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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Purpose:** Responsible for the administration of the business of the Association, and for the planning and implementing the purposes and objectives of the Association as described in the MCEA Articles of Incorporation and MCEA By-Laws.

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Ryan Thilges</b>	<b>Blue Earth</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Chris Byrd</b>	<b>Stearns</b>
	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mike Flaagan</b>	<b>Pennington</b>
	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Andrea Weleski</b>	<b>Hubbard</b>
	<b>Past-President</b>	<b>Lyndon Robjent</b>	<b>Carver</b>
	<b>District 1</b>	<b>Robert Haas</b>	<b>Cook</b>
	<b>District 2</b>	<b>Anthony Pirkl</b>	<b>Lake of the Woods</b>
	<b>District 3</b>	<b>Andrew Witter</b>	<b>Sherburne</b>
	<b>District 4</b>	<b>Justin Sorum</b>	<b>Clay</b>
	<b>Metro West</b>	<b>Joe MacPherson</b>	<b>Anoka</b>
	<b>District 6</b>	<b>Ben Johnson</b>	<b>Olmsted</b>
	<b>District 7</b>	<b>Kevin Peyman</b>	<b>Martin</b>
	<b>District 8</b>	<b>Joe Wilson</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>Erin Laberee</b>	<b>Dakota</b>

**Meetings:** Scheduled by the President. Typically, 6-7 meetings each year:

- Prior to and at conclusion of Annual Conference (January)
- In conjunction with MnDOT Senior Staff meeting (Spring)
- In conjunction with Summer Conference/Screening Board (June)
- Summer meeting hosted by President if necessary (August-September)
- In conjunction with MnDOT Senior Staff meeting (Fall)
- In conjunction with Fall Screening Board (October)
- In conjunction with AMC conference (December)

**Membership:** MCEA By-Laws Article 3.2 describes membership, non-voting members, terms, selection.



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## COMMITTEES

### AUDIT

Purpose: Provide an annual audit of MCEA financial accounts and report to MCEA membership on audit findings.

Chair:	<b>Nick Bergman</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Term Expires 2026</b>
	<b>Tim Erickson</b>	<b>Douglas</b>	<b>Term Expires 2029</b>
	<b>Wesley Davis</b>	<b>Mille Lacs</b>	<b>Term Expires 2028</b>

Meetings: Held during Annual Conference  
 Membership: 3 MCEA members with staggered terms. 3-year term limit. President appoints members. Most senior member on Committee serves as Chair. **Term expires immediately after the Annual Meeting in January of that year.**

### AWARDS

Purpose: Determine awards to be given by MCEA and select nominee for NACE Program Manager Award, NACE Rural Engineer of the Year and NACE Urban Engineer of the Year and NACE David P. Brand Safety Award

Chair:	<b>Joe Triplett</b>	<b>Chisago</b>
Members:	<b>Wayne Sandberg</b>	<b>Washington</b>
	<b>Rich Sanders</b>	<b>Polk</b>
	<b>John Welle</b>	<b>Aitkin</b>
	<b>Jodi Teich</b>	<b>Otter Tail</b>
	<b>Lon Aune</b>	<b>Marshall</b>
	<b>Brian Giese</b>	<b>Pope</b>
	<b>Kevin Peyman</b>	<b>Martin</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair  
 Membership: Chair is the current recipient of MCEA Minnesota County Engineer of the Year Award.  
 Members are active MCEA past recipients of the MCEA Minnesota County Engineer of the Year Award.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Purpose: Plan and conduct the winter Annual Conference

Co-Chairs:	<b>Jason DiPiazza</b>	<b>Lake</b>
	<b>Joe MacPherson</b>	<b>Anoka</b>

Members:	<b>Kevin Peterson</b>	<b>Washington</b>
	<b>Noah Baumgarten</b>	<b>Dodge</b>
	<b>Mike Flaagan</b>	<b>MCEA Secretary</b>
	<b>Ted Schoenecker</b>	<b>MnDOT State Aid</b>

