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**WebEx:** In addition to our monthly in-person presentation, the meetings will also be broadcast on WebEx. See pages 4 and 10 of this newsletter for the WebEx log-in information.

**WebEx Information will now remain the same from November to May.**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Shawn Maassen  
Weston Blasius

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY GABE LABER, PE

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully everyone got what they wanted from Santa or from their significant other. I know our kids were spoiled by their grandparents so now we are going through detox. Looking back to last month's article, I mentioned how warm it was, but today that is not the case. Wow, the temps and wind have been a roller coaster here lately!

It was great to see everyone that attended the Winter Social. Thanks to Kent Ode for organizing this event. I like the tradition we have started with moving the venue to various breweries and partnering with the City on their annual consultants meeting. This month we welcome Nancy Hoines as our speaker to give an update on the State of the SDES Union at our monthly meeting on January 11, 2022.

I would like to welcome our new members in the last month: Shawn Maassen and Weston Blasius. As always, please consider bringing a non-member to our monthly meetings so they can see the value in our society and hopefully become a new member.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

BY SCOTT LAVOY, PE

**Previous General Fund Balance 12/10/2021** \$ 21,594.32

**Deposits:**

Interest Payment \$ 0.24

**Total Deposits:** \$ 0.24

**Expenses:**

Winter Social Event Expenses \$ (600.40)

**Total Expenses:** \$ (600.40)

**Total General Fund Balance:** \$ 20,994.16

**Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 12/10/2021** \$ 7,114.73

**Deposits:**

None \$ -

**Total Deposits:** \$ -

**Expenses:**

None \$ -

**Total Expenses:** \$ -

**Total Scholarship Fund Balance:** \$ 7,114.73

**Total Account Balance 1/4/2022** \$ 28,108.89



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Eastern Chapter September Monthly Meeting IN PERSON Tuesday, January 11th at Pizza Ranch (41st Street Location)
  - Lunch at 11:30; Meeting starts at noon
- Friday, January 28th — Engineering Award Nominations due
- Tuesday, February 8th — February Monthly Meeting
- Saturday, February 19th — Engineering Mini Golf at Empire Mall (holes made by you! See more details later in the newsletter)
- Engineers Week will be celebrated the week of February 20th
- Thursday, February 24th — MathCounts Competition
- Friday, February 25th—Serve breakfast at the Banquet
- eWeek Awards Banquet will be held this year — More details to come!
- **SAVE THE DATE**—SDS Annual Conference, April 5-7 in Sioux Falls

### January 2022

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## MONTHLY MEETING

Please join us **in-person** for the monthly Eastern Chapter SDES Meeting at the Pizza Ranch Meeting Room on 41<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Tuesday, January 11th**

**Lunch starts at 11:30 am and the meeting begins at noon**

**Nancy Hoines will be giving an update on the State of the SDES Union**

We look forward to seeing you in person, but if you'd like to join us virtually via WebEx, please see the information below.

We have set up a recurring meeting for the rest of the year, so the meeting information will stay the same until the end of the year (May 2022). Members can also find the link if they log in to the website and click on Membership Meeting Information under the Members Only item in the left hand menu.

Join from the meeting link: [Click Here](#)

Join by meeting number:

Meeting number (access code): 2464 774 4807

Meeting password: ERt323BNuYv

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

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## ENGINEERING AWARDS—SDES EASTERN CHAPTER WES PHILIPS, PE

As you complete as-builts and pay applications for the 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

We have many engineers and projects in the Eastern Chapter that deserve recognition for a job well done. Forms for each award category are attached. **Nominations are due January 28, 2022.**

Nomination forms were emailed to the membership group in December and are included at the end of this newsletter.

Contact Wes Philips at [wphilips@siouxfalls.org](mailto:wphilips@siouxfalls.org) or 605-367-8657 with questions.



## E-WEEK OUTREACH ERIN STEEVER, PE

### E-Week - Are You Ready for a New Kind of Outreach?

With COVID still lingering, we're moving forward with a new outreach event for 2022. SDES is teaming with the Empire Mall to kick off E-Week on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> with a Mini Golf Course Challenge to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Get your teams together and register by sending an email to [erin.steever@bartwest.com](mailto:erin.steever@bartwest.com) with "SDES Mini Golf Registration" in the Subject Line. Include Team Name, Sponsor (if any), Team Captain with contact information, and a list of your Team Members in the email.

