



The Engineering Informer

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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:

November 13, 11:30 AM @
Pizza Ranch on 41st Street

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- ◆ Dan Hansen (Sioux Falls)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY JEFFERY HINES-PE

Fall has arrived here in South Dakota, with lots of bright orange vests and caps, and even a couple of "smatterings" of snow. Let's hope the drought ends this winter and we get some healthy snow totals to get some moisture back in the soil before planting season arrives. Hopefully, your construction projects are on schedule and will be completed before the weather turns nasty. Recent reports have indicated that building permits for residential and commercial construction are way up in Sioux Falls and in East River in general, so road and utility design and construction could be looking up as well. Now that the election is behind us (thank goodness), at least some uncertainty about policy is lessened and the way forward is a little clearer. I think America is ready to get moving again, and certainly the upper Midwest is always pretty steady in terms of growth and economic strength.

Again, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of "giving back" to our profession, and to thank all of those active members that we all count on to volunteer each year. I would challenge all of you who have not actively participated to get involved in at least one activity this year. The time you spend will be well rewarded and appreciated.

Thanks again to Michelle Carter for last month's presentation on Pipe Ramming and her recent experiences with boring under I-229 here in Sioux Falls. I appreciate learning from our members, and how real life implementations and adaptations of technology are being used to solve some pretty complex problems. Thanks to all who contributed ideas and sources for presentations for our next several meetings. I expect to have several to tell you about in our next newsletter.

The Fall PDH conference was held last month here in Sioux Falls. As usual, it was very well done and very well attended. Thanks to Chad Hanisch and the committee

for all their hard work. The proceeds from this event really go a long way towards funding annual scholarships and helping our members attain the necessary continuing education PDH's for our professional registrations.

Gabe Laber has recently sent out the flyer for the SDES Winter Social which will be held at the Cherry Creek Grill on Thursday, December 20, 2012. Last year was a great success and I hope to see everyone for a repeat this year. It's a great opportunity for getting to know your fellow members better and catching up during the holidays. It's a very low key event with no formal program, Please make a point to reserve a couple of hours to come and have some holiday cheer with us.

We've added another new member this month. Please welcome Dan Hansen of GeoTek Engineering & Testing Services (Sioux Falls) to SDES and the Eastern Chapter. We have now added 18 new members this year. Way to go members!

The 2013 Annual Conference planning is well underway, thanks to Shannon Schultz stepping in as the interim chair to get things going. Shannon is still very involved in MathCounts and will not be able to handle both jobs simultaneously in March and April, so we still need someone to step up and work with Shannon and the committee and be ready to take over as chair as the conference comes together in April. Please let me or Shannon know if you'd be able to help out in this important position.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at this month's lunch meeting and remember: WebEx will be broadcasting the presentation, so tune in if you can't make it in person.

G. Jeffery Hines

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY RAY PIERSON, PE



Balance as of 10/31/12

Previous General Fund Balance (9/30/12)	\$ 14,134.55
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Shannon Schultz (Fall PDH Speaker Gifts)	\$ (166.02)
Chad Hanisch (PDH Planning Meeting Meals)	\$ (28.00)
Washington Pavillion (Reserve Banquet Rm)	\$ (400.00)
Ray Pierson (Board Meeting)	\$ (123.15)
Total	\$ (717.17)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Informer Ads	\$ 831.00
Interest (October)	\$ 2.11
Total	\$ 833.11
Total General Fund	\$ 14,250.49
Previous Scholarship Fund Balance (9/30/12)	\$ 9,011.64
<u>Expenses:</u>	
	\$ -
Total	\$ -
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Golf Outing Deposit #3	\$ 75.00
Total	\$ 75.00
Total Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,086.64
Total Account Balance	\$ 23,337.13

IMPORTANT CALENDAR ITEMS

EASTERN CHAPTER MEETINGS:

- November 13, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- December 11, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- January 8, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- February 12, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- March 12, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- April 9, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- May 14, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street

Eastern Chapter Winter Social

December 20, 4:30PM @
Cherry Creek Bar and Grill

E-Week

February 18–23, 2013

Eastern Chapter Annual Banquet

February 23, 2013

PE & FE Exam Dates

PE	FE	Applications Due
<u>2013</u>		
Apr 12	Apr 13	Jan 1
Oct 25	Oct 26	July 1
<u>2014</u>		
Apr 11	Apr 12	Jan 1
Oct 24	Oct 25	July 1