Meetings: Called by the Co-Chairs  
 Membership: 5 MCEA Members, 1 State Aid Representative

- Current MCEA Secretary is one member.
- 4 MCEA members generally serve staggered 2-year terms.
  - Year 2 of term serve as Co-Chairs.
  - New members come from new and experienced MCEA member pools.
- State Aid representation rotates between Director and Assistant Director



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## **BRIDGE**

Purpose: Provide MCEA positions on issues related to bridges

Chair:	<b>Mark Sehr</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>District 7</b>
Members:	<b>Rachel Gregg</b>	<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Bruce Hasbargen</b>	<b>Beltrami</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Darrick Anderson</b>	<b>Cass</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Justin Sorum</b>	<b>Clay</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Jeannine Briol</b>	<b>Dakota</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Ron Gregg</b>	<b>Fillmore</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Brian Pogodzinski</b>	<b>Houston</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Sam Muntean</b>	<b>Lac qui Parle</b>	<b>District 8</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair (Chair serves 3-year term as committee chair)

Membership: 1 representative from each District with additional members as determined by the President. Member selected by the President.

## **CONNECTED AND AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE (CAV) COMMITTEE**

Purpose: Represent MCEA on issues related to Connected and Autonomous Vehicles and ITS Technology in transportation.

Chair:	<b>Wayne Sandberg</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Metro East</b>
Members:	<b>Jim Foldesi</b>	<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Rich Sanders</b>	<b>Polk</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Chad Hausman</b>	<b>Wright</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Jodi Teich</b>	<b>Otter Tail</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Christopher Sagsveen</b>	<b>Hennepin</b>	<b>Metro West</b>
	<b>David Kramer</b>	<b>Winona</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Kevin Peyman</b>	<b>Martin</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Joe Wilson</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>District 8</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair

Membership: 1 representative from each District with additional members as determined by the President.

## **ENDOWMENT**

Purpose: To support community driven development programs worldwide by collaborating with local partners while creating transformative experiences and responsible leaders.

Chair:	<b>Andrea Weleski</b>	<b>Hubbard</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
Member	<b>Ryan Thilges</b>	<b>Blue Earth</b>	<b>President</b>
	<b>Chris Byrd</b>	<b>Stearns</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
	<b>Mike Flaagan</b>	<b>Pennington</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
	<b>Mel Odens</b>	<b>Kandiyohi</b>	<b>Past President</b>
	<b>Lyndon Robjert</b>	<b>Carver</b>	<b>President</b>
	<b>JinYeene Neumann</b>	<b>Carlton</b>	<b>EWB Sub-Committee Chair</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair

Membership: Current MCEA officers, two immediate Past Presidents, and any Sub-Committee Chair.



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## **ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS (sub-committee to endowment)**

Purpose: Makes recommendations to the Endowment Committee on EWB initiatives.

Chair:	<b>JinYeene Neumann</b>	<b>Carlton</b>
Members:	<b>Andrew Witter</b>	<b>Sherburne</b>
	<b>Lyndon Robjent</b>	<b>Carver</b>
	<b>Noah Baumgarten</b>	<b>Dodge</b>
	<b>Rob Hall</b>	<b>Crow Wing</b>
	<b>Mel Odens</b>	<b>Kandiyohi</b>
	<b>Anthony Pirkl</b>	<b>Lake of the Woods</b>
	<b>Darrick Anderson</b>	<b>Cass</b>
	<b>Nick Klisch</b>	<b>Redwood</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair(s)

Membership: Current MCEA members with an interest in Engineers Without Borders.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES**

Purpose: Keep MCEA members informed on current environmental resource issues, act as liaisons and experts to environmental resource agencies, provide MCEA analysis and recommendations on environmental resource issues

Chair:	<b>Jim Foldesi</b>	<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>District 1</b>
Members:	<b>Lon Aune</b>	<b>Marshall</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Chad Hausman</b>	<b>Wright</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Jorden Roggenbuck</b>	<b>Big Stone</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Joe MacPherson</b>	<b>Anoka</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Ben Hobert</b>	<b>Chisago</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Phil Wacholz</b>	<b>Freeborn</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Mark Sehr</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Sam Muntean</b>	<b>Lac Qui Parle</b>	<b>District 8</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair

Membership: One MCEA member per District appointed by the President.

