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**INDUSTRY LEADERS RECOGNIZED**

Two well-respected members of the construction industry were honored at our 93rd Annual Meeting.

The Skill-Responsibility-Integrity Award was presented to Brian Mathiowetz, president and chief executive officer of The Mathiowetz Construction Company, located in Sleepy Eye. Brian has over 30 years of experience in the industry, is a registered civil engineer, and serves on several boards and committees, both within the construction industry and in his community. He recently completed a three-year term on the AGC of Minnesota board of directors and serves as chair of both the Grading Committee and the Open Shop Committee. Brian personifies the core values of this award through his dedication to his family, his community, and this industry.



*Brian Mathiowetz*

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to an AGC of Minnesota member for only the tenth time. The recipient, Jim Mortenson of PCL Construction Services, Inc., has had a long and distinguished career in the construction industry. Joining PCL in 1986 as an estimator, Jim advanced through the ranks as chief estimator, project manager, and finally, construction manager. Due to his skill, understanding of project details, and quiet leadership, Jim was the preferred choice to lead many high profile and complex construction projects, including the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Mankato Civic Arena, and the renovation of the St. Paul City Hall/Ramsey County Courthouse. His dedication to the betterment of the industry led him to participation on the AGC of Minnesota board of directors, concluding with his presidency in 2002.



*Jim Mortenson*

Please join us in congratulating Brian and Jim on their extraordinary accomplishments and thank them for their invaluable contributions to AGC of Minnesota and to Minnesota’s construction industry. Their efforts have gotten us one step closer to our mission of Building a Better Minnesota.

**AGC of Minnesota  
MISSION  
STATEMENT**

*To enhance the legislative and economic strength, image and well-being of the Minnesota construction industry by adding value in all that we do; consistently maintaining our core values of skill, responsibility and integrity.*

**CEO REPORT AND COMMENTS**

*By Dave Semerad*

Thanks to all of our members and loyal sponsors who attended our Annual Meeting last month and contributed to its success. We are fortunate to have a great membership that believes in giving back to their industry and to discussing industry problems and concerns with their peers.

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## LUNDA AND REDSTONE RECEIVE AGC - MN/DOT BRIDGE AWARDS

Two AGC of Minnesota contractors have been selected to receive awards for their work during the 2011 construction season, showcasing superior craftsmanship, technical skills, and dedication to delivering a high quality product. The AGC-Mn/DOT Bridge Awards are given each year as recognition to AGC contractors for outstanding commitment to quality and innovative construction techniques. Three award categories are designated and each nominee is reviewed, scored and evaluated by a panel of Mn/DOT and industry representatives.



### Low Cost Structure

(Less than \$1.5M)

Bridge #38051

Trunk Highway 61 – Split Rock Lighthouse

Redstone Construction Inc., Mora

Redstone Construction and Mn/DOT District 1 personnel were honored for this beautiful structure serving the scenic TH 61 drive near historic Split Rock Lighthouse along the north shore of Lake Superior. Construction was difficult from both engineering and environmental standpoints. The bridge is a single span concrete girder bridge supported by CIP concrete piles. It has a 9” minimum slab, which includes a low slump wear course. All structural work was completed while traffic was maintained on the old TH 61 alignment. The bridge was constructed on a new alignment and a new profile that was substantially above the old. The project is located within the boundaries of Split Rock State Park and a trail/future park access road was accommodated underneath the structure. Additionally, a box culvert was placed under the future park road to facilitate drainage. This amounted to a bridge being built over a road over a new box culvert.



### Mid Cost Structure

(\$1.5M - \$5M)

Bridge #48028

Trunk Highway TH 95 near Princeton

Lunda Construction Company, Inc.

Lunda Construction and Mn/DOT District 3 personnel were honored for this structure on TH 95 in Princeton. The bridge is part of a larger construction project incorporating a roundabout at the intersections of TH 95 and CSAH 29. The project was completed under very tight schedules and open to traffic in one construction season despite delays caused by high water due to heavy rains. This time-frame was essential, since the bridge closure resulted in a detour as long as 14 miles, detouring traffic and commerce away from the area.

Individually sized precast panels were used to mimic the historic look of the old structure while accelerating construction completion. To mimic the old arches, the precast panels were designed to slide into pockets at the piers and abutments. Each panel was individually designed and sized to fit with the end result looking like as if the panels were cast integrally with the bridge. Even though the design and construction methods used were very different from when the original bridge was built, the new structure looks very similar to the original. Architectural relief details are extensive and complicated. Lunda Construction did an excellent job providing a high-quality product with an exceptionally detailed finish.



