



# Minnesota Educational Facility Management Professionals

# The Messenger

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## The “Tool Box” for Educational Facility Management Professionals

### 2014 MASMS Custodial/Maintenance/Grounds Appreciation Days

#### Registration Deadline Extended Still Time to Sign Up

#### METRO CHAPTER

Wednesday June 18, 2014 OR Thursday June 19, 2014  
Oak-Land Junior High School, Lake Elmo, Minnesota

NORTHERN CHAPTER - Tuesday June 24, 2014  
Lincoln Elementary School, Hibbing, Minnesota

SOUTHERN CHAPTER—Thursday June 26, 2014  
Mankato East High School, Mankato, Minnesota

To register go to [www.masms.org](http://www.masms.org) to download the forms, or just contact the MASMS office at 320-685-4585 or [ruth@masms.org](mailto:ruth@masms.org). We look forward to seeing you and your staff at this event!

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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 MASMS fall conference.

This grant is to be used in your school for a project that involves students. The project will need to be identified by July 1, 2014 and submitted to 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
- ♦ Building project

#### 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](mailto:ruth@masms.org)

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

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Educational Members

Mike Peterson, Robbinsdale Schools  
 Maquay Hockett, Robbinsdale Schools  
 Ross Lubrant, Robbinsdale Schools  
 Dave Moredock, So. Washington County Schools  
 Scott Larson, Lake Superior Schools  
 Joel Salveson, Lake Superior Schools  
 Scott Libal, Lake Superior Schools  
 Theresa Laidig, Medelia Schools  
 Brad Laidig, Medelia Schools  
 Scott VanHaureln, MacCray Schools  
 Curt Dirksen, MacCray Schools  
 Cameron Holmes, Win-E-Mac ISD2609

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### MASMS is Growing!

#### Membership History Overview

Years	School Members	Schools Represented
2013-2014	363	187
2012-2013	302	165
2011-2012	282	153
2010-2011	262	142
2009-2010	270	138
2008-2009	262	133
2007-2008	276	136



**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR  
2014  
MASMS  
CONFERENCE**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1st, 2014**  
 Dollars for Scholars Golf Event, Sauk Rapids, MN

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 2nd, 2014**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 3rd, 2014**

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## **MASMS, in partnership with Association for Facilities Engineering, will offer the Certified Plant Supervisor training and exam in August.**

The cost of this training and examination is \$500 (this is the fee that goes to AFE). **MASMS will be covering the cost of hotel (if you are more than 1.5 hour drive away), breakfast and lunch both days!** You will be sent study materials 6 weeks prior to the class. This class is LIMITED to 20. There will be no exceptions to this limit. Maureen Mullen, MASMS CPS Certified Instructor (Rockford Public Schools) will be facilitating this class.

**Date & Time:** August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Both Days

**Location:** St. Cloud Holiday Inn and Suites, St. Cloud, MN

**Steps you must take to register for this class:** Email the MASMS office that you will be applying for this class (ruth@masms.org). They will email you the application. This application needs to be filled out and then approved by AFE. Send application and \$500 check to MASMS office before July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

## **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](http://www.masms.org), select "Resources" and then select "Scholarship"

## **Looking for information and answers from your fellow MASMS Members?**

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## 2014 Scholarships Recipients

### MASMS Tom Robinson Memorial Scholarship Program

The MASMS Scholarship Committee accepted essays from sons and daughters of all MASMS dues paying members and life members. The MASMS Scholarship reviewed all applicants and the following students were awarded scholarships this year. Congratulations to all of them!