Activities:

- Determine a path forward on the creation of a single point electronic permitting application that would build off of MNDNR's MPARS application.
- Engage, advocate, and develop legislation if necessary related to exemptions for existing road ROW for Threatened and Endangered Species.
- Continued to monitor the proposed EPA/Corps Clean Water Act rule changes that redefine the definitions for Waters of the United States
- Continue to engage with EQB proposed rule revisions and represent MCEA in this process.
- Continue to engage and lead MCEA involvement in Section 404 Wetland Permit State Assumption



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## **HISTORIAN AND RECORDS**

**Purpose:** Maintain historical records of MCEA. Members track activities of current and past Engineers from District and report events to Chair.

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Mel Odens</b>	<b>Kandiyohi</b>	<b>District 8</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Mark LeBrun</b>	<b>Pine</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Anthony Pirkel</b>	<b>Lake of the Woods</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Loren Fellbaum</b>	<b>Todd</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Jon Large</b>	<b>Mahnomen</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Lyndon Robjert</b>	<b>Carver</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Phil Wacholz</b>	<b>Freeborn</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Andrew Lang</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>District 7</b>

**Meetings:** Called by the Chair

**Membership:** One MCEA member per District appointed by the President.

## **LEGISLATIVE**

**Purpose:** Provide MCEA direction on Legislative issues including federal legislation. Draft, create and promote MCEA Legislative platform for adoption by AMC. Provide MCEA testimony and information during Legislative sessions.

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Joe Gustafson</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Term expires 2027</b>
<b>Co-chairs:</b>	<b>Joe Macpherson</b>	<b>Anoka</b>	<b>Term expires 2028</b>
	<b>Justin Sorum</b>	<b>Clay</b>	<b>Term expires 2029</b>
	<b>Ben Johnson</b>	<b>Olmsted</b>	<b>Term expires 2030</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Emily Murray</b>	<b>AMC Transportation Policy Analyst</b>	
	<b>Board of Directors</b>		

**Meetings:** Monday morning conference calls during Legislative session and at Board of Director meetings

**Membership:** Chair and members appointed by the President.



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## **MINNESOTA INTER-COUNTY ENGINEER READINESS (MINCER) & STATE AID SUPPORT TEAM**

**Purpose:** A revision to the former **Media & Outreach Committee**: Develop industry relationships with regional colleges to improve workforce development promoting MCEA through career fairs, social media, and relationships within industry & education.

Publicize MCEA accomplishments and awards, make recommendations and provide feedback to Vice President regarding the MCEA website, maintain and enhance MCEA social media presence.

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Chris Byrd</b>	<b>Stearns</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Mark LeBrun</b>	<b>Pine</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Taylor Amiot</b>	<b>Red Lake</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Justin Bergerson</b>	<b>Isanti</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Todd Larson</b>	<b>Stevens</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Wayne Sandberg</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Jess Greenwood</b>	<b>Goodhue</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Michael McCarty</b>	<b>Watonwan</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Aaron VanMoer</b>	<b>Lyon</b>	<b>District 8</b>
	<b>Emily Murray</b>	<b>AMC Transportation Policy Analyst</b>	

**Meetings:** Called by the Chair

**Membership:** One MCEA member per District appointed by the President.  
MCEA Vice President is website Administrator and Chair.

