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Daniel Kvasnicka Receives the Minnesota Federation of Engineering, Science, and Technology Societies Young Engineer of the Year Award



Saint Paul, Minn., 5/10/2021 – Minnesota Federation of Engineering, Science, and Technology Societies (MFESTS) and the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post, have named Daniel Kvasnicka as the 2021 recipient of the Young Engineer of the Year Award.

The Minnesota Federation of Engineering, Science and Technology Societies (MFESTS) presents this award annually to a nominated individual submitted by MFESTS member societies which includes the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post. The award will be presented at the 2021 MFESTS Board Meeting held on June 22, 2021.

The Young Engineer of the Year Award recognizes outstanding achievement by an engineer 35 years of age or younger by December 31st prior to the Engineers Week Awards Banquet.

Nominees are judged based on educational and collegiate achievements; professional society activities; civic and humanitarian activities; continuing competence; engineering achievements; and overall professional experience.

Robbinsdale, MN resident Daniel Kvasnicka holds a Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering from North Dakota State University. He works for HDR, Incorporated in Minneapolis as a Water Resources Engineer in Training (EIT) and certified floodplain manager. Daniel is responsible for progressing various aspects of project design, assisting in project management, and leading project tasks. He executes design tasks in roadway drainage, site drainage, flood protection, and natural channel design, working with both internal, and external team members. While working on projects, Daniel manages day to day operations to ensure successful project design and delivery.

"The MFESTS award nomination process realizes many career benefits such as reflection for our members to take stock of unique contributions and motivates our members to seek feedback to achieve further stretch goals" said Cathy Krier, MFESTS 2020-2021 President.

"Based on the nomination channels, the MFESTS recognition process ultimately boosts the immediate and long-term visibility of the member's science/engineering contributions across the widest range of engineering disciplines collectively represented by the member societies, reaching the broader Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics community in Minnesota."

Mr. Kvasnicka was nominated in recognition of his work that has furthered the practice of open channel hydraulic modeling using appropriate hydrologic data. He is active as a leader in the communities where he lives and volunteers with various technical societies. He currently serves as Secretary of the Society of American Military Engineers Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post. Daniel's past leadership roles include Harrisburg, SD Parks and Recreation Board, Harrisburg, SD Planning and Zoning Committee, and the National Society of Professional Engineers (Sioux Falls, SD). Daniel is involved with the conference planning committee of the Minnesota Association of Floodplain Managers.

MFESTS is an umbrella organization comprised of engineering-related member societies within the State of Minnesota. There currently are nineteen societies/chapters, representing approximately 6,000 individuals, that are members of MFESTS.

MFESTS' three primary mission foci are:

- 1) To provide service to the Societies that are members of the Federation.
- 2) To provide a service to the community at large and especially to young people in hopes of helping them learn more about potential careers in the fields of engineering, science, and technology.
- 3) To provide professional development services to professionals in engineering-related careers.

SAME is the only nonprofit professional engineering education organization that actively promotes the advancement of both individual technical knowledge and the collective engineering capabilities of governments, the uniformed services and private industry. Its goal is to unite public and private sector entities and individuals in the Architecture/Engineering/Construction fields to prepare for and overcome natural and man-made disasters, acts of terrorism, and improve security at home and abroad.

The Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post accomplishes this goal locally by supporting monthly luncheon meetings and other professional/social activities attended by members of local government, military, private industry, students and other interested parties. These meetings are announced via our e-mail distribution list and quarterly newsletter. We are supported by the national Society of American Military Engineers and publications such as The Military Engineer, which also promotes the interests and goals of our society and its members. More at www.SAME.org/mps-stpl.

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