Dylan Benoit (Kevin Benoit, ISD #47)  
 Grace Birnstengel (Glen Birnstengel, So. St. Paul Schools)  
 Molly Boland (Mike Boland, ISD #622)  
 Peter Clauson (Paul Clauson, Kenyon Wenamingo)  
 Michael Hadden (Paul Hadden, ISD 719)  
 Morgan Hagen (David Hagen, Triton Public Schools)  
 Jacob Hagen (Scott Hagen, Cathedral HS)  
 Lauren Hamilton (Eric Hamilton, Edina Schools)  
 Hattie Holm (Dave Holm, Scan Air Filter, Inc.)  
 Teresa Horton (Marilyn Horton, Sebeka School Dist.)  
 Reed Johnson (Larry Johnson, ISD #272)  
 Ally Judnick (Robert Judnick, ISD #706)  
 Andrew Karp (Thomas Karp, ISD #11)  
 Zachary Meyer (Ken Meyer, Mpls Public Schools)  
 Jenna Moore (Dan Moore, ISD #280)  
 Elliot Moormann (Mark Moormann, Water Solutions Grp)  
 Samantha Nelson (Edward Nelson, ISD #194)  
 Joseph Nessa (Tom Nessa, Haldeman-Homme)  
 Sarah Peabody (Michael Peabody, Johnson Controls)  
 Connor Remington (Mike Remington, Inspec)  
 Daniel Schwartz (Jeff Schwartz, Harris Controls)  
 Jennifer Simon (Glenn Simon, ISD #191)  
 Cole Sundquist (Denise Sundquist, ISD #181)  
 Suzanne Thieschafer (Dave Thieschafer, ISD 550 - Underwood)  
 Matthew Worke (John Worke, Blooming Prairie HS)

**MASMS had another Great State Meeting on May 13, 2014 in Rogers Minnesota. Thank you to all that attended this event!**



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## MASMS 2014 Legislative Session Report

When there is a budget surplus, it is often more difficult to reach agreement to end a legislative session. Rumors swirled about an early May adjournment, but of course that didn't happen. Spending a portion of the surplus (and a big share went to the Rainy Day fund), reaching consensus on the Bonding bill, and resolving how to implement medical marijuana – all of that took weeks to resolve. Returning January 5<sup>th</sup> after November elections, the next Legislature will be faced with constructing the July 2015 through July 2017 state budget. And that's a good place to start.

**School Facilities Work Group: Low-hanging fruit and the tough nuts higher up.** The major breakthrough for school facilities funding is the Work Group Report, which provides a roadmap for MASMS to become a leading voice for facilities investment.

**The low-hanging fruit:** numerous changes to DOE authority over Review and Comment on projects. The work group report recommended the changes and the Legislature agreed, increasing the dollar threshold for Review and Comment from \$1.4m to \$2m and eliminating the process for projects funded entirely with long-term maintenance revenue, facilities improvement revenue and operating capital revenue.

**The tough nuts higher up:** establish a new long-term facilities maintenance revenue program, debt service equalization, lease-levy school facilities improvement revenue, capital projects referendum and operating capital revenue.

What's this going to cost? \$200m to \$300m each year for three years. Legislation to commit \$25m each year for the next two years did not move forward (SF 2117 / HF 2919).

The number one strategic objective for MASMS for the remainder of 2014 will be to take the recommendations of the School Facilities Work Group to candidates running for office. It will be critical that issues surrounding school facilities are brought into the Governor's race, as well as the Minnesota House elections. We want to maintain momentum from the Work Group and keep facility issues high on the minds of policy makers.

We look forward to planning the strategies for visibility for the Work Group recommendations in the months ahead. Our thanks to all members for their advocacy on behalf of adequate funding for school facilities.

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**Mat Miller, of Austin School District 492, was named the 2013 Educational Facilities Professional of the year.**

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Noah Leuer

Mat Miller presented student Noah Leuer this scholarship at the Austin School Awards Event.

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## Change Your Game

In our crazy busy, noisy and electronic world, we might forget the importance of meeting face-to-face with others from our profession. Sometimes it's just hard to take the time for our own growth and professional development.

MASMS's events, meetings and conference is the answer to that problem. It's good to take time and support your professional association—and yourself.

As a building and grounds professional you are busy. But when did you last take the time to have a "hallway" conversation with a colleague who also runs or works in another school building and grounds department? You might be surprised at what you learn.

**Join us at the 2014 MASMS Fall Conference on October 2nd and 3rd, 2014.**

Socialize with people outside your school. Set goals for yourself. Consider these: Meet five new MASMS members; search out three new ideas; visit at least 5 booths that might not be on your radar.

Have a plan for the two days—what do you want to accomplish? Who do you want to connect with?

**Bring along some of your staff members—they need an opportunity for professional development too!**



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