SAME-MSP NOVEMBER MEETING: 11.20.2019

NATIONAL MITIGATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY
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Mark Ray, City of Crystal

Public works professionals make normal happen. Our work directly benefits the health, safety, or welfare of the public and as FEMA moves toward implementation of the National Mitigation Investment Strategy (NMIS) at all levels, public works professionals must fully engage, and be engaged by other stakeholders. The National Mitigation Investment Strategy is feasible and, by looking through a mitigation lens at public works operations and projects, it can be seen there are many public works practices already being done that have a mitigation benefit. Mark's talk will provide an overview of the new mitigation investment strategy and how public works professionals need to consider themselves the translators to communicate what the profession does and how that plays a vital role in mitigation investments.

For more information on the NMIS: https://www.fema.gov/national-mitigation-investment-strategy

Speaker Biography:
Mark Ray is the Director of Public Works/City Engineer for the City of Crystal. Mark also serves as the Chair of the American Public Works Associations’ Emergency Management Committee, represents the American Public Works Association to the National Homeland Security Consortium, and serves on the US Department of Homeland Security’s State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC). In addition to his local and national group involvement, Mark has received a number of national recognitions and has written articles for various professional publications.

Meeting Details: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Location: Grumpy’s Bar and Grille, 2801 Snelling Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113

Schedule of Events:
11:30AM – 12:30PM: Networking and optional pizza buffet lunch
12:30PM – 1:30PM: Technical presentation

RSVP: Wednesday November 13, 2019

Please use the following Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/november-2019-professional-development-meeting-tickets-78513509019

FREE LUNCH!

November is our Annual Membership Drive! Bring a new person to the November meeting & they receive a free lunch!
SAME-MSP NEWS AND UPDATES

Mark your calendars, there are plenty of upcoming opportunities to get involved with the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Did you know the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post is an active member of our community? We provide grants to schools and graduating seniors, collaborate with Habitat for Humanity, and sponsor STEM events. If you are interested in any of the above, we are always looking for volunteers for the following:

- Future Cities Competition judges
- Habitat for Humanity volunteers
- STEM outreach events at local schools

If you have questions about volunteering with SAME-MSP, please reach out to the appropriate committee chair here: https://www.same.org/Get-Connected/Find-a-Post/MPLS-STPL/Leadership

2020 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER DAY

Coming this spring to a Post near you! Stay tuned for future updates and additional information; however if you simply cannot wait to hear more about this awesome opportunity to help a family in need, please reach out to our Habitat for Humanity committee chair, Kenton Spading at kspading@comcast.net.

DECEMBER MEETING – TOPICS AND SPEAKERS NEEDED!

In December, please join us for lunch and an informal speed round of presentations and discussion on the “human” side of engineering. Topics could include items like:

- Mentoring
- Generational differences
- Inspiring team work
- How projects impact people
- Education
- Anything else you are interested in!

Discussion on each topic will be limited to 5-6 minutes and no presenter will be allowed more than 2 PowerPoint slides (pictures only). If you are interested in being a speaker or nominating a topic idea, please contact Matt Redington (matthew.redington@hdrinc.com) for more information.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Time sure does fly, did you know SAME is turning 100 this year? Our own Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post is just a baby at 99 years old. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements on how we plan to celebrate our centennial anniversary! If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like to get involved, please reach out to Peter Allen, Jon Gustafson, and Chris Erickson.
Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the October meeting that featured a presentation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Emergency Action Plans. I also wanted to thank our speakers, Bonnie Greenleaf and Terry Zien for their exceptional presentation. They did an awesome job emphasizing the importance of having an emergency action plan at the community level that is both updated on a regular basis and shared among leaders in the community that will be responsible for execution. They also emphasized that having regular table top exercises that utilize the plan helps to ensure the information remains current and the community leaders are prepared in the event of an emergency.

This month, we are having a MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Please bring individuals who might be interested in joining the Society of American Military Engineers. We will be offering free lunch to new, non-members who would like to attend the November meeting. Our society offers a large network of public and private sector individuals from across architecture, engineering, construction, environmental and facility management, cyber security, contracting, and acquisition disciplines that support America’s national security. November’s meeting will feature Mark Ray, Director of Public Works for the City of Crystal. He will be presenting on the National Mitigation Investment Strategy. It will be a great opportunity to bring a friend and showcase what SAME is all about.

We still have some great opportunities for members to become more engaged with the post. Kenton Spading is currently leading the efforts for the Habitat for Humanity volunteer day and will provide additional information for this event in next month’s newsletter. This is a great way to get involved, meet other members, and give back to the community. So, please reach out to Kenton if you are interested in helping with this event.

Meetings for the St. Paul-Minneapolis Post Centennial Celebration are beginning this month. Ideas are still needed and welcome. Please stay tuned for additional information. Our post is also considering sponsoring a young member and/or NCO to attend this year’s centennial event in Washington D.C. If you are interested in helping with this event and/or attending, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to seeing you (and your friends) at the November meeting.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!
The following individuals have joined the SAME-MSP Post this month – thank you for joining us and welcome to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post!

* Lauren Mann, Hunt Electric Corporation
* Rob Darnell, Burns & McDonnell
* Alex Ramsey, Burns & McDonnell

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

BRING A GUEST! Introduce a co-worker or colleague to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post by inviting them to the November luncheon. Share the benefits of our local post that includes:

- Informative presentations on current and local topics!
- Free PDHs!
- Networking within the A/E/C community!
- FREE LUNCH!

