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WebEx: Our upcoming monthly presentations will be broadcast on WebEx so please plan on tuning in on the web to stay socially distance. See the instructions for how to use WebEx on pages 4 and 10 of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Upcoming meetings will be held virtually on WebEx

Welcome to our new member:

Austin Hoellein

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY BEN SCHOLTZ, PE

Hopefully everyone had a pleasant New Year and was able to release a sigh of relief that 2020 is now behind us! Winter too has now decided to loom upon the Midwest bringing its usual mishmash of variable coldness, winds from the arctic, and a little snow. Many of us are now likely hunkered in our offices developing plans for a variety of new projects for the coming construction season – let's all hope the weather in 2021 will be as good as 2020!

Our chapter board members are continuing to develop options for future monthly meetings and events through this winter and early spring. I'm excited to announce that our monthly meeting later in January will include a (virtual) presentation on the Veterans Parkway (aka SD Highway 100) project – see additional details for this meeting event on page 4 of this newsletter. The February meeting content is still under development as we determine how we can incorporate a virtual version of our annual awards "banquet" into the mix. Help us welcome our newest member, Austin Hoellein!

As this newsletter reaches you all, please consider nominations for outstanding project and individuals for these awards. I hope you all enjoy the winter so far – please be careful on the ice! We look forward to seeing you all (virtually) over the next few months. Cheers to 2021!



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY SCOTT LAVOY, PE

Previous General Fund Balance	12/1/2020	\$	11,441.24
<u>Deposits:</u>			
Interest Payment	\$	0.30	
Eweek Awards Banquet:	\$	2,478.35	
Membership Dues	\$	3,810.00	
Ad Revenue	\$	150.00	
Conference Revenue	\$	21,506.24	
Total:		\$	27,944.89
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	\$	(160.00)	
Endowment and Scholarship	\$	(17,100.00)	
Total:		\$	(17,260.00)
Total General Fund Balance:		\$	22,126.13
Previous Scholarship Fund Balance	12/1/2020	\$	(690.94)
<u>Deposits:</u>			
Golf Outing Revenue	\$	5,597.56	
Transfer from General Fund	\$	160.00	
Total:		\$	5,757.56
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Total:		\$	-
Total Scholarship Fund Balance:		\$	5,066.62
Total Account Balance	1/4/2021	\$	27,192.75



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, January 28th —Monthly virtual meeting at noon on WebEx
- Award nominations due at the end of January!
- February—Monthly virtual meeting & virtual award banquet
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
2021 Annual Conference – April 14th – 16th, 2021

OUTREACH UPDATE ERIN STEEVER, PE

We are not doing anything with the Washington Pavilion for February/E-week this year. We may have other opportunities to team with them later in the year. We will keep the Chapter up to date.



Thank you for renewing your newsletter sponsorships. **Newsletter advertisements** are available throughout the entire year, so if you don't see your company listed, Contact Nancy Hoines for more information. Phone: 605-951-1004,

JANUARY VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING

January Virtual Monthly Meeting via WebEx

Shannon Ausen (City of Sioux Falls) and Steve Hoff (HDR) will be presenting this month on **Veterans Parkway**.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, January 28th at noon via WebEx.

A little bit about the presentation:

The northern segments of Veterans Parkway have been completed and now the focus is on South Veterans Parkway which will construct the Parkway from I-29 to just north of 57th Street. We will be discussing the history, next steps and schedule for completing the corridor.

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Meeting: Virtual via Webex on
Thursday, January 28th at Noon (CST)**

Meeting number (access code): 177 951 6918

Meeting password: sbMH8iUmd86

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You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.



ENGINEERING AWARD NOMINATIONS WES PHILIPS, PE

Nominations Needed for Engineering Awards – SDES Eastern Chapter

As you begin the new year, please take some time to reflect on your accomplishments and those of your peers. **Nominate a worthy engineer or project for one of our annual awards:**

- Outstanding Engineering Achievement (Project)
- Engineer of the Year
- Young Engineer of the Year



There are many engineers and projects in the Eastern Chapter that deserve recognition for a job well done. **Nomination forms were e-mailed out on December 27th and are due at the end of January.**

See the next two pages for the awards brochure to help get the ideas flowing!

Award Descriptions

Engineer of the Year

This award recognizes an Eastern Chapter member who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession, the public welfare, and/or humankind. The award nominees are judged on education, continuing competence, professional and technical society activities, awards and honors, civic and humanitarian activities, engineering achievements, professional experience, national organizational offices held, activities of unique quality, and any special advisory assignments.

