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President's Report

by Scott Ellingson
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The **Masonry Institute of Iowa** has had a busy first half of 2016. We welcomed our new Director-- Jennifer Stephenson. Jenny brings years of association experience to the MII and this experience will help us again be the best resource for efficient masonry design, durable masonry products and quality masonry contractors in the state of Iowa.

Also, the first half of 2016 provided a robust masonry market. Masonry construction has been good and our supplier and mason contractor members have been busy meeting the market's needs. This robust market is expected to continue thru the remainder of 2016.

The Masonry Institute of Iowa will be busy in the second half of 2016 also.

The current list of upcoming events includes our annual events – MII Foundation Golf Outing, ISU Student Field Day and the AIA Design Awards.

As President of the MII, I am excited with the direction the MII is headed and look forward to the MII increasing the use of masonry in the construction market. As the MII works to grow masonry's share, please remember this – *The Best Designs Are Executed by Our Members.*

I thank you for your support of the Masonry Institute of Iowa and look forward to being a part of MII's future.



MII Association Director's Report

by Jenny Stephenson
Association Director

The last two and a half months have flown by as I've gotten to meet many of the membership and start to understand masonry. I've participated in a board meeting, a promotional/membership committee meeting and have started planning a golf outing...just to name a few.

With not having a strong masonry background, I've spend a great deal of time learning about brick, block and stone, and participating in the plethora of online training that is offered by the national associations and others. But the best way for me to learn is by 'seeing and doing', and my goal for the rest of the summer is to get out on the road to meet the MII membership.

I would like to set up a time to visit with you, your office and learn about how you advance masonry! Feel free to email me at jstephenson@masonryinstituteofiowa.org or call me at 515-979-8235. I look forward to meeting all of you!

I have also been working with the board to define the Masonry Institute of Iowa's strategic plan. We've been discussing SWOT – strengths, weakness, opportunities,

and threats – to help guide our conversation of defining three to six areas of focus. From there, we will create measurable goals that will help guide where MII is going, thus making our association stronger. Once we have our strategic plan finalized, MII will share it with the membership.

Also, new for this year is a non-MII member pricing for the golf outing. The golf committee felt our outing is a fantastic way to showcase our profession to architects, engineers and contractors all while having fun networking on the golf course. So please look at your contact list, and invite those you work with that are not part of the MII to join us on Wednesday, September 7.

I am also excited to announce that MII has joined AIA, Iowa as an allied member. It has been a few years since we have been members, and I look forward to establishing this relationship, and keeping up with the architectural scene in Iowa.

Lastly, I cannot stress enough about getting involved in your association! We have a great group of volunteers already but we can always use more – please consider volunteering for a position on one of our many committees.

MII News

2016 Spring Seminar Recap - MII held its annual Spring Seminar on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the Coralville Marriot. Nearly 80 architects, engineers, bricklayers, contractors and industry leaders were in attendance for the one day seminar. Programming included: *Masonry Plan and Specification Review with Pat Conway*; *Structural Masonry Notes, Prototypes, and Details with Samuel M. Rubenzer*; *BIM Deliverables Guide for Masonry Contractors with Fred Kinateder* and a panel discussion on *Masonry Design and Constructability Issues*. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Board Reappointments - With the recent changes in staffing and scheduling conflicts for the annual meeting, the MII board voted unanimously to continue all board appointments for the remainder of the year. In 2017, MII will hold elections in accordance to the bylaws.

Call for Committee Members! All committees, with the exception of the Membership/Promotions Committee, meet approximately quarterly via conference call. The Membership/Promotions Committee does meet face-to-face on a quarterly basis. If you are interested in serving on one of MII's committees, or would like additional information, please email Jenny Stephenson at jstephenson@masonryinstituteofiowa.org.

- Annual Meeting and Seminar Committee
- Board Election Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- By-Laws Committee
- Finance Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Architectural Design Award Committee
- Golf Outing Committee
- Student Field Day Committee
- Membership/Promotional Committee

ISU Engineering Student Field Day - On April 26, 2016, 40 ISU engineering students participated in the hands-on experience of actually building a masonry structure in the parking lot by the Town Engineering Building. Brad Perkins, P.E., ISU professor, has been instrumental in getting this event scheduled each year. This event allows the students to create masonry structures or mini Campaniles and experience masonry hands on. The students leave this event with a great appreciation and excitement for masonry. Our thanks to all who contributed their time, labor and materials to make this day a success - Midland Concrete Products-Marshalltown, Scott Ellingson/TCC Materials and the Masonry Institute of Iowa.



Call for Entries - Architectural Design Awards

It's time for masonry to shine – again! This year the **Masonry Institute of Iowa** will be celebrating its 21st anniversary of partnering with AIA , Iowa in conjunction with their annual convention to celebrate the most exquisite designs utilizing masonry on their buildings here in Iowa. MII will present the winners with awards during a special ceremony on Friday morning, September 23.

If you've worked on a great design project using masonry here in Iowa, please encourage the architects to submit their project. Questions? Please contact Jenny Stephenson at 515-979-8235.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 19, 2016.

Submission Materials

For complete submission information, please view the Call for Entries form below. For each project submitted, entrants must provide sufficient photos and plans to illustrate the masonry design, workmanship, and installation details. Entries must be submitted digitally on a CD, flashdrive or sent as a zipped attachment to jstephenson@masonryinstituteofiowa.org. Exterior photographs should include, at a minimum:

- One view of each of the four exposed sides or elevations of the project;
- At least six close-up views of masonry details (the detail photos should clearly show the type of masonry system used);
- One view of the project's immediate environment.

