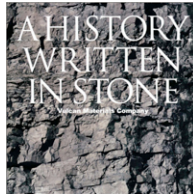


CONFERENCE PRESENTERS & PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS



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“A History in Stone” is a guided bus tour of a working stone quarry in Hodgkins, about a mile from the hotel. A chartered tour bus will be available for boarding at the hotel. The bus will leave for the quarry at approximately 12:30 PM and return to the hotel at 2:45 PM. Attendees might wish to lunch at a local restaurant beforehand and may begin boarding the bus at 12:15 PM. There is no walking required – the entire tour will be from bus.



Education 2020

Dr. John Burkey –Superintendent of Schools/Consolidated School District #158 - Huntley

Dr. John D. Burkey has been the Superintendent of Schools at Consolidated School District 158 –Huntley, Illinois since August 2006. CSD158 is located in McHenry and Kane Counties, located in northern Illinois, consisting of an At-risk Pre-school and grades K-12 of approximately 9,000 students.

As he entered into SD158, the finances were poor and growth was high, but he never lost his primary focus on students and never lost sight of the fact that they are the reason why we, as school districts, exist. Dr. Burkey’s primary emphasis is on providing both an excellent environment for the students and opportunities in which students can achieve their maximum potential both in the area of academic achievement and the extra-curricular arena.

As Superintendent of School District 158, he has been leader with a passion for the best school environment for children to learn and will always strive for excellence in SD158. Committing himself to serving and gaining the trust of students, district employees, parents, and the entire District 158 community, he has done just that. Areas of achievement include: Students reading at their grade level, Chinese language introduced at the middle schools; and ACT scores have climbed at the high school and recently received the Red Quill Award.

Dr. Burkey attended the University of Illinois, receiving a Bachelor’s Degree in history and minor in economics, and then his Master’s Degree in Administration, as well as achieving his Doctorate from the U of I.



IMRF Workshop (2) – Active Members and Retirees

Mr. Paul Parise – Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Representative

Mr. Parise works with employers and members to assist them with IMRF related questions. The workshop for active employees will provide answers regarding the IMRF retirement system, what benefits are offered to active members and the steps you must take before and during the retirement process. His workshop for retirees will be geared towards those you are already receiving a monthly pension. An opportunity for questions and answers will be provided during both sessions.

Paul Parise joined IMRF in 1990 as a Senior Accounting Clerk and was promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Treasury in 1991. He then worked as a Member Service Representative from 1992 to 1997. Paul has been a Field Representative since 1997. He earned a B.A. in 1991, M.B.A. in 1995 and his Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) designation in 2008. As a field representative he conducts employee workshops, Authorized Agent Certification Program and other informational presentations.

Retiree Workshop – Volunteering Chamber of Commerce Workshop

Mr. Robert Ware – Director of LaGrange West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr. Ware's workshop for retirees will provide the opportunities as a volunteer for this unique not-for-profit organization. His second workshop on the Chamber of Commerce will focus on how the Chamber interfaces with business of all sizes.

Robert Ware is the Executive Director of the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce. The nine communities that comprise the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce & Industry include Countryside, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lyons, McCook, Western Springs and Willow Springs, which collectively encompass an area of over 100 square miles and support a growing population of 65,000+. These vibrant communities offer economic prosperity, outstanding educational and business opportunities for people of all ages, a high level of health care, superior recreational activities and a rich diversity of entertainment, civic organizations, and cultural attractions.



Professional Standards Program

Elizabeth "Liz" Sexson, SIU, - Retired Emeritus, Consultant - Special Events, Chicago Region

The Professional Standards Program (PSP), sponsored by the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP), is a certification program designed to enhance the professional competency of its members through academic programs, conferences, and institutes, and to award recognition based on education, work experience, and participation in the only professional association for educational office personnel. You will learn how to begin accumulating points for education, work experience, and association participation, and the steps needed to continue through the basic and advanced levels to the distinction of Certified Educational Office Employee (CEOE).

Liz Sexson is a long-term member of IAEOP and NAEOP serving in numerous positions for both organizations. Liz served as President of IAEOP from 1981 to 1983 and NAEOP from 1997 to 1998. She has also served as NAEOP President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Secretary and Central Area Director. She was selected as Illinois Educational Office Professional of the Year twice, once in the 1980's and once in the 1990's. She was selected as National Educational Office Professional of the Year in 2001.