

MASMS Day on the Hill | Wednesday March 22, 2023

This day is a valuable opportunity for MASMS Members to educate the Minnesota Legislature about the important role Building and Grounds play in Minnesota Educational Systems.

This is the time to meet with your Legislators and talk about the expertise MASMS offers as facility issues are debated. The importance of meeting with your legislators on behalf of MASMS cannot be understated.

Wednesday March 22, 2023 | 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM | Room B15, Minnesota State Capitol

Members attending should schedule Legislator visits between 10:30AM – 1:30 PM
How to contact your legislator to setup a meeting? See information below!

Schedule:	9:30 AM	Organizational Meeting with coffee & rolls.
	10:30 AM– 1:30 PM	Members meet with their legislators (preset meetings).
	11:30 AM -12:30 PM	Lunch will be served between appointments.

Transportation: Carpooling and drive in.

Due to the low interest in using busses, members that attend will drive to the capitol or carpool. When you sign up, parking instructions and maps will be provided.

We STRONGLY encourage carpooling. We need more carpools. Please contact the MASMS office if you are interested in providing a carpool. **MASMS will cover the mileage cost.** If you plan to utilize one of these carpools, let the MASMS office know when you sign up for this event.

Carpool sites and rides that we have so far:

Carpool #1: New Prague | Northfield | Burnsville *Kain Smith is driving this carpool, room for 5 riders.*

Meet at 7:30 AM at: 502 Kennedy Ave NW, New Prague, MN

Pickup at 8:00 AM at: Park & Ride at 1569 Hwy-19 Blvd, Northfield, MN

Pickup at 8:35 AM at: Burger King, 14251 Nicollet Ave, Burnsville, MN

Arrive at the capital at 9:10 AM.

Carpool #2: St. Joseph | Monticello | Maple Grove *Ruth Kraemer is driving this carpool, room for 5 riders.*

Meet 7:00 AM at: St. Joseph Park & Ride, 30268 W. MN Street, St. Joseph MN

Pickup 7:35 AM at: McDonald's, 100 Oakwood Drive E., Monticello, MN

Pickup 8:20 AM at: Transit Station, 12350 Main St. No, Maple Grove, MN

Arrive at the capital at 9:05 AM.



Additional Information that will be provided when you sign up:

1. Suggestions and guidelines for your visit with your legislator.
2. MASMS 2023 Legislative School Facilities Platform

To Sign up: Email the MASMS Office at office@masms.org.

How to setup an appointment with your Legislator:

For a successful event, members need to setup appointments with their legislators.

If you work in one district and live in another, you could meet with both of them.

- Step 1:** Click here to find your legislators: <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>
(Reach out to your State Representative and your State Senator!)
- Step 2:** Click here for the most current phone numbers for your legislator:
<https://www.leg.mn.gov/leg/legdir>
- Step 3:** Call your legislator to setup an appointment on March 22, 2023 between 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.
- Introduce yourself. Name, position and where you work. If you are a resident of their district, let them know that too.
 - State your purpose for wanting a meeting: That you will be there with MASMS, the Minnesota Association that represents K-12 Educational Facilities. That you want to briefly cover why funding for school facilities is so important and cover the MASMS 2023 school facilities platform.
- Step 4:** Email the MASMS office (office@masms.org) with your legislator's name and the time you are meeting.



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Message from the Board



Megan Pehrson
Northern
Chapter Director

Happy February MASMS Members!

This is my first message from the board, so I wanted to start by introducing myself. My name is Megan, and I am the Buildings & Grounds Administrative Assistant for the Grand Rapids School District and your Northern Chapter Director for MASMS.

I started my position with the school in August 2021. One of the first tasks I did in my position was to sign our Facilities Director and myself up for the MASMS Conference in late September. I was about two months into my position at the time of the conference, and I remember feeling completely overwhelmed.

We had nine buildings, 36 department staff, and countless vendors and contractors that we work with regularly, and I was trying to grasp it all WHILE going through arguably the craziest time of the year, AKA the start of the school year.