### **Goal(s):**

- **Work with regional colleges to develop industry relations in Civil Engineering & Civil Engineering Technology.**
- **Develop, maintain & collaborate with other industry partners (CTS, LRRB, AMC, etc.) on display booth materials, handouts, and other materials to be used for career fairs attendance by member agencies.**
- **Coordinate member agency attendance at career fairs and other industry opportunities to connect with prospective employees.**
- **Develop & maintain a calendar of upcoming opportunities to publicize MCEA career opportunities and find agency representatives to attend**
- **Work with AMC to continue development and ongoing updates of website platform and content. Provide timely feedback and information to Vice President to coordinate with AMC for website changes.**
- **Monitor MCEA web page so it's an up-to-date asset for the Association for relevant MCEA, industry, and regional college events.**
- **Work with AMC to keep meeting and committee information current on calendar.**
- **Enhance MCEA's social media presence with monthly themes.**
- **Work with AMC to take photos of award recipients at annual conference banquet.**
- **Work with AMC to take photos of new Board of Directors and Executive Board after annual meeting.**
- **Prepare news releases for award recipients from MCEA and NACE annual conferences.**



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## NEW ENGINEERS

Purpose: Provide annual training program for new MCEA members and organize New Engineers night at the Annual Conference.

Chair:	<b>Phil Schmalz</b>	<b>Meeker</b>	<b>District 8</b>
Members:	<b>Mark LeBrun</b>	<b>Pine</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Bruce Hasbargen</b>	<b>Beltrami</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Chad Gramentz</b>	<b>Kanabec</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Tim Erickson</b>	<b>Douglas</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Joe MacPherson</b>	<b>Anoka</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Dave Kramer</b>	<b>Winona</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>David Tiegs</b>	<b>LeSueur</b>	<b>District 7</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair

Membership: One MCEA member per District appointed by the President.

## NOMINATING

Purpose: To select nominees for MCEA offices to be elected, submit a slate of candidates to the full membership in accordance with MCEA by-laws, or other positions as requested by the President.

Members:	<b>Joe Triplett</b>	<b>Chisago</b>	<b>Term expires 2029</b>
	<b>Kevin Peyman</b>	<b>Martin</b>	<b>Term expires 2027</b>
	<b>Lon Aune</b>	<b>Marshall</b>	<b>Term expires 2028</b>

Meetings: Called by the members

Membership: 3 members representing the North, Central, and South portions of the State serving staggered terms. Current members of both the Awards Committee and Past Presidents Committee are eligible. Appointment is by the President in consultation with current members.

## OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT PERMITTING

Purpose: Develop a statewide transportation permit system for the Local Transportation System in Minnesota.

Chair:	<b>Rich Sanders</b>	<b>Polk</b>	<b>District 2</b>
Members:	<b>Sam Muntean</b>	<b>Lac qui Parle</b>	<b>District 8</b>
	<b>Vic Lund</b>	<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Troy Wright</b>	<b>Wilkin</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Sean Thiel</b>	<b>Anoka</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Chad Hausman</b>	<b>Wright</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Andrew Lange</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Benjamin Johnson</b>	<b>Olmsted</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Dave Conkel</b>	<b>MnDOT Bridge</b>	
	<b>Shelly Meyer</b>	<b>MnDOT Permits</b>	
	<b>Rob Holschbach</b>	<b>MnDOT Permits</b>	

Meetings: Called by Chair

Membership: Members are volunteers that see a need for developing a one stop shop permit system.



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## PAST PRESIDENTS

Purpose: Duties as requested by the President or Board of Directors.

Chair:	<b>Lyndon Robjent</b>	<b>Carver</b>
Members:	<b>Mel Odens</b>	<b>Kandiyohi</b>
	<b>Brian Pogodzinski</b>	<b>Houston</b>
	<b>Wayne Sandberg</b>	<b>Washington</b>
	<b>Lon Aune</b>	<b>Marshall</b>
	<b>Kevin Peyman</b>	<b>Martin</b>
	<b>John Welle</b>	<b>Aitkin</b>
	<b>Rich Sanders</b>	<b>Polk</b>
	<b>Jodi Teich</b>	<b>Otter Tail</b>
	<b>Brian Giese</b>	<b>Pope</b>
	<b>Joe Triplett</b>	<b>Chisago</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair  
 Membership: Chair is the current MCEA Past President.  
 Members are active MCEA Past Presidents.

## PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT

Purpose: To assist State Aid with pavement related topics.

Chair:	<b>Bruce Hasbargen</b>	<b>Beltrami</b>	<b>District 2</b>
Members:	<b>Jim Foldesi (Brian Boder – Alternate)</b>	<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Chad Hausmann</b>	<b>Wright</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Chad Gillespie</b>	<b>Traverse</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Cory Slagle</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Kyle Ludwig</b>	<b>Chisago</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Guy Kohlnhofer</b>	<b>Dodge</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Aaron Holmbeck</b>	<b>Nobles</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Phil Schmalz</b>	<b>Meeker</b>	<b>District 8</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair

## RESOLUTIONS AND RULES

Purpose: Collect, prepare, and present Resolutions for full membership approval at Annual Meeting; provide research and recommendations related to MCEA Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Chair:	<b>Tony Hennen</b>	<b>Morrison</b>	<b>District 3</b>
Members:	<b>JinYeene Neumann</b>	<b>Carlton</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Lon Aune</b>	<b>Marshall</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Jim Olson</b>	<b>Becker</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Carla Stueve</b>	<b>Hennepin</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Noah Baumgarten</b>	<b>Dodge</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>David Tiegs</b>	<b>LeSueur</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Nick Bergman</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>District 8</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair  
 Membership: One MCEA member per District appointed by the President.



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## **SAFETY**

Purpose: Provide research, guidance, leadership, and advocacy for MCEA members on County Highway Safety.

Chair:	<b>Vic Lund</b>	<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>District 1</b>
Members:	<b>Chad Ellos</b>	<b>Hennepin</b>	<b>West Metro</b>
	<b>Joe Gustafson</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>East Metro</b>
	<b>Brad Estochen</b>	<b>Ramsey</b>	<b>East Metro</b>
	<b>Vic Lund</b>	<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Keith Berndt</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Andrew Witter</b>	<b>Sherburne</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Jim Olson</b>	<b>Becker</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Travis Martin</b>	<b>Dodge</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Tim Becker</b>	<b>Sibley</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Joe Wilson</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>District 8</b>
	<b>JinYeene Neumann</b>	<b>Carlton</b>	<b>NACE Rep</b>
Alternates:	<b>Karin Grandia</b>	<b>Itasca</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Lon Aune</b>	<b>Marshall</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Darrick Anderson</b>	<b>Cass</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Jon Large</b>	<b>Mahnomen</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Ben Hobert</b>	<b>Chisago</b>	<b>East Metro</b>
	<b>Carla Stueve</b>	<b>Hennepin</b>	<b>West Metro</b>
	<b>Nick Sandford</b>	<b>Olmsted</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Andrew Lang</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Nick Klisch</b>	<b>Redwood</b>	<b>District 8</b>

Meetings: Called by the Co-Chairs

Membership: One MCEA member per District appointed by the President. Alternates selected by individual members. Others invited by Committee. Committee agrees on chair and co-chair positions – generally on a 2-year term rotating basis.



# 2026 MCEA REPRESENTATION

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

**Purpose:** Manage the MCEA Scholarship program; provide recommendations to full membership on scholarship types and amounts.