### High Cost Structure

(Greater than \$5M)

Bridge #69865

Trunk Highway 35 Southbound over Railroad in Duluth

Lunda Construction Company, Inc.

Bridge #69865 is an 11 span structure located on southbound Interstate 35 in Duluth over the Canadian National Railroad (CNRR). The bridge structure was part of a large scale project called the “Duluth Mega Project” that took two construction seasons to complete. Eight spans contain pre-stressed concrete girders and three spans contain steel beams to meet vertical clearance requirements over the railroad. The bridge is supported by deep H-pile, the deck is monolithic with 9” minimum thickness and the concrete is high fly ash (30%). The new bridge replaced an old fracture critical structure and added standard shoulders while improving the vertical profile. The rail line crosses under the bridge at an extreme skew, providing many design and construction challenges, including coordinating shoring operations with the railroad, pile driving, poor soils, pier removal, and pier construction. Despite the three week government shutdown at the height of the construction season, the bridge was opened to public traffic the week of October 24.

Congratulations to the award winners on achieving the high standards of quality and craftsmanship recognized by your peers in the Minnesota Bridge Construction Industry.

## NEW MEMBERS

### **ECSI LLC** (Specialty Contractor)

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Referred by : Hunt Electric

*Company Profile:* For nearly 15 years, **ECSI** has provided low voltage solutions to thousands of organizations across Minnesota and western Wisconsin. We cater to a wide spectrum of industries, including commercial, industrial, educational, retail, healthcare, and design/build. ECSI's team of highly skilled professionals share the common goal of achieving success by providing real value and trust to each and every customer. Our success and continued growth is a reflection of our commitment to staying current with the latest technologies in our field and providing the highest levels of quality and service to our customers.

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Referred by: Tony Phillippi

*Company Profile:* **Health Systems Management, Inc. (HSMINC)** provides patient advocacy and employee/family assistance services to employers, Taft-Hartley trust funds, health plans, insurers, and other organizations.

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*Company Profile:* **Innovative Foundation Supportworks** specializes in helical pile installation, push pier installation, geo-lock wall anchoring installation, shotcrete installation, foundation stabilization, pinning, and tie-backs.

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*Company Profile:* **iVerify Insurance** is a business network solution for the verification and tracking of insurance information and certificates of insurance.

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Referred by: Dave Bice, Bald Eagle Erectors

*Company Profile:* **MAG Mechanical, LLC** has experience planning and working on new building projects, remodeling projects, and retrofitting commercial businesses or homes. We specialize in commercial HVAC, piping, sheet metal, plumbing, and service.

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*Company Profile:* **Twin Cities Drywall, Inc.** is a full-service drywall contractor experienced in commercial and multi-family construction.

## AGC NEWSLETTER

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## EGAN COMPANY'S SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

If constructed and administered correctly, incentive programs can be very effective at promoting safety. Egan Company has embraced this philosophy and is using an incentive program that is tied to safety education. In Egan's case, they utilize, among other things, on-line learning programs established by AGC of Minnesota ([www.agcmnonline.com](http://www.agcmnonline.com)) and encourage employees to complete the short on-line safety courses. Course completions are credited with "safety bucks" that can be redeemed at the company store for apparel, outdoor sporting goods, and other items of value. "This is a win-win program," says Larry Hanson, director of safety at Egan Company. "Our employees are improving their hazard recognition skills and increasing their knowledge of OSHA requirements while being rewarded for their effort." Other elements of Egan's four-year-old incentive program include completing safety observations for improvement, hands-on training, and completing a week of injury-free work. "We view continuing safety education as a vital part of maintaining our safety culture," Hanson concluded.



If you have questions about this program, contact Dan Hannan at 651-796-2192 or [dhannan@agcmn.org](mailto:dhannan@agcmn.org).

## 2012 MN/DOT LETTINGS

February 24	July 27
March 23	August 24
April 27	September 28
May 18	October 26
June 8	November 16
June 22	December 21

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

8	Minneapolis Safety Day, Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis	All day	Denise Woods
12	STP Spring Classes Begin AGC Office, St. Paul	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Pat Lynch

### August

3	Golf Tournament, Fox Hollow Golf Club, St. Michael	7:00 am	Denise Woods
27	Sporting Clays Fundraiser, Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club, Prior Lake	12:30 pm	Denise Woods

*A schedule of AGC-related events is also available under Events at [www.agcmn.org](http://www.agcmn.org).*

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**Lawrence Dotte, Donlar Construction Company**, was named the 2011 Distinguished Member of the Year by the Builders Exchange of St. Paul.