My lack of knowledge and confidence in my position made me VERY nervous about attending the conference for the first time. This was also my first job after graduating college, so I had no idea what to expect and honestly, movies/tv make conferences look boring compared to what I ended up experiencing at the MASMS conference.

The conference ended up being a turning point for me in my position. Between the keynote speakers, classes, and networking with vendors and educational members, I learned more about my position and building operations than I ever knew was possible in that amount of time. The Facilities Director that I attended the conference with took me to all the vendors' booths that we work with, and I was able to get to know them and their companies better. I attended the Fire Marshal class, and it made our inspections that November go so much smoother because I knew what to expect.

I am so thankful I didn't let my nerves get the best of me and chose to attend that first conference because it is why I am on the board and so actively a part of MASMS. All the members at MASMS are such valuable resources, and I strongly believe that I am better at my job because of all of you and what we have to offer as a group.

I want to encourage anyone newer to their position or nervous about attending events like I was, to step out of their comfort zone and attend a chapter meeting or participate in any of our events. I promise it will be worth it.

Everyone is so welcoming and helpful, and our biggest goal as a board is to get more members to participate, so your presence is ALWAYS wanted and appreciated!

Stay warm everybody!
Megan

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Vendor Corner

Lasting Lessons from "The Empire Builder"



Like many people, I had heard of James J. Hill and knew about his old mansion on Summit Avenue in St. Paul, but I didn't know much about the man himself. James J. Hill went from a teenager working the Mississippi River to becoming one of the most powerful railroad tycoons this country has ever seen. Reading more about him, I found it interesting that a lot of the work habits and business strategies he used 150 years ago still ring true today – some things and ideas just don't go out of style when it comes to improving your skills and running a business. In my next few MASMS vendor articles I will highlight his life and focus in on some things that made him so successful:

Humble Beginnings / Great Experience: James J. Hill was born in Ontario in 1838 and faced some significant adversities during his childhood. At the age of nine he was blinded in one eye in a bow and arrow mishap, and his father died when he was only 14 years old forcing him to drop out of school to work to support his family. His first job was clerking in a general store where he earned one dollar a week. Hill was a good employee, eager to learn, and he quickly became proficient at double-entry bookkeeping and became knowledgeable about customers, the trade industry, and moving merchandise. This first job would be one in a line of jobs that Hill worked in his early career that provided valuable experience and a working knowledge of many things that would later propel him to huge success.

At the time, St. Paul was a very important and strategic city as it was located near the confluence of the major rivers in the state; furs moved south and supplies and settlers moved north into the "wilderness". In 1856 there were 837 different boats that stopped at St. Paul to load and unload, and the riverfront docks were full of business, trade, and shipping. James Hill came to St. Paul when he was just seventeen, planning on heading upriver to learn the fur trade, but by the time he got there the last boat had left for the season so he stayed in St. Paul. He got a job as a passenger and freight agent for a steamboat company and his strong bookkeeping skills and his willingness to keep taking on more responsibility helped him move up the ladder quite quickly. His ability to keep clear and accurate records, learned from his childhood days working at the local general store, clearly helped him succeed at this job too.

Hill continued to move along in his early career, working for a wholesale merchant company in 1859 and then a wholesale grocer in 1860, all the while keeping his eyes and ears open and learning everything he could about shipping and moving goods and general business practices and how to make a profit. In 1872 he started a steamboat business on the Red River, and he introduced coal as a more efficient fuel for steamboats and locomotives even though it was more expensive and less common than wood fuel. As a result, he started the Northwestern Fuel Company in 1875 which became very profitable.

One trait, of many, that James J. Hill had was that he felt very strongly that, as a leader and businessman, he needed to get out personally and talk to customers, see the various parts of his business, try to get out and actually see for himself what was happening on the front lines of his business. One of his stock phrases was that he wanted to be "where the money is being spent". He wanted to talk to customers and actually put his own boots on the ground.

