

Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Engineer's Club of Minneapolis. (Minn.)
Title	Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Collection
Date	1883-2006
Extent	3.17 Linear feet 3 boxes, 1 ledger.
Language	English

History

The Engineers' Club of Minneapolis (ECM) held their first meeting on May 4, 1883 at the "Board of Trade Room" in the old City Hall. Invited were all 30 engineers of Minneapolis whose addresses could be found. At the June meeting By-Laws were adopted and Andrew Rinker was elected President, William De La Barre, Vice President, William A. Pike, Secretary and George O. Foss, Librarian.

The club, initially called the Engineers Club of Minnesota, was formed for the purpose of "the professional improvement of its members, the encouragement of social intercourse among engineers and men of practical science, and the advancement of Engineering." Membership was open to civil, mechanical, geological and mining engineers and other persons interested in the advancement of engineering, who were at least 21 years old.

In 1888 a new constitution was adopted and the club became the Minneapolis Society of Civil Engineers. In 1890 the club was again reorganized as the Engineers Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Between 1900 and 1902 membership had grown to 62. Early activities of the club included excursions to the Kettle River Sandstone Company's quarry and the clay industries in Red Wing.

In 1953-54, membership was at 1,018. Mayor Donald M. Fraser proclaimed the week of May 8 to May 14, 1983 as "The Engineers' Club of Minneapolis Week" in honor of the club's 100th anniversary. The Engineers' Foundation of Minneapolis, Inc. was established in 1983 to provide scholarships to students in the engineering profession.

In 1991 the club's purpose as stated in their constitution was to "create united action and a desire for mutual betterment of the members of the Engineering Profession, to stimulate a greater interest among engineers in the welfare of their community, and to promote the advancement of the arts and sciences connected with the Engineering Profession." Membership at this time was open to: anyone professionally engaged in engineering, architecture or applied sciences; anyone who was engaged in work closely associated with these; anyone who had previously been so engaged; and anyone who held a scientific or engineering degree, and who was qualified as required by the By-Laws.

Description of Materials

This collection documents the growth and activities of the Engineers' Club of Minneapolis.

The records have been arranged into three series:

I. ECM and EFM Financial Records II. ECM Historical Records III. ECM Administrative Files

Most of the collection was kept in the order it was received. The documents in the Treasurer's Copy of EFM Records as well as the ECM Roster since 1957 were kept in their original place in their respective three-ring binders. The titles provided by the donors for these binders were also maintained.

Abbreviations Engineers' Club of Minneapolis: ECM Engineers Foundation of Minneapolis: EFM

Administrative Information

Publication Information

James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library December 2006

Revision Description

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Provenance

The records of the Engineers' Club of Minneapolis were donated to the James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library at the Minneapolis Public Library by Elton Jacobson on behalf of executive secretary Helen Pappas and club members Anthony Benkusky, Leroy V. (Rex) Alwin, and James H. Anderson in September 2006. An addition of meeting minutes, 2009 roster and Treasurer's Notebook was made in December 2009.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Engineer's Club of Minneapolis. (Minn.)

Subject(s)

- Engineers -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

Series I: ECM and EFM Financial Records

Collection Inventory

Series I: ECM and EFM Financial Records	
Series Description	
Highlights of this series include a ledger of ECM finance from 1981 to 2000 and a treasurer's copy of the Engineer's Foundation of Minneapolis Records from 1983 to 2003. This treasurer's copy contains meeting minutes, as well as documents on grants, fundraising, investments, and committee notes.	
Subseries 1A, Treasurer's Copy of Engineer's Foundation of Minneapolis Records 1983-2003	Box 2
	Box
Treasurer's reports through December 31, 2002	2
Meeting minutes April 11, 1983-August 9, 1991	2
Correspondence	2
Investment Advisory Committee records	2
Subcommittee on Grants meeting minutes and miscellaneous records	2
Committees	2
Certificate of Incorporation	2

Subseries 1B, Treasurer's Copy of Engineer's Foundation of Minneapolis Rec...

Articles of Incorporation	2
Bylaws February 13, 1984	2
List of board of directors 1983-1996	2
List of past leaders 1983-1996	2
Subseries 1B, Treasurer's Copy of Engineer's Foundation of Minneapolis Records 1984-1991	Box 2
Subseries 2, Ledger of ECM Finance 1981-2000	Box-folder 3
Series II: ECM Historical Records 1883-2006	
Series Description	
<p>The club's history spans from 1883 to 2006. Documents in this series include newsletters from December 1981 to May 2006, an ECM history record compiled by Elbert Nexsen, ECM secretary from 1893-97, and club rosters from 1928 to 1983, property of Rex Alwin, Dick Kraemer and Elton Jacobson.</p>	
Subseries 1, Club Rosters 1928-1968	
	Box
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster: Directory- Constitution-Code of Ethics 1928	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster: Directory- Constitution-Code of Ethics 1929	1

Subseries 1, Club Rosters

Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster: Directory- Constitution-Code of Ethics 1930	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster: Directory- Constitution-Code of Ethics 1931	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1932	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1933	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1934	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1935	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1936	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1937	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1938	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1939	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1940	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1941	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1942	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1943	1

Subseries 1, Club Rosters

Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1944	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1945	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1946	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1947	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1948-1949	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1949-1950	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1950-1951	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1951-1952	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1952-1953	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1953-1954	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1954-1955	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1955-1956	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1956-1957	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1958	1

Subseries 2, ECM Roster since 1957

Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1959	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1960	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1961	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1963-1964	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1965-1966	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 1967-1968	1
Engineer's Club of Minneapolis Roster 2009	1
Subseries 2, ECM Roster since 1957 1883-1990	
	Box
Supplement to ECM Roster September 1990	2
Supplement to ECM Roster December 1989	2
Membership Roster September 1986	2
ECM Living Roster Supplement September 1982	2
Correspondence from Dale Moll	2

Subseries 2, ECM Roster since 1957

Roster 1975	2
Living Roster October 1970	2
Officers and Committees 1968-1974	2
Past Presidents 1883-1976	2
Annual Cash Report 1968-1972	2
History through 1977	2
Constitution, updated 1970, 1972, 1976	2
Code of Ethics, adopted 1923 October 1970	2
Officers 1983-1984	2
History 1982-1983	2
Engineer of the Year 1978-1983	2
Roster 1987	2
Living Roster 1982-1983	2
Living Roster October 1982	2

Subseries 2, ECM Roster since 1957

Directory of Firms 1970, 1972, 1979	2
“Your Committee!” October 1970	2
ECM Activity Chart 1969-1973	2
Roster 1982	2
Roster 1981	2
Roster 1979	2
Roster 1974	2
Roster 1972	2
Roster 1975	2
Roster 1976	2
Past Engineers of the Year 1951-1968	2
Past Presidents 1883-1970	2
Past Presidents 1883-1972	2
Roster 1977	2

Subseries 3, ECM History Record

Roster 1970	2
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Subseries 3, ECM History Record 1883-1902	Box 2
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Subseries 4, ECM Newsletters 1981-2006	Box 2
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Series III: ECM Administrative Files 1946-1991	Box 1
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Series Description

This series is comprised of a book of ECM Board of Directors Minutes from February 1946 to June 1993 and an unbound copy of the constitution and by-laws, dated May, 1991.

Subseries 1, Constitution and By-Laws May 1991	Box 2
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Subseries 2, ECM Board of Directors Minutes 1946-1993	Box 4
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