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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY GABE LABER, PE

Well the time has finally come that I get to take the presidential reigns over from Ben. I kept thinking to myself that there is still time in the summer before I need to start worrying about agendas, lining up speakers and everything else that is required. Feels like I blinked and summer was unofficially over with the annual Labor Day holiday, boating season coming to an end, kids are back in school and wondering if the construction projects are still going to get completed this year. I would like to thank Ben Scholtz for everything he did this last year as president and for leading during one of the most interesting years in recent history.

WebEx: In addition to our monthly in-person presentation, the meetings will also be broadcast on WebEx. See pages 4 and 9 of this newsletter for the WebEx log-in information.

Out of concern with COVID, the Board met and discussed how we would like to handle our monthly meetings. The Board decided to return to in-person meetings at the 41st Pizza Ranch with WEBEX as an option as we did before COVID and the tornado caused damaged to our traditional meeting spot. As a Board, we will continue to monitor the situation and adjust as needed. Our first meeting is today- **Tuesday, September 14th at the 41st St Pizza Ranch for lunch to hear Matt Gregg with Wheeler** presenting on timber & recreational bridges.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jessica Satiroff
Lasmin Monjardim Rosa
Trace Villbrandt
Alex Welbig

Before our October meeting, the Central Chapter will be hosting the fall conference in Fort Pierre on September 30th and October 1st. It's looks like another great lineup of speakers and I encourage everyone to support the Central Chapter and consider attending. The social on Thursday night looks like a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues that maybe you haven't seen in a while.

I would like to welcome our new members since May: Jessica Satiroff, Lasmin Monjardim Rosa, Trace Villbrandt and Alex Welbig. 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. We are still looking for speaker topics so please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Last, I would like to thank Nancy Hoines, our Executive Director. She does an incredible amount for our society that goes unnoticed and I know that I'm constantly relying on her for both the state and eastern chapter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY SCOTT LAVOY, PE

Previous General Fund Balance	5/10/2021	\$ 21,965.63
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Deposits:

Interest Payments	\$ 0.90
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Total:	\$ 21,966.53
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Expenses:

SDES Meeting Expenses	\$ (70.00)
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PO Box	\$ (188.00)
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Total:	\$ (258.00)
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Total General Fund Balance:	\$ 21,708.53
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Previous Scholarship Fund Balance	5/10/2021	\$ 5,860.19
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<u>Deposits:</u>	\$ -
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Total:	\$ 5,860.19
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Expenses:

Engineering Scholarships	\$ (6,000.00)
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Total:	\$ (6,000.00)
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Total Scholarship Fund Balance:	\$ (139.81)
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Total Account Balance	9/10/2021	\$ 21,568.72
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Eastern Chapter September Monthly Meeting IN PERSON Tuesday, September 14th at Pizza Ranch (41st Street Location)

- Matt Gregg with Wheeler will be presenting on timber & recreational bridges.
- Lunch at 11:30; Meeting starts at noon
- WebEx option available; information found in newsletter

2021 Fall Professional Development Hour (PDH) Conference on Thursday, September 30th to Friday, October 1st in Pierre

- Hosted by the Central Chapter in Pierre, SD

SAVE THE DATE—SDES Annual Conference, April 5-7 in Sioux Falls

- More details to come!
- If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please reach out to Krista May at kristam@infrastructuredg.com.

September 2021

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MONTHLY MEETING

We're back in person at our old stompin' grounds!

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

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

Tuesday, September 14

Matt Gregg with Wheeler will be presenting on timber and recreational bridges.

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.

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

Join by meeting number:

Meeting number (access code): 2459 789 4089

Meeting password: X78kekBMzX2

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

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Join by phone

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2021 SDES FALL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR (PDH) CONFERENCE



SDES is pleased to announce that after two years of living in the virtual world, we are back to hosting our 2021 Fall PDH Conference in person. We can't wait to see you all in Fort Pierre! We are definitely excited to gather together for a great project tour, 8.5 PDH available through 11 exceptional educational opportunities and just the chance to catch up over a cold beverage and a nice meal!

For Complete Conference and Lodging Information visit the Conference website by clicking [here!](#)

See the complete schedule by clicking [here!](#)

Early registration prices end this week on September 16th!

2021 SDES GOLF OUTING SUMMARY

BY GABE LABER, PE

The annual Eastern Chapter Golf Outing was held at the Brandon Municipal Golf Course on August 4th. We had a record turnout with 75 golfers participating and 39 hole sponsors. It was unbelievable to see that many people come out and golf. I would like to thank all of the sponsors because the success of the golf outing is due to your continued support. The prizes for the raffle were at an all-time high as well.

I would also like to thank the volunteers who help put this event on. 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. I would like to recognize Kent Ode for being voluntold that he will take over for me starting next year. It was great having him help out this year and learn the ropes. The following are the prize winners. Congratulations to all the winners and I hope to see you next year!

- Gabe Laber, SDES Eastern Chapter Event Co-Coordinator

PIN PRIZES:

- #1: Longest Putt – Derek Lee
- #4: Closest to the pin – Luke Rogers
- #7: Longest in the fairway – Chris Jibben
- #10: Longest Putt – Aaron Norman
- #12: Closest to the pin in two – Myron Adam
- #13: Closest to the pin – Riley Rinehart
- #15 : Longest in the fairway – Andy Berg
- #18: Longest putt – Clyde Glanzer

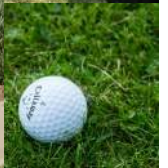


Golf Winners:

- 1st Flight, 1st Place – Kent Johnson & Joe Munson 64
- 1st Flight, 2nd Place – Trace Villbrandt & Branson Tolliver 66



Photo Credit: Paul Sanow



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
Chapter Director(2nd term)	Kari Johnson PE
State Director	Riley Rinehart, PE
Past President	Ben Scholtz, PE

Committees

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

SDES September Monthly Meeting

**Meeting available on Webex on
Tuesday, September 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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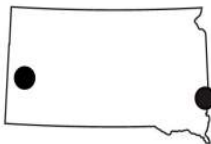
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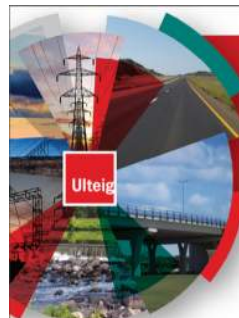
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