Over time, Hill started to become interested and enthused about the huge expansion of the railroad system going on at this time in our country's history. He had gained valuable first-hand experience and knowledge about the entire trade industry, moving products, pricing shipping and important basic business acumen. At this same time, a little railroad called the St. Paul and Pacific was struggling and this caught Hill's eye as another potential business opportunity. Tune in next month to find out more about how Hill's early jobs and career helped position him to become one of the biggest railroad tycoons in the country.

Some lessons from this article?:

Keep your eyes and ears open, be eager to learn new things, you never know how things you learn today might help you in the future. Get your "boots on the ground", get out and see your customers, see for yourself how things are going in your business. Go "where the money is spent" as Hill would say.



Welcome New Educational Members

Brendon Hart, Henning ISD
Dawn Ewer, Osseo ISD
Kevin Harris, Richfield ISD
Hayley Heidelberg, Prior-Lake Savage ISD
Waylon Lekander, Carlton Schools
Tim Lahti, University of Minnesota

Welcome New Business Members

Katie Zellmar, Urban Elevator Service MN
Dean Paulsrud, Assured Security
Leah Smith, H + U Construction
Bert Windhorst, Snow Removal Group LLC
Preston Kroska, Snow Removal Group LLC
Logan Davey, Mobile Radio Engineering, Inc.

WELCOME



Welcome to the New State Executive Board Member

**Scott Hrouda, St. Paul ISD
MASMS State Secretary**

"Ruth asked me to share a little something about myself, so here goes nothing!

I was raised in Grand Rapids Minnesota and represented the "black & orange" in football and swimming while somehow managing to graduate in 1988. After graduation I moved to Saint Paul to "follow my dreams" which really meant attending class at Hamline University and getting a job.

My career path started in the early 1990's security industry working my way up from night watchman to management. I transitioned to commercial real estate management in 1997 via industry connections. With the exception of a brief foray into the wholesale plumbing product industry (story for another day), I managed retail, commercial and office property operations in Minneapolis, Bloomington and Saint Paul until 2011. During this 14+ year period I survived 5 different ownership groups while maintaining the same buildings, desk and telephone number! In 2012 I joined Saint Paul Public Schools as a Maintenance Supervisor and was promoted to Assistant Director of Facilities in 2021. My current role entails management of the custodial, maintenance, grounds and distribution (trucking) teams within Facilities.

My wife Tracy, son Aaron, daughter Belah and I are a sports-centered family having enjoyed playing & coaching a variety of sports including baseball, softball, basketball, football, volleyball, tennis, wrestling and badminton over the years. We

enjoy backpacking, camping, canoeing and fishing between sports commitments. Proud residents of Newport, our children attend East Ridge high school in South Washington County Public Schools.

I've previously served my community as a youth baseball & football coach, SoWashCo ISD 833 redistricting committee member, SoWashCo elementary PTO President, ERAA youth football board member and MMSA union Executive Board member; not to mention the countless "volunteer" hours selling tickets, slinging hotdogs and dragging fields!

I'm honored to serve as your State Secretary and will do my very best to further the growth of this incredible organization."

Thank you, Scott



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The MASMS Scholarship Committee is accepting essays from sons and daughters of all dues-paying and life members (**educational and business members**) of MASMS who are high school seniors graduating in 2023 or are currently a post-secondary student attending a post secondary school in the United States.

The MASMS Tom Robinson Memorial Scholarship program is in memory of a long time employee with the Hopkins School District in the field of maintenance. He was instrumental in writing software for the State Department of Energy and served on multiple MASMS committees for many years.

HOW TO APPLY

All applications and essays will be submitted electronically using the link below. You will receive an email confirmation once you submit your application. When you click on the link, complete the application form and submit your essay by April 15, 2023. (You may also go to www.masms.org and select "2023 Student Scholarship" to submit your information.)