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Jeff Marlowe – MSU</b>	<b>Renville</b>	<b>District 8</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Rachel Gregg – UMD</b>	<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Mike Flaagan – UND</b>	<b>Pennington</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Loren Fellbaum – U of M</b>	<b>Todd</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Justin Sorum - NDSU</b>	<b>Clay</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Jacob Rezac – Iowa State</b>	<b>Goodhue</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Ben Johnson – U of M</b>	<b>Olmsted</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Ryan Thilges – MSU</b>	<b>Blue Earth</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Aaron VanMoer – SDSU</b>	<b>Lyon</b>	<b>District 8</b>
	<b>Joe MacPherson – NDSU</b>	<b>Anoka</b>	<b>Metro</b>

**Meetings:** Called by the Chair

**Membership:** One MCEA member per District appointed by the President. Additional members as needed to represent colleges.

## **SCREENING BOARD**

**Purpose:** Defined in MS 162.06, 162.065, 162.07

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>County</b>
District 1	Jason DiPiazza	Lake	Trent Nicholson	Koochiching
District 2	Andrea Weleski	Kittson	Ericka Halstensgard	Roseau
District 3	Chris Byrd	Stearns	Darrick Anderson	Cass
District 4	Jorden Roggenbuck	Big Stone	Troy Wright	Wilkin
Metro East	Tony Winiiecki	Scott	Lyndon Robjent	Carver
Metro West	Joe Triplett	Chisago		
District 6	Ben Johnson	Olmsted	Jess Greenwood	Goodhue
District 7	Dave Tiegs	LeSueur	Jim Kollar	Waseca
District 8	Nick Bergman	Pipestone	Phil Schmalz	Meeker
Urban	Joe MacPherson	Anoka		
Urban	Erin Laberee	Dakota		
Urban	Carla Stueve	Hennepin		
Urban	Brad Estochen	Ramsey		
Urban	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis		
Urban	Wayne Sandberg	Washington		

**Meetings:** June and October each year . New Secretary nominated in June.

**Membership:** Defined in MS 162.07 sub. 5.  
Urban Counties are permanent members.



# 2026 MCEA REPRESENTATION

## STANDARDS

**Purpose:** Provide review, analysis, and recommendations on standards affecting County Highway administration, design, construction, and maintenance; provide MCEA recommendations to MnDOT on proposed Rules revisions.

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Karin Grandia</b>	<b>Itasca</b>	<b>District 1</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Phil Wacholz</b>	<b>Freeborn</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Rich Sanders</b>	<b>Polk</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Darrick Anderson</b>	<b>Cass</b>	<b>District 3</b>
	<b>Brian Giese</b>	<b>Pope</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Erin Laberee</b>	<b>Dakota</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Seth Greenwood</b>	<b>Nicollet</b>	<b>District 7</b>
	<b>Randy Groves</b>	<b>Murray</b>	<b>District 8</b>

**Meetings:** Called by the Chair or MnDOT State Aid  
**Membership:** One MCEA member per District appointed by the District.  
 Alternate selected by individual Member.

## SUMMER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** Organize and plan the MCEA Summer Conference.

<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	<b>Chad Gillespie</b>	<b>Traverse</b>	<b>District 4</b>
	<b>Tony Hennen</b>	<b>Morrison</b>	<b>District 3</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Robert Hass</b>	<b>Cook</b>	<b>District 1</b>
	<b>Taylor Amiot</b>	<b>Red Lake</b>	<b>District 2</b>
	<b>Darin Mielke</b>	<b>Carver</b>	<b>Metro</b>
	<b>Ben Johnson</b>	<b>Olmsted</b>	<b>District 6</b>
	<b>Joe Wilson</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>District 8</b>
	<b>Nick Klisch</b>	<b>Redwood</b>	<b>District 8</b>
	<b>Andrea Weleski</b>	<b>Hubbard</b>	<b>MCEA Treasurer</b>
	<b>Jay Owens</b>		<b>MnDOT State-Aid</b>
	<b>Emily Murray</b>		<b>AMC</b>
	<b>Ex Officio – Lon Aune</b>	<b>Marshall (Previous Co-Chair)</b>	

**Meetings:** Called by the Co-Chairs  
**Membership:** MCEA Members appointed by the President, 1 State Aid Representative, Current MCEA Treasurer



# 2026 MCEA REPRESENTATION

## TASK FORCES

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE

Co-Chairs:	Justin Conway Anthony Pirkel	Houston Lake of the Woods
Members:	JinYeene Neumann Darin Mielke Jim Kollar Ryan Thilges Joe MacPherson Jacob Rezac Andrew Engel Jordan Roggenbuck Chris Byrd Aaron VanMoer	Carlton Carver Waseca Blue Earth Anoka Steele McLeod Big Stone Stearns Lyon

Note: Chair appoints members.

### ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER TASK FORCE

Chair:	Chris Byrd Mike Flaagan Andrea Weleski Joe MacPherson TBD TBD	Stearns Pennington Hubbard Anoka TBD TBD	Vice President Secretary Treasurer Candidate – Secretary Candidate – Secretary Candidate - Secretary
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Note: This Task Force is the current MCEA Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Vice President is responsible for request for scholarship donations and recognition at annual banquet. MCEA Secretary Candidates assist with raffle fundraiser at the Annual Banquet.

### IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY TASK FORCE

Chair:			
Members:	Mark LeBrun Dan Sauve Chris Byrd Todd Larson Dietrich Flesch Andrew Lang Nick Bergman	Pine Clearwater Stearns Big Stone Wabasha Brown Pipestone	District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 6 District 7 District 8





# 2026 MCEA REPRESENTATION

## MnDOT PARTICIPATION

### PROGRAMMING UPDATE WORKGROUP

John Welle	Aitkin
Mark Sehr	Rock

### LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Hasbargen	Beltrami
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### LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM WORKGROUP

Karin Grandia	Itasca
Brad Estochen	Ramsey

### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS SELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jim Foldesi	St. Louis
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### STATEWIDE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wayne Sandberg	Washington
Brian Giese	Pope

### 20-YEAR STATE HIGHWAY INVESTMENT PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jodi Teich	Otter Tail
One more when needed	

### TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chad Hausmann	Wright
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### UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES COMMITTEE

Mark Sehr	Rock
Joe Gustafson	Washington
Steve Mosign	Hennepin
Sara Buermann	Wright

### WORK ZONE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Adam Bruening	Washington
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# 2026 MCEA REPRESENTATION

## TRANSPORTATION WORKGROUP

Lyndon Robjent	Carver	MCEA President
Mel Odens	Kandiyohi	MCEA Past President
Ryan Thilges	Blue Earth	MCEA Vice President
Chris	Byrd	MCEA Secretary
JinYeene Neumann	Carlton	Legislative Committee Chair

## “OTHER” PARTICIPATION

### FHWA – FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM (FLAP)

Seth Greenwood	Nicollet
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### TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD (TRB) - LOW VOLUME ROADS COMMITTEE

Aaron Holbeck	Nobles
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### MN TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wayne Sandberg-Treasurer	Washington
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### AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION – MINNESOTA CHAPTER

### ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS (AGC) LIAISONS

GRADING	Mike Flaagan	Pennington
BITUMINOUS	Mike Flaagan	Pennington
CONCRETE	Seth Greenwood	Nicollet
BRIDGE	Mark Sehr	Rock

### ACCOUNTANTS TASK FORCE

Jeff Marlowe	Renville
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### CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 404 ASSUMPTION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Lon Aune	Marshall
Jim Foldesi	St. Louis

### ACEC COORDINATION

Purpose: Collaboration between ACEC and MCEA to streamline proposals/procurement process for Counties and Consultants to save time and money for all parties.

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>John Crawford</b>	<b>ACEC / KLJ</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>John Griffith</b>	<b>ACEC/HDR</b>
	<b>Darin Mielke</b>	<b>Carver</b>
	<b>Darrick Anderson</b>	<b>Cass</b>
	<b>Anthony Sellner</b>	<b>Carver</b>

Meetings: Called by the Chair  
 Membership: Member selected by the President.