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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I hope everyone had a Happy Halloween. I also hope everyone's construction projects are wrapping up. I know that I have a couple that are behind but should be finishing in the next couple weeks. This time of year always makes me a little nervous when projects aren't done. The weather can change and shut you down until spring when all you want to do is close the project out.

This month we welcome Chuck Cox with GCC as our speaker to talk about Portland-Limestone Cement at our monthly meeting on November 9, 2021. Thanks to Matt Gregg with Wheeler for presenting on timber and recreational bridges last month.

We traditionally don't have a December meeting because of our Winter Social that Kent Ode is planning. I'm sure he is planning a fantastic event, which is scheduled for December 16th. More details on a location and time coming soon.

I would like to welcome our new members in the last month: Matthew Corcoran, Tyson Mitzel and Andrew Wolters. 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.

WebEx: In addition to our monthly in-person presentation, the meetings will also be broadcast on WebEx. See pages 4 and 8 of this newsletter for the WebEx log-in information. **WebEx Information has changed since last month. It will now remain the same until May 2022.**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Matthew Corcoran
Tyson Mitzel
Andrew Wolters



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY SCOTT LAVOY, PE

Previous General Fund Balance 10/6/2021 \$ 21,678.71

Deposits:

Interest Payment \$ 0.18

Total: \$ 21,678.89

Expenses:

None \$ -

Total: \$ -

Total General Fund Balance: \$ 21,678.89

Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 10/6/2021 \$ (59.81)

Deposits:

None \$ -

Total: \$ (59.81)

Expenses:

Scholarship Committee Expenses \$ (81.20)

Total: \$ (81.20)

Total Scholarship Fund Balance: \$ (141.01)

Total Account Balance 11/3/2021 \$ 21,537.88



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Eastern Chapter September Monthly Meeting IN PERSON Tuesday, November 9th at Pizza Ranch (41st Street Location)**
 - Chuck Cox with GCC as our speaker to talk about Portland-Limestone Cement
 - Lunch at 11:30; Meeting starts at noon
 - WebEx option available; information found in newsletter
- **Winter Social— Thursday, December 16th** (*more details to come*)
- **SAVE THE DATE—SDES Annual Conference, April 5-7 in Sioux Falls**

November 2021

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28	29	30				

December 2021

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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 41st Street.

Lunch starts at 11:30 am and the meeting begins at Noon.

Tuesday, November 9th

Chuck Cox with GCC is our speaker discussing Portland-Limestone Cement

We can't wait to see you all in person, but if you'd like to join us virtually via WebEx, please see the information below.

WEB-EX MEETING INFORMATION HAS CHANGED FROM LAST MONTH. We have set up a recurring meeting for the rest of the year, so it 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

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ENGINEERING AWARDS—SDES EASTERN CHAPTER & CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Nomination forms for Eastern Chapter awards will be sent out in the next month. Please begin thinking about your nomination for a deserving engineer or project for:

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

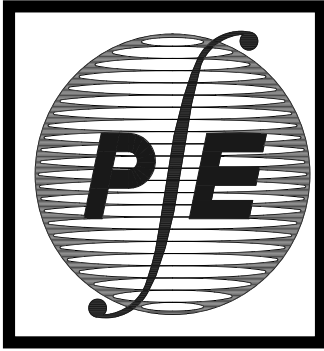
We have many engineers and projects in the Eastern Chapter that deserve recognition for a job well done. Nominations will be due at the end of January. Contact Wes Philips at wphilips@siouxfalls.org or 605-367-8657 with questions.

See the following page for the handout that is sent to high schools to get SDES scholarship applicants. Help us get the word out and please pass along if you know any good candidates!

Thinking Ahead...



SDES Members: Please pass along to any good candidates!



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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2022

CONTACT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR
VISIT www.SDES.org FOR AN APPLICATION AND INFORMATION.



Andrew Wolters
DGR Engineering
 Design Engineer— 6 months
 Internship—1 year
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College and Major:
SDSU
Civil Engineering



I was born and raised in Sioux Falls, SD. I have one sister that is six years older than me with two kids. My favorite hobbies include fishing, racing, and watching Minnesota professional sports. I attended Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls; After high school I attended college at SDSU, graduating in May of 2021. In 2019 I interned with the SDDOT for the summer. I interned with DGR Engineering the summer of 2020 and started full time with DGR May of 2021.

Family: One sister
Hometown: Sioux Falls, SD
Job Title and Years With Firm: Design Engineer – DGR Engineering 6 months Full time (1 year with internship)
Favorite Room in My House and Why: My favorite room in the house is the living room because that’s where I spend most of my time at home and watch the Vikings and Twins play.
My Normal Breakfast: My normal breakfast is toast or banana because I am usually running out of the house in the mornings.
Hobbies: My hobbies include Fishing, racing, playing with my dog, and watching the Vikings/ Twins.
What do you collect? Growing up I collected football cards.
My Best Personality Trait: My best personality trait is honesty. Growing up my dad taught me you are only as good as your word.
Pet peeves: My biggest pet peeve is people chewing with their mouth open or eating loud in general.
Favorite Season: My favorite season is the summer because I enjoy fishing and being outdoors throughout the summer.

Favorite Quote: “If you ain’t first you’re last”
Pets: I have a black lab that is 6 months old. I bought her in July, her name is Molly.
Favorite beverage: Gatorade
Favorite TV Show: Criminal Minds
What made you want to be an engineer? Growing up my dad drove semi-truck over the road to California and back every week and I’d go with him in the summer. I saw a lot of different infrastructure by going with him in the truck and it enticed my interest in civil engineering.
What do you like best about being an engineer? My favorite part about being an engineer is helping communities that don’t have the knowledge or funds to fix their infrastructure.
Describe an achievement from the past year you are proud of. I am proud of passing the FE exam to become an EI.
What are you looking forward to in the next year? I am looking forward to many fishing trips and hoping the Vikings can win a game.
Favorite Place to Visit and Why: My favorite place to visit is Knoxville Iowa. I am a huge sprint car racing fan and I attend the Knoxville Nationals every year which is usually right around my birthday.

2021-2022 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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Chapter Director(2nd term)	Kari Johnson PE
State Director	Riley Rinehart, 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
Awards	Wes Philips, 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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SDES November Monthly Meeting

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2464 774 4807
Meeting password:
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Join from the meeting link:

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