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**October 2020 Special  
Edition Newsletter**

**SPECIAL  
2020 CONFERENCE  
EDITION!**

*There will be two October  
Newsletters this year!  
This special conference  
edition and a standard edition to  
be published in mid-October.*

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**With COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of the  
41st MASMS Annual Conference,  
we are using this special edition newsletter to  
cover MASMS honors that would have  
been recognized at the conference!**

***MASMS 2020 Facilities Professional of the Year  
MASMS 2020 Outstanding Educational Contributors  
MASMS 2020 Outstanding Business Contributors***

Each year MASMS recognizes an individual with the MASMS Facilities Professional of the Year Award. This person is an innovator, natural leader and consistently exhibits professionalism, service and integrity.

Outstanding Educational and Business Contributors are recognized for their contributions to MASMS and the building and grounds profession.

**This year has been a challenge for all MASMS Members. It is a rewarding, frustrating and extraordinary time when all members must be flexible, adaptable, innovative, and exceptional leaders.**

**This honor goes to all MASMS Educational and Business Members recognizing the efforts of all members in this year of COVID-19.**

**On the plaque that records all past recipients of the  
Facilities Professional Award  
the gold plate for 2020 will state:**

**2020  
The Year of Covid-19  
All MASMS Members**

**With the amazing efforts of all MASMS Educational and Business Members, Minnesota students are able to return to school knowing that their school buildings and grounds are as safe and clean as possible.**

***Congratulations to all MASMS Members!***

## The Gavel is passed from 2019-2020 State President Jim Leuer to 2020-2021 State President Colin Green



**James Leuer**  
**MASMS 40<sup>th</sup> State President**

To the MASMS organization and Executive Board I would like to formally pass the Presidential gavel to Colin Green from Waseca school district. What a year to be President of this great organization during a world pandemic that prevents this organization from doing the most important thing we do is having meetings and sharing ideas and topics for all members to learn, grow and educate everyone. This COVID pandemic really slapped many of us in the face as not

knowing what to do, how to handle the process, what should we do to make our facilities safe and clean, but I think as an organization many people reached out to each other for advice and someone to lean on during this time of unknown.

As I stated in my speech at the state meeting (which most fell asleep LOL) last fall, this organization has helped me grow in a field that I had no idea what to do when I started working in K-12 facilities. Becoming a MASMS member 20 years ago was the best thing that ever happened to me. I have learned so many things in the past 20 years from MASMS members by networking with so many directors, vendors, custodians, and maintenance staff. If not for this, I would not have had the opportunity to become a buildings and grounds director myself.

There is so many people I could mention that have made a huge impact on me in my career, both MASMS educational and vendors members. I could not mention everyone, but only say thank you, as to you know who you are.

My most important thing I would like everyone to get out of my role as President or being involved with MASMS is no matter who you are, what position you have, how high of a leader you are, always remember that everyone around you is a human being, not a robot but a person. Don't forget we all get sick, we all have personal issues, we all are human, treat everyone like a human being. Now more than ever, step back and analyze the situation and find one good thing about that person and recognize them for that. I have always said when sitting in a group of people it is easier to take the negative side, but it takes a strong person to speak up and say "stop, what one thing this person helps us out with". Be that person.

I want to thank the executive board for their kindness and direction. Thank you to Ruth Kramer, as the MASMS Executive Administrator she single handily runs this organization behind the scenes so well.

As I pass the gavel to Mr. Collin Green as the 2020-2021 MASMS president I do so with high respect for Mr. Green. Collin is a person that is well organized, well-educated and will move this organization forward in a great direction. He has unlimited energy, uses BIG words and great ideas. Collin, congratulations on becoming the 41<sup>st</sup> MASMS president and I look forward to seeing you continue your professionalism for MASMS

**James Leuer, MASMS 40<sup>th</sup> State President**

E Pluribus Unum, or "one from many" is the famous phrase coined, figuratively and literally, in 1776 to strategically communicate how important it was to work together during the Revolutionary War. I believe that MASMS brings this ideal alive in the present. We will not only outlast how this pandemic has disrupted our association, schools, communities, and nation at large, but we will be all the better for the lessons and knowledge we will learn together as a result of it.

