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## GREETINGS From Your PRESIDENT

July is nearly gone, but planting is still occurring. 2022 has been one strange year. However, in a move more like “normal,” the Drainage Work Group, finally met in-person last week. This is the first in-person meeting in over a year. Mark Morreim attended and reports that it was a good first meeting, focusing on the proposed drainage registry. This was introduced as a bill last session. As introduced, this bill would have required BWSR to maintain an accessible data base of documentation on all public ditch repairs and maintenance procedures. A waiting period would also be required before work could be done. As it was introduced, this bill was questionable. The outcome of this won’t be known for months, but MNLICA will be watching and participating in crafting something that works.

In other news, the LICA Summer Meetings just occurred in St. Charles, Missouri. A number of Minnesotans attended. There are committees dedicated to everything from septic systems to membership to drainage water management. One exciting piece of news is that a LICA health program is on the way. Stay tuned for more information! These busy summer days are important for our bottom lines, but remember that a little down time is important, too. I can’t recall

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the jobs I’ve done over the years, but I do remember vacations and county fairs with my wife and kids. Life is too short to just spend it working.

Be safe and enjoy the summer!

Stu Frazeur , MNLICA President



## FEATURES

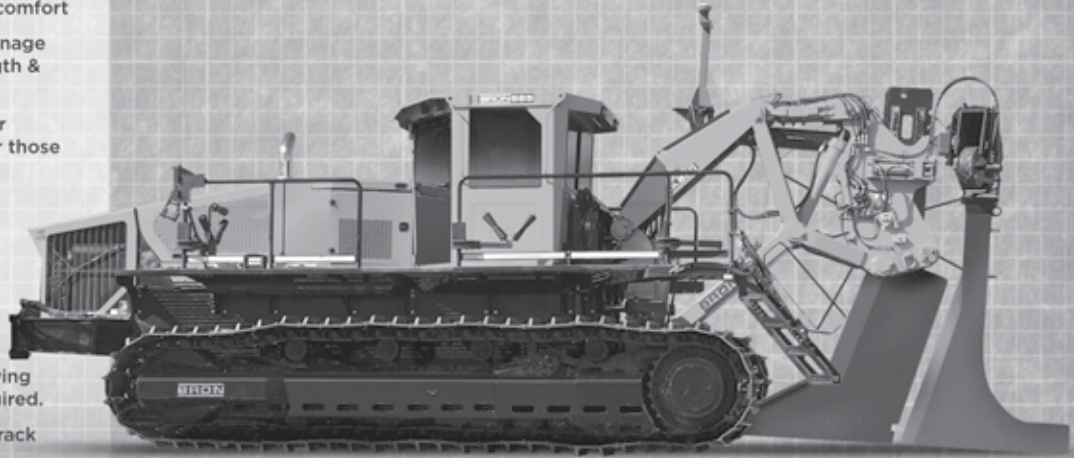
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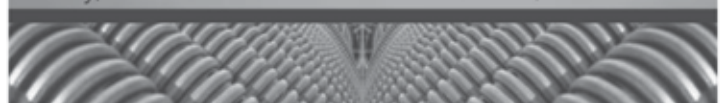
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### Best Practices

- **Dump loads a safe distance back from the edge of the highwall and push the material over.**
- **Maintain control** of mobile equipment while it is in operation.
- **Perform ground condition and workplace examinations.**
- **Train miners to safely perform tasks.**

This is the tenth fatality reported in 2022, and the third classified as “Machinery.”

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data only and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatality.

**Report accidents and hazardous conditions: 1-800-746-1553**

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## SUMMER MEETING 2022, ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI THEME FOR THE ASSOCIATE NIGHT AND AUCTION “1904 WORLD’S FAIR”



Attendees at the Associates night were treated to delicious appetizers and the opportunity to visit each associate's booth.





