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WebEx: Our monthly presentations will be broadcast on WebEx so please plan on tuning in on the web if you can't be here in person! See the instructions on how to use WebEx on page 7 of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT NEWS

NEW MEMBERS:

Camdin Hinkel
Vani Jain
Ben Larson
Gary Meiners
Michael Redenbaugh
Jessica Schneider

NEXT MEETING:

October Meeting

More details to come

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY BEN SCHOLTZ, PE

Well summer seemed to diminish in an instant recently and fall has come upon us in a new way this year. Hopefully everyone is adapting to new schedules this season with schools starting again, (some) football commencing soon, and many other warm-weather outdoor activities – including construction preparing to wrap-up the next couple months. At this moment, SDES is currently hosting our fall conference online to accommodate our member's interest in continuing education and the goings-on of all things Engineering in our area and industries. I encourage everyone receiving this newsletter to join me in thanking the SDES Eastern Chapter's Conference planning members and our organization's executive director – Nancy Hoines for their effort and dedication to developing the online conference content and finding an excellent variety of presenters and topics!

Welcome to our new members: Camdin Hinkel, Vani Jain, Ben Larson, Gary Meiners, Michael Redenbaugh, and Jessica Schneider.

With precautions remaining for social distancing relative to COVID, we will be seeking input from membership and exploring options to continue our monthly meetings in way to keep our members safe and informed. Please keep an eye out for future communications about monthly meetings – the October meeting schedule may vary from our typical dates as we evaluate meeting options. Stay safe and healthy this fall and enjoy the weather before snow begins to fly!

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY SCOTT LAVOY, PE

Previous General Fund Balance	7/8/2020	\$ 11,278.66
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Deposits:

Interest Payment	\$	0.28	
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Total:	\$	0.28
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Expenses:

USPS PO Box Renewal	\$	(148.00)
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Total:	\$	(148.00)
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Total General Fund Balance:	\$	11,130.94
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Previous Scholarship Fund Balance	7/8/2020	\$ 5,397.06
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Deposits:

Total:	\$	-
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Expenses:

Eastern Chapter High School Scholarship	\$	(6,000.00)
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Total:	\$	-
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Total Scholarship Fund Balance:	\$	(602.94)
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Total Account Balance	9/1/2020	\$ 10,528.00
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NEWS

Upcoming Events

- South Dakota Engineering Society Virtual Fall PDH Conference—09/10/2020 to 09/11/2020
 - October Monthly Meeting—more details to come



Thank you for renewing your newsletter sponsorships. **Newsletter advertisements** can be renewed online at sdes.org. Select 2020-21 SDES Eastern Chapter Newsletter Sponsorship and register accordingly.

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On August 10, 2020 SDES received a letter from the South Dakota Mines (SDSMT) Alumni Relations Center notifying constituents from the University of a data security incident on campus in mid-July 2020. Should anyone have questions or concerns about this incident, they are encouraged to reach out to the SDSMT's University Advancement team at Foundation-Request@sdsmt.edu or by phone at 605-394-2436.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP

BY GABE LABER, PE

The annual Eastern Chapter Golf Outing was held at the Brandon Municipal Golf Course on August 5th. We had a great turnout with 58 golfers participating and 42 hole sponsors. This was a really strong turnout with the pandemic so it was great to get everyone outside and social distance. Sponsorships were at a record level as well. I would like to thank all of the sponsors because the success of the golf outing is due to your continued support. I would also like to thank the volunteers who help put on this event. This event continues to be our Chapter's largest fundraiser for a great cause and would not be possible without the participation of many of our members. This year's volunteers who deserve special thanks was Scott Hofer, Andy Berg, Paul Sanow, Jason Reaves, Kent Ode and Nancy Hoines. The prize winners are listed below. Congratulations to all the winners and I hope to see you next year!