It is my privilege and honor to acknowledge the successes of our 40th President, Jim Leuer, with fulfilling this ideal during his term. When we were unable to congregate and the need to work together had arguably never been higher, Jim acted to bring people together virtually in weekly meetings to collaborate over information and options. Jim's effort was instrumental in continuing the cohesion and decisiveness that MASMS is known and respected for. I am sure that even beyond the time that he serves as Past President, Jim's professionalism and ingenuity will continue to enrich MASMS for all of us.

I also wish to acknowledge the efforts that have been less visible but are just as vital, the work between our MASMS educational and business members to support each other when information and challenges to overcome were and are changing daily, often by the hour. As fast as COVID-19 was and will be with its challenges, our members prove that the MASMS toolbox is a deep and rich resource of new tools to help all members respond effectively and efficiently. The speed and willingness to communicate and the collective resourcefulness between all of us is something that all members should be proud of.

Finally, it is my privilege to acknowledge the tireless work of our Executive Administrator, Ruth Kraemer. Her organization, communication and keen insight has always astounded and benefited us and continues to be an anchor for all of us in this storm. Thank you, Ruth, for everything you do.

My focus as our 41st President will be to continue and magnify the efforts that President Leuer and the Executive Board have set forth. Their work has preserved and enhanced the development and continuation of MASMS's high standards, provided the means for discourse and educational opportunity, and supported local education, as well as our State and Federal agencies. In short, I will act as we all do, as one from many; as members of MASMS.

We are all doing our part to see us through this trial and while it already has been difficult, and may become even more so, the vision and mission of MASMS will be only stronger as a result.

Thank you for your commitment and the opportunity to serve as your new President.

E Pluribus Unum.

**Colin Green, MASMS 41<sup>st</sup> State President**



**Colin Green,**  
**MASMS 41<sup>st</sup> State President**

## Overview of MASMS Facility Manager Certification Program

**Purpose of the Program** | The purpose of the certification program is to develop a knowledge base for Building and Grounds/Facility leaders to provide safe and healthful educational facilities in the State of Minnesota.

**Benefits** | The process of achieving and maintaining certification helps ensure that you are continually improving and refining your skills. Certification can improve overall performance, develop competency, and widen market opportunities. Certification enhances credibility with your Administration, School Board and the Community.

**What it Takes to Become Certified** | To obtain certification, an applicant must complete 52 hours of MASMS Certification Curriculum. The required curriculum is divided into five modules. Each module is sub-divided into multiple courses.

1. Boot Camp
2. Health and Safety
3. Electives
4. CPS Certification
5. Finance

**13 MASMS Members Completed the MASMS Certification in 2020 | See Page 4**

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# 2020 MASMS Facility Manager Certification

**Congratulations to these MASMS Members Who Completed the Required Curriculum for the MASMS Facility Manager Certification!**



**Carri Anonby**  
Faribault



**Russel Bode**  
Goodridge



**Javilyn Jodsaas**  
Prior Lake-Savage

**Sharon Petersen**  
Minneapolis

**Mitch Kaeter**  
Alexandria



**Seth Putz**  
Lake of the Woods



**Scott Stockdale**  
Pine Island



**Joe Belde**  
Holy Spirit School



**Shawn Draves**  
Edina



**Alex Winn**  
Columbia Heights



**David Johnson**  
Robbinsdale



**Bill Schwartz**  
Forest Lake



**Todd Vrklan**  
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**Congratulations on your accomplishment!**

## \$1000 Grant Award

Each year MASMS awards a MASMS Member school a \$1,000 Grant Award. The project theme this year is “getting students involved in a facility and/or grounds project”.

**This year’s recipient of the \$1000 Grant is Hayfield Schools.**

### Project overview:

Our School just went through two years of construction on our building, and the one thing that did not receive a face lift are the grounds around the exterior of the building. We will be adding landscaping of different variations around trees, boulevards, and unsightly culverts, to dress things up and enhance the look of our beautiful school. The students will be response to figure out what material is needed, how much is needed, and what equipment we need to do the project.

