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The “Tool Box” for Educational Facility Management Professionals

OPTIMIZING OUR
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



OPTIMIZING OUR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES 2014 MASMS Conference & Trade Show

On behalf of the MASMS 2014 Conference Planning Committee, we'd like to invite you to the MASMS Annual Conference at St. Cloud MN. The Conference & Education Committees have carefully crafted an outstanding educational experience full of dynamic sessions, motivational speakers and the best networking in the industry.

We selected the theme “Optimizing our Educational Resources” because we know that, it's organizations like MASMS that see us through to success, making the most of what we have to work with. Schools expect leadership to shape the future by adjusting our perspective in an ever-changing environment ... and this conference is a critical tool in helping you make the most of your resources!

The conference will feature:

- 38 exceptional educational sessions to select from
- 3 Learning Labs to select from—hands on training for Excel Basics, PowerPoint Basics & Word and Basic Letter Writing (If you select one of these options, you need to bring your own laptop)
- Dynamic keynote speaker—Jay Gubrud “Speed Traps, Potholes & Idiots”
- Friday Morning Idea Exchange—Ethics Issues
- Two evening events, all focused on unparalleled industry networking
- Countless opportunities to network, reconnect with old friends
– and make new ones!

The agenda has been chosen to bring you the MOST value possible. Additionally, reach out to us with questions ... we're here to ensure you have the best conference experience yet!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1st, 2014

Dollars for Scholars Golf Event, Sauk Rapids, MN

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2nd, 2014

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3rd, 2014

Education—Trade Show—MASMS Banquet—Entertainment - Networking
St. Cloud Holiday Inn, St. Cloud MN

Register now!

If you have not received the registration packet please contact the MASMS office at 1-320-685-4585 or email at ruth@masms.org

Or visit the MASMS website www.masms.org

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Educational Sessions Being Offered at that 2014 MASMS Conference:

Basic Refrigeration
 B3 Benchmark Website Changes
 All About Synthetic Turf
 Lighting Efficiency
 Window Retrofit Technologies
 Utility Tunnels: Defusing a Ticking Time Bomb
 Code & Legal Considerations in Construction & Restoration
 Learning Lab—Excel Basics
 Front & Center—Tips for Speaking & Successful Presentations
 Finance 101—How do you make everyone happy?
 Easier Steps to a Cleaner Building
 Top Ten List—with a safety twist!
 Annual Blue Grass—A growing problem in athletic fields.
 Natural Gas Market Fundamentals
 Repair Options for Sidewalk Trip Hazards
 Learning Lab—PowerPoint Basics
 Pavement Preservation Methods & Materials
 Retrieving Facility Documents with Tablets and Smart Phones
 Every School Building—New or Like New
 Benchmarking: Step One to Drive Energy Savings
 Safe School Assessment
 Drain Cleaning 101
 Proper Pruning of Trees
 Learning Lab—Word and Basic Letter Writing
 Idea Exchange—Ethics Issues
 Leading in Partnership
 Contingency Planning for Catastrophic Events
 Playground Safety, Compliance & Maintenance
 Boiler Optimization (Roundtable)
 PERA Information (Roundtable)
 Recycling & Organic Programs
 Synthetic Turf—Design and Construction Components
 Basic Hardware and Codes
 Leadership—Staff Achieve Potential
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Robert Engholm, Pequot Lakes ISD 186
Jason Hraby, Thief River Falls Schools

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Chris Drigans, Rainguard International
Jason Rentmeester, Kraus Anderson Const.
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Jeff Anderson, H & B Specialized Products
Jeff Evrard, Summit Companies
Mitch Johnson, Hillyard
Rick Sorenson, Hillyard

MASMS 2014 CUSTODIAL DAYS

The Metro, Northern and Southern Chapters all had a wonderful event— great educational sessions, vendor showcase & networking, along with a lot of fun!



Looking for information and answers from your fellow MASMS Members?

Just email the MASMS office with the question and it will be put out to Membership.

Business Members Offer Training

Check out the MASMS Web Site Section "Training Offered by Business Members" for a full list of training being offered!

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Reducing Lead in Drinking Water Manual

The revised Reducing Lead In Drinking Water manual is now in the process of being mailed to schools and child care centers throughout the state. In addition, it is also on the MDH website. You may find it at:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/schools/pbschoolguide.pdf>

17 MASMS Members Took the CPS Certification Training and Exam on April 24th & 25th, 2014

All 17 passed the exam!
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Go to www.masms.org, sign in and select "Job Postings"

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\$1,000 MASMS Grant to be Awarded to a MASMS Member School District

MASMS will be awarding the school district of a MASMS member a grant for \$1,000. The project theme this year is “getting students involved in a facility and/or grounds project”. This grant will be awarded Friday October 3rd, 2014 at the conference.

This grant is to be used in your school for a project that involves students. The project needs to be submitted by August 1, 2014 MASMS. All applications are reviewed by the MASMS Executive Board and a winner will be chosen from the submissions.

MASMS suggests that you try and involve the students right away—get them involved!

Some project ideas include:

- ♦ Landscaping (trees and/or shrubs) ♦ Start or revitalize a nature center area ♦ Install a low maintenance garden
- ♦ Recycling and/or waste reduction ♦ Sponsoring a field trip(s) related to facility and/or grounds

If you are interested in this opportunity please complete the following steps:

1. Identify the project—Provide MASMS with an overview of the project
2. Provide MASMS with a timeline for the project
3. Email this information to ruth@masms.org

We look forward to receiving your project ideas and to awarding this to one of our member schools this fall!

Jim Fredricks Leadership Scholarship Award Available for MASMS Member

In 2008, the MASMS Executive Board created a unique scholarship honoring the exemplary leadership of Jim Fredricks, the former Director of Facilities at the College of St. Benedict. Jim was instrumental in the formation of the MASMS Chapter Structure, and served as Chapter President, State President, Treasurer, and NSPMA (National) President.

During his professional career, Jim worked hard to improve not only his skills, but also those of members throughout the organization. He believed strongly in education and professional growth of all MASMS members, creating the first educational and certification committee. He led this committee since its inception, committed to raising the bar of each individual as well as the organization.

This annual \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to MASMS members that emulate the same commitment to professional growth and leadership, and are looking to advance themselves in their profession. The applicants will be reviewed by the scholarship committee to determine those best suited for this award.

To download the scholarship application, just go to www.masms.org, select “Resources” and then select “Scholarship”









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