Young Engineer of the Year

This award recognizes a member of the Eastern Chapter who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession and their community during the early years of their career. Nominees must be 34 years of age or younger on January 1 of the nominating year to be eligible. The award nominees are judged on education and collegiate achievements, professional society activities, technical society activities, civic and humanitarian activities, continuing competence, and engineering achievement.

Project of the Year

This award acknowledges the accomplishments of the engineering profession. Each year the Eastern Chapter recognizes engineering achievements that have captured the innovative and dynamic spirit of a profession dedicated to public service. The award nominees are judged on application of engineering principles, originality and innovation, complexity, social significance, and economic impact.

State SDES Awards

All Eastern Chapter award winners are submitted for consideration for statewide SDES awards. Statewide award winners will be presented at the SDES Annual Conference in Sioux Falls April 14-16, 2021. Good luck to this year's winners!

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Prior Award Winners

Engineer of the Year

Eastern Chapter

2019: Aaron Hartwell
2018: Lance Weatherly*
2017: Wes Philips
2016: Monty Miller / Joshua Peterson
2015: Jason Kjenstad*
2014: Chad Hanisch*
2013: Allen Rude
2012: Orlin Jibben
2011: Jeff Christensen
2010: Bruce Card

SE/NE Chapter

2009: Chad Huwe (SE)
2008: James Unruh (SE)
2007: Rich Schwanke* (SE)
2006: Mark Wiederich (SE)
2005: Steve Hoff (SE)
2004: Jon Heck* (SE)
2003: Dennis Wipf / Geoff Heig
2002: Jeff DesLauriers / Seth Hanson
2001: Doug Hoy / Chuck Tiltrum
2000: Kim Heck / Dennis Micko*
1999: Duane Sanders* (NE)
1998: Fred Ritterhaus* (NE)
1997: Fran Brink* (NE)
1996: John Little (NE)
1995: Joe Gillen / Dwayne Rollag
1994: Steve Quincy / Paul Koepsell*
1993: Tom Berkland (SE)
1992: Ralph Lindner (SE)
1991: Duane Genzlinger / Jim Dornbush*
1990: Jon Smith (SE)
1989: Beth Tellekson (SE)
1988: Dale Jans (SE)
1987: Len Neugebauer (SE)
1986: Rex Stockwell* / Ernest Buckley
1985: Tade Gerischer / Junis Storry
1984: Tom Molohan / Al Kurtenbach*
1983: Wilfred Schroeder (SE)
1982: Art DeWitt (SE)
1981: Marvin Heck / Emory Johnson*
1980: Merle Jansen (SE)
1979: Ray Jorgensen (SE)
1978: John Peasley (SE)

Young Engineer of the Year

Eastern Chapter

2019: Joseph Stonesifer
2018: Krista May*
2017: Jedidiah Reimnitz*
2016: Scott LaVoy
2015: Travis Clark*
2014: Michelle Carter*
2013: Wes Philips*
2012: Adam Norman*
2011: Brett Runge*
2010: Brad Ludens*

SE/NE Chapter

2009: TJ Yerdon (SE)
2008: Phil Gundvaldson* (SE)
2007: Jason Reaves (SE)
2006: Jason Kjenstad* (SE)
2005: Myron Adam (SE)
2004: Chad Hanisch* (SE)
2003: Shannon VerHey / Michelle Burke*
2002: Mark Cotter* / Doug Wessel
2001: Brent Anderson / Matthew Asche
2000: Jason Klemme / Sam Muntean
1999: Jackie Lanning* (NE)
1998: Steve Hoff / Rick Schlechter*
1997: Beth Kassing (SE)
1996: Doug Jackson / Jay Koch
1995: Kim Heck / Seth Hanson*
1994: Don Weigel (NE)
1993: Jeff Christensen* (SE)
1992: Doug Hoy (SE)
1991: Jon Heck (SE)
1990: Jeff Miller (SE)
1989: Bruce Card (SE)
1988: Ralph Lindner (SE)
1987: Tom Kelly (SE)
1986: Ron Hemmer / Geoff Heig*
1985: Dale Jans / Rick Solonen
1984: Dan Eisenbraun / Daryl Englund*
1983: Dennis Wipf (SE)
1982: Rex Stockwell* / Dave Odens
1981: Dan Norman (SE)
1980: No Award
1979: Mike Bailey (SE)
1978: No Award