Judging

All complete entries will be judged by a panel of architects from outside Iowa. They will focus on the excellence of each individual project. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Creative use of masonry;
- Structural and architectural design;
- Proper masonry installation details;
- Technical innovations and their influence on design selection; and
- Suitability of design to its environment.

[Click here to download the Call for Entries forms.](#)

2015 MII Design Award Winners



Grand Award - Allen Hospital



**Award of Merit with Distinction
- Indianola Specialty Clinic**



**Award of Merit -
Mitchellville School**

Honorable Mentions: University of Iowa Health Care – Iowa River Landing and Cedar Valley SportsPlex

- Masonry Institute of Iowa -

2016 Scholarship Awardees

For three Iowa high school seniors, the cost for college next year just got a little more affordable, thanks to the **Masonry Institute of Iowa (MII) Foundation's Student Scholarship Program**. The MII scholarship committee selected three Iowa high school graduates to each receive a \$500 scholarship for the 2016/17 school year.



Collin Borkowski, Manilla

Will be attending ISU and majoring in engineering



Nathaniel Byerly, Ankeny

Will be attending DMACC then transferring to ISU and majoring in engineering



James Drummer, Marshalltown

Will be attending ISU and majoring in engineering

For the eleventh year, MII has awarded scholarships to Iowa students in masonry and related architect, engineering or construction career programs. To be eligible, students must be residents of the state and attend an Iowa college or university.



Tournament Club of Iowa
1000 Tradition Dr, Polk City, IA 50226
Wednesday, September 7
4-Person Best Shot | 1:00pm Shotgun
\$125 per MII member

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Proceeds will go to the MII Charles Nicolay Educational Foundation to help fund scholarships for Iowa masonry and construction students. Don't pass up the opportunity to play this superb course or the chance to network with some of the best in the masonry business.

PLEASE CONSIDER ASKING AN ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER YOU WORK WITH TO ATTEND. AS AN INCENTIVE, IF YOU REGISTER A NON-MII MEMBER TO GOLF WITH YOU, HE/SHE CAN REGISTER AT THE SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL PRICE OF \$100/GOLFER.

Organization/Team Name: _____

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Pay by: ☐ credit card ☐ check

**Your registration includes
18 holes of golf, cart, pin
game prizes, winning team
prizes, refreshments,
goodie bag, door prize and a
delicious dinner. THANKYOU
for your support.**

Company Name: _____

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- ☐ *We are currently seeking sponsorships! If your company is interested being a sponsor, please check the box and someone will contact you.*

Please mail registration form along with payment to:

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CALL FOR SPONSORS!

Will You Support the MII Foundation?

All sponsorships will receive signage prominently displayed throughout the tournament, recognition in the program, MII communications (newsletter, social media, etc) and mention during the dinner. See additional benefits below. THANK YOU for your support!

GOLD TEE SPONSORSHIP - \$2,500

- Complimentary registration for two foursomes
- Two hole sponsors with personal representation at hole (includes two additional dinner tickets)
- Opportunity to address the golfers during the outing

SILVER TEE SPONSORSHIP - \$1,500

- Complimentary registration for one foursome
- One hole sponsor with personal representation at hole (includes one additional dinner ticket)

DINNER SPONSORSHIP - \$1,000

- Complimentary registration for two golfers

DOOR PRIZE SPONSOR- \$750

- Your logo printed on all raffle tickets
- Company representative to help draw winning tickets

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR - \$750

- Your logo displayed on the drink tickets and beverage cart
- Company representative to hand out the drink tickets

19th HOLE SPONSOR- \$750

- Your logo printed on the drink ticket for the 19th hole (after golf)
- Company representative to hand out the drink tickets

WINNING TEAM PRIZE SPONSOR - \$500

- Your logo printed on the prize envelopes
- Company representative to hand out prizes

GOODIE BAG SPONSOR - \$400

- Your logo printed on the goodie bag

PRIZE SPONSOR- \$300

- Men's and Women's Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin

HOLE SPONSOR - \$250

- Signage and personal representation at your sponsored hole

Questions? Contact
Jenny Stephenson at

jstephenson@masonryinstituteofiowa.org
or 515-979-8235.

**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD
THE SPONSORSHIP FORM.**



**Thank you
for your
sponsorship!**

New MII Website



The Masonry Institute of Iowa has updated its website - masonryinstituteofiowa.org - to better serve the MII membership and showcase masonry to the construction industry. MII has added a 'Resources' section to the site, and in the coming weeks MII members will receive a login for a members only section and the ability to register for programs online.

Find MII on Social Media

MII is increasing its presence on social media! Make sure to 'like' MII on Facebook and Instagram and 'follow' MII on Twitter!



Industry News



Patrick Sauter Elected NCMA Chairman of the Board for 2016

Patrick Sauter was elected as the 2016 National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) Chairman of the Board during the NCMA Annual Convention, Feb. 24-27, 2016, in Orlando, Fla. Pat is currently Vice President of King's Material Inc. in Cedar Rapids and an active MII member. Congratulations Pat!

MII Appreciation Awards

To recognize excellent examples of the use of brick, block & stone in small and mid-size projects!

**Click HERE to
learn more.**



Building projects must be installed by MII contributing masonry contractors.