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VIRTUAL MEETING: 06.16.2021

All Membership Meeting!

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a summary of what the Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) Post has accomplished over the past year (July 2020 - June 2021), as well as present and vote on the new slate of Post leaders. Up to twelve Post leaders will present on various topics related to the MSP Post.

Details: **Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 12:00pm-1:00pm CST**

Cost: FREE!

Location: GOOGLE MEET (<https://meet.google.com/buk-zeug-tow>) or join by phone +1 321-209-6111, PIN: 931 865 504#

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/158726873351>

If you are unable to access the Eventbrite page to register, please reach out to **Dan Kvasnicka** via email at Daniel.kvasnicka@hdrinc.com and he can get you registered via email.

Please note, the MSP Post will continue to provide monthly programming on a virtual platform through summer 2021. The events will be free for all attendees. PDH credits will be provided when applicable, so please make sure you register for the event. The Post continues to evaluate the feasibility of holding in-person events in 2021 and will continue to keep members updated via the Post newsletter and website.

DONATIONS

Every year, the Minneapolis - St Paul Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME-MSP Post) offers up to \$6,000 of educational grants to elementary and secondary schools. These grants serve to achieve a fundamental goal of SAME: "To promote an understanding of, and appreciation for, the engineering related disciplines and to help the young people in our communities be better prepared to become our future engineers." The on-going coronavirus pandemic has had a big impact in our lives and in our fundraising capabilities. To continue supporting our STEM community, the SAME-MSP Post would like to respectfully request your help in the form of a donation. All donations will go towards helping us to achieve the goal of providing educational grants for the schools and classroom teachers who are committed in supporting the math and sciences that support future engineering-related career opportunities. Please consider [donating to the SAME-MSP Post's PayPal](#) if you can and help support the next generation of engineers. Thank you for supporting our community!

SAME-MSP CLASSIFIED

Mark your calendars, despite the pandemic, there are still some upcoming virtual events and opportunities!

2021 WEF STORMWATER SUMMIT

The 2021 Stormwater Summit will be held from **June 21-23, 2021** in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This Summit is crafted to deepen the technical knowledge of professionals involved in stormwater and provide forums where leading issues in the sector are discussed. The conference will include oral presentations, interactive discussions, pre-conference workshops, exhibits, mobile sessions, opportunities for networking in dynamic settings, as well as virtual components. For more information use the following link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/13Qv2h-P4YuSXJJCqfH29i5rZNIJajCmnmkvkeDbtFE/edit?usp=sharing>



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!

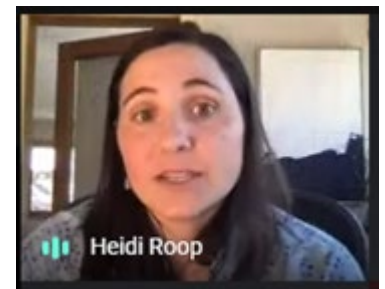
- ★ Eileen Pederson, Perkins & Will



MAY MEETING SUMMARY

On May 26th, **Dr. Heidi Roop** gave a presentation titled Expanding Networks, Research, and Resources to Accelerate Climate Resilience in Minnesota. Dr. Roop is an Assistant Professor of Climate Science at the University of Minnesota and Minnesota's Climate Change Extension Specialist. She also co-leads the Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership.

Minnesota is experiencing a range of climate impacts at different rates and scales. Our exposure to climate impacts is largely dependent upon how well we understand and manage them. How we 'feel' climate change depends upon how well we prevent further warming and how well we prepare for the changes we've set in motion. We need to adapt to climate change even as we seek to mitigate it. We can't be prepared for everything. We can't afford to be prepared for the worst-case. Yet, we can't afford to be unprepared. Dr. Roop highlighted the range of climate data available for use as well as the additional climate data needs for Minnesota.