**PCL Construction Services, Inc.** donated \$100,000 to the University of Minnesota to be used for scholarships for underrepresented students in the Construction Management Program.

**Charles Tiller, American Engineering Testing, Inc.**, earned his LEED AP BD&C accreditation.

**McGough** was recognized under the Minnesota Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (MNSHARP) for its work at the St. Cloud hospital.

**Eric Edlund** has been promoted to office manager of **American Engineering Testing, Inc.**'s Duluth/International Falls operations. **Gregory Owens** was promoted to manager of AET's East Region, which includes offices in Chippewa Falls, Green Bay, Menomonie and Schofield, Wisconsin and Duluth. **Anjaleck Flowers** has been hired as human resources manager at AET's St. Paul headquarters.

**Ryan Companies US, Inc.** promoted **Mike Ernst** to director construction operations in its Minneapolis office.

Effective January 1, **Faegre & Benson LLP** and Baker & Daniels LLP merged to become **Faegre Baker Daniels LLP**.

The Builders Exchange of St. Paul announced their 2012 Officers and Directors, which includes AGC members: **Tom Pitra, PCL Construction Services, Inc.**, president; **Darrel Bugel, Harris Companies**, vice president; **Jeff Claude, Cemstone Products Co.**, director; **Bennett Jones, Advanced Concrete Sawing, Inc.**, director; **Kelly McCarty, M.G. McGrath, Inc.**, director; and **Brian Pogalz, Adolfson & Peterson Construction**, director.

**Nolan Beron, Ryan Companies US, Inc.**, was selected as the winner of the Minnesota LECET 2011 Safety Driven Annual Award. Other AGC of Minnesota member finalists were: **Tim Evans, Four Star Construction, Inc.**; **Cody Johnson, Gridor Constr., Inc.**; **Alan Kalal, Bituminous Roadways, Inc.**; **Jon Klande, Alvin E. Benike, Inc.**; **Joe Schifsky, Carl Bolander & Sons Company**; and **Joseph Sobolik, Lakehead Constructors, Inc.**

**Frattalone Companies, Inc.** announced that **Nicholas Frattalone** is the company's new chief executive officer, effective January 1. Founder and former chief executive officer, **Frank Frattalone**, has been named executive vice president.

Effective January 2, **LarsonAllen LLP** and Milwaukee-based Clifton Gunderson joined to become **CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**.

For the seventh consecutive year, **PCL Construction Services, Inc.** has been named to FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For."

**Adolfson & Peterson Construction** has appointed **Jeff Hansen** as chief financial officer.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to all the attendees, presenters, planning committee members, sponsors, exhibitors, auction item donors, and bidders who contributed to the success of the 93rd Annual Meeting.

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With an industry that has been hit hard by a long recession and which has experienced record employment declines since February of 2006, it is no surprise that members were excited at the prospects of the recession finally giving way to a few signs of recovery.

I want to take this occasion to publicly thank our past chairman, Michael Welch, for his leadership during 2011. He provided great leadership and set the tone for efficient, professional board meetings. He provided expert guidance throughout the difficult state government shutdown last summer and has been a strong advocate in our efforts to make sure our members' interests are represented in the courts and with the State of Minnesota. Mike was always available to take a phone call or come to a meeting, and did so even with very short notice.

Just prior to the Annual Meeting, we heard informally that our soon-to-be vice chairman, Tim Crennen of Knife River, was leaving his employment due to corporate restructuring. We received written notice of Tim's departure after the Annual Business Meeting. The executive committee then made the changes to the executive committee and board as noted below.

- Alissa Schneider moves from secretary/treasurer to vice chair
- Chris Duininck moves from director to secretary/treasurer
- Jim Dockstader (Enebak Construction Company) fills the unexpired board term (1 year) of Chris Duininck as highway director

Alissa Schneider is the first woman to serve on the executive committee and we are fortunate to have an executive of her caliber on AGC's leadership team.