The project will begin this spring. This will be a great time to complete this project and bring staff & Students back together after this tough time we have all had dealing with Covid.

Thank you so much!  
Terry Picha, Facilities & Grounds Director  
Hayfield Community Schools



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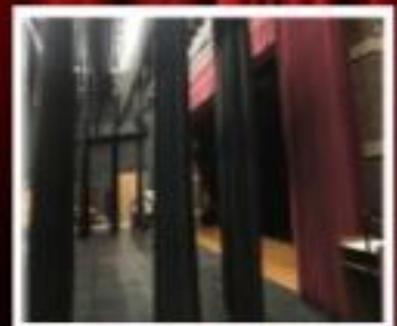
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## Note from Ruth, MASMS Administrator

MASMS has always been proud to have the opportunity to bring together so many dedicated, hard working building and ground leaders and staff, and business partners at the annual MASMS Conference.

The conference brings attendees the unique opportunity to interact with the men and women who have dedicated their professional lives to the care of Minnesota Educational facilities and all who use them.

I personally really struggled with having to cancel the Conference this year. I thoroughly enjoy organizing the MASMS Conference. It brings me joy to be part of this great group and the opportunity for everyone to meet under one roof, sharing ideas, stories and laughs.

The good news is, planning is already underway for next year! The 2021 Conference will be held on Thursday September 30th and Friday October 1st, 2021.

Here's looking forward to 2021!  
Ruth Kraemer, MASMS Administrator

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# 2020 Scholarship Contributors

Due to the generous support from MASMS Members, MASMS awarded \$15,000 to children of members in 2020!

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## Thank you to all who contributed to the MASMS Scholarship Fund

The MASMS Scholarship Committee donates time to the setup and selection of the MASMS Scholarship recipients each year. Mr. Scott Clemente, ServPro Minnetonka is the Scholarship Committee Chair. Thank you to the MASMS Scholarship Committee!



### Tribute to Fred King | Inspec

*The following tribute was to be posted at the Conference. Taken in part from a tribute written by Dick Phillip.*

Fred King was a long time MASMS member who passed this past year. He was on the Education and Conference Committees and always there to help when help was needed.

.... A big part of Fred's portfolio was representing Inspec in association groups. Being active with these groups was always an excellent way of meeting people. That also meant attending various meeting, sub-committee or board meetings, trade shows, conferences and conventions.

You could learn a lot just shaking hands with Fred. His handshake had three parts. First the shake, not too strong, not too soft, and you felt comfortable. Second was the smile and you felt more comfortable. Third was the ice breaker and you felt like there was nobody else in the room and the conversation was going to be about you.

Fred's true passion was elevating the professionalism of our industry and promoting scholarships. That was his niche. He was a real friend of MASMS.

Matt Miller of the Education Committee said "If you look for synonyms in the English dictionary, I am almost certain that education is synonymous with Fred. I don't think I ever told Fred this, but I originally thought that AFE stood for the Association of Fred's Engineering.

Fred's relentless desire to elevate professionals in the facilities world results in too many accomplishments to mention. One of the most recent examples I was glad to see Fred experience, was the proclamation from the Governor to declare October 4, 2019 as Minnesota Educational Facilities Management Professionals Day. Fred was so secretive to make this a surprise to the MASMS membership and that was how he preferred to operate.

Fred's equation could not be more simple; more educated facility professionals = better maintained facilities."

Fred also did a lot for other organizations in Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and nationally. The future will be better because of Fred.

He cared about everybody and so often, behind the scenes reached out to many in times of hardship; true grace".



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## UPCOMING MASMS EVENTS

10/13/20	MASMS Metro Zoom Meeting
10/14/20	MASMS Southern Chapter Meeting
10/15/20	MASMS No/NW/West Zoom Meeting
11/10/20	MASMS Metro Zoom Meeting
11/11/20	MASMS Southern Chapter Meeting
11/19/20	MASMS No/NW/West Zoom Meeting
12/8/20	MASMS Metro Zoom Meeting
12/16/20	MASMS Southern Zoom Meeting
12/17/20	MASMS No/NW/West Zoom Meeting

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2nd Edition of the MASMS Newsletter  
in Mid-October!*



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