**Pictured Above:**

***MINNESOTA LICA MEMBERS ATTENDING THE SUMMER MEETING:***

**President, Stu Frazeur and his wife Renee, Don Loken, Joyce Johns, Nordis Estrem, Dee Ann Larson, and Executive Director Jenny Breberg**



**Pictured to the left , the Live Auction during Associates Night!**

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## DEFENSIVE DRIVING—ACCIDENT PREVENTION

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The formula for defensive driving is to see the hazard, understand the defense and act in time.

### *Why is Defensive Driving Important?*

Understanding and effectively applying this formula prevents accidents in spite of the actions of other drivers or the presence of adverse driving conditions. A good defensive driver must be able to anticipate the outcome of traffic situations so that he or she can act in time to prevent an accident. Let's take a closer look at the standard accident prevention formula and how it can be applied to everyday driving situations.

### *See the Hazard*

Constantly scan the road ahead of you and check your mirrors. Think about what may happen as far in advance as possible. Never assume that a hazardous condition will have passed before you reach it. Consider the following

### Scenarios:

- You see an approaching vehicle starting to pass another car. It looks like they will complete the pass in plenty of time, but you are not really sure. Think about your defense.
- You see a vehicle on the shoulder of the road— you can't see the driver anywhere outside the vehicle. What if the door of the vehicle is opened as you pass the vehicle? What would you do?
- You are traveling along a residential street. The vehicle approaching is a convertible with its top down. On the same side of the street you see a lawn sprinkler that is spraying water onto the roadway. What do you think the approaching vehicle will do and how would you react?

Of course, there are countless more possi-

bly dangerous scenarios, so look beyond the bumper of the vehicle in front of you and stay alert for any situation that could potentially develop into an accident.

### *Understand the Defense*

There are specific ways to handle most hazardous situations on the road. When you anticipate a hazard, you are able to review the situation in your mind and visualize your defense so that when the time comes, you are able to act quickly enough to prevent an accident. Preparation is the key. If you have planned for various scenarios, you will feel comfortable when faced with them.

In an emergency situation, do not panic. Stay calm and continue to visualize the defensive action you will take to minimize damage.

### *Act in Time*

Once you see the hazard and decide upon a defense, act immediately. Never assume that condition will clear up. The sooner you act the more time you will have to avoid an accident.

Defensive driving is not easy. You must constantly strive to improve your observation and coordination skills by scanning the road and concentrating on potentially hazardous situations. Seeing the hazard, knowing the defense and acting in time can mean saving lives; yours and those of the drivers around you.



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

# MNLICA SPORTING CLAY SHOOT AND GOLF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**LOCATION OF THE EVENT****GOOD SHOT**

124 ARROWHEAD DR.

EMMONS, MN 56029

PHONE: 507-297-5663

Come and join all your MnLICA friends and associates for an exciting day of Sporting Clay Shoot in the morning 9:30 a.m., lunch will be at 12:00 p.m., with Nine Hole Best Ball Golf in the afternoon. Both events will be at the Good Shot's facility!

Cost: \$65 per person for either event or \$120.00 for both events, participants need to supply their **own gun and ammunition as well as ear plugs, and safety goggles**. However, there is the option to rent a gun and buy ammunition at Good Shot. This includes lunch, complimentary beverages, and prizes. The sporting clay *shoot will begin at 9:30 a.m.* and consist of 9 stations, *lunch* will be served at 12:00 noon with **golf to follow at 1:30 pm.** (9 Holes Best Ball.)

All profit from the tournament will be dedicated to the MNLICA Scholarship Fund. Since 1997, MNLICA has awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors.