As I have mentioned many times, we have been blessed with great directors and officers and it is to our board's credit that we could lose someone as capable as Tim without any loss of continuity in board and executive committee leadership. We wish Tim Crennen all the best and thank him for his years of service as a director and officer.

As we move into 2012, Brian Maki will make an outstanding board chair, with many new ideas that will add value to our chapter and help us meet challenges head on. Brian continues the tradition of experienced, capable chairs.

The challenges we will encounter this year will mirror the many issues our industry has experienced across the country. First and foremost, we will continue to work to improve the business environment for construction, resulting in job creation for our members and the many workers who have not had employment for far too long.

Most of you have heard about the constitutional amendment regarding Right to Work. Most recently, Indiana passed Right to Work legislation that was signed by their Governor. We will be clarifying what Minnesota's initiative means to our members should it pass the Legislature. If the bill passes both houses, and it can do so without the Governor's signature, it will be on the November election ballot as an amendment to Minnesota's state constitution. The language on the ballot is unclear enough that it could be misunderstood by many and approved by the voters. We will be asked to weigh in on this initiative at some point, but since it has not been approved by the Legislature and the specific language of the bill is still in flux, it is not yet on the ballot. Hence, we have taken no position.

Another big issue for the association is the final resolution of claims experienced by many members due to last summer's government shutdown. Tim Worke has put in countless hours working with Mn/DOT in an effort to streamline and expedite the claims process. Some contractors have worked out their individual problems and circumstances with Mn/DOT, while others are still pending. The cost of the shutdown to Minnesota contractors and taxpayers is significant, and we will not accept it as business as usual. We must remind our elected officials that any shutdown of state government due to partisan politics is unacceptable. Mostly, it is just bad for business.

During the upcoming year, we will be working with the local ASA chapter on the state statute regarding broad form indemnification language. We look forward to advancing our industry concerns in a collaborative manner with all industry stakeholders.

If you have thoughts one way or another about any of these issues, please call or email me (651-796-2182 or [dsemerad@agcmn.org](mailto:dsemerad@agcmn.org)). In any event, there is no doubt that the winds of change are blowing in new directions.

Lastly, kudos are in order to Jim Mortenson and Brian Mathiowetz. Jim was our Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and Brian received the Skill, Responsibility and Integrity Award. Both Jim and Brian exemplify the best of the best in our Building and Highway Divisions. AGC of Minnesota congratulates both of them on these special honors.

# CONSTRUCTION HEALTH AND SAFETY EXCELLENCE (CHASE)

## “A Look Back, A Look Ahead”

The CHASE partnership program has entered its 10th year of serving AGC of Minnesota contractors. CHASE promotes construction safety through recognized safety benchmarks as described by the operating Charter requirements. The Charter defines the partnership between the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (OSHA) and AGC of Minnesota (its members). Contractors qualify at one of several levels based upon conformance and performance of their safety programs.

CHASE participation has grown steadily since its inception in 2003 and currently stands at 24 contractors. Contractors and owners continue to realize the importance of solid safety programs for both the health and well-being of their workforce as well as the financial return on pursuing zero injuries. Safety expectations have changed significantly within the last ten years. OSHA 10-hour training, pre-task planning, behavior based safety, and continuing education, which were once cutting edge, are now common safety practices. The original CHASE Charter language was developed in 2002 around industry requirements and practices that were recognized as “best in class.” Since that time, the safety bar has been raised considerably and so must the expectations of the CHASE program. For that reason, the CHASE program is currently undergoing revision. This work is being performed by a joint task force of OSHA staff and AGC members. When complete, the new language will once again provide a challenging safety goal for contractors to strive for and, when reached, be recognized as safety leaders by their peers.



On March 8, the current CHASE participants will be recognized for their achievement at AGC’s Minneapolis Safety Day. If you are interested in attending this daylong safety education event, contact Denise Woods at 651-796-2186 or dwoods@agcmn.org. If you can’t attend Safety Day, please celebrate with us the accomplishment of CHASE participation for the following contractors for 2012.

