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GREETINGS From Your PRESIDENT

MNLICA President's Report

Hi Fellow MNLICA members,

Harvest is just getting started here in the SW corner of the state. We've had some fairly violent storms pass through lately with some hail and strong wind flattening some corn fields.

The tiling season is underway around here and with the exception of higher tile and fuel costs it looks like a good fall season starting. It looks like a lot of the road construction and dirt work projects made good progress this summer with the dryer weather.

The process of Jenny Breberg taking over the position of Executive Director for MNLICA is under way. Kevin and Jeanie Bakken will be putting in quite a bit of time as they help with the transition by the end of this year.

Everyone who attended gave their reports on the National Convention at the last regular board meeting. One really exciting thing that happened was the announcement that the LICA Educational Foundation for Veterans was being formed to train military veterans to become skilled heavy equipment operators. Our own Minnesota veteran Don Loken will be on the board of directors. There is an article explaining this foundation in the latest The LICA Contractor magazine.

Hope everyone has a safe and profitable fall season and look forward to seeing everyone at the convention in January.

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Land Improvement Contractors of America Announces New Educational Foundation for Veterans

LISLE, ILLINOIS, September 1, 2021—The Land Improvement Contractors of America (LICA) Educational Foundation for Veterans is currently under development, its' mission is to train military veterans for work in the heavy construction industry. The Foundation's Board of Directors includes experienced industry professionals from across the U.S. The organization will be headquartered in the same facility as the LICA national office in Lisle, Illinois.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates a higher-than-average job growth of 10% for construction equipment operators through 2028. The Foundation seeks to help address this growing need for skilled labor within the construction industry while providing opportunities for military veterans seeking work.

Founder Jerry Biuso, Sr. says, "The goal is to establish a nationwide training program that will become a part of construction culture." Biuso is also the CEO of the National LICA organization, adding, "My members come to me all the time and tell me they can't get adequate help. It occurred to me that this was a good way to help vets get decent jobs and make a living. I have always wanted the opportunity to give back to our military heroes." The Foundation will work with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to identify candidates for the program.

The curriculum will involve in-class training sessions at regional campus locations, yet to be determined. Participants will initially work on simulators to learn the basics of heavy equipment operation before moving to field training, which will be provided by LICA contractors, equipment dealers and subcontractors. The coursework will also include training on policies and procedures for working on a job site; an introduction to global positioning systems (GPS) used in grading operations; safety, first aid and OSHA procedures; and interviewing skills.

Biuso seeks to raise funding for the project through federal grants and corporate sponsorships. A golf fundraiser is also scheduled for June 2022 in the Chicago area, details to be announced. Volunteers are needed to help plan and manage events. Offers of financial support and equipment donations for the training program are also welcomed.

Contact Allison Hack, Director of Communication,
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The LICA Educational Foundation for Veterans' first training classes are planned for the Chicago area in early 2022.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We have been busy paying bills, answering emails and phone calls, publishing the newsletter. Preparations for the Scholarship Fund Raiser have been completed. Thank you to everyone, our associates and members that participated and or donated to this very worth while cause. We made a profit of over \$2,500.00 for our scholarship fund.. The dues notices for members and associates has been mailed with dues slowly coming in for 2022..

All four scholarship recipients have sent in the necessary college admittance paperwork, checks were issued around the 20th of August to each of them.

Our membership currently stands at 119 members, a loss of 23 members for 2021.

Jeanie attended the LICA Summer Meeting in Niagara Falls, New York along with Don Loken, Stu Frazeur, Jennifer Breberg, DeeAnn Larson and Nordis Estrem. Educational sessions as well as committee meeting were attended.

Jeanie and Jennifer attended the Executive Di-

rectors session as well as other educational sessions and committee meetings. Several items to note was the On-Site Waste Management Committee being disband, looking at replacing it with a new committee (i.e. employee/employment). Jerry Biuso formed a new foundation for Veterans – “The LICA Educational Foundation for Veterans”. LICA membership is down by approximately 400 members – Iowa having lost the most members, however, New Jersey has gained due to the new program that they have implemented – an Apprenticeship Program. LICA is recommending that each LICA chapter have a membership committee to figure out how to get new members and to recruit new members. There is a new CDL requirement effective in February 2022 – any first time CDL applicant will now have to attend a Truck Driving School before applying for the CDL license. This schooling will cost somewhere between \$3500 – 5000.00.