We have great events planned with games and awards. There will be drawings and awards for participating in these events. Come join us and spend time with an associate and show that you care. **Please register by August 29, 2022.**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration Fee \$65/each event or \$120.00 for Both

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**ASSOCIATES FORM****MNLICA ANNUAL SPORTING  
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Come and join your MNLICA friends for an exciting day of Sporting Clay Shooting in the morning and golf in the afternoon at the Good Shot Facilities. This double event starts with the *Sporting Clay Shoot beginning at 9:30 a.m., lunch at 12:00 and then 9 holes of golf starting at 1:30 p.m. with complimentary beverages and prizes to be given after each event.*

The cost is **\$150.00** to be a "sponsor" of either event or **\$250.00** to be "sponsor" of both events. The cost includes sponsorship of a station, and/or golf hole (first come, first serve), one person to participate in either and/or both events, lunch, and complimentary beverages. The Sporting Clay Shoot will **begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch at 12:00 p.m. and Golf at 1:30 p.m.** Bring your own gun and ammunition as well as ear plugs, and safety goggles for the sporting clay shoot. However, gun rental and ammunition to purchase on site is available.

All profit from the tournament will be dedicated to the MNLICA scholarship fund. Since 1997, MNLICA has awarded over \$50,000.00 in Scholarships to high school seniors.

We have a great event planned with prizes and awards. Please help us by participating and becoming a sponsor of this event.

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# Safety Matters

## Learn From Near Accidents

When you're driving the speed limit down the highway and another car pulls out in front of you, it's necessary to hit the brakes or execute a quick maneuver to avoid an accident. Chances are you'll make a mental note to be more alert from that point on.

Close calls or near accidents on the job should also be considered lessons in safety. A near accident is an indication that something is wrong. It's a warning that a machine isn't operating correctly, materials aren't stacked properly, or someone has done something unsafe.

## Warning Signs

If you notice a warning light on the dashboard of your vehicle, you know immediately not to ignore it. Unfortunately, unsafe actions on the job aren't always as easily detected.

Below are some typical accidents that could have been avoided if their "warnings" had not been ignored.

- A shop employee stumbles over a two-by-four lying on the ground, fracturing an ankle
- An office worker slips on spilled water and grabs a metal file cabinet, which falls on him/her
- A machine operator is injured when a hi-lo strikes the machine being operated

The proper handling of near accidents could have prevented the real thing from happening in the cases mentioned above. The two-by-four and spill probably caused other employees to step aside to avoid slipping. Yet, nobody bothered to clean up the item or report it to a supervisor. And how

many near misses did the hi-lo operator have with the machine? Chances are there were several. However, in all of these cases, nothing was done to correct the situation, resulting in an accident.

## Keep Safety in Mind

Unfortunately, a near accident is often forgotten without any benefits resulting from the experience. For example, if you have wounded yourself at work in the past, you may have a scar – a visible reminder of the injury to tell you not to repeat the action that caused the wound. However, near-accidents are often dismissed as lucky breaks.

How can you turn a close call into a contribution to safety? Below are two ways that you may already be using.

- Be safety-minded; voice your concern over near-accidents.
- Correct any dangerous situation and remove the hazard that caused the near-accident. If you can't handle it routinely, then report it to your supervisor.

Safety awareness is always important. It's a case of preparing yourself mentally to act in a safe manner and to recognize a close call as a warning. So, when a stack of books tips over or the handle on a tool snaps, pay attention to the warning and do something about it.