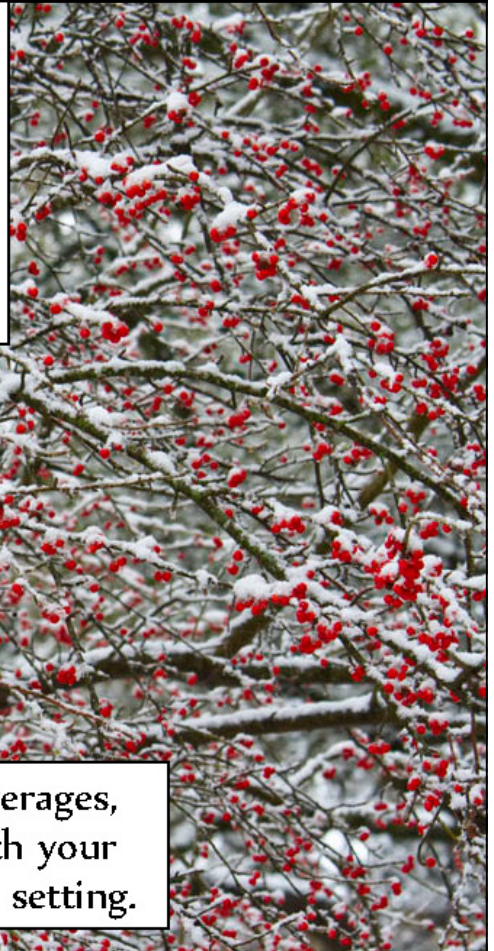
To add a calendar item, please contact Josh Peterson at JPeterson@siouxfalls.org

SAVE THE DATE!

2012 SDES Annual Winter Social

Where: Cherry Creek Bar and Grill
Banquet Room (downstairs, N. entrance)
When: Thursday, December 20th

*Starts at 4:30 P.M.; Free Appetizers served at 5:00 P.M.; Cash Bar



Come join us for appetizers, beverages,
and a great time to catch up with your
colleagues in this annual informal setting.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY—SOUTH DAKOTA ARBORIST CONFERENCE

Need PDH's? Looking for training on landscaping? Check out the 2012 South Dakota Arborist Conference in Sioux Falls on November 13th and 14th. For more information on the conference and registration information, check out the conference website at <http://www.sdarborists.com/documents/SouthDakotaArboristConference2012.pdf>. A special rate has been offered to reach out to allied professionals that impact the world of arboriculture.



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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Favorite Quote:

"Its up 2 u" - My brother had this on
the banner of his phone for a while. I
haven't found many moments where
this saying doesn't apply.

A brief history... I was born on a small farm south of Madison, South Dakota. I have five siblings. Three older sisters and two younger brothers. All are very unique and awesome. My dad worked on the family farm and my mom chased kids, drove bus and worked as a secretary at the local catholic church.

I graduated from Madison High School in 1994, Southeast Tech in 2000, and South Dakota State University in 2003. After graduation I worked at HR Green for 8 years before accepting a position with the City of Sioux Falls in 2011.

I met my wife in 2008. I would have married her sooner had I known how good married life is! (Well most of it!)



A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Family: Wife Tiffanee

Hometown: Madison, SD

Job title and years with firm: Principal Sanitary Engineer, 1 year 5 months.

Favorite Room in Your House: Basement TV/Trophy room

Normal Breakfast: Lately its been shredded wheat. I'm on a health kick I guess.

Last CD Purchased: Sadly, I'm pretty sure it was Warren G. That was a long time ago!

Last DVD Purchased: Lonesome Dove. It was a gift and an awesome one at that!

Hobbies: I enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, and bird hunting. I love archery deer hunting. I've trained for a few half marathons that ate up a lot of time. I'm not sure if that's a hobby or a time suck.

What do you collect? Souvenir pennies—seriously

Best Personality Trait: Understanding peoples needs

and mediating. I'm told it's a product of being middle child.

Pets: My old black lab Hutch. He's retired and living at the farm with my dad. They both do a lot of sitting around.

Pet Peeves: Not turning into your driving lane.

Favorite beverage: Water and coffee.

Favorite TV Show: Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives

Favorite season: Fall (Specifically the first two weeks in November)

People may not know... I grew up on an organic farm.

What made you want to be an engineer? Not having to work on the organic farm! Just kidding. I go back there practically every weekend to work.

What do you like best about being an engineer? I love seeing the a concept I created come together.

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<http://www.sdes.org/>

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E-Week	Brett Runge, PE
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Click the "Register" link by the monthly meeting.

Fill in your first name, last name, email address and hit the "Register Now" button at the bottom.

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