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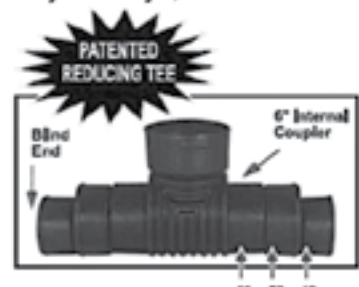
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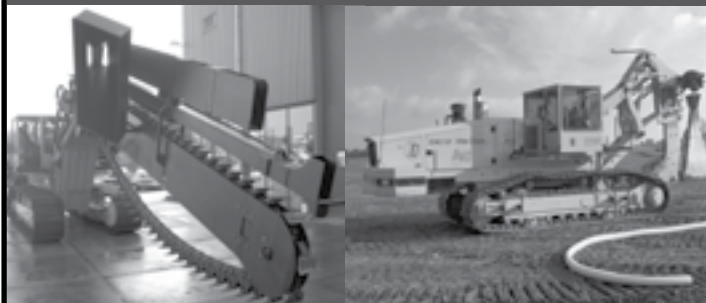
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East Mark Morreim	C	P	P	A	
East Karlen Nelson	C	P	P	P	
West Everett Garlich	C	P	P	P	
West Open					
West Brad Herickhoff	C	P	P	A	
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Don Loken			P	P	
Assc Tim Dahl	C	P	A	A	
Assc Mike Kluck				P	
Ex Dir Kevin Bakken	C	P	P	P	
Ex Dir Jeanie Bakken	C	P	P	P	
Ex Dir Jennifer Breberg				P	

A = Absent P = Present C = Cancelled Meet

Notice

Due to the lack of members to serve on the board of directors, MNLICA will be requesting a By-Law Change at the Annual Meeting that the East and West Area's be changed to just MNLICA Members (no area's). The By-Law Change will be voted on at the MNLICA Annual Meeting on January 14th, 2022.



Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection of Practices

Effective Date: 07/01/2017

The preparation and implementation of operation and maintenance plans is critical to ongoing performance of practices installed with State funds and is required for applicable BWSR grant programs. Minor maintenance needs can quickly become major, costly maintenance problems if left untreated. Periodic site inspections by qualified technical staff are necessary to ensure operation and maintenance is implemented effectively. This document provides general requirements for operation, maintenance, and inspections of practices and projects installed with State funds.

Preparation of Operation and Maintenance Plans

Qualified technical staff must prepare an operation and maintenance (O&M) plan specific to the site and project constructed. The plan should be prepared prior to project installation and reviewed by both the land occupier and contractor. O&M plans should:

- Detail the O&M activities that are likely to be required for the project;
- Identify O&M needed for the watershed contributing to the project;
- Specify how and when to accomplish all activities;
- Identify the inspection schedule required; and
- Specify contact information should questions or issues arise.

In some circumstances, a party other than the land occupier may be designated as responsible for operation and maintenance. In these cases, additional contracts or agreements may be required. Refer to grant program specific requirements or the grant agreement for more information.

Operation and Maintenance Responsibilities

The project contractor is responsible for installing a conservation practice that fully conforms to the design standards and specifications. Typically, the contractor's responsibility for operation and maintenance during construction terminates when work has been completed and accepted by the contracting officer - generally the land occupier based on advice by the technical assistance provider.

Under certain circumstances, such as a factory warranty on an electric motor for an agricultural waste system, the contractor's liability for operation and maintenance may be extended for a specified number of months or years beyond the date of certification of practice completion.

When work on the project has been completed and accepted, responsibility for financing and performing operation and maintenance moves to the land occupier. The land occupier should inspect the practice on a regular basis and perform the designated activities as required by the operation and maintenance plan.

If there is a malfunction or failure of the practice or project, the land occupier should immediately notify the organization providing State funding for the practice or project. Responsibility for malfunctions and failures will vary depending on the reason for and extent of the issue. For projects with a conservation practice contract, see the information and steps for contract non-compliance in the Contracts with Land Occupiers section.

Should the land occupier fail to maintain installed practices during their effective life according to the operation and maintenance plan, the land occupier may be liable to the State of Minnesota for up to one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the financial assistance received to construct, install, or otherwise establish the practice.

