Spring has finally sprung I think. It seems as if this past winter wants to make a slow exit, but we will eventually get there. I would like to thank our members as well as the Board of Directors for a great 2014. Each year we seem to get better and better. I look at 2015 to be another great year for the MAC!

As many of you know, our 2014 MAC Conference was held in September at the Valley Forge Radisson Hotel and Casino. The conference was a great success with a fantastic line up of speakers and presenters and as always, the golf outing was a great way to catch up with old friends and unwind a bit.

Out 2015 version of the Chapters 22nd Annual Conference will be held in Morgantown, WV from September 15th through the 17th at the Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa. So mark your calendars now and join us in Morgantown in September. We are looking forward to an even larger event with more attendees, exhibitors and presenters. As always, the BOD will be working very hard to ensure that this year’s conference will provide the best educational experience for our attendees.

Besides holding our Annual Conference, the MAC is looking to holding at least 2 IECA “Roadshows” in 2015. All of our events focus on the four IECA Educational Tracks of erosion and sediment control, stormwater management, MS4’s and surface water restoration. The “Roadshows” will focus on the needs, difficulties and other issues facing those who work in the oil and gas industry in the Marcellus Shale region.

For many of us, the New Year is a time to reflect upon the changes of the previous year while planning for new and better things to come. The MAC is no different. While our membership has stayed relatively flat, our attendance was slightly up for the conference.

At Environmental Connection 2015 in Portland, OR, the MAC once again was an award winner. The MAC took home the trophy as IECA’s Chapter Education and Outreach Award. We continue to be a leader within the IECA. A job well done to all.

As our Chapter continues to grow, we look forward to improving the experience of all of our members and making the MAC the biggest and best Chapter in IECA! As always, if you have any feedback that you would like to share with either myself or the Board of Directors please do not hesitate to reach our to us via e-mail or at the MAC website at macieca.org.

I’m looking forward to a wonderful 2015 and see you in September at Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa.

Thank you,

Jason Dorney, 2015 MAC President
21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

BY BROOKE SCHIAVONE

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Mid-Atlantic Chapter by attending the 2014 Annual Chapter Conference in historic Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Overall we had a successful event, with a highly educated and quite impressive speaker panel.

This conference kicked off as usual with the first event being the golf tournament on Tuesday. Fun, food and a good time was enjoyed by all the participants. That was followed on Tuesday evening by a well-attended Exhibitors Social put on by the conference’s 16 exhibitors. In addition to the exhibitors, there were six Premier and one Bronze Sponsor to the conference. The MAC wants to thank all of our Exhibitors and Sponsors for their continued support of our Annual Conference.

During the Opening Session, the attendees were welcomed to the Valley Forge area by Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection’s SE Regional Director, Mr. Cosmo Servidio. The keynote speaker was Mr. Howard Neukrog, Water Commissioner for the City of Philadelphia. Mr. Neukrog talk was how Philadelphia is dealing with an aging infrastructure and how they are coming into compliance with the MS4 regulations. After the Opening Session, the attendees where treated with 34 different speakers over the next two days presenting on many different topics ranging from the latest information on regulations to case studies on program management and best management practices.

Our attendance was slightly higher than years past and the Valley Forge Casino proved to be a fantastic host. We want to thank all of our sponsors, exhibitors and speakers for their part in making this year’s event the success it was. Without the longstanding support of our sponsors and exhibitors we would not be able to provide such an excellent event. We would also like to thank all of our attendees! Thank you for leaving us your comments and constructive criticism; your voices have been heard and we look forward to bringing you an even better event this September 2015 in Morgantown, WV. Look for updated event info on our webpage at macieca.org in the coming months.
Going into our 23rd year, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter remains exciting and strong as ever! This past conference in King of Prussia, PA brought new energy and enthusiasm to the MAC. During our final lunch at the conference, the membership elected the MAC’s new officers to lead us in 2015. They are:

**President – Jason Dorney, CPESC**
**1st Vice President – Mark Hardek**
**2nd Vice President – Robert Connelly, CPESC**
**Secretary – Bryce Miller, CPESC, CESSWI**
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2015 Scholarship Awards

by: Scott Keefer

Since 2002, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association, Region 1 (MAC/IECA) has been awarding $3000 in scholarships annually to students who are enrolled in four-year colleges and universities within our region and are considering a career in the erosion and sediment control industry or a related field. These fields of study include, but are not limited to: biology, environmental science, earth studies, earth science, agricultural, civil engineering, environmental engineering, forestry, agricultural science, marine science, landscape architecture, etc.

During the last part of 2014, the MAC requested scholarship applications throughout the region with awards to be made for the spring semester of 2015. After reviewing all of the applications, the Scholarship Awards Committee chose two outstanding students to receive the 2015 Spring Semester Scholarships.

Our top scholarship recipient was Jessica Klotz. Jessica is a sophomore at Frostburg State University in Maryland and majoring in Environmental Analysis and Planning with a minor in Sustainable Studies. She has a 3.094 GPA. Her goal is to become an Environmental Restoration Planner, developing natural resource plans to control erosion and sedimentation in stream systems, conducting environmental impact statements and relaying conservation and restoration methods to homeowners. She has already actively participated in an internship at West Virginia University in a water-quality monitoring program called Three Rivers Quest. She is also serving as a tutor at Frostburg State University.

Ms. Klotz is an active volunteer for a number of environmental organizations and is the Garrett County, MD representative for an Environmental Leadership Program that deals with high school students throughout Maryland to discuss current environmental issues. While in high school, Jessica was on her school’s envirothon team and the Honor’s Program.

