2-year degree recipients to return to Dunwoody and complete the necessary credits to obtain their 4-year bachelor degree. As a result of their efforts, Dr. Wagner reports that the job placement rate for their graduates is 99%, with 11 job offers per student!

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Thank you to all attendees!