1. Essay specifications:

- a. Maximum of two pages, type written, double spaced narrative.
- b. Financial need is not a consideration.
- c. This essay should NOT have your name on it, or any reference within its context that would identify the applicant or his/her MASMS parent. (We do not want the judges to know who the applicant is.)
- d. Essay should contain:
- e. Personal data to include school, community activities in which you have participated during high school and/or post secondary (e.g. student government, music, sports, church work, volunteer work, etc.)
- f. Discussion of awards and honors you have received.
- g. Description of your work experience (without any reference to a business which may be owned by your parent). Include how long you have worked at each job and the number of hours worked per week.
- h. Discussion of your grade point average. While the committee will not base scholarship awards on the highest grade point average, they do feel that some discussion on this topic is appropriate.
- i. Your educational goals and aspirations.

All information will be reviewed by the MASMS scholarship Selection Committee. **Awards will be announced by letter in early May 2023.** Checks will be issued after proof of enrollment has been received.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The number of scholarships awarded will be based on available funds. Awards will range from \$250 to \$1500 per person. Each person may receive a lifetime limit of \$2000.

Applicants will need to have a google account to submit this form.

Link: <https://forms.gle/aDxjApyrbZMxPvbF8>

Please note:

You must be a registered member of MASMS. Children of all business and educational members are eligible; grandchildren are NOT eligible.

If you have any questions, please email Scott Clemente at: scott@servpro10278.com or the MASMS Office at office@masms.org



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The advertisement features a collage of images showing dust removal work in a large indoor space with a skylight and a worker using a machine. Below this is a photo of a white van with the company logo parked in front of Perham High School. The bottom section contains the company logo and text: "Elevated Surface Cleaning", "Difficult Access SPECIALISTS", "We specialize in quality, environmentally safe DUST REMOVAL for large commercial projects.", and "Plus Window Cleaning and Hard Water Spot Removal".



MASMS Chapter Meetings are Back: Where are the members?

MASMS is seeing lower attendance at events than we have in years.

The Executive Board and Chapter Leadership is hoping for your help in changing this!

We want, **we need**, your ideas and suggestions. Here are some statements and questions to get the conversation going.

Would you attend more chapter meetings if they were held less often?

What can we change at chapter meetings that would make it easier for you to attend –time change, location change, etc.?

Do the educational topics at the meetings help you determine if you will attend the meetings?

Are specific issues not being discussed leading you to not attend?

Please, if you have ideas, email the MASMS office at office@masms.org.

We will also be sending out a survey in late February addressing this issue, when you see that survey, please take a minute to fill it out!

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Call for Educational Session Proposals

MASMS 2023 Fall Conference | October 5 & 6, 2023

MASMS is inviting proposals for educational breakout sessions for the 2023 MASMS Conference.

Education is a very important part of our conference each year. Our member's assistance in delivering high quality educational sessions is truly appreciated.

- Ideas for presentations are listed below – or come up with your own ideas for topics that you think may be of interest to our members.
- Presentations should be 50 minutes in length.
- Presentations should be product and vendor neutral. The endorsement of certain products or vendors must be avoided.
- If you are selected you could be scheduled for either of the two days. If you cannot present on one of these specific dates, please indicate.

Dates: Thursday October 5th, 2023 & Friday October 6th, 2023

Location: Holiday Inn & Suites, St. Cloud Minnesota

If you are selected you could be scheduled for either of the two days.

Submittals are due by March 15, 2023. Please provide this information and email to office@masms.org:

- 100-word descriptor of the course.
- A short professional bio of the presenter.

Submittals will be reviewed & selected by the Education Committee in April. You will be notified if you are or are not selected.

Some Ideas!

Hiring Procedures: How to interview and be interviewed; roundtable practice sessions on interviewing.

