

2022

Annual Report





Chris Kufner

Past President

It was an honor and a privilege to serve as the MSES President in 2022 as we marked the culmination of the 125th anniversary of the organization. Prior to the pandemic, MSES began preparing for this by rebranding itself with a new mission and launching its largest fundraising campaign since the 1990's. Read on for more information about the new mission and the fundraising results.

I'm so grateful for the outpouring of support and energy from our members this year. From financial donations to significant hours volunteered by numerous members, it was an amazing year for MSES, as highlighted throughout this report.

The celebration of our 125 th anniversary in conjunction with our 100th MSES Fall Outing was a blast at Grandview Lodge in Brainerd. Fantastic weather allowed us to enjoy several outdoor activities, including the Taste of MSES, golf, food, games, bike rides, a 5k, entertainment, and endless networking to connect our industry!

I am extremely proud of this organization and all it does for our industry, and it's extremely gratifying when I read the list of scholarship recipients listed later in this report, and it's about to get even better! As a result of the fundraising campaign, MSES has a team working on how to use those funds to extend the MSES mission even further! I can't wait to see those results.

125 years! What a resilient organization!

Chris Kufner
2022 President

Our Mission

Established in 1895, MSES is a professional non-profit organization dedicated to investing in Minnesota transportation infrastructure professionals. With over 600 members spanning the public and private sector fields, MSES members contribute professionally as engineers, surveyors, planners, technicians, administrators, sales representatives, contractors, and construction personnel.

Investing in Minnesota Transportation Infrastructure Professionals ensures continued industry excellence, innovation, integrity, and leadership through:

- Attracting and Building Tomorrow's Leaders
- The MSES Annual Scholarship Program awards scholarships to deserving college students who demonstrate strong academic performance along with an interest in working in the Minnesota transportation infrastructure industry.
- Connecting and Engaging Professionals
- MSES values the importance of connecting industry professionals through a variety of networking, social, and educational events offered throughout the year.
- Developing and Growing Meaningful Relationships
- MSES members improve their current industry effectiveness through camaraderie fostered by active event participation, volunteer service, and fundraising opportunities.



Our Accomplishments

- Record attendance at Spring Golf Outing - 288 golfers.
- We celebrated our 125th Anniversary with a grand finale 100th Anniversary of the MSES Fall Outing where we entertained by a comedian and attendees received a commemorative Yeti.
- Amazing turnout for our Fall Outing – 340 people.
- Implemented a Code of Conduct.
- Raised \$170,000 for MSES 125th - above our goal of \$125,000. Another donor, Jim Weinel donated an additional \$50,000 to his named fund.
- Gave away \$44,000 to 22 deserving students through the Scholarship Program.
- We adopted a DEI statement and begun working on community outreach and how to engage with diverse communities.





Board Members

- Kristine Elwood, Second Past President
- John Crawford, Past President
- Chris Kufner, President
- Khani Sahebjam, Vice President
- Mike McCurdy, Secretary/Treasurer
- Keith Farquhar, Membership Committee Chair
- Gus Perron, Emerging Professionals Chair
- Kelly Agosto, Scholarship Chair
- Wendy Schmidt, Events Chair

Committee Chairs

Membership Committee

Keith Farquhar, Chair
Justin Sebens, Vice Chair

Spring Golf Outing Committee

Brian Connolly, Chair
Sean Delmore, Vice-Chair

Scholarship Committee

Kelly Agosto, Chair
Ross Tillman, Vice Chair
Jake Bongard, Vice Chair

Fall Outing Committee

Mike McCurdy, Chair
Heidi Sedlacek, Vice Chair

Winter Event Committee

Wendy Schmidt, Chair
Travis Reff, Vice-Chair

125th Anniversary Committee

Scott McBride, Chair
Brandi Popenhagen, Vice Chair



Financials

Members	618
Membership Dues Revenue	\$20,078.32
Expenses	\$118,802.79
Total Revenue	\$186,467.44
Transferred to the 125th Investment Fund	\$63,392.17
Hiway 125th Investment Fund	\$113,656
Hiway Checking	\$50,443
Hiway Savings	\$5.00
US Bank Legacy Trust	\$772,261
TOTAL ASSETS	\$936,355.84

Scholarship Program

MSES is honored to congratulate each of the following 22 scholarship recipients, reflecting a total of \$44,000 awarded for the 2022-2023 academic year.