Practice Site Inspections

Qualified technical staff shall confirm that the operation and maintenance plan is being followed and the project has not been altered or removed, by conducting periodic site inspections. The inspection schedule should be identified in the operation and maintenance plan. Inspections are to:

- Verify that all components of the practice, including up-land protection or contributing watershed treatment, remain in place and are in good repair; and
- Identify repairs necessary in accordance with the operation and maintenance plan; and
- Identify further assessment or action needed if necessary repairs are beyond the scope of the operation and maintenance plan.

Practice site inspections are generally required to be completed at a minimum of one year after completion, then at 33 percent and 66 percent intervals, and at the next to last year of the effective life of the project. However, the frequency of actual inspections should be specific to the site, project installed, and findings on previous inspections. In addition, inspections should be performed on a case-by-case basis, such as after storms producing unusually heavy runoff or possibly if property ownership changes. For a conservation practice with a minimum effective life of ten years, the end of the first, third, and ninth years following the certified completion is recommended. For capital improvement projects having a minimum effective life of 25 years, inspection at approximately the end of the first, eighth, seventeenth and twenty-fourth years following certified completion is a recommended minimum. For non-structural land management practices, inspections are to be completed annually or as identified in specific program policies.

The findings of site inspections should be documented and this documentation kept in the project file. Documenting inspections over time is important for identifying compliance and/or non-compliance with the operation and maintenance plan, as well as for verifying the practice is meeting its intended purpose. An example practice site inspection form is available.

<https://bwsr.state.mn.us/operation-maintenance-and-inspection-practices>

Cool as a Cucumber Salad

Submitted by Nordis Estrem

4 cups cucumbers, slice thin
1 cup red cabbage. Finely shredded
Parsley for garnish

Dressing:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup mayonnaise $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
4 Tablespoons apple cider vinegar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Chile powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper

Wash cucumbers, peel and slice and set aside.

Finely slice red cabbage, set aside
In a medium bowl, mix mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar, cayenne, salt & pepper

Mix all in a serving bowl, cover & refrigerate

Garnish with parsley just before serving.

Joke of the Day!

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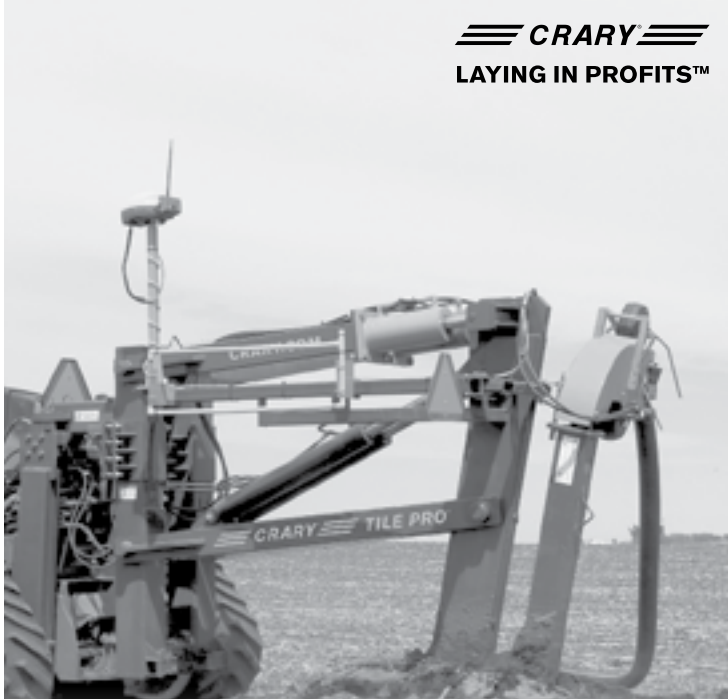


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Web-site: www.mnlica.org

December 2nd, 2021 Board Meeting—Best Western Plus New Ulm 5:00 p.m.

January 12th, 13th, 14th, 2022—MNLICA Winter Convention

February 2022—MSHA Class Dennison MN

February / March 2022—Safety Classes TBD

February 15th—19th, 2022—National LICA Winter Convention San Antonio, TX

March 15, 2022—Scholarship Applications are Due

March 2022—Spring Board Meeting TBD



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