Custodial Operations: Custodial Staffing Levels; Effective Hiring Procedures; Custodial Supervision & Evaluation; Equipment & Selection

Building Systems: Boiler Operator Review; HVAC Maintenance; Energy Benchmarking; Lighting; Building Automation Systems

Environmental Health & Safety: Health & Safety 101; Indoor Air Quality; Playground Safety; Health & Safety Funding Basics; ADA Education; Crisis Planning

Maintenance Operations: Building Envelope Maintenance; Roof Maintenance; Preventive Maintenance; Grounds Maintenance; MN Building Codes & Construction Practices

Financial Management: Capital Plan Development; School Finance 101; Life Cycle Cost Analysis; Public Relations Skills; MN Buildings Codes & Construction Practices

Leadership: Public Relations; Labor Negotiations; Bargaining Basics; How to Build Consensus; Public Relations Skills; Staff Development

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Peter Lindstrom, Manager, Public Sector & Community Engagement

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Health & Safety The MASMS Health & Safety Committee supplies information for this section. If you have a specific topic you would like to see covered, let the MASMS office know.

Training and Retraining Mid-Year Hires

In the January Health and Safety article we shared survey results from our MASMS members which revealed that districts have solid plans to ensure their Building and Grounds employees are well trained to protect them from unnecessary injuries.

But what about employees who are hired mid-year? What are districts doing to ensure they are aware of the inherent dangers associated with their duties? **Statistics show the majority of employee injuries happen within the first 6 months of employment.**

January's Health and Safety Tool Box Talk focused on Buildings and Grounds employee safety training for new employees hired mid-year. Your Human Resources department may have information like this in place but the following is a summary of what your fellow MASMS members recommend you include in your hiring checklist to provide new employees a positive start to their employment and to best protect them as they start their careers in Educational Facility service:

- A job description which identifies their supervisor and their specific priorities, duties and expectations as well as a review of the goals and purpose of your department
- A walk through of their assigned areas and training on the equipment and chemicals they will use as well as physical dangers they should be aware of in that space
- Emergency procedures and contacts including armed intruder recommendations.

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- Blood Borne Pathogen, Employee Right to Know and Safety Data Sheet training (at a minimum), back safety and ladder training
- Safe clothing and footwear recommendations
- An introduction to their co-workers and the non-work routines such as where to park, where to eat lunch/dinner/breaks, personal lockers, check emails/work orders (Take time to help them initially login to any school based computer programs using their passwords)
- Provide them with the employee handbook and the union handbook. Ask them to bring you two questions the next day.

These were the recommendations which were suggested regularly in our discussion and can be used as a review or in some cases, a starting point, in defining the process you want to use when onboarding new employees.

MASMS schools have good paying and secure jobs to offer members of our community. Getting a new employee started on a positive note helps them stay safe, shows they are important to you and the district and reinforces that they have chosen an employer who cares about them.

Join Us the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Our monthly Health and Safety discussions will continue in February via Zoom. If you have questions or topics you'd appreciate getting other MASMS member's input on please email me and I will be sure to include it in our chat.

You don't need to wait for a Zoom meeting however!

If you have questions you can contact me or any MASMS member at any time and support will be there.

Remember you can send requests for input to Ruth also and she will send out a blast for all members to share their experiences with you.

The days are getting longer! Enjoy your last full month and winter.

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Seven Mood-Lifting Ideas For a Cozier Home This Winter

It's been a long day at work and you just want to get home and relax on your deck. But *nooooooo*, it's already dark outside and that chill in the air is telling you it's time to pull out your parka. OK, inside it is. But then it hits you: Indoors feels more like a dank cave than a welcoming oasis. *Depressing.*

You don't have to succumb to the winter blahs. Just implement a few of these ideas, and you'll be warm and comfy inside until winter's worst blows over.

#1 Clean Your Light Fixtures and Bulbs

Your home will appear 30% brighter -- without turning on more lights.

#2 Keep the Cold Air Out

It's not just window and door leaks killing your cozy vibe. Don't forget to plug stealthy gaps around recessed lights, electrical boxes, and wall outlets. Use a lit incense stick or scented candle to hunt down drafty spots while leaving behind a cozy scent.

#3 Dig Out Your Slow Cooker

Nothing says warm and cozy like opening the door to an enticing aroma that makes your mouth water. Even better, slow cookers are more energy efficient than electric ovens, typically using less energy than a light bulb.