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| Adolfson & Peterson Construction (2003)      | Lakehead Constructors, Inc. (2011)       |
| Berg Drywall/Plastering/Painting, LLC (2003) | L.S. Black Constructors, Inc. (2011)     |
| Bituminous Roadways, Inc. (2004)             | Minuti-Ogle Co., Inc. (2003)             |
| Oscar J. Boldt Construction (2012)           | Mortenson Construction (2004)            |
| Carl Bolander & Sons Company (2009)          | Parsons Electric (2005)                  |
| ECSI (2012)                                  | Q3 Contracting, Inc. (2009)              |
| Frattalone Companies, Inc. (2003)            | Rachel Contracting, Inc. (2011)          |
| Graham Construction Services, Inc. (2010)    | Ryan Companies US, Inc. (2008)           |
| Hardrives, Inc. (2006)                       | Sellin Brothers, Inc. (2006)             |
| Hunt Electric Corporation (2008)             | Truck Crane Service Company, Inc. (2010) |
| JE Dunn Construction Company (2004)          | VEIT (2003)                              |
| Kraus-Anderson Construction Company (2012)   | Weis Builders, Inc. (2012)               |

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome to the newest members of the AGC of Minnesota Board of Directors.



*Jim Dockstader*  
*Enebak Construction Company*



*Don Fromme*  
*PCL Construction Services, Inc*



*Peter “Chipper” Johnson*  
*Hoover Construction Co.*



*Nate Landwehr*  
*Landwehr Construction, Inc.*

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**David Semerad**

**AGC AND INDUSTRY FRIENDS  
COME THROUGH AGAIN**

Thanks for your generosity! AGC's Construction Leadership Council (CLC) delivered a carful of toys, games, books, and checks totaling \$1,500 to KARE11 in early December. The toys and money were collected at AGC's annual holiday reception. In Santa hats are **Shannon Grazzini (WTG Terrazzo & Tile, Inc.)**; **Lauren Colbeth (PCL Construction Services, Inc.)**; and **Heather Grazzini (Carciofini Company)**. Only **John Lewis's (Knutson Construction)** hat is visible behind Lauren. **Tony Grazzini (WTG Terrazzo & Tile, Inc.)** was our spokesperson and was with Mike Pomeranz, KARE11, when the photo was taken.



**CLC BOWLING**

The Construction Leadership Council's (CLC) 5th annual bowling tourney was held on Tuesday, January 31. Seventy plus bowlers turned out for an afternoon of fun, relationship building, liquid refreshments, shirts, and yes, bowling! Thanks to our bowling sponsors: (Kingpin) **Braun Intertec Corporation, Carciofini Company, M.G. McGrath, Inc., Minnesota Petroleum, and WTG Terrazzo & Tile, Inc.**; (Strike) **Cobb Strecker Dunphy & Zimmermann, Dunwoody Institute of Technology, Enterprise Fleet Management, McGraw-Hill Construction, Travelers, and Zurich**; (Spare) **Danny's Construction**.

Top Team was Team McGraw-Hill: **Brian Carpenter, McGraw-Hill Construction (captain), Ryan Lake, Dunwoody Institute of Technology, James Anderson, Enterprise Fleet Management, and Josh Cooper, PCL Construction Services, Inc.**, with a two game score of 1606. Top Male Bowler was **Ryan Lake, Dunwoody Institute of Technology**, with a top score of 267. Top Female Bowler was a tie! **Cassie Hagerty, Enterprise Fleet Management, and Janelle Reed, Association of Women Contractors (AWC)**, shared the honors with scores of 131.

Bowling is just one of the many activities of AGC's Construction Leadership Council (CLC). Contact Jane Sanem ([jsanem@agcmn.org](mailto:jsanem@agcmn.org)) to find out more about CLC.



*Team Cemstone - Rachel Kanz, Cemstone (captain); Kevin Vranicar, Magney Construction; Andy Zinken and Anthony Dauk, Dunwoody Institute of Technology; and Jimmy Bennett, Braun Intertec*





# AGC of Minnesota Construction Safety Day

## March 8, 2012 – Minneapolis Convention Center

Join us for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Minneapolis Construction Safety Day. In addition to education sessions on key topics, presented by industry experts, and opportunities to see the latest in safety clothing and equipment, you'll hear about the current economic and legislative outlook for the construction industry. Participants of the Construction Health and Safety Excellence (CHASE) program, a joint venture of AGC and Minnesota OSHA, will also be recognized.

**Raffle tickets will be sold to benefit the Safety Memorial Scholarships.** Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in safety-related programs at postsecondary schools.

### **7:30 – 8:30 AM**

**How do you start your day?** – Simple reminders and tips for having a successful day.

**Instructor:** Terry Hukriede, Adolfsen & Peterson Construction

**IH Exposure Assessment in Construction (NEW)** – Industrial hygiene exposure assessment can be complicated. This session will discuss the step-by-step process for a successful and efficient assessment of workers' exposure on the jobsite.