Dr. Roop provided the below calls to action for discussion:



- ★ Nature-based adaptation approaches can enhance climate resilience for both ecosystems and the built environment
- ★ Improved coordination & collaboration can enable integration of adaptation efforts across sectors, jurisdictions and geographic and geopolitical boundaries

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Greetings fellow SAME members and welcome to summer!

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our May meeting, where we had the privilege of having **Dr. Heidi Roop**, Assistant Professor of Climate Science at the University of Minnesota, join us to share her insight on climate science and her quest to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders to collaborate and prepare for a changing climate. Thank you, Heidi! This meeting was our third, and final, virtual presentation in our series focused on climate resiliency. Thank you to **Allen Witt**, MSP Post Director of Resiliency, and **Samuel Smith**, MSP Post Technical Programs Committee Chair, who organized this informative and engaging series. **Great work, Allen and Sam!**

The May meeting was also our annual joint meeting with the **Minnesota Association of Floodplain Managers** (MnAFPM). Thank you to **Joe Waln**, Chair of the MnAFPM Board of Directors, and **Terry Zein**, MnAFPM and MSP Post member, for collaborating with us to host a fantastic session. If you would like more information about the MnAFPM Section, I recommend you visit their website at www.mnafpm.org.

In addition to our monthly meeting, the MSP Post hosted our first in-person event in over a year to celebrate our Post turning 100! The family-friendly event was held at Minnehaha Regional Park in Minneapolis, MN on May 22, 2021. Attendees were treated to a presentation by **John Anfinson**, Friends of the Mississippi River Board member, and a tour of Lock and Dam 1 by **Mike Vogt** of the US Army Corps of Engineers – St. Paul District. **Thank you, John and Mike!** Also, a big thank you to the Centennial Celebration Committee Chair, **Peter Allen**, and committee members **Chris Erickson**, **Jane Flewellen**, **Rachel Pichelmann**, **Jon Gustafson** and **Kenton Spading**, for all your hard work in creating a safe and memorable event for our Post. It is greatly appreciated!

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 16, 2021**, and will be virtual. This will be our “All Membership” meeting, but everyone is welcome to attend. Members of the Post Board will be highlighting the accomplishments of our Post over the past year. We will also vote on the MSP Post leadership for the upcoming year. Included in this month’s newsletter you will find the proposed slate of candidates. Please review this slate and if you are a member of the Post, please plan to attend to vote. If you have any questions regarding the slate, feel free to reach out to me via email at president@samemsp.org.

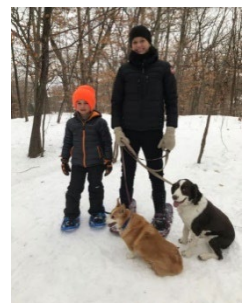
Also included in this month’s newsletter you will find a list of open committee and liaison leadership positions for the MSP Post. Please consider donating your time and talent - we would greatly appreciate it!

Please note that the MSP Post will be taking July 2021 off to allow for transition between our leadership, and as a well-deserved break for our membership. I hope you all have a chance to enjoy the beautiful summer with family and friends. The MSP Post is looking to start up our in-person monthly meetings as soon as feasible and are considering options after July 2021.

As my term as the MSP Post President comes to a close, I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our Post members, volunteers, and leaders. It has been an honor serving the Post and I am grateful to have had this opportunity.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or our Post Board if you have any questions or concerns. We are happy to support you!

Lindsey Roberts McKenzie, PE
2020-2021 SAME-MSP Post President
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2021–2022 SLATE FOR MSP POST LEADERSHIP

Below is the proposed officer and director candidates for the 2021 – 2022 MSP Post leadership, to be voted on by the MSP Post members at the June 16, 2021, All Membership Meeting:

2021-2022 Officer & Director Candidates

OFFICERS	NAME	ORGANIZATION
President	David Johnson	Houston Engineering
Vice President	Erin Krug	US Army Corps of Engineers
Junior Vice President	Cora Nunez Orta	US Army Corps of Engineers
Secretary	Eric Henery	AECOM
Treasurer	Dan Kvasnicka	HDR
Past President	Lindsey Roberts McKenzie	SEH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	NAME	ORGANIZATION
1 st Year Director	Ann Banitt	US Army Corps of Engineers
1 st Year Director	W. Paul Waters	Burns & McDonnell
2 nd Year Director	Dave Ausdemore	Health Systems Sciences
2 nd Year Director	Allen Witt	Terracon

OPEN COMMITTEE AND LIAISON OPPORTUNITIES!