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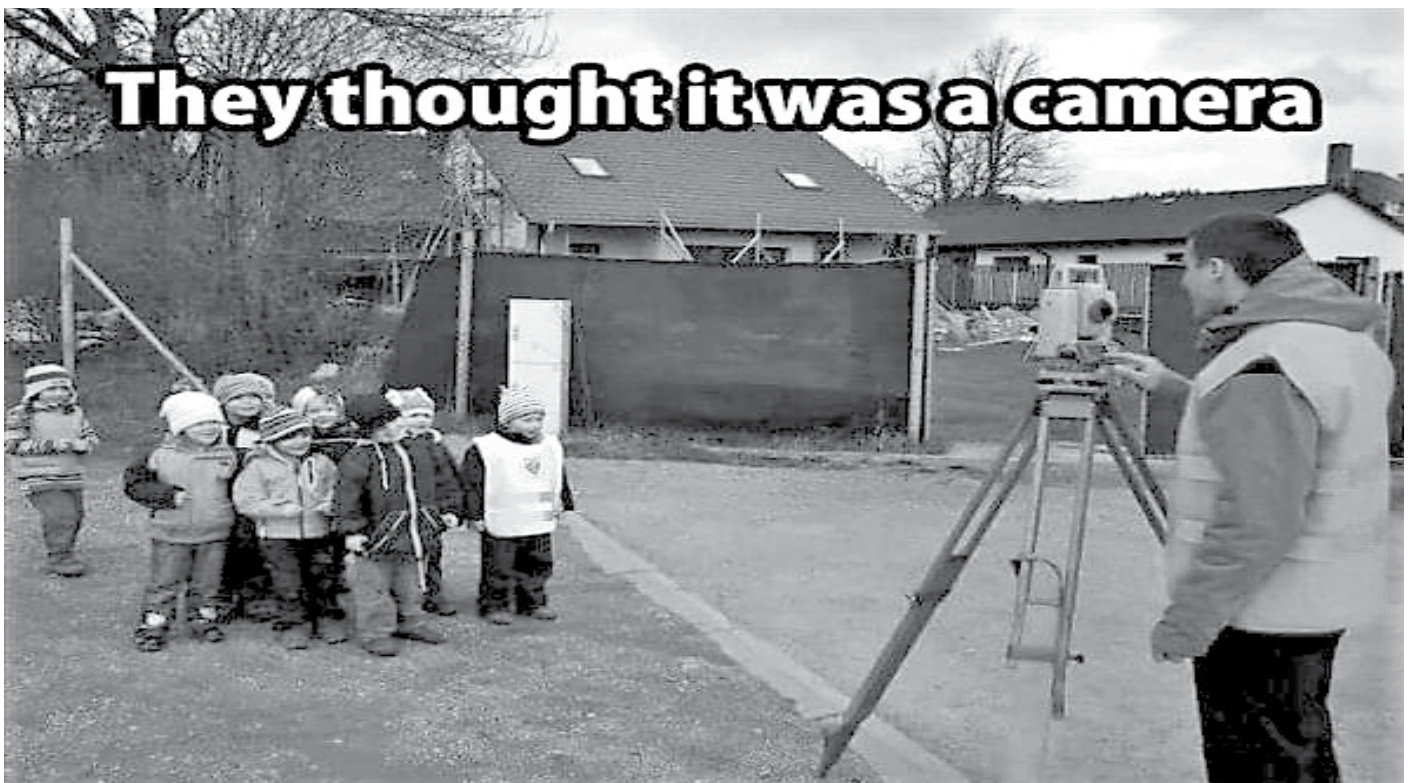


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## They thought it was a camera





**While looking through old newsletters that I received from Don Loken, I came across this editorial about what it means to be a LICA member. Even though this was taken from the March '1963' issue, it rains true today. Please read and think about talking to anyone you know that may not be a member of LICA!**

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## EDITORIAL

The main argument given by contractors against joining a contractors organization is "What has it done for me?" In the first place I feel that this is the wrong approach to joining any organization. A better question would be "What will it do for me WITH MY HELP?" But, since the first question is the one most often asked let me answer it for you.

First, your State Association (and it's yours whether you are a member or not because it represents the complete industry) has cooperated with State USDA Agencies in developing both cost-share rates and specifications in the ACP handbook.

Second, your National Association has sent well qualified representatives to Washington D. C. to appear before the House Agricultural Appropriations Committee for the past two years. The Bureau of the Budget has recommended a decrease of \$100 million in these appropriations both years. Last year we were successful in getting this proposed reduction thrown out. We believe that the same can be accomplished this year (see report on page 7). A reduction in these appropriations would have severe ill effects on most conservation contractors.

Third, your States and the National Association have all taken a stand opposing the Federal-Use Tax presently being levied on conservation contractors Trucks and Truck-Tractors on the same basis as on commercial carriers (see report page 15). This tax we believe is very unfair but we need strength to fight this issue.