– Gabe Laber, SDES Eastern Chapter Event Co-Coordinator



Raffle Prizes:

Four Vikings Tickets(Hancock Concrete), Gift Cert. (Sayre) – Dan Hanson
 Gift Cert. (ACIPCO), Gift Cert. (ADS) – Ryan Johnson
 Gift Cert. (HD Supply Waterworks) – Shannon Schultz
 Gift Cert. (HR Green) – Lance Mayer
 Yeti Cooler (Cemcast) – Dan Nebelsick

PIN PRIZES:

#1: Longest Putt – Brad Letcher
 #4: Closest to the pin – Jared Haskins
 #7: Longest in the fairway – Paul Sanow
 #10: Longest Putt – Chad Stensland
 #12: Closest to the pin in two – Paul Korn
 #13: Closest to the pin – Pat Schwebach
 #15 : Longest in the fairway – Christian Graber
 #18: Longest putt – Derek Lee



GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP

BY GABE LABER, PE





Camdin Hinkel

HDR

Water/Wastewater EIT
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Graduated from the University
of Wyoming in Mechanical
Engineering



I was born in Williston, ND but moved to Bangkok, Thailand when I was 2. I lived there until I was 9 and then moved back to where my mom is from which is Gillette, Wyoming. I graduated high school in Gillette and played soccer at a Junior College before going to the University of Wyoming to finish my degree. HDR is my first job out of college.

Family: One Brother named Westin

Hometown: Gillette, WY

Job Title and Years With Firm: Water/Wastewater EIT, 1/6 of a year

Favorite Room in My House and Why: Kitchen because I love food

My Normal Breakfast: Eggs and Toast

Last CD Purchased: Do they still sell CD's?

Last DVD (movie or game) Purchased: Interstellar

Hobbies: Hiking, camping, drinking

My Best Personality Trait: Friendly

Pet peeves: Rude people

Favorite beverage: Any beer

Favorite TV Show: Letterkenny

Favorite Season: All of them

People may not know about me... I lived in Thailand for 7 years!

What made you want to be an engineer? The creative problem solving aspect

What do you like best about being an engineer? Solving problems

Describe a significant event in your career. Getting hired!

Describe an achievement from the past year you are proud of. Graduating from university

What are you looking forward to in the next year? Learning more about my job

Favorite Place to Visit and Why: My hometown to see family and friends

2020-2021 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Officers

President	Ben Scholtz, PE
President Elect	Gabe Laber, PE
Vice President	Josh Peterson, PE
Secretary/Treasurer	Scott LaVoy, PE
Chapter Director(1st term)	Kari Johnson PE
Chapter Director(2nd term)	Riley Rinehart, EI
State Director	Devin Clay, PE
Past President	Krista May, PE

Committees

Nominating Committee	Lee Kaffar, BA
Mathcounts	Krista May, PE
Scholarship	Lance Mayer, PE
Events Coordinators	
E-Week	Erin Steever, PE
Winter Social	Gabe Laber, PE
Golf Outing	Gabe Laber, PE
Awards Banquet	Jedidiah Reimnitz, PE
Awards	Wes Philips, PE
Audio/Visual IT	Chad Stensland, PE
Newsletter	Abby Nelson, PE
Membership List	Myron Adam, PE

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

1. Navigate your internet browser to: <https://sdes.webex.com>
2. Select "Classic View" from the left column.
3. Select "Attend a Meeting"
4. Find the meeting in the "Search Meetings" Section.
5. Click the "Register" link by the Monthly Meeting.
6. Fill in your first name, last name, email address and hit the "Register Now" button at the bottom.
7. A registration email will be sent with all the information to log into the meeting.

For any and all newsletter articles, additions, edits, corrections, and important dates contact:

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HDR Sioux Falls Moved Downtown

As of August 24, HDR's Sioux Falls office is downtown. This move engages a growing team of nearly 70 staff in the downtown community. Out of an abundance of caution, an open house will be postponed until social distancing recommendations have lifted. We're happy to host clients and guests in small numbers. If you would like to visit, please stop by.

We look forward to being an even larger part of the communities where we live and work and are excited to join the vibrant downtown community.

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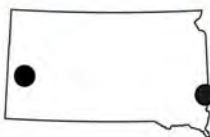
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