**Instructor:** Don Garvey, 3M

**The Role of the Competent Person** – What areas in construction have a competent person requirement, how do we select people for that role, and what documentation is important to ensure everyone understands what is expected?

**Instructor:** Mil Carroll, SFM

### **Best Practices –**

**Instructors:** David Rumsey, RJF Agencies, Inc., and Andy Smoka, MNOSHA

**Rigging Safety (Certificate of Attendance; must attend all three hours)** – Do you know how to select, inspect, and use slings and rigging hardware safely? Find out what it takes to become a qualified rigger and what you need to know to become OSHA and ASME compliant. During this three-hour certification class, you will learn how to properly inspect slings and rigging hardware per OSHA and ASME, basic rigging fundamentals, basic hand signals, what level of rigging training is required to become a qualified rigger, and OSHA rigging requirements.

**Instructor:** Peter Cooke, Columbus McKinnon Corporation

**Leadership, Part 1 (Certificate of Attendance; must attend both hours)** – Attendees will explore new concepts, ideas and approaches to leadership. If you believe the ability to lead is one of the most sought after attributes of successful managers and executives and sometimes the most elusive, you will want to attend this informative session.

**Instructor:** Dave Semerad, AGC of Minnesota

### **8:45 – 9:45 AM**

**Fall Protection in Residential Construction** – OSHA's interim enforcement policy on fall protection for residential construction activities has been changed, effective June 16, 2011. Under the new policy, employers engaged in residential construction must comply with Federal Standards regarding fall protection. Learn what is required and techniques that could be implemented to ensure employers are in compliance.

**Instructor:** Andy Smoka, MNOSHA

**Proactive Safety Leadership for Your Phase of Safety (NEW)** – Understand your company's phase of safety, from "keep me out of jail" to "safety is intrinsic in your organization." We'll discuss specific activities to move your company from one phase to another, including examples of specific safety activities for all levels within your organization, and how to begin the transition from lagging to leading indicators in your organization. Discussion will focus on the top few best practices that will provide the greatest return.

**Instructor:** Dale Dhooge, Zurich Services Corporation

**Monitor and Mentor: Making the Most of Your Safety Program (NEW)** – Many training sessions are provided for employees during the year. It takes more than sitting them down in the job trailer and reading a toolbox talk to them to get the safety performance you need on the job. We have to look for their actions on the job and provide feedback to them.

**Instructor:** Gary Kaurala, SFM

**Safety 24/7 (NEW)** – The number of injuries and accidents that occur away from work are staggering. Safety 24/7 is about Preventing Home Accidents with practical information and resources you can use and apply.

**Instructor:** David Rumsey, RJF Agencies, Inc.

**Rigging Safety (Certificate of Attendance; must attend all three hours)** - See Rigging Safety, 7:30 – 8:30 am.

**Leadership, Part 2 – (Certificate of Attendance; must attend both hours)** See Leadership, Part 1, 7:30 – 8:30 am.

## **10:15 – 11:15 AM**

**Silent Danger – The Five Crucial Conversations that Drive Workplace Safety (NEW)** – What is the ugly secret behind most workplace injuries?

- A lack of safety training
- Poor equipment, policies, or systems
- Ignorance
- Inattention to risks
- SILENCE

This session will explore whether your company is at risk of an accident waiting to happen because people are either unwilling or unable to speak up.

**Instructor:** Jim Larson, UBSafe Services, Inc.

**New Environmental Requirements Affecting Construction** – This session will provide an overview of the new requirements under Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures regulations through the U.S. EPA. Construction sites now storing an aggregate of 1,320 gallons or more of petroleum products on a project site will be required to prepare this plan. Also in this session, the reissued MNG49 permit will be reviewed. This permit governs stormwater discharge activity at sand and gravel mining and processing facilities.

**Instructors:** Dan Hannan, AGC of Minnesota, and Leo Holm, Resource Professional Alliance

**Hunt for Red Elbow – A Tool to Use for Identifying Potential Injury Producers (NEW)** – A simple, straightforward observation tool for recognizing shoulder and back injury potential in day-to-day construction activities. This will assist with getting craft workers to communicate about their risk of strain injuries.

