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WebEx: this month's presentation will be broadcast on WebEx so please plan on tuning in on the web if you can't be here in person! See the instructions on how to use WebEx on page 6 of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT NEWS

NEXT MEETING:

March 12, 11:30 AM @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street—Len Neugebauer will be discussing the SD Board of Technical Professions.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY JEFFERY HINES—PE

Greetings Eastern Chapter! There's a lot to report on with the recent busy February activities, including the Annual Awards, E-week, MathCounts, Scholarships and the Annual Awards Banquet.

Congratulations to the 2013 SDES Eastern Chapter Award winners and Scholarship winners:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Young Engineer of the Year: | Adam Norman, PE |
| Engineer of the Year: | Orlin Jibben, PE |
| Project(s) of the Year: | 1) Sioux Falls Water Reclamation Facility Effluent Filtration Improvements – (HR Green)
2) Sioux Falls Downtown River Greenway, Phase 1 (Goldsmith Heck and Confluence) |

High School Senior Scholarship Winners: Seth Petra and Jacob Morris

SDSU Scholarship Winners: Michael Knofczynski and Lucas Myrabo

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered (and there are many!) for the February Eastern Chapter activities. Thank you for all your hard work and your dedicated commitment in promoting the engineering profession through the SDES Eastern Chapter activities. My apologies if I have left anyone off the list.

Scholarship Committee: Chris Jibben – Chair, Lance Mayer, Jesse Morris, Travis Clark, Kim Heck, Wes Phillips, Brad Ludens, Lance Weatherly

Awards Committee: Brad Ludens – Chair, Jason Reaves, Myron Adam, and Shannon Schultz

Awards Banquet Committee: Erin Steever – Chair, Paul Sanow, the staff of the Pavilion, Todd Steever, Ray Pierson, Myron Adam, Kristin Gundvalson

Mathcounts: Phil Gundvalson and Shannon Schultz – Co-Chairs, Aaron Fagerness, Beth Kassing, Brittni Stephens-Yates, Dan Hanson, Erin Steever, John Peasley, Krista May, Kurt Peppel, Matt Pajl, Stacy DuChene, Travis Clark, Wes Philips, Jay Smith with Augustana College Mathematics Department

Eweek: Brett Runge – Chair, Erin Steever, Joe Munson, Lance Weatherly, Brittni Stephens-Yates, Shannon Schultz, Chad Hanisch, Neil Eichstadt, Krista May, Karin Kroon, the staff of the Pavilion

All of this year's activities were very successful and well attended. Please check out the details of all the chapter activities later in the newsletter.

Your SDES Eastern Chapter is continuing its ambitious schedule for 2013. This month, we will continue our noon lunch meetings at the Pizza Ranch. This month's presentation will be by Len Neugebauer, PE, LS, who is Chairman of the SD Board of Technical Professions. Topics will include:

- ◆ How this body is related to NICET and the Design Professionals Coalition and NCEES.
- ◆ Examinations will also be moving away from paper and pencil and toward computer based.
- ◆ The Board is also in the process of updating their website.
- ◆ Recent actions before the Board will be discussed including disciplinary actions and complaints.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

BY RAY PIERSON, PE

Balance as of 3/5/13

Previous General Fund Balance (2/5/13)	\$ 17,933.47
Expenses:	
Swiftel Center (PE Exam lunches) \$	(120.18)
Elizabeth Yerdon Donation \$	(500.00)
Ray Pierson (Speaker lunches Dec. & Feb.) \$	(30.75)
Phil Gundvaldson (Speaker lunch Jan.) \$	(10.25)
JD House of Trophies (Plaques for Banquet) \$	(235.32)
First Dance (Banquet Entertainment) \$	(291.50)
WebEx (February) \$	(49.00)
Petty Cash Withdrawl for Banquet \$	(100.00)
Erin Steever (Banquet door prize and meal) \$	(75.68)
Wash. Pav. Kirby Science (1st Fri. supplies) \$	(146.24)
Wash. Pav. Kirby Science (Design contest) \$	(500.00)
Wash. Pav. (Banquet Expenses) \$	(1,654.12)
Total	\$ (3,713.04)
Deposits:	
Switel Center lost check so void it \$	120.18
Interest (February) \$	2.04
Banquet Meals (Inc. \$100 petty cash repay) \$	1,325.00
Total	\$ 1,447.22
Total General Fund	\$ 15,667.65
Previous Scholarship Fund Balance (2/5/13)	\$ 9,086.64
Expenses:	
Total	\$ -
Deposits:	
Total	\$ -
Total Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,086.64
Total Account Balance	\$ 24,754.29

