



# October 2020 NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow SDES Members,

Welcome Chapter members to the start of our 2020-2021 monthly meeting cycle. This past year has been a wild ride and we are excited to get back to providing our members with opportunities to socialize, gain PDH's, and learn more about what other engineers in the area have been working on. Our meetings will look a little different this year. We will be starting off by holding virtual PDH meetings and we hope to move towards in person meetings in the spring. I know this next year will be a little different than years past but myself and the BH Chapter board have been working on some fun ideas to keep everyone engaged.

We will be hosting a virtual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. Heidi Wagner from the SDSM&T Construction Engineering and Management department will be making a presentation on her work being done at the school. Please look for the sign-up and call-in information coming soon via Eventbrite and I hope you can attend.

Planning is underway for the Spring SDES Conference which will be held April 14th-16th here in the Black Hills. The conference planning committee is busy working on providing a "hybrid" conference for attendees. With the great success that the Fall Conference had being online, we are moving forward with plans on both a virtual conference as well as in-person. Keep your eyes peeled for more information. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for the conference, please feel free to contact me.

Doug Noyes, PE

President of the Black Hills Chapter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *November 10: November Membership Meeting*

Speaker: Heidi Wagner, P.E. (SDSM&T)

When: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Where: Virtual Meeting

Details to Come

***SDES Black Hills Chapter  
2019 Award Winners:***

2019 Young Engineer of the Year: Brett Belzer  
2019 Engineer of the Year: Jason Hinds  
2019 Outstanding Engineering Achievement:  
VRC Metal Systems HQ

- VRC Metal Systems Headquarters (more info):  
Owner/Designer: VRC Metal Systems & Four Front
- Transformed Vandenberg Elementary
    - Purchased from Box Elder for \$1
    - 50,000 sf 1950s era building
    - 2,500 sf metal-clad modern entryway
  - Challenges
    - Asbestos abatement
    - HVAC
    - Raised roof
  - Unique Characteristics
    - Closed Loop Helium System
    - 60 hi-skilled, hi-paying jobs



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Arc Of Dreams



***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!***

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

(AS OF 30-September-20)

Account

Checking: \$13,885.39  
Savings: \$7,831.03  
CD #1: \$1,116.25  
CD #2: \$2,625.29  
Endowment: \$22,456.87

**Scholarship/Donation Schedule**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	Youth in Science Scholarship	\$500.00 \$2,500.00
2021	Youth in Science Scholarship	\$500.00 \$2,500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

**Scholarship Update**

The Black Hills Chapter will continue to support academics with one \$2500 scholarship in Fall 2021. Proceeds from the last time the Black Hills Chapter hosted the SDES Annual Convention, member contributions, and distributions from the Black Hills Chapter's Joy Page Scholarship Fund are used to support this scholarship. Contributions to the fund or the Black Hills Chapter are welcome. For more information about the Jody Page Memorial fund, or to make a contribution to the Chapter for scholarships, contact Kyle Hansen at [khansen@fmgenengineering.com](mailto:khansen@fmgenengineering.com).

Thanks to all who have provided support to this program over the years. The Chapter also has \$1000 in reserve for other charitable donations that we make throughout the year.

### ***SDES BLACK HILLS CHAPTER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!***

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the Black Hills Chapter:

- *Victor Hernandez-Chinos (SDSM&T Student)*
- *Marvin Geersen, P.E. (Black Hills Energy)*
- *Isaac Knock (SDSM&T Student)*
- *Tyler Kleinsasser, EIT (SDSM&T Student)*
- *Joshua Willhite, P.E. (Fermi Research Alliance)*

### ***The South Dakota Engineer Newsletter and the SDES Membership Directory***

The current issue of The South Dakota Engineer is available at [www.sdes.org](http://www.sdes.org) by clicking on "News". As a reminder, SDES and ASCE members are invited to submit information for the e-newsletter. The newsletter is distributed September - May. The SDES Membership directory is also available upon request to SDES members only. Send your requests to a Black Hills Chapter Officer for a pdf of the directory. Also, please review your personal information and let a Black Hills Chapter Officer know if your contact information has changed.

### ***SDES BLACK HILLS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:***

Chapter membership meetings are generally on the third Tuesday of the month (September to May) from 11:30-1:00 (presentation at noon). Please check specific arrangements as meeting dates / locations occasionally due to speaker/room availability, etc.

*Have any topic suggestions? We'd love to hear them. Please contact a Board member with your ideas.*

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