**Instructors:** Mil Carroll and Gary Kaurala, SFM

**Hazard Hunt: What's Wrong with This Picture?** – A fun competition for prizes! Let your safety training and experience help you identify hazards on the jobsite. We'll cover the top cited OSHA standards along the way, and you won't even know you're getting safety trained!

**Instructor:** David Rumsey, RJF Agencies, Inc.

**Rigging Safety (Certificate of Attendance; must attend all three hours)** - See Rigging Safety, 7:30 – 8:30 am.

**11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch** – Recognition of CHASE participants and an update on the current status of the Minnesota construction industry

## **1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Electrical Safe Work Practices** – Learn how to protect electrical workers on your jobsite using the OSHA and NFPA 70E electrical safety standards. Changes in the 2012 version of NFPA 70E will also be discussed.

**Instructors:** Tom Andrzejewski, Hunt Electric Corporation, and Bob Durkee, MNOSHA

**Decision Driving** – This overview of the three-hour class will discuss some technical information for those of us who spend time “behind the wheel.” Whether we are driving an 18 wheeler, a full-size pickup with a trailer, or a Subaru, we all need to focus on the importance of making the “right” decisions.

**Instructor:** Erik Gohl, Hennepin Technical College

**Hazard Recognition: A Fresh Look** – There are numerous techniques used by employers to help identify hazards in the workplace. Which ones do you use? Do your methods identify all the hazards? There are several programs on the market, all developed to increase the overall level of safety awareness and capability of recognizing hazards. Various techniques will be presented and shared with you in the hopes you can improve your own method for recognizing hazards.

**Instructor:** Deb Hilmerson, Hilmerson Safety Services, Inc.

**811 Is Not Enough – The Limits of Locating** – If 811 were the first and final answer to utility damage prevention during excavation activities, then why do so many contractors mistrust, misunderstand, and bear the unnecessary costs and project delays resulting from inaccurate or ineffective locates? Explore proven strategies for effective damage prevention and learn how to reduce costs when damages occur.

**Instructor:** Chad Stuart, Q3 Contracting, Inc.

**Qualified Signal Person, Part 1 (Certificate of Completion; must attend both hours – Limited to 25 attendees)** – Leadership in Environmental and. This session will meet on a slightly different schedule than other sessions in order to complete the required three hours.

**Instructor:** Russell Beyer, Laborers

## **2:15 – 3:15 PM**

**Excavation Hazards** – Excavating is recognized as one of the most hazardous construction operations. This overview will identify some of the most common hazards associated with excavations. It will also discuss how to recognize and control those hazards.

**Instructor:** John Lindstrom, Hennepin Technical College

**Roof Safety –**

**Instructor:** Deb Hilmerson, Hilmerson Safety Services, Inc.

**Load Securement –**

**Instructor:** Minnesota State Patrol

**Qualified Signal Person, Part 2 (Certificate of Completion; must attend both hours – Limited to 25 attendees)** – See Qualified Signal Person, Part 1, 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

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## Register the following for Minneapolis Construction Safety Day March 8, 2012

Name (please print names and <u>indicate attendees for Rigging Safety and Qualified Signal Person limited enrollment sessions</u> )	Rigging Safety (Certificate of Completion); Limited to 50	Qualified Signal Person (Certificate of Completion); Limited to 25
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**Registration Fee:** \$95/person – AGC of Minnesota members; \$105/person non-members. Fee includes continental breakfast, refreshment breaks, lunch, workshops, and a registration giveaway for each attendee. \$10 of each registration will benefit the Safety Memorial Scholarship fund.

**REFUND/CANCELLATION DEADLINE:** March 1, 2012

**TOTAL DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment:**  Check  Invoice  MasterCard  Visa  American Express

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail:** AGC of Minnesota, 525 Park Street, Suite 110, St. Paul, MN 55103

**Questions:** Denise Woods, (651) 796-2186 or (800) 552-7670, ext. 206

**Fax:** (651) 632-8928

**Email:** [dwoods@agcmn.org](mailto:dwoods@agcmn.org)



### Supervisory Training Program ❖ March-April 2012 Classes

Four of ten Supervisory Training Program (STP) courses from AGC of America are being offered in the evenings, from 5:00-8:00 PM, at the AGC of Minnesota office at **525 Park St., Suite 110, Capitol Office Building, St. Paul**. These courses typically run 5-7 weeks (one day a week). Free parking is available adjacent to the building.

