Looking Ahead into 2020...

Workforce Development at Iowa Prisons
- MII received grant funds to help offset the cost of hiring an instructor to go into Anamosa State Penitentiary this year. Programming will tentatively start this spring using the NCCER curriculum.

Industrial Tech Professional Development
- MII has three sessions scheduled this summer for industrial tech instructors to learn how to bring masonry into the classroom. This program has been approved for 1 hour of credit for teacher license renewal and one of the programs is a “Level 2” where the instructors who have taken the intro session are invited back.

BAC Pre-Apprenticeship Scholarships
- New this year, MII has expanded the Foundation’s reach and will include scholarships for the pre-apprentices during their eight week coursework.

BAC Open House
- MII has scheduled an Open House on Thursday, March 26 for high school juniors and seniors to come tour the BAC Training Center and explore their apprenticeship and mason support programs. Currently five students are registered.

MBI Works Endowment
- MII received a grant to develop marketing material to promote masonry to students, industrial tech instructors and guidance counselors along with creating additional classroom material/curriculum for teachers to use to start a masonry unit.

Half Day Seminars
- MII will be adding a series of half day seminars to its calendar. These programs will be located around the state and allow architects and engineers another opportunity for quality CE.

2019-2021 Strategic Plan
Last year the MII board updated its strategic plan. MII continues to focus on workforce development and quality continuing education for architects and engineers. No matter the new goals for the Institute, the focus will be on building a better Iowa - with brick, block and stone. View the entire plan on MII’s website.

Membership by the Numbers
In 2019, MII had 54 members. Categories for membership included contributing and associate members. Both pay yearly dues but contributing members also pay an additional per man-hour worked on per brick/block/stone produced or distributed. Complimentary memberships are given to the BAC Local 3 and 6, Laborers Union Local 177, Iowa LECET, International Union of Bricklayers, Mason Contractors Association of America, National Concrete Masonry Association and the Brick Industry Association.
MII made great strides in 2019 on workforce development and to put masonry in the forefront of the design and construction community. Listed below are our accomplishments.

- Hosts the 2019 Masonry Seminar
- Spring Masonry ISU Engineering Day
- ISU places 1st at the national unit design competition
- Exhibits at the AIA, Iowa Annual Convention
- Creates the iwanttobeabrickalayer.com website
- Presents the 2019 Architectural Design Awards
- Hosts a back to school picnic for ISU’s AIAS Club and fed over 200 students
- Exhibits at the Iowa Association of School Board’s annual convention
- Hosts the state masonry SkillsUSA contest
- Attends the NCMA Midyear meeting
- MII hosts three “train the trainer” sessions for industrial tech instructors
- Sponsors the Structural Engineers in Iowa monthly meeting
- MII participates in a girls summer camp
- Exhibits at the MBI Annual Conference
- MII presents 9 Appreciation Awards
- Hosts annual golf outing to raise money for the foundation
- Hosts UNI & Hawkeye CC Student Field Day in Masonry
- MII’s Foundation receives workforce development grant from MBI
- Hosts Seminar in the Quad Cities on Masonry Flashing and Moisture Control
- Presents at ISU’s AGC monthly club meeting
- Provides a masonry demo at Anamosa State Penitentiary
- Presents at UNI Construction Management Club
- Receives funds from the Masonry Foundation for training in the Iowa prison system.
- ISU Student Field Day in Masonry
- Participates in four HBA “Build My Future” events to expose students to careers in the skilled trades
- Hosts 6 spring HS Masonry Days with over 400 students in attendance.