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*WebEx: this month's presentation 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

### NEXT MEETING:

*Sept 19 11:30 @ Pizza - Ranch on 41st Street*

### NEW MEMBERS:

*Robin Schiro  
Lance McQueen  
Tanner Odegaard  
Nicholas Bierle  
Tallen Cazer*

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN BY JON WIEGAND—PE, PTOE

Hope everyone had a good summer and is enjoying our warm transition, so far, towards fall. As we are wrapping up another construction season, can't help but think about those in the southern states and the impact recent weather events have had in their lives. It reminds me of the importance and responsibility of our profession in providing safe and efficient infrastructure that people rely on every day. The challenges facing those communities in rebuilding are significant and we keep them in our thoughts as their next construction season, which may be a long one, just begins.

As we start the new year of Chapter meetings, I first want to thank Kurt Pepel for serving as the 2016-2017 President and all of the volunteers that helped make the last year so successful. I am looking forward to carrying this momentum on as we have an excellent team of offers and chairpersons to lead the Chapter in its endeavors through the next year.

We have had a number of new and rejoining members over the summer. Please welcome Robin Schiro, Lance McQueen, Tanner Odegaard, Nicholas Bierle, and Tallen Cazer to SDES and thank them for being part of the organization.

The Fall PDH Conference is coming up on October 24, 2017 in Pierre. Information and online registration is available on the SDES website. The Eastern Chapter will be hosting the 2018 Annual

Conference this coming spring in Sioux Falls. We are still looking for a chairperson or co-chairs to help lead the planning committee. Please let me or anyone else on the Board know if you are interested.

Our first Chapter meeting of the fall will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the 41<sup>st</sup> Street Pizza Ranch between 11:30 and 1:00. Phil Gundvaldson, SDES President, along with Ryan Johnson, SDES President Elect, will be presenting on the new NSPE membership model that was passed this summer. This is an important meeting to attend as SDES will need to decide whether to integrate into the new model or choose not to integrate. Phil and Ryan will be presenting on the various nuances of the new model, the results of our internal survey a couple months ago, details on what services NSPE provides and what benefits the new model may bring to SDES, and the implementation timeline over the next year.

We will continue with the more traditional second Tuesday of the month on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the 41<sup>st</sup> Street Pizza Ranch.

As a reminder, we will have several volunteer opportunities this coming year, and I strongly encourage you to consider helping wherever you can. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by our membership as well as those we serve within and outside of the engineering profession.

*TREASURER'S REPORT*  
*BY JOSH PETERSON, PE*

**Previous General Fund Balance 05/03/2017:** \$ 28,275.55

**Deposits:**

Deposit	\$	225.00	
Interest Deposits	\$	5.72	
Membership Dues	\$	2,103.50	
Newsletter Advertisements	\$	162.00	
<b>Total:</b>			\$ 2,496.22

**Expenses:**

Spring 2017 PE Exam Lunches	\$	(259.68)	
Chapter Meeting Speaker Lunch	\$	(21.50)	
Webex Subscription	\$	(208.76)	
Legal Services	\$	(997.19)	
Board Meeting Refreshments	\$	(43.75)	
Legal Services	\$	(99.84)	
Eastern Chapter SDSU Scholarship	\$	(2,100.00)	
PO Box Fee	\$	(112.00)	
Chapter Banquet Entertainment Deposit	\$	(100.00)	
<b>Total:</b>			\$ (3,942.72)

**Total General Fund Balance:** \$ 26,829.05

**Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 05/03/2017:** \$ 6,063.76

**Deposits:**

Golf Outing Revenue	\$	8,988.00	
<b>Total:</b>			\$ 8,988.00

**Expenses:**

Eastern Chapter High School Scholarships	\$	(6,000.00)	
Change for Golf Outing	\$	(100.00)	
Golf Outing Expenses	\$	(413.52)	
Brandon Golf Course	\$	(3,729.46)	
<b>Total:</b>			\$ (10,242.98)

**Total Scholarship Fund Balance:** \$ 4,808.78

**Total Account Balance 09/01/2017:** \$ 31,637.83

## UPCOMING EVENTS

An engineering film is playing now through the end of December at the Wells Fargo Cinedome at the Washington Pavilion. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids (0-17 years), or free with paid admission to the Kirby Science Discovery Center. Check out the movie trailer YouTube!



Narrated by Academy Award® winner Jeff Bridges, Dream Big: Engineering Our World is a first of its kind film for IMAX® and giant screen theatres that will transform how we think about engineering. From the Great Wall of China and the world's tallest buildings, to underwater robots, solar cars and smart, sustainable cities, Dream Big celebrates the human ingenuity behind engineering marvels big and small, and reveals the heart that drives engineers to create better lives for people around the world.

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR ITEMS



### EASTERN CHAPTER

#### MEETINGS:

- *September 19, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street*
- *October 10, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street*

### 2017 Fall PDH Conference

*October 24, 2017*

*Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center*

*Pierre, SD*

*Hosted by the Central Chapter*

To add a calendar item please contact Abby Nelson @ [Abby.Nelson@hdrinc.com](mailto:Abby.Nelson@hdrinc.com)

**ANNUAL EASTERN CHAPTER GOLF OUTING RECAP**

The annual Eastern Chapter Golf Outing was held at the Brandon Municipal Golf Course on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year produced a near record turnout with 56 golfers participating and 45 hole sponsors. 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 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. The volunteers who deserve special thanks this year include Scott Hofer, Andy Berg, Paul Sanow, Jason Reaves, Ray Pierson and Beth Kassing. The following are the results of the 2-person scramble. Congratulations to all the winners and I hope to see you next year!