**IMPORTANT CALENDAR ITEMS****EASTERN CHAPTER MEETINGS:**

- March 12, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- April 9, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street

SDES Annual Conference

May 1-3, 2013
Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls

PE & FE Exam Dates

PE	FE	Applications Due
		<u>2013</u>
Oct 25	Oct 26	July 1
		<u>2014</u>
Apr 11	Apr 12	Jan 1
Oct 24	Oct 25	July 1

SDES EASTERN CHAPTER BOARD ELECTIONS APRIL 9, 2013

At our regular April meeting we will be holding elections for the next year which starts in May. While most positions will be filled with a typical progression of board members, we have one Board position open for Secretary/Treasurer as Ray Pierson moves to the Vice President position. We also have the need to fill the Chairperson position for Public Relations which is not an elected position. Please call the Chapter Nominations Chairman, Ray Pierson at 605-332-7211 if you would like to be considered to fill either of these positions.

To add a calendar item, please contact Josh Peterson at JPeterson@siouxfalls.org

MATHCOUNTS A SUCCESS—PHIL GUNDVALDSON, PE

On behalf of the South Dakota Engineering Society, I want to thank all those who volunteered and contributed financially to this year's program. Your contribution helped ensure another successful program on the local level. This year's competition was held on February 21, 2013 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. In total, over 80 people competed, coached, and assisted with this year's competition.

The first place team was Patrick Henry Middle School and the second place team was Edison Middle School, both of Sioux Falls. The top 2 teams and top 2 individuals from the local competition will compete in the state competition to be held in Pierre on March 9th. There they will compete against the top students from 3 other chapters in the state. The top 4 individuals at the state competition will then compete in the national contest.

Thanks to the following businesses for their financial contribution to this year's competition:

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 HR Green, Inc.
 Infrastructure Design Group, Inc.
 JSA Consulting Engineers, Inc.
 KMS Engineering
 Sioux Falls Construction
 West Plains Engineering, Inc.

Thanks to the following volunteers for helping with this year's competition:

Aaron Fagerness
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 Dan Hanson
 Erin Steever
 John Peasley
 Krista May
 Kurt Peppel
 Matt Pajl
 Stacy DuChene
 Travis Clark
 Wes Philips
 Jay Smith with Augustana College Mathematics Department (provided students to assist with scoring)



Thank you again for supporting the MATHCOUNTS program in South Dakota. Your help is greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (CONTINUED)

- ◆ The "Masters equivalence" issue for licensure.

As always, the lunch meeting will be broadcast on WebEx, so please plan on tuning in on the web if you can't be here in person! We are not getting a lot of participation on the WebEx platform, so I encourage you to get the word out to your colleagues in areas other than Sioux Falls to take advantage of this opportunity. As always, Chad Stensland is doing a great job facilitating this service to our members.

During last month's lunch meeting, we heard from Shannon Ausen of the City of Sioux Falls and from Travis Dreesen from the SDDOT about their upcoming projects for 2013 and beyond. Thanks to both for their excellent presentations. Shannon, we will try and take up a collection for you for some new, fancy display boards like Travis's!

Also, we would like to extend a hearty welcome to three more new members of the Eastern Chapter of the SDES. These include Oscar Schlenker, PE of Schlenker Engineering in Aberdeen, Nick Van Wyhe, PE of HDR in Sioux Falls, and Michelle Neilson, PE of Sioux Valley Energy in Colman.

