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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 7 of this newsletter for the WebEx log-in information.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Connor Gress

Ahmed Abdalla

Nathan Powell

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY DEVIN CLAY

October is here and I could say I am surprised by this, but with projects still underway and winter breathing down our necks, I have been watching the calendar a little closer than I normally would. Harvest is in full swing, pumpkin-spice everything is everywhere, football is back on TV, and velvet is starting to come off antlers; I think it's fair to say Fall is officially here. Thankfully, the weather has not made that drastic change from summer to winter quite yet. Hopefully it will hold out until after Halloween, so kids (and parents) won't freeze while trick-or-treating this year.

Thank you Dr. Ghabchi for presenting on Engineered NMAS Superpave Mixtures at last month's meeting. With the SDES Fall PDH Conference starting on October 11th this year, we will not be holding an October monthly meeting as many of us will be on the road and traveling out to the Rapid City area for that on the 10th of October. I would encourage everyone to make their way out to the Conference if you are able. Registration for the conference is still open and the schedule and further details can be found on the SDES website.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the SDES 2024 Annual Conference. If you are interested in helping organize this, or have any suggestions for speakers or tours, please feel free to reach out to me or the conference co-chairs, Abby Nelson and Jacob Maras.

Our next Chapter meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at the 41st Street Pizza Ranch. Erin Steever with Bartlett & West will be presenting on Get the Lead Out – South Dakota. I would encourage everyone to arrive around 11:30am and grab some food and socialize with your peers prior to the start of the presentation.



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY SCOTT LAVOY, PE

Previous General Fund Balance 4/28/2023 \$ 19,255.22

Deposits:

Awards Banquet Revenue \$ 2,972.70

Fall Conference Revenue \$ 11,816.88

2022-2023 Newsletter Ads \$ 584.25

Total Deposits: \$ 15,373.83

Expenses:

Board Meeting Expenses \$ (108.00)

PO Box Renewal \$ (226.00)

Total Expenses: \$ (334.00)

Total General Fund Balance: \$ **34,295.05**

Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 4/28/2023 \$ 8,177.11

Deposits:

2022 Golf Outing Revenue \$ 218.00

Total Deposits: \$ 218.00

Expenses:

SDES Scholarships \$ (10,000.00)

Total Expenses: \$ (10,000.00)

Total Scholarship Fund Balance: \$ **(1,604.89)**

Total Account Balance 9/6/2023 \$ **32,690.16**



UPCOMING EVENTS

No October Monthly Meeting! See you at the Fall Conference!

October 11-12, 2023: SDS Fall PDH Conference in Box Elder/Rapid City

- It is not too late to register! Find out more by clicking [here](#).

Tuesday, November 14th: Eastern Chapter Monthly Meeting at the 41st Street Pizza Ranch

- Erin Steever, Bartlett & West, will present on Get the Lead Out – South Dakota.
- Lunch at 11:30 with meeting starting at noon. See elsewhere in the newsletter for virtual, WebEx option.

October 2023

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



MONTHLY MEETING

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

Tuesday, November 14th

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

Erin Steever, Bartlett & West, will present on Get the Lead Out – South Dakota.

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 2024). Members can also find the link if they log into the website and click on Membership Meeting Information under the Members Only item in the left hand menu.

<https://sdes.webex.com/sdes/j.php?>

[MTID=mc91a4747132dd74cdcdb0e0493b22356](https://sdes.webex.com/sdes/j.php?MTID=mc91a4747132dd74cdcdb0e0493b22356)

Meeting number: 2464 774 4807

Password: ERt323BNuYv

Join by video system

Dial [24647744807@sdes.webex.com](tel:24647744807@sdes.webex.com)

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone

1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

Access code: 246 477 44807



2024 ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

The Eastern Chapter will be hosting the 2024 Annual Conference this coming spring. Our Vice President, Jacob Maras, and State Director, Abby Nelson, will be the co-chairs of the conference and they are looking for a few more people to join the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee will meet a handful of times before the conference and help make overall decisions. Let them know if you would like to join the committee. Also be thinking of topics and speakers we can feature at the conference.



2023 SDES MINI-GOLF EVENT SUMMARY

BY PARIS MARCY

SDES collaborated with the Downtown Sioux Falls Library for two golf-themed outreach events this summer. HDR, Bartlett & West, and VAA built engineering themed mini-golf holes for the kids to play, and craft supplies were provided for the kids to design and build their own mini-golf holes in the library. The goal was to get kids and families thinking and talking about what engineers do, and practice designing and building their own project. Between the two events, about 40 kids attended. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped build the golf holes and hosted on the event days!



2023-2024 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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President	Devin Clay, PE
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Chapter Director(2nd term)	Elizabeth Sobania, EIT
State Director	Abby Nelson, PE
Past President	Joshua Peterson, PE

Committees

Nominating Committee	Lee Kaffar, BA
MATHCOUNTS	Karin Lang, PE
Scholarship	Lance Mayer, PE
Events Coordinators	
E-Week	Paris Marcy
Winter Social	Kent Ode, PE
Golf Outing	Kent Ode, PE
Awards Banquet	Jedidiah Reimnitz, PE
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Eastern Chapter of SDDES 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

SDES November Monthly Meeting

**Meeting available on Webex on
Tuesday, November 14th at Noon
(CST)**

Meeting number (access code):
2459 789 4089

Meeting password: X78kekBMzX2

Join from the meeting link:

[Click here](#)

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