- Gabe Laber, SDES Eastern Chapter Event Co-Coordinator

**2 Person Scramble Results**

1<sup>st</sup> Flight – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jared Haskins/Joe Munson

1<sup>st</sup> Flight – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Paul Korn/Ray Pierson

2<sup>nd</sup> Flight – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Chad Hanisch/Scott Hofer

2<sup>nd</sup> Flight – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Myron Adam/Shannon Schultz

**Raffle Prize Winners:**

- Four Vikings Tickets and Meal (Hancock Concrete), Lodging Gift Cert. (Sayre) – Josh Larson
- Four Twins Tickets (ACIPCO), Meal Gift Cert. (ADS) – Nick Nuttbrock
- 100 Gift Cert. (HD Supply Waterworks) – Krista May
- \$100 Gift Cert. (HR Green) – Shannon Schultz
- Yeti Cooler – Josh Storm



**EXTRA! EXTRA!  
ERIN STEEVER, PE FEATURED IN SIOUX FALLS CHAMBER  
NEWS**



Congrats to Erin Steever who was featured in the Sioux Falls Chamber News in August. Erin Steever is a Project Engineer for Banner Associates, Inc. She is a member of the South Dakota Engineering Society and serves as the Engineers Week Events Coordinator. The article highlights Erin's community investment through SDES and describes a variety of fun and unique projects she has used to introduce engineering to many young individuals. Thank you for your time and talents! Congrats on your recognition by the Sioux Falls Chamber and thank you for representing SDES so well! We are proud to call you one of our own.

Check out the entire story in the August 2017 Chamber News (available online at: [https://issuu.com/siouxfallschamber/docs/august2017\\_issue](https://issuu.com/siouxfallschamber/docs/august2017_issue).) Find it on pages 42 and 43.

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I was born in Edina, Minnesota. Moved to Rapid City, South Dakota when I was a baby. Went to high school at Stevens High School in Rapid City. Graduated after 4 years of school at South Dakota State University. Most of my family is pretty spread out, but we all claim the Black Hills as home. I worked for a construction company as a pipe layer before starting my career as an engineer.

A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

**Family:** I come from a family of 7, with foster brothers and sisters that come and go.

**Hometown:** Rapid City, SD

**Job Title and Years With Firm:** Staff Engineer, E.I.T., 7.5 months with the firm.

**Favorite Room in My House and Why:** Bedroom, I get to sleep!

**My Normal Breakfast:** Granola bar on the weekdays, eggs and toast on the weekends.

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

**Last DVD (movie or game) Purchased:** I always use Netflix or HBO, last movie watched was Hacksaw Ridge.

**Hobbies:** Sports, watching football, being on the lake/river.

**Collections:** If you saw my room you would think I collect clothes.

**My Best Personality Trait:** Easy going.

**Pets:** No pets. Had a baby rabbit for a couple of days.

**Pet peeves:** People that don't use their turn signals.

**Favorite beverage:** Orange juice, bud light when appropriate.

**Favorite TV Show:** Breaking Bad

**Favorite Season:** Summer

**What made you want to be an engineer?** I have always enjoyed problem solving and was good at math.

**What do you like best about being an engineer?** The variety of projects that I am able to help with.

**Describe a significant event in your career..** When my boss told me "I think you're going to be a good engineer" out of nowhere. It hit bottom for me.

**Describe a significant event in your personal life...** Moving twice within one year of college graduation.

**Describe an achievement from the past year you are proud of...** Completing my first site design and my first detention pond design.

**What are you looking forward to in the next year?** The challenges ahead of me, gaining more knowledge.

**Favorite Place to Visit and Why:** Lakes, rivers, oceans because they are very relaxing.



**2017-2018 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS**

**Officers**

<i>President</i>	<i>Jon Wiegand, PE</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Lance Weatherly, PE</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Krista May, PE</i>
<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	<i>Josh Peterson, PE</i>
<i>Chapter Director(2nd term)</i>	<i>Joshua VandenBos, PE</i>
<i>Chapter Director(1st term)</i>	<i>Aaron Norman, PE</i>
<i>State Director</i>	<i>Ben Scholtz, PE</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Kurt Peppel, PE</i>

**Committees**

<i>Nominating Committee</i>	<i>Lee Kaffar, BA</i>
<i>Mathcounts</i>	<i>Krista May, PE</i>
<i>Scholarship</i>	<i>Lance Mayer, PE</i>
<i>Events Coordinators</i>	
<i>eWeek</i>	<i>Erin Steever, PE</i>
<i>Free First Fridays</i>	<i>Erin Steever, PE</i>
<i>Winter Social</i>	<i>Gabe Laber, PE</i>
<i>Golf Outing</i>	<i>Gabe Laber, PE</i>
<i>Awards</i>	<i>Wes Philips, PE</i>
<i>Audio/Visual IT</i>	<i>Chad Stensland, PE</i>
<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>Abby Nelson, PE</i>
<i>Membership List</i>	<i>Myron Adam, PE</i>

Webex Login Instructions

1. Navigate your internet browser to:
2. <https://sdes-eastern.webex.com>
3. Select the meeting date from the calendar in the "Browse Meetings" Window.
4. Click the "Register" link by the monthly meeting.
5. Fill in your first name, last name, email address and hit the "Register Now" button at the bottom.
6. A registration email will be sent with all the information to log into the meeting.

PDH Documentation

Sign-in sheets for Eastern Chapter meetings are posted on the SDES website for members to use for PDH documentation. Go to [www.sdes.org](http://www.sdes.org) to download sign-in sheets.

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