#4 Bring Home Some Nature

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#5 Vacuum With Your Thermostat Fan On
 Run the fan to help filter dust that gets kicked up while cleaning. Leave it on for about 15 minutes after you finish vacuuming, and switch it back to auto afterward. HVAC blowers aren't intended to run all the time.

#6 Change the Furnace / AC Filter
 Change your filter every couple months (monthly if you have pets) to prevent excess dust and allergens from circulating. All that bad air just gets you down.

#7 Let the Sunlight In (It'll Make You Happy)
 Clean your windows. Sparkling glass not only lets more natural light into your home, it's a feel-good task, according to a survey by the American Clean Institute. When ACI asked consumers what clean surfaces make them happy, gleaming windows made the top five above a spotless sink. Besides all that, daylighting is a great mood booster.

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Upcoming Training Opportunities

MASMS Special Training at ALL April 2023 Chapter Meetings Connections Matter | Communication & Leadership—Presenter: Holly Hoffman

When you hear there is going to be a leadership presentation what goes through your mind?
"That's for our manager to attend." or "Those are common sense things I've heard before."

Holly Hoffman will shatter that mindset with her program on communication & leadership. EVERYONE possesses leadership and communication skills that come out in our daily actions **no matter what role we are performing**, whether it's at work, as a parent, as a volunteer, or a supportive friend.

Holly is a professional motivational speaker, a native of South Dakota and the author of *Your Winner Within* and *Write Yourself a Note*. Holly acknowledges that life is made up of challenges, and we are oftentimes faced with situations that seem insurmountable. But within each of us is an ability to focus our thoughts, emotions, and energy to succeed—if only we have the knowledge, tools, and discipline to do so.

This program is laced with humor to reinforce the motivation and inspiration of what it takes to survive in the real world.

This program will be offered:

April 11, 2023	Metro Chapter, Bloomington MN
April 12, 2023	Southern Chapter, Rochester MN
April 18, 2023	West Chapter, Fergus Fall MN
April 19, 2023	NW Chapter, Bemidji MN
April 20, 2023	North Chapter, Baxter MN

Agenda at each location:

9:00 AM	Registration and Coffee
9:30 AM	Program by Holly Hoffman
11:30 AM	Networking & business meeting.
Noon	Lunch

General Objectives:

- The Importance of a Team
- Framework for Leadership
- Communication and Leadership does not have to be Complex

Specific Concepts Covered:

- Leadership fosters creativity.
- Leadership is an ability.
- How to create that special team.
- Everyday we have one second opportunities.
- Talk, listen, show and share.
- Model the behavior you want to see.
- Connect with people.
- Involve others as much as possible.
- The foundation behind leadership.
- Face to face communication.

We invite you to bring your staff to this special event, even if they are not MASMS members.

To Register:

Go to the MASMS website: www.masms.org;
Select "Member Login" (Top of the window)
Enter your username (first initial and last name)
Enter password "masms" (unless you changed it)
Select "Meeting Registration" (left hand side);
Select the Meeting you would like to attend.
Enter your name and school/organization.
Select the send button.

As always, contact the MASMS office with questions and/or issues with registration.
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Upcoming Training Opportunities *(Continued from page 14)*

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MASMS will partner with the MN Chief Engineers Guild to offer this training AND testing. | *Details will be published within a few weeks.*

February Chapter Meetings

Metro Chapter - Tuesday February 14, 2023, Parkview Room at the Mall of America, 5204 Center Court, Bloomington, MN 55425

- 9:00 Registration & Welcome at 9:20
- 9:30 Safe & Secure Strategies, Troy Miller, LHB
- 10:30 Systems, Materials, Hardware & Controls, Troy Miller, LHB
- 11:30 Business Meeting and Business Minute with lunch at Noon

North Chapter Meeting - Thursday February 16, 2023, Timberlake Lodge, 144 SE 17th Street, Grand Rapids, MN

- 9:00 Coffee and Registration
- 9:30 Hazardous Waste, IEA
- 10:30 Facility Budgeting 101, Lori Bauer, Climate Makers
- 11:30 Meeting & Networking and lunch at Noon