The MAC’s second scholarship winner is Ashley Strobridge. Ms. Strobridge is a junior carrying a 3.95 GPA at George Mason University in Virginia. Majoring in Environmental & Sustainable Studies with minors in Geography and Women’s Studies. Ashley has been on the Dean’s List three times and is active with several organizations to include Delta Alpha Pi, the Environmental Action Group and the Green Patriots at GMU. She is also a graduate of Northern Virginia Community College. An active environmental photographer, with a passion for the power of green infrastructure, Ashley already has an internship set up with the City of Fairfax’s (VA) Office of Sustainability this summer.

Attending Norfolk State University in Virginia, our third scholarship winner is Shene Taylor. Shene is also a sophomore majoring in Optical Engineering. She was successful in explaining how her major relates to Storm Water Management (water treatment procedures) and how she hopes to continue to advance this study and improve the quality of life. Ms. Taylor is active in several on-campus organizations and is a team leader in the classroom and community outreach.
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MAC-IECA Announces Board of Directors’ Schedule

President Jason Dorney has announced the Board of Directors’ meeting schedule for 2015. The Directors’ meet via a tele-conference once a month throughout the year to conduct the business of the Chapter. If any of the MAC membership would like to be a part of any meeting held by the BOD, please contact President Dorney to obtain the information necessary to join in our meetings. We welcome the membership to be a part of the process of conducting Chapter business. With the exception of the February and September meetings, all others begin at noon and generally ends around 1 pm. The dates of the BOD meeting are as follows:

April 25th @ Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa, Morgantown, WV  
May 6th  
June 3rd  
July 1st  
August 5th  
September 2nd (If necessary)  
September 15th @ 22nd Annual Conference-Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa, Morgantown, WV  
October 7th  
November 4th  
December 2nd

If you would like to see what the BOD is discussing please go to macieca.org. The minutes of each meeting is posted to the web page once they have been approved the following month.

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22nd Annual Conference, Workshop & Trade Exposition

The 22nd version of the MAC’s annual conference is going to the home of the Big 12’s WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERS in Morgantown, WV. What better place can you spend a week in September with the fall colors ascending upon us than in a university setting. We will be at the Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa in Morgantown, WV. Lakeview also hosts the Gold and Blue Mountaineers for their pre-game day rituals for all home games.

Mark your calendars to attend the MAC’s 22nd Annual Conference September 15~17, 2015. We will begin the conference activities with our annual golf outing to be held on September 15th with the first tee right outside the front door of the resort. Later that afternoon, the Board of Directors meeting will be held with the much anticipated Exhibitors Social immediately following.

Topics at the conference will include stormwater management, erosion and sediment controls, MS4 and surface water restoration to name a few. There will be presenters from local, state and federal agencies as well as private sector businesses and non-profits.

The Mid-Atlantic region has some of the most progressive and advanced stormwater and surface regulations and laws and is a leader in advancing new technologies and practices. Come join us for great discussions, demonstrations, fun and education! Did I mention FUN!!

Watch for additional information and registration at macieca.org.
WVU Student Moderators

Several years ago, IECA started a program known as the “IECA University Partners” (UP’s) that is an informal relationship between IECA and universities/college through Region 1 that offers courses in fields related to Erosion Control, Soil Science, Hydrology, Landscape Architecture, Geology and Professional Engineering. The overall objective of this program is to introduce young professionals to our association and provide a means for them to interact in an educational environment with industry professionals who make up IECA’s membership. It is IECA’s hope that strong relationships will be forged with our UP’s and strengthen IECA Education with the inclusion of university research.

Below is a list of benefits in this program for the students and the universities/colleges:

For Students:
- Opportunities to present research and poster presentations at IECA’s annual conference.
- Opportunities to be published in our professional publications.
- Introductions to professionals working in your field of study.
- Various scholarship opportunities.
- Discounted IECA membership, including in a local chapter...providing networking and education benefits on a local and a regional level.
- A head start on your professional career.

For Universities:
- Work with students who would benefit from presenting research, posters and publications in a professional environment.
- Provide opportunities for future leaders in our industry to network with career professional members within IECA.
- Act as a liaison between your institution and IECA and its local chapter, keeping students informed of opportunities, events and resources.
- Maintain an active membership in IECA and promote student membership.
- Encourage your university/college to support involvement in IECA’s annual conference.

About four years ago, the MAC had a university to join this program. West Virginia University became one of 17 current UP’s within IECA Region 1. The MAC has been sponsoring at least two students from WVU to attend IECA’s annual conference to function as moderators for the half day and one hour classes.

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**WVU Student Moderators Continued**

IECA provides each of the students with room, board and conference registration while the chapter provides the transportation to and from the conference location. In addition to being a moderator during the technical sessions, each student is to prepare a poster to present during IECA’s Annual Poster Contest.

For Environmental Connection 2015 held in Portland, OR, the MAC sent two students from WVU to participate in this program. Eric Davis and George Hilvers represented WVU and the MAC. Their were 14 posters entered into the contest from students throughout the US and Canada. They made a great showing by finishing second and third. Way to go ERIC and GEORGE!!!!!!

**Second:** IECA’s Executive Director Russ Adsit and Eric Davis

**Third:** IECA’s Executive Director Russ Adsit and George Hilvers

Join us in September to hear Eric and George’s presentations at Lakeview.
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