The 2013 Annual Conference planning is going well. Shannon Schultz, Phil Gundvalson and the committee have wrapped up the planning and registration brochures are being mailed out the week of March 4, so you should have yours by the time you read this. Please note that online registration and credit card payment is now available through our new web site. Thanks to Shannon and the many members of the committee who have put together an awesome conference lineup. Remember that the dates of the conference are May 1-3, 2013, so be sure to mark this on your calendars.

Finally, Ray Pierson informs me that he is relinquishing his post as Secretary/Treasurer and will be accepting the nomination for Vice President for next year, so we are looking for someone to fill Ray's shoes for the 2013-2014 year. Anyone who is interested in this position should contact either me or Ray as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you all at this month's lunch meeting.

G. Jeffery Hines

E-WEEK RECAP—ERIN STEEVER, PE

E-week was officially February 18 - 22, 2013, and the Eastern Chapter of SDES celebrated throughout the month of February. SDES teamed with the Washington Pavilion, located in Sioux Falls, SD for several outreach activities to inspire youth and inform the general public about engineers' positive impact on their daily lives.

Free 1st Fridays

SDES lead several engineer related activities and a demonstration in the Kirby Science Center on February 1, 2013. The night included water testing (source water – Wall Lake), construction of drinking-straw bridges tested with a rolling ball, a walkable roundabout traffic intersection, and a Where two Pipes Meet laser level demonstration. To give you some details for the evening, we had a total of 275 patrons in the activity area, compared to January's 250 patrons for a science themed event. A big thank you to all of the volunteers: Joe Munson, Lance Weatherly, Brittini Stephens-Yates, Shannon Schultz, Chad Hanisch, Neil Eichstadt, Krista May, and Karin Kroon (SDSU Grad Student).

We also donated 300 pendulum catch kits for an engineer/STEM take-away which was distributed to 276 patrons on their way out of the center. Contact me if you'd like a kit, I grabbed a few of the extras if any of you are interested.

STEM Girls Activity

On February 26, 27, and 28th, SDES was welcomed into three middle schools in the underprivileged districts of Sioux Falls. STEM Girls is a program supported and run by the Washington Pavilion and focuses on female students' awareness of the career opportunities they have in the STEM field. Another big thank you to the SDES volunteers: Brittini Stephens-Yates, Kristen Gundvaldson, Dawn Horner, and Michelle Carter. As female engineers, we described how we each became interested in engineering, and what kinds of exciting things we get to do as engineers. We then moved on to a lively game of Dash Engineering which involved the girls running to the answers of various engineering awareness questions. We ended each of the three sessions with getting to know the girls and their interests in the STEM field. We met with a total of 25 middle school girls with interest in STEM careers. Nationally, 20% of the undergraduate engineering students are female (13.3% at SDSU), and SDES's Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day 2013 was celebrated on Thursday, February 21, 2013.

Project of the Year Nomination Boards on Display

The SDES and ASCE Project of the Year award nomination boards were on display in the main floor lobby of the Washington Pavilion for the month of February. The general public was asked to vote for their favorite project on display, basing their decision on originality and innovation of the project, complexity, social significance and economic impact. "People's Choice Award 2013" from the Pavilion patrons goes to Lewis & Clark Regional Water System (Banner Associates), with second going to the Downtown River Greenway Phase 1 (Goldsmith Heck/Confluence). Other projects also on display included the Sioux Falls Water Reclamation Facility Effluent Filter Improvements (HR Green), the Reconstruction of the Mitchell to Rapid City Railroad (CDI), Old Orchard Heights Street Rehabilitation (Sayre Associates, Inc), and Cliff Avenue Improvements from Benson Road to 60th Street North (HR Green). We received a total of 14 ballots from Pavilion patrons, and added another 10 during the Annual Awards Banquet held on February 23, 2013. From the ballots received there was one request for more information about engineering. We also had two write-in votes for the Central Baptist Church (Ralph Rogers Road, Sioux Falls). The display allowed us to bring engineering awareness to a good number of people from the general public. We were also able to increase awareness of some of the recent projects around South Dakota, and get the general public to think about some of the engineering projects in South Dakota that weren't even suggested. I consider this a success!