Each Team will construct an engineering themed mini golf hole which you will transport to the mall on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>. Each hole will be judged on a variety of criteria including but not limited to engineering theme, portability, incorporation of recycled materials, safety, and creativity. Official rules and further details will be distributed to registered teams. The top three holes will be announced at the Awards Banquet on the following Saturday. Registrations are being accepted now, and will close at the end of Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to have 8-10 mini golf hole entries to kickstart engineering discussions and awareness among mall patrons. There is no entry fee, however, event sponsorships are being sought to cover event costs and kickstart the Habitat for Humanity donation bucket.



The course will be open to the public to play a round from 11am – 3pm on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Players are encouraged to make a donation to Habitat for Humanity. Additional tee times may be added throughout the week based on volunteer availability.

Questions can be directed to me at 605-373-5915 or [erin.steever@bartwest.com](mailto:erin.steever@bartwest.com). Thank you, Erin Steever, E-Week Events Coordinator

## MATHCOUNTS KRISTA MAY, PE

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## Save the Date

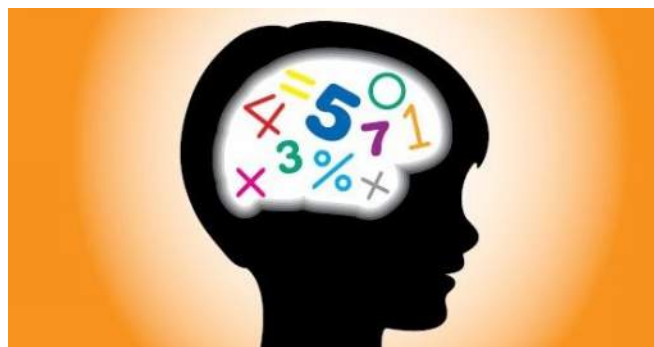
**When:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 1:00pm – 6:00pm

**Where:** Southeast Technical Institute, Sullivan  
Health/Science Center, Room HC 257

**Who:** Middle Schoolers from SE South Dakota

Volunteers are needed to help with the registration table, hand out tests, watch for cheating, grade tests, and keep time. Volunteer Sign-up sheet will be available at January's and February's lunch meetings.

Contact Krista May at  
[kristam@infrastructuredg.com](mailto:kristam@infrastructuredg.com) or 605.929.0267  
with questions.



## TWO BANQUETS



### Save the Date

**When:** Friday, February 25th

**Where:** The Banquet 900 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

**Who:** 5-6 volunteers at 5:30am

20-25 volunteers 6:30-8:30am

Volunteer Sign-up sheet will  
be available at the January  
and February lunch meetings.

Free will donation to cover the  
cost of the meal (\$400) will be taken  
at February's lunch meeting.

### Engineering Awards Banquet

Will be held this year!

More details to come...





## ANNUAL CONFERENCE KRISTA MAY, PE

### SAVE THE DATE

We're excited to get back to an in-person Annual Conference in Sioux Falls!

Save the date for April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to join your colleagues for some great PDH opportunities and social interaction.

More information regarding registration, sponsorship and vendor opportunities, speaker line-up, and tour to come!



## 2021-2022 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

### Officers

President	Gabe Laber, PE
President Elect	Josh Peterson, PE
Vice President	Devin Clay, PE
Secretary/Treasurer	Scott LaVoy, PE
Chapter Director(1st term)	Kent Ode, PE
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### Committees

Nominating Committee	Lee Kaffar, BA
Mathcounts	Krista May, PE
Scholarship	Lance Mayer, PE
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E-Week	Erin Steever, PE
Winter Social	Kent Ode, PE
Golf Outing	Kent Ode, PE
Awards Banquet	Jedidiah Reimnitz, PE
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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.

### Webex Login Instructions

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**Meeting available on Webex on**  
**Tuesday, January 11th at Noon (CST)**

Meeting number (access code):

2464 774 4807

Meeting password:

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**Join from the meeting link:**

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