Southern Chapter Meeting - Wednesday February 22, 2023 So Central Service Coop, 2075 Lookout Dr, North Mankato, MN 56003

- 9:00 Social Time, Coffee and Rolls & Welcome at 9:25
- 9:30 The Key to Successful Roof Maintenance, Dale Meierhofer, Inspec.
- 10:30 Professional Wireless Communications, Mitch Aker, PWC
- 11:30 Vendor Minute
- 11:45 Lunch & Business Meeting

Northwest Chapter Meeting - Wednesday February 22, 2023, Ralph Engelstad Arena, 525 Brooks Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN

- 9:00 Coffee and Registration
- 9:30 The Importance of Accurate Asset Management, Brian Boelter, BLB
- 10:30 Project Management Steps to Follow, Brian Boelter, BLB
- 11:00 Vendor Minutes
- 11:30 Lunch and Networking

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Upcoming Training Opportunities *(Continued from page 15)*

BOOT CAMP

Boot Camp Information

The MASMS Boot Camp is specifically designed to provide training for facility professionals. It is of great value for newly employed facilities managers or seasoned veterans.



Dates & Time: Wednesday July 19th & Thursday July 20th, 2023
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM on Wednesday evening.

Location Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN

Cost MASMS covers the cost of this training. This includes cost of class, hotel rooms, and meals.

The following Topics will be Covered

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| Standards | Best Practices | Equipment Needs | Budgets | Management Tools |
| Inspections | Checklists | Staff Management | Training | |

Course Description This course will provide practical experience and proven techniques to help improve skills in the facilities management field. We will describe today's best maintenance practices and show how other schools have developed high performance facility departments.

Instructors This course is taught by seasoned experienced facility staff from public schools. Mike Boland (No St. Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale ISD #622), Scott Hogen (Mankato Schools), Chris Pint (Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan ISD#196) and Laura Masley (Elk River Schools), that have over 75 years of combined experience!

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Ron Bratlie, President of ABC Educational Services is offering to provide FREE consulting services to MASMS members regarding School District finance, budgeting, administrative policies and procedures, and new construction and renovation planning.

Ron has been a MASMS member for over 25 years and was State President in 2007. He has over 40 years of school district administrative experience and has received several local, state, and national awards for his involvement in planning and construction of energy efficient and environmentally friendly school buildings at Elk River. His contact information is ronbratlie@gmail.com and 763-360-2539.

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MASMS Calendar

February 14, 2023	MASMS Metro Chapter Meeting
February 16, 2023	MASMS Northern Chapter Meeting
February 22, 2023	MASMS Southern Chapter Meeting
February 22, 2023	MASMS Northwest Chapter Meeting
March 14, 2023	MASMS Metro Chapter Meeting
March 15, 2023	MASMS West Chapter Meeting
March 16, 2023	MASMS Northern Chapter Meeting
March 17, 2023	MASMS Southern Chapter Meeting
April 11, 2023	MASMS SPECIAL Metro Chapter Meeting
April 12, 2023	MASMS SPECIAL Southern Chapter Meeting
April 18, 2023	MASMS SPECIAL West Chapter Meeting
April 19, 2023	MASMS SPECIAL Northwest Chapter Meeting
April 20, 2023	MASMS SPECIAL Northern Chapter Meeting
May 9, 2023	MASMS STATE MEETING—Airport Tour
June 13 – 14, 2023	Metro Custodial/Grounds/Maintenance Days
June 20, 2023	NO/NW/West Custodial Grounds/Maintenance Days
June 22, 2023	Southern Custodial/Grounds Maintenance Days
June 27, 2023	2nd NO/NW/West Custodial Grounds/Maintenance Days
July 19-20, 2023	Boot Camp
October 4, 2023	MASMS GOLF EVENT CONFERENCE
October 5, 2023	MASMS CONFERENCE/TRADE SHOW
October 6, 2023	MASMS CONFERENCE