Eastern Chapter Awards Banquet

The banquet was held at the Washington Pavilion on Saturday, February 23, 2013. Nearly 60 people were in attendance, including three SDES scholarship winners. The guest speaker was Tim Olsen, executive director of the nonprofit Groundworks, which is incorporating teaching gardens to school curriculum and the community to inspire students to excel academically, explore principles of scientific thought, and encourage neighborhood wellness.



Water testing and the straw bridge activity (back).



Demonstrating the take-away pendulum.



Testing a roundabout with match box cars.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—CHRISTOPHER JIBBEN, PE

As part of the 2013 scholarship program, SDES-Eastern Chapter awarded two \$2000 Engineering Scholarships out of 65 applicants to the following high school seniors:

Jacob Morris is ranked second in his class at Dell Rapids High School. Jacob has been involved in numerous school & community activities including: Football, Basketball, Baseball, FFA, Study Buddy, One Act Play, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, His Church Group, Boys State, Class Vice President and received the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award.

One achievement that has given Jacob the most satisfaction is the self-employed mowing and landscape business "Morris Property Management" started by Jacob and his older brother. Jacob has been busy maintaining landscapes, doing everything from necessary labor & maintenance to financial bookkeeping. The business has expanded to commercial real estate and competing against professional landscapers.

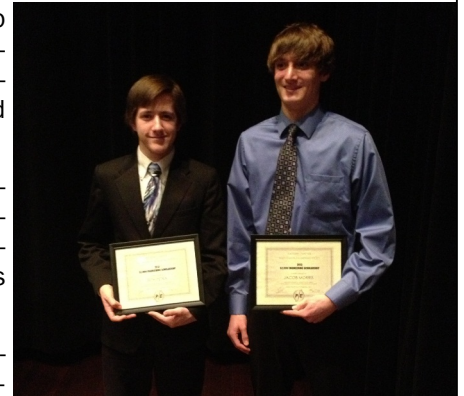
Jacob has always been interested in how things work and believes Engineering will give him an opportunity to feel satisfaction of a job well done, overcome challenges, and be a problem solver which he excels and takes joy in. Jacob plans to attend SDSU and Major in Civil or Mechanical Engineering

Seth Petra attends Elk-Point Jefferson High School and stood out academically while also being involved in many school & community activities including: Boy Scouts where he is an Eagle Scout & Senior Patrol Leader, Theater, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl Team, Boys State, and numerous science fairs.

Being chosen as having one of the top projects at the Eastern SD Science and Engineering Fair and competing in the International Science and Engineering Fair has been an achievement that Seth is most proud of. The Engineering Fair was an incredible experience where Seth met other students from around the world who shared his passion for science and making the world a better place.

Seth has attended several camps including one at SDSU that was centered on Engineering. Seth enjoys problem solving, critical thinking, and the thrill of watching something he made actually work. Seth plans to attend either SDSU or SD School of Mines for Mechanical or Materials Engineering

Also this year, the Eastern Chapter will sponsor two \$1000 engineering scholarships at South Dakota State University. The two recipients selected by SDSU faculty were Michael Knofczynski, and Lucus Myrabo, both mechanical engineering students.



Seth Petra (left) and Jacob Morris (right)

YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR: ADAM NORMAN



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Although you have received individual receipts for gifts made throughout the year, we are providing a complete summary of your tax-deductible donations for 2012 as an added convenience. We have also provided the status of any outstanding pledge balances to SDSU, if applicable.

We would ask that you review the enclosed information and contact us directly with any questions or discrepancies.

