

# MBEX Quarterly Exchange

Briefings from the Minnesota Builders Exchange

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## Calendar

### Document Reading Course

[mbex.org/docsclass](http://mbex.org/docsclass)

March 2 - March 24, 2020

### Spring Social

[mbex.org/springsocial](http://mbex.org/springsocial)

Thursday, April 9, 2020

### Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2020- closed

### Member Appreciation BBQ

[mbex.org/bbq](http://mbex.org/bbq)

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

### Golf Tournament

[mbex.org/golf](http://mbex.org/golf)

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

### Fourth of July

Friday, July 3, 2020- closed

### Sporting Clays Fundraiser

[mbex.org/sporting clays](http://mbex.org/sporting%20clays)

Thursday, August 13, 2020

### Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 7, 2020- closed

## Don't miss out!

MBEX staff posts event info and registration 4-6 weeks prior to each of our events.

Stay informed...

### Weekly Bulletin

Contact [jills@mbex.org](mailto:jills@mbex.org) to receive a copy of the bulletin each Tuesday evening.

### Event alerts

Contact [ap@mbex.org](mailto:ap@mbex.org) to receive event email blasts.

### Social media

Follow/like MBEX on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

## A letter from the Board President



For over 12 years, I have been proud to serve the builders exchange. It's wonderful to be a part of such a great organization. This year, I'm honored to serve as your 2020 board

president and look forward to using my experience to help MBEX better serve its members.

Dr. Rich Wagner, president of Dunwoody College of Technology, helped us kick off the new year at our Annual Meeting in January. He shared the school's future plans as well as his insights on the need to recruit young people to the construction industry.

On that note, MBEX continues to move forward with the ongoing success of the online plan room by providing as many projects as possible. We look

forward to expanding our membership and providing help to students in the industry through our scholarship program. I will encourage continued growth and change to remain useful and relevant to our member companies.

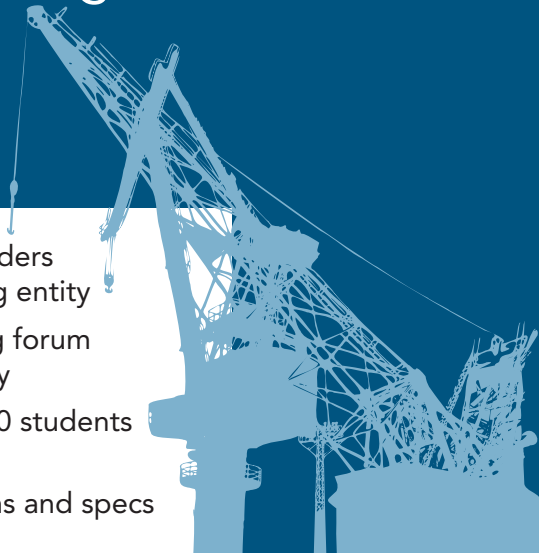
Finally, I hope you can join us for the upcoming Spring Social on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Earle Brown Heritage Center. This event, as well as all other MBEX member events, serve as a platform for meeting and growing relationships with others in the construction industry. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting many new ones during this exciting year at MBEX!

Danielle Dziedzic  
MBEX Board President

## Ending the decade on a high note

As we continue to grow, both in size and in our efforts within the industry, we are proud to report on a few of our highlights from 2019.

- successful merger with the Duluth Builders Exchange, with MBEX as the surviving entity
- MBEX YPN established as networking forum for young professionals in the industry
- \$23,000 in scholarships awarded to 10 students in the construction industry
- reporters uploaded 4,202 sets of plans and specs to [mbex.org](http://mbex.org)
- updated online plan room tutorial recorded for our YouTube channel





## MBEX Scholarship Program

The planning + award process:

March: committee meets  
April: applications available  
May 31: application deadline

All applicants notified of results by July 1.



Stay informed about our annual scholarship program— donate and help spread the word to students in the industry.

Bookmark our scholarship page today!

[mbex.org/scholarship](http://mbex.org/scholarship)

## Member Anniversaries

As a member organization, we thrive through the continued support of our member companies and their employees. MBEX recognized numerous companies for 20 and 30 years of ongoing membership at the Annual Meeting.