First time guests will receive their meal at no charge. To take advantage of this limited time deal – please contact Dave Ausdemore at dave@hssiences.com.

Benefits of SAME Membership

SAME offers something for everyone – we even have affordable membership rates for our retired and public sector partners!

Get Connected!
Connect with government and industry leaders, share knowledge and best practices, collaborate to add value to our joint efforts to improve America’s infrastructure.

Become Involved!
Participate in one of the many Communities of Interest or take advantage of volunteer opportunities at local, regional, and national levels!

Grow Professionally!
Take advantage of monthly professional development opportunities, gain access to cutting-edge industry research, and receive discounts on national conferences and SAME’s strategic partnerships training opportunities.

Stay Informed!
Members receive a complimentary subscription to The Military Engineer magazine and Real TiME Newsletter.
SUSTAINING FIRM OF THE MONTH:

MORTENSON CONSTRUCTION

Founded in 1954, Mortenson provides general construction, design-build, and construction management services throughout the United States and in select international locations. Mortenson employs over 7,300 professional staff and craft workers, including more than 150 specializing in facilities for the federal government.

Mortenson’s Federal Contracting Group (FCG) focuses exclusively on providing comprehensive best-value solutions to the United States federal government. Since 1970, Mortenson has delivered over 265 federal projects with a combined construction value exceeding $5 billion. Our customers include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Navy Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Coast Guard, GSA and others. Our projects are in every region of the country and most are performed on a design-build basis.

A few of our active federal projects include:

★ $940M National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, KS for the Department of Homeland Security
★ $30M Missile Support Facility Addition at NSF Dahlgren, VA for NAVFAC Washington
★ $54M Medical Clinic Replacement at Fort Knox, KY for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
★ $145M Modernization of the Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory in Athens, GA for the U.S. Department of Agriculture
★ $41M P-966 TRADET Operations Facility at Naval Base Coronado, CA for NAVFAC Southwest

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Did you know that as part of your sustaining membership we encourage you to talk about yourselves to our members?

Please email Sherry VanDuyn at svanduyn@landmarkenv.com or Dave Ausdemore at dave@hssciences.com if you would like more information on how to get involved!
UPCOMING CONFERENCES
The following is a non-comprehensive list of upcoming conferences – if you would like to advertise your event here, please contact Katy Thompson at katy.thompson@respec.com.

MINNESOTA FLOODPLAIN MANAGER CONFERENCE
The 2019 conference of the Minnesota Association of Floodplain Managers (MnAFPM) will convene in Marshall, Minnesota, November 13-15, 2019 at Southwest Minnesota State University. Learn how Minnesotans prepare for, respond to, and learn from flood events. Annual conference attendees consist of federal, state and local government officials, planners, engineers, consultants, researchers, educators, watershed organizations, realtors, appraisers, and insurance agents.

https://www.mnafpm.org/conference

FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE
Are you a small business interested in working for the Federal government or are you a large business looking for small business partnerships? Consider attending the 2019 Federal Small Business Conference—registration is now open!

https://www.samesbc.org/index.cfm

MINNESOTA CLIMATE ADAPTATION CONFERENCE
The Minnesota Climate Adaption Partnership is presenting an upcoming conference in January 2020 focusing on Crossing Boundaries – Sparking Collaboration. This annual conference brings together citizens and representatives from the public, private, and non-profit sectors to inspire and encourage greater implementation of climate adaptation practices in communities throughout Minnesota.

https://www.wrc.umn.edu/news-events/climateadaptationconference
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT + PERSONAL GROWTH

APPLY FOR THE 2020-2021 LEADER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Developed with support from the SAME Foundation, the Leader Development Program (LDP) identifies and cultivates talent from within the SAME membership to address the nation’s grand challenges.

Participants explore individual strengths and team dynamics. The program supports the development of the next generation of world class military, government, civilian, and industry leaders for the Society and our Nation. The LDP is a year-long commitment beginning at the SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference (JETC) 2020 to be held in Washington, D.C. The graduation will be held at JETC 2021 in Portland, OR!

Apply here by December 2, 2019: https://www.same.org/Grow-Professionally/Leader-Development-Program


SMALL BUSINESS CORNER

The SAME-MSP Post would like to welcome Christine Davis, the new Small Business Program Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District!

Christine Davis comes to USACE St Paul District with 15 years’ experience as a Contracting Officer. Working for the Department of Defense, she has had assignments as a Contracting Supervisor in Guam and as Director in Guantanamo Bay and Puerto Rico. The Midwest is home, so the opportunity to serve the community as the Small Business Program Manager was the perfect next step.

You can contact Christine at (651) 290-5723 or christine.davis@usace.army.mil.

Welcome, Christine!

If you would like to advertise your small business or submit questions for our panel of small business liaisons and experts, please contact email Sherry VanDuyn at svanduyn@landmarkenv.com.

SAME National’s Leader Development Program has provided me the opportunity to expand my leadership and teamwork skills and collaborate with influential industry and military leaders. The skills I have developed here will help me professionally and personally for years to come.”

~Erin Krug, PE, LEED AP BD+C
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
St. Paul District

Have an idea for future meeting topics or tours? Please contact Matt Redington with your suggestions at matthew.redington@hdrinc.com or 763.591.5487!