Fourth, your State and District Association, through regular meetings, State Conventions and

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EDITORIAL—from page 3

Contractor Training Schools give you information that helps you provide a better, more complete service to the farmer. Many long time members feel that the opportunity to visit with other contractors and to exchange problems and ideas is the most valuable part of our associations.

Now let me return for one closing thought to the statement I made that this is your organization whether you are a member or not. It is and it does represent you but it is not able to accomplish many things it would like to or that you would like it to because it does not have a large enough membership. If you are presently a member take this issue of the magazine with you and go out and show another contractor what we are doing and what we could do with their help. If you are not a member and you would like to join write for further information to: ILICA or MLIC, 120 1/2 Welch Avenue, Ames, Iowa, or talk with a member contractor in your area.





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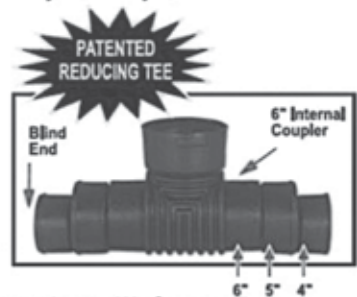
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## 2022 Board Member Meeting Attendance

<b>Area/Director</b>	Jan	March	June	Aug	Dec
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<b>VP Dallas Loken</b>	P	P	P		
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<b>Chrmn Steve Vis</b>	P	P	P		
<b>Mark Morreim</b>	P	A	P		
<b>Karlen Nelson</b>	A	P	P		
<b>Everett Garlisch</b>	P	P	P		
<b>Brad Herickhoff</b>	P	A	A		
<b>Mike Lehmann</b>	P	P	P		
<b>Doug Breberg</b>	P	P	P		
<b>Dee Ann Larson</b>	P	P	P		
<b>Jesse James</b>	A	P	P		
<b>Don Loken</b>	P	P	P		
<b>Assc. Tim Dahl</b>	A	A	A		
<b>Assc. Mike Kluck</b>			P		
<b>Ex Dir Jennifer Breberg</b>	P	P	P		

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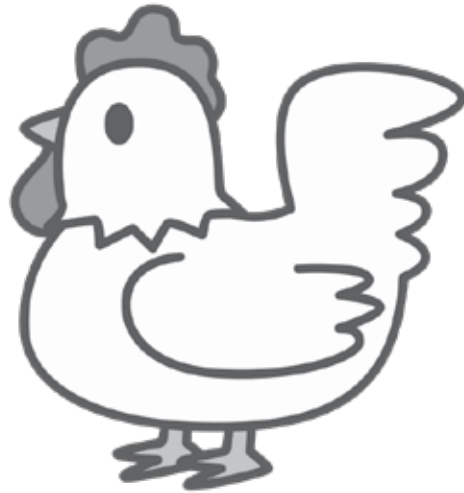
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## **RECIPE**

### **Chicken Marinara**

6 Tbsp. Canola oil  
4 Large boneless chicken breasts  
1 sleeve saltine crackers, finely crushed  
1 C. flour  
1/2 C. Parmesan cheese  
4 Slices of Provolone Cheese  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. pepper  
2 eggs  
3 cups milk, divided in half  
24 ounces marinara sauce



Heat oven to 375°

Combine crackers, flour, parmesan cheese, salt and pepper in shallow bowl. Whisk eggs and 1 1/2 cups milk in a 2nd shallow bowl.

Heat Canola oil in a large heavy skillet ( I use cast iron)

Dip chicken breasts first in egg mixture, then in cracker mixture. Repeat steps, then place chicken in the skillet. Brown chicken until slightly brown on both sides.

Prepare a 9" x 13" baking pan with cooking spray. Whisk together remaining 1 1/2 cups milk and marinara sauce. Pour mixture into dish.

Place browned chicken breasts on top of marinara sauce. Top each chicken breast with one slice of cheese.

Cover dish with foil and bake for 40 minutes.

Uncover dish and return to oven for 5-10 minutes or until cheese begins to brown.