### 30 year members

Egan Field & Nowak Surveyors Inc  
F B M  
H & U Construction

### 20 year members

Brekke Sales Company  
C T B Corporation  
Global Specialty Contractors  
Mc Gough Construction  
New Millennium Building Systems  
Q C Companies (Quality Cleaning)  
Tricom Communications Inc

## Don't miss out!

Our next event is right around the corner. Mark your calendars NOW for the MBEX 2020 Spring Social.

Registration available in March at: [mbex.org/springsocial](http://mbex.org/springsocial)



**MBEX 2020 Spring Social**  
Earle Brown Heritage Center  
April 9, 2020 • 4:00 p.m.

## Distinguished Member



The Minnesota Builders Exchange's Distinguished Member Award honors an individual who has devoted his or her entire working life to the construction industry, the community and the builders exchange.

This year, Mark Ryan of Carl Bolander & Sons Co received the 2019 Distinguished Member Award for his determination to be successful, his strong work ethic and genuine love of leadership, has helped etch his name among the well-known and respected people of Minnesota's construction community. He has proudly supported our organization, always encouraging his staff to stay involved in the construction industry and the MBEX community. Congratulations, and thank you, Mark!

# MBEX starts 132<sup>nd</sup> year of business

Over 150 members joined MBEX staff and board of directors on Wednesday, January 15 to officially start our 132<sup>nd</sup> year of business. 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.

Election results for the recent board election were announced. Congratulations to all newly-elected board members including Heidi Sedlacek, Sean Ochis and Greg Grazzini!

## Meet your 2020 Board

### President

Danielle Dziedzic  
Dziedzic Caulking Inc

### Vice President

Erik Molin  
Molin Concrete Products

### Treasurer

Randy LaFaive  
Market & Johnson Inc

### Past President

Beth Nde  
Adolfson & Peterson

Ben Newlin  
Terra Construction

Chris Hauck  
PCL Construction Services

Kelli Lind  
John A Knutson and Co

Nate Sapik  
Benson Electric Company

Andy Ristrom  
Carl Bolander & Sons

Adam Kuettel  
A W Kuettel and Sons

Heidi Sedlacek  
Bituminous Roadways Inc

Greg Grazzini  
Grazzini Brothers & Co

Sean Ochis  
Northern Industrial Insulation

Mike Carlson  
Max Gray Construction

## Volunteer of the Year



The Earl Madison Annual Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to an individual that has consistently provided an outstanding level of volunteerism and support to MBEX.

This year, we honor Jason Loven of John A Knutson & Co PLLP, as he personifies the definition of volunteerism. Always ready to jump on deck to lend a hand, Jason consistently supports our organization, giving his own time to help MBEX. By volunteering at our events, serving on numerous committees and encouraging his company to generously sponsor our events, Jason clearly supports the mission of MBEX. Thank you, Jason, for everything you do!

## TBG Education Foundation

Now more than ever, America needs men and women who will build. The current labor shortage in the building trades is projected to grow and the TBG Education Foundation is doing something about it. The mission of the TBG Education Foundation is to encourage students to pursue a career in Minnesota's construction industry.

As the donating partner for the MBEX Scholarship program, the TBG Education Foundation helps MBEX award up to \$20,000 in scholarships to students pursuing a career in the trades. Visit [tbgedu.org/donate](http://tbgedu.org/donate) today to join the movement in promoting construction careers as a rewarding option for today's youth.





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## YPN: Gin, Pizza + Networking

Attendees of the MBEX Young Professionals Network (YPN) gathered for a night of gin, specialty pizza and networking on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at the Royal Foundry Craft Spirits in Minneapolis.

Prior to the event, MBEX invited all attendees to a tour of our Minneapolis office. After a small presentation and cocktail hour, the group walked across the street to the new gin and vodka distillery. Our young professionals enjoyed a free drink, wacky pizza from Mesa pizza and a night of networking.

Thank you to all attendees and sponsors for making the YPN a continued success!



Visit the MBEX YPN  
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