North Dakota State University

- Olivia Taylor
- Kaleb Flaagan

University of Minnesota – Duluth

- Owen Dickenson
- Katherine McCabe
- Abby Norman
- John VanKempen

University of St. Thomas

- Morgan Fritz*
- Genevieve Tester

University of North Dakota

- Kaylee Beachler

St. Cloud State University

- Cameron Lazanich
- Jordan VanRisseghem

South Dakota School of Mines

- Samantha Heiberg

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

- Chandler Lallak
- Berit Klein
- Madeline Fidler
- Tessa Edge
- Noah Struck

Iowa State University

- Keaton Westerkamp
- Savannah LaRocque
- Grace Freed
- Shanna Fellows

Michigan Tech

- Chloe Cowen



125th Anniversary

MSES celebrated our 125th anniversary! We raised \$170,000 for MSES 125th - above our goal of \$125,000. Another donor, Jim Weinel donated an additional \$50,000 to his named fund.



125th Anniversary Donors



Platinum Donors - \$20,000 and above

Jim and Sharon Weinel (\$50,000)

Bolton & Menk (\$20,000)

KLJ (\$20,000)

WSB (\$20,000)

Alliant (\$20,000)

Gold Donors - \$5,000 and above

Ames Construction (\$10,000)

SRF Consulting (\$10,000)

Shafer Contracting (\$5,000)

AECOM (\$5,000)

Kraemer (\$5,000)

SEH (\$5,000)

TKDA (\$5,000)

HDR (\$5,000)

Gary Workman (\$5,000) in memory of Ken
Wasnie, Bill Yoerg, Bill Merritt, Bob
McDonald, Gene Ofstead, Ed Heinen, and
Bill Crawford

125th Anniversary Donors



Silver Donors - \$1,000 and above

Tom Parker (\$1,000)
Julie Skallman (\$1,000)
Jason Staebell (\$1,000)
Rachel Contracting (\$1,000)
Martinez Geospatial (\$1,000)
CBS Squared, Inc (\$1,000)
Henning Professional Services (\$1,000)
Thomas Horsch (\$1,000)
Scott Sannes (\$1,000)
Safety Signs (\$1,000)
Laura Amundson (\$1,000)
Bituminous Roadways (\$1,000)
PE Services (\$1,000)

Oman-Delmore Golf Tournament (\$3,130 since 125th effort began; \$5,000 in donations since 2016)

Anonymous honoring George Cochran (\$1,000)

Anonymous honoring Ted Sexton (\$1,000)

Rod Pleton (\$1,200) in memory of Gordon Boldt, Fred Muellerleile, John Tubbesing, Duane Haukebo, Joseph Osendorf, Donald Fashant, Rita McNamara (wife of Larry), Kenneth Anderson, Orville Otterness, Donna Coleman, Joan Smith and Jack Braun

125th Anniversary Donors



New Lifetime Members - \$1,250

Gus Perron (\$1,250)
John Crawford (\$1,250)
Brandi Popenhagen (\$1,250)
Sarah Gladke (\$1,250)
Chris Kufner (\$1,250)
Brian Scott (\$1,250)
Aaron Warford (\$2,500)
Matt Jensen (\$1,250)
Matt Oman (\$1,250)
Craig Johnson (\$1,250)
Kristine Elwood (\$1,250)
Sean Delmore (\$1,250)
Brian Malm (\$1,250)

Friends of MSES - under \$1,000

Duane and Carolyn Blanck (\$125)
Harvey Allen (\$140)
Ted Schoenecker (\$50)
Daniel Dorgan (\$150)

Launched our Swag Shop

We've added personalized MSES apparel and accessories,
available on our website or scan the QR code below.



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MSES LOGO PNG - Men's Premium T-Shirt
\$25.99



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MSES LOGO PNG - Women's Premium T-Shirt
\$25.99



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MSES LOGO PNG - Men's Premium Long Sleeve
T-Shirt
\$28.49



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MSES LOGO PNG - Coffee/Tea Mug
\$15.99



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| It was a great year!

Summary

2022 was an incredibly productive and rewarding year for MSES. Thanks to the help of all members, committees, etc. we were able to make a major impact on the transportation infrastructure community. We had remarkable attendance for our events, most certainly for our spring golf outing and fall outing. We celebrated our 125th anniversary! We enjoyed each others company and raised money while doing it. We made new connections and partnerships which will continue our presence, encourage our mission and we are able to become more resourceful for our organization.

Ultimately, we had a great year and we can't wait to see what 2023 holds for us!

Thank you

Thank You to our 2022 Volunteers!

Committee Members
Scholarship Interviewers
Event Volunteers
Financial Donors
Event Sponsors

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BEFORE YOU GO, BECOME A MEMBER!

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