Our university continues to benefit from unprecedented private investment by alumni, friends and corporate partners. *It Starts with STATE: A Campaign for South Dakota State University* had a goal to raise \$200 million in six years. We exceeded that goal this summer, thanks to great friends like you.

On-campus events to celebrate the campaign's success are scheduled for April 25 and 26, 2013. Gifts and pledges made up until that time will be included in the final campaign total. To learn more about the campaign's progress or other opportunities to support SDSU, visit www.ItStartsWithState.org or call the Foundation toll-free at (888) 747-7378.

Thank you again for your commitment to our university. We are grateful for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Steve Erpenbach, President and CEO
South Dakota State University Foundation

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Member Bio

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PHIL GUNVALDSON, PE

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Favorite Quote:
*"You always miss one hundred
percent of the shots you don't take."*
Wayne Gretzky

A brief history... I grew up in Sioux Falls with two older brothers. I am fortunate to have all my immediate family still living in the Sioux Falls area. I met my wife Kristen in high school and we both graduated from SDSU in 2002 with degrees in civil engineering. Kristen currently works at Southeast Technical Institute as an instructor for the Engineering Technology programs. I spent five summers while in college working for JSA Engineers & Land Surveyors. After graduation, I worked at HR Green, Inc. in Sioux Falls for just under ten years. I am fortunate to have had great mentors at both of these companies and I had the opportunity to work with some great people. In August of 2012, I began a new venture with Chad Hanisch and we founded the Consulting Engineering firm, Infrastructure Design Group, Inc. Kristen and I have been blessed with two lovely daughters, Alice (3) and Sophie (11 months). We pretty much play defense at home as we struggle to keep up with them.



A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Family: Wife-Kristen; Daughters Alice (3) Sophie (11 months)

Hometown: Sioux Falls, SD

Job title and years with firm: Director, Less than 1 year

Favorite Room in Your House: Family Room. 60 inch TV and fireplace. Enough said.

Normal Breakfast: Cranberry Juice and cereal (Fruity Pebbles, Honey Smacks, Cookie Crisp, etc.) I could live on cereal!

Last CD Purchased: Dale Carnegie books on tape

Last DVD Purchased: Lonesome Dove. Best western movie ever. If I have a son, he will be named Deets.

Hobbies: Camping, boating, hunting, attending sporting events, projects around the house, although my small projects always turn in to something larger that usually require professional help.

What do you collect? Everything my wife collects and kid toys

Best Personality Trait: Honesty

Pets: Ali-13 year old yellow lab who has been with us since college

Pet Peeves: People who expect me yield to them as they get on the interstate. Especially on I-229, a lane was added between interchange ramps to give you ample time to switch lanes! No need to turn on the blinker and start looking back immediately.

Favorite beverage: Heath Blizzard from Dairy Queen. I hate how the small, medium, and large sizes seem to shrink every year. I just want a 20 ounce Blizzard!

Favorite TV Show: Pawn Stars or about any other show on the History Channel

Favorite season: Summer

People may not know... Have you ever eaten saltine crackers in a bowl of milk? Delicious.

What made you want to be an engineer? I took a drafting class in High School and we were able to draw up blueprints for our dream house. After that class I enrolled in SDSU as a civil engineering major. I still have the blueprints in the closet.

What do you like best about being an engineer? I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work on a variety of projects, large and small. I think it is amazing to see the constructed projects that originated from my blank computer screen.

Describe a significant event in your professional life. Chad Hanisch and I venturing out and starting up our own Consulting Engineering firm, Infrastructure Design Group, Inc. It seems each day offers new challenges and opportunities.

Describe a significant event in your personal life. The addition of our two little girls has changed our lives for the better.

I am looking forward to... Watching my kids learn and grow, family trips, and new and exciting things at work.

I hate it when... My dog will not swallow her pills.

Favorite place: Spring Training in Phoenix, Arizona. I have made it down there four of the last five years with my wife or friends. There's just something special about sitting in the sun and watching baseball in March.

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