Additionally, the following are the open committee and liaison leadership roles:

- ★ Awards Committee Chair
- ★ Website and Newsletter Coordinator
- ★ Small Business Liaison
- ★ Industry Day Committee Co-Chair

You can find a list of our current committee and liaison roles on our website at <https://www.same.org/Get-Connected/Find-a-Post/MPLS-STPL/Get-Involved/Committees>. Feel free to reach out to the person listed as currently holding that position if you have any questions about the role (email hyperlinks are included on the website). If you are interested in being part of the MSP Post leadership team, please reach out to Lindsey Roberts McKenzie at president@samemsp.org or to David Johnson at vp@samemsp.org. Please consider volunteering and get more involved with our active Post!



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Post hosted its Centennial Celebration Event on May 22, 2021 at Wabun Picnic Area within the Minnehaha Regional Park in Minneapolis. The weather cooperated and made for a fantastic event that included lunch from local favorite Nelson's Deli, a presentation from John Anifson about the history of Lock and Dam No. 1, and a tour of Lock and Dam No. 1 that included a special treat of walking through the dam to the east side of the river – an experience most of us will likely never do again!

In addition to the great family friendly event, the Post raised \$3,500 through event sponsors that will go directly to the Post Education and Mentoring Fund that helps support scholarships and educational grants. A big thank you to all of our

EVENT CHAMPIONS: Burns & McDonnell, Greenstone Construction, HDR, Landmark Environmental, Mortenson, and SEH! And our **EVENT PARTNERS: Bergman and Houston Engineering!**



Also, another big thank you to our speaker **John Anifson** and our tour guide **Mike Vogt**. The event would not have been the success it was without them.

And finally, a huge thank you to all that were involved in planning and executing the event and to those who helped put together the monthly newsletter articles: **Chris Erickson, Kenton Spading, Jane Fleweller, Rachel Pichelmann, Jon Gustafson, Lindsey Roberts McKenzie, Chris Afdahl, and Mark Angelo, and Peter Allen.**

CENTENNIAL EVENT CHAMPION SPONSORS (\$500 DONATIONS):



CENTENNIAL EVENT PARTNER SPONSORS (\$250 DONATIONS):



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our Sustaining Firms—we appreciate your support and want to make sure all our members are aware of it, too!

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- ★ Anderson Engineering of MN
- ★ Ayres Associates
- ★ Benham Design, LLC
- ★ Bergmann Associates
- ★ Burns & McDonnell
- ★ Cardno Inc.
- ★ CDG Engineers, Inc.
- ★ Cushing Terrell
- ★ Damon Farber Assoc.
- ★ DLR Group, Inc.
- ★ Greenstone Construction Inc.
- ★ Hammel Green and Abrahamson
- ★ Hanson Professional Services
- ★ HDR
- ★ Houston Engineering, Inc.
- ★ HR Green, Inc.
- ★ J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.
- ★ Kaiyuh Services, LLC
- ★ Landmark Environmental
- ★ Leo A. Daly
- ★ LS Black Constructors
- ★ Mortenson Construction
- ★ RSP Architects
- ★ SEH
- ★ Siemens Industries, Inc.
- ★ Stanley Consultants
- ★ Stantec
- ★ Terracon Consultants
- ★ Ulteig
- ★ Vann Companies
- ★ Wood Group

Did you know that as part of your sustaining membership we encourage you to talk about yourselves to our members? Please email Dave Ausdemore at dave@hsscience.com, if you would like more information on how to get involved!