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Serve over mashed potatoes, cooked pasta or rice.

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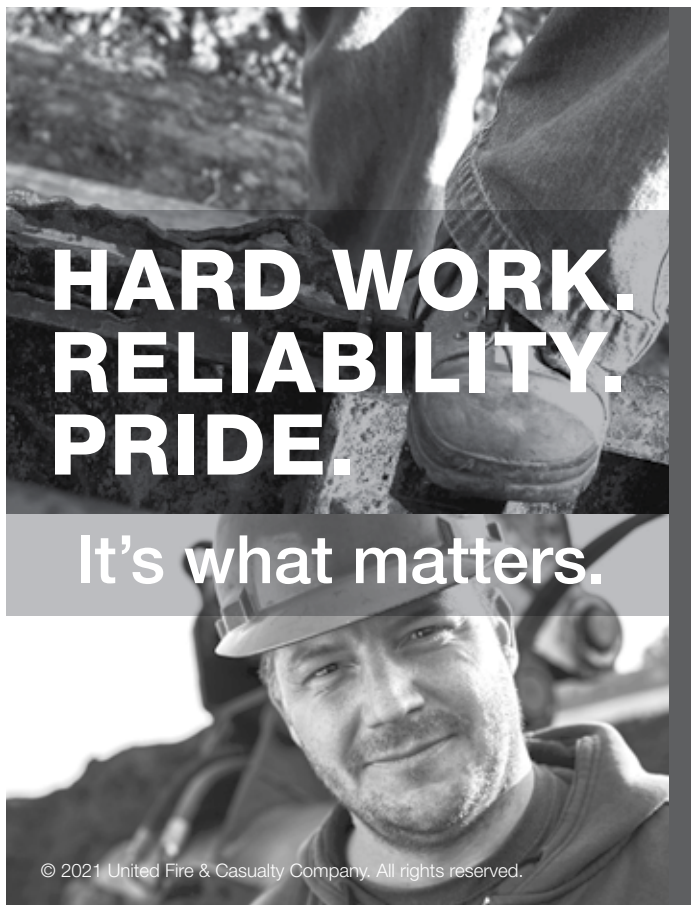
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## ***Executive Director's Report***

I recently attended the National LICA Summer meeting in St. Charles, Missouri. As always the meetings were educational and informative. I learned valuable information about this organization and the great things it is doing and what will be coming. The Veterans program is moving along with hopes that there will be at least one veteran receiving a fully funded tuition this fall maybe more. We were introduced to the persons involved with this program and how they will be moving forward with the program. We received exciting news of yet another new benefit, which isn't ready to be released yet, but will be soon. And, as always it was great to connect with other LICA members from around the United States. The executive directors met in their own session for training and bringing ideas together to share on everything from how to insure a good contract with venues, ideas for field days and how to grown membership. Summer Meeting 2023 will be in Lincoln, Nebraska. The tours and plans are well underway and again it will be a great experience for LICA members. Make plans to attend!

But before then, will be the Winter Convention in Las Vegas in conjunction with CON EXPO. If you have never been to CON EXPO, it is really something to see. Be watching for more information.

As you can see in this newsletters, plans have been made for the fall scholarship fund raiser. Please take a look at the sign up sheet and get them in early. I know that the Good Shot Course will be a great place and am looking forward to seeing many of you there. Next on my agenda will be to get the Membership Applications ready and in the mail by the end of August. Please watch for them and make sure to get them back to me at your earliest convenience. I hate to say it but summer will be coming to a close soon and contractors will be even busier than they are now. As always, remember to work safe so that you can go home at the end of the day to your families.

Jenny Breberg, Executive Director



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**August 18th, 2022—Board Meeting—Best Western Plus, New  
Ulm, MN**

**September 16th, 2022—Scholarship Fund Raiser Event—  
Good Shot, Emmons, MN**

**December 8th, 2022—Board Meeting—TBD**

**January 11th, 12th and 13th, 2023—Winter Convention—Best  
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