**These classes are eligible for 1.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).**

**Unit 1: Leadership and Motivation:** Mondays, starting March 12 – ending on/or before April 9

***This course will be available via webcast. (see back of this form for information)***

Dollars and Sense of People in Construction. The Role of the Construction Supervisor. Helping People Perform Better. Motivating Others. Leading Others. You Get What You Expect. Positive Feedback. Training and Orienting Crew Members. Teams and Team Building. Leadership Skills in Action. **Instructor: Bonnie Amundson, Amundson Life Construction**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit 9: Productivity Improvement:** Tuesdays, starting March 13 – ending on or before April 10

Benchmarking Construction Productivity. Improving Productivity through Pre-Planning. "MORE"-Four New Skills for Effective Supervision. Personnel Management: Equipment Management for Productivity Improvement. Jobsite Productivity, Planning and Scheduling. Managing Subcontractors. Quantifying Lost Labor Productivity. Recordkeeping, Control, Changes and Defect Analysis. **Instructor: Jason Klous, McGough Construction**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit 5: Planning & Scheduling:** Wednesdays, starting March 14 – ending on or before April 11

Introduction to Planning and Scheduling. Preparing the Project Plan. Communicating the Plan. The Critical Path. Computer Scheduling I & II. Using the Schedule on the Jobsite. Updating the Construction Schedule. The Schedule as Documentation. Using Planning and Scheduling. **Instructor: Joe Dailey, Mortenson Construction**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit 10: General & Specialty Contractor Dynamics:** Thursdays, starting March 15 – ending on or before April 12

***This course will be available via webcast. (see back of this form for information)***

Construction Systems. Contractual Relationships. Value, Impact, and Quality of Specialty Contractors. Selecting a Specialty Contractor. Importance of Open Communication. Plans and Specifications. Mobilization. Time Management. Productivity. Project Closeout. **Instructor: Bonnie Amundson, Amundson Life Construction**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Per Class (\$240/Member, \$305/Nonmember): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Webcast fee is an additional \$65 per person or location.**

**Payment:**  Check  Invoice  MasterCard  American Express  Visa

**Total Due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions?** (651) 796-2181. Toll Free (800) 552-7670, ext. 201. **Email:** plynch@agcmn.org

# Webcasting STP

The purpose of webcast education is to allow students who find it difficult to participate due to their geographical location to the St. Paul office, to still be involved in the STP classes.

AGC of Minnesota will be offering Unit 1 – Leadership & Motivation and Unit 10 – General & Specialty Contractor Dynamics, in the March – April 2012 session via webcast. Webcast training allows a student to dial-in through a computer via the Internet to see and hear the presenter and the presentation (i.e. Power Point). Audio is broadcast via a telephone line.

If you are interested in completing Unit 1 or 10 of the STP course via webcast, you will need the following:

- A dedicated learning space free from distractions that allows you to focus on the course uninterrupted. Because you are participating via webcast the instructor will likely be calling on you during class to ensure you are participating.
- A dedicated telephone line to dial in on the 800 number which places you in a conference call. Because you will be dialing in on a conference line you will be heard by the entire class—hence the need for a dedicated relatively quiet learning space.
- A webcast camera is preferred but not required. This allows the instructor to see you.
- A dedicated computer that meets the following requirements:

## **Microsoft® Windows® 7 Home Premium, Professional or Ultimate (32-bit edition, or 64-bit edition with 32-bit browser)**

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 or later
- Mozilla Firefox 3.x
- Adobe Flash Player 8 or later

## **Microsoft Windows Vista® Home Basic, Home Premium, Ultimate, Business, or Enterprise (32-bit edition, or 64-bit edition with 32-bit browser)**

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 or later
- Mozilla Firefox 2.x, 3.x
- Adobe Flash Player 8 or later

## **Microsoft Windows XP Professional or Home Edition with Service Pack 2**

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 or later
- Mozilla Firefox 2.x, 3.x
- Adobe Flash Player 8 or later

## **Windows hardware requirements**

- Windows XP: 450MHz Intel® Pentium® II or faster processor or equivalent (128MB of RAM, 512MB recommended)
- Windows Vista: 1GHz Intel Pentium II or faster processor or equivalent (1GB of RAM)

**If you are interested in this option and want to find out more, or check your computer system to make sure it will operate properly for the session, please contact**

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651-796-2192 or [dhannan@agcmn.org](mailto:dhannan@agcmn.org)**