Outstanding Engineering Achievement

Eastern Chapter

2019: Yankton Collector Well and Water Treatment Plant Expansion, HDR Engineering, Inc. and Arc of Dreams*, Albertson Engineering, Inc.
2018: Dell Rapids Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements, DGR Engineering and Big Sioux River Flood Information System*, RESPEC
2017: Louise Avenue Reconstruction, HDR
2016: North Rapid Booster Pump Station Project, Bartlett & West and 12th Street Bridge Replacement Project*, HDR
2015: SD Ellsworth Development Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility*, SEH and Link Snacks Inc. Wastewater Pretreatment Facility, Banner Assoc, Inc.
2014: Denny Sanford PREMIER Center*, City of Sioux Falls and Bel Brands Wastewater Pre-Treatment Facility, Banner Assoc, Inc.
2013: Baltic Bridge Replacement*, HDR and I-90/Cliff Avenue Interchange, McLaury Engineering
2012: Sioux Falls Water Reclamation Facility Effluent Filter Improvements*, HR Green and River Greenway Improvements Phase 1, Goldsmith Heck
2011: Big Sioux River Skunk Creek Flood Control Project Phase 2C*, USACE and Sioux Falls Central Main, HDR
2010: 41st Street Bridge Reconstruction* HDR, Sioux Falls

* indicates state award winner

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT

Thank You!

Dan Hanson from GeoTek won the Vikings Tickets sponsored by Hancock during the Eastern Chapter Golf Outing. Because of COVID and the restrictions on game attendance, Hancock gave Dan the option of waiting to attend a game next year or receive the cash value (\$900) of the tickets. Dan decided to take the cash value for the tickets and donated the money to the Eastern Chapter Scholarship fund! A very generous donation of \$900 from both Dan and Hancock! Thank you for your generosity!





Wes Dickhut

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Geological Engineering



Favorite Quote: Just because it hurts doesn't mean you're going to die – P!nk

I grew up in western Kansas on a farm/ranch - wheat and sheep. I met my wife in a geology class, and was able to follow her to Germany for 5 years while she served in the Army. We returned to the US via Cincinnati, Syracuse, and finally Bismarck during the peak of the oil boom. I have been a consulting geotechnical engineer since 1999, with experience in site improvement, landslide stabilization, and design of temporary excavations. I love being back in the Midwest and enjoy fishing and pheasant hunting. I am learning to ice fish and have been returning to making Craftsmen-style furniture (crib, dressers, bookcase, glider, cabinets, and a mantle). I really enjoy my boy's football and girl's soccer games, and recently we have started to golf together.

I love teaching and have been an adjunct professor at Cincinnati State and University of Mary. I enjoy giving presentations and classes to high school and college groups, and with small and large groups at professional conferences.

Family: Married 28 years; 4 girls, 2 boys; 3 at home, 3 grown; a grandson on the way!

Hometown: Scott City, Kansas

Job Title and Years With Firm: ND and SD Project Development Engineer, first year

My Best Personality Trait: Many people I work with may disagree, but I think my intensity is charming.

Favorite Season: Fall, with the long days

Describe a significant event in your career. A little while after I received a raise that I requested, I made a careless mistake sizing some connections on a lagging wall – they were drawn perfectly but entirely inadequate. The contractor questioned the detail during construction and we resolved it on a long Saturday afternoon. My boss let me know that he expected more from me, and he was exactly right.

Favorite Place to Visit and Why: While one of my sons was a student at SDSM&T, we visited him 2 or 3 times each year. We absolutely love the Black Hills in October because the crowds have left, the scenery is magnificent, and the weather is still great.

2020-2021 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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Eastern Chapter of SDES Goals

- To promote the licensed practice of engineering and to provide learning opportunities that enable licensed engineers to maintain practice competency;*
- To maintain high ethical standards for the practice of engineering and lead the profession in adhering to these principles:*
- To protect the public health, safety, and welfare; while being good stewards of the environment;*
- To incorporate engineering principles and perspectives in government decisions that protect the public; and*
- To consider community service a professional obligation.*

SDES Mission Statement

SDES is the state society of engineers from all disciplines that promotes the ethical and competent practice of engineering, advocates licensure, enhances the image of its members, and advocates legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the profession.

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