



# The Engineering Informer

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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 6 of this newsletter.

## IMPORTANT NEWS

### NEXT MEETING:

November 8, 11:30 AM @  
41st Street Pizza Ranch  
- Sheila Stanley, OSHA Area  
Director, will discuss the re-  
cently established OSHA of-  
fice here in Sioux Falls.

### NEW MEMBERS:

- Anna Schleper
- Allison Meintsma
- Sam Ireland
- Taylor Fauth
- Claire Eggleston
- Matthew Buenger
- Abbagayle Warmbold
- David Sykora

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN BY KURT PEPPEL—PE

Well.....if you are reading this and significant amounts of work remain on your project you might want to start stressing; sooner rather than later it is going to get cold and snow. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting colder temperatures and more snow as compared to last year.

It's hard to believe high school football playoffs have started, Halloween costumes are packed away, and our Fall PDH Conference is behind us. Thanks to everyone who helped organize the conference and thanks to everyone who attended.

On September 28 a few of our members partook in a tour of the Washington Square Site located at 12th and Main in downtown Sioux Falls. The Washington Square Building is seven story mixed use building with retail, restaurant, and office space, as well as a parking

ramp and condos. The project, which is in the early stages of construction, exposed our group to construction techniques and equipment not common to Sioux Falls projects. Thanks to everyone who attended.

I would like to wish good luck to all of those who sat for the PE exam on Friday, October 28. We were able to provide twenty-one lunches to the examinees.

Our next membership meeting will be Tuesday, November 8 at the Pizza Ranch on 41st Street. Shelia Stanley with the recently established OSHA office will provide information on their increased presence in Sioux Falls.

See you on November 8!

SDES Eastern Chapter President,  
Kurt Peppel

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
BY BRETT LOVRO, PE**

Balance as of 11/1/2016

**Previous General Fund Balance 9/2/2016 \$ 29,214.52**

**Expenses:**

WebEx (June-Sept) \$ (208.76)  
 PO Box Fee \$ (102.00)  
 Engineering Exam Lunches \$ (184.96)  
 Speaker Lunches (Sept) \$ (21.50)  
**Total \$ (517.22)**

**Deposits:**

Banquet Revenue \$ 50.00  
 Informer Ads \$ 1,350.00  
 Interest (Sept-Oct) \$ 5.95  
**Total \$ 1,405.95**

**Total General Fund \$ 30,103.25**

**Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 9/2/2016 \$ 5,612.80**

**Expenses:**

N/A \$ -  
**Total \$ -**

**Deposits:**

Golf Deposit #4 \$ 200.00  
 Golf Deposit #5 \$ 825.00  
**Total \$ 1,025.00**

**Total Scholarship Fund \$ 6,637.80**

**Total Account Balance \$36,741.05**

**IMPORTANT  
CALENDAR  
ITEMS**



**EASTERN CHAPTER**

**MEETINGS:**

- November 8, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- December—No Meeting
- January 10, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- February 14, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- March 14, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- April 11, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- May 9, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street

**Eastern Chapter**

**Winter Social**

December 1, 4:30 @ Cherry Creek

**E-Week**

February 19—25

**Annual Conference**

April 26—28

@ Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center

To add a calendar item, please contact Josh Peterson at JPeterson@siouxfalls.org

**I'M GOING TO MISS CONSTRUCTION SEASON**





## 2016 SDES FALL PDH CONFERENCE BY PAT CAREY, PE

The SDES Fall Conference was held October 13, 2016 at the Days Inn Convention Center in Brookings. We had over 130 people registered for the event and were able to schedule 10 presenters for the day. The conference provided 7 PDH's and we have heard from many regarding the great value this conference provides for the registration fee. The conference was followed by a tour of the new Dana J Dykhouse Stadium at SDSU that was sponsored by ASCE.

Thank you to all the speakers, sponsors and those who helped organize the event to make it such a great success.

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# SDES EASTERN CHAPTER WINTER SOCIAL

Thursday, December 1st

Starts at 4:30 P.M.

Free appetizers served at 5:00 P.M.

Cash Bar

Cherry Creek Bar and Grill  
Downstairs Banquet Room

Come join us for appetizers, beverages, and a great time to catch up with your colleagues.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU Member Bio

### KARI DRAKE

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Degree:  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln—BS  
in Civil Engineering

Favorite Quote:  
"When in Rome?"

**A brief history...** I grew up in Garretson, had one younger brother & a ton of really fantastic family – grandparents, aunt/uncles & cousins – in the area. I did most any activity I could in High School, decided on Nebraska for college to try something different & get out of small town SD (turns out it's not ALL that different). I worked for a steel joist manufacturer in Norfolk, NE right out of college & was with that company for almost 10 years moving between Norfolk & Minneapolis. Three years ago decided to make the move back around home & took my current position with ADS. It's been a good move & been really great being back around my family! I lived in Brandon for the 1st 2 years & then Kent & I bought a house in Tea earlier this year. My daughter, Dylan, also started kindergarten this year!



### A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

**Family:** Daughter – Dylan (5), my arm candy Kent & his kiddos Sam (10) & Avery (12)

**Hometown:** Garretson

**Job Title and Years With Firm:** Engineered Product Manager, 3 years

**Favorite Room in My House and Why:** Our newly remodeled kitchen. It's a great place to spend time with my favorite people.

**My Normal Breakfast:** Bagel Boy

**Last CD Purchased:** Probably the Frozen soundtrack? (for my daughter, of course)

**Last DVD (movie or game) Purchased:** Mall Cop (again... the kids)

**Hobbies:** Golf, travel (when we can afford it), attending & watching sporting events (Twins, Vikings, Huskers), spending time at my parent's cabin with family & friends, cleaning (yes, cleaning), just being outside

**What do you collect?** Not much.... I don't like clutter & I'm not afraid to throw stuff away

**My Best Personality Trait:** I guess I would say I'm pretty straight forward & generally easy to talk to

**Pets:** not at this moment, but there WILL be a new dog in my near future

**Pet peeves:** slow drivers, slow walkers, slow talkers...

**Favorite beverage:** Beer (my favorite flavor is not consistent)

**Favorite TV Show:** Parks & Rec, Seinfeld

**Favorite Season:** I guess I'd say Fall, but I like pretty much every season for about 1 month

**People may not know about me...** I'm a pretty big Bob Dylan fan

**What made you want to be an engineer?** Math came easily to me & that's what people told me I should be if I was good at math

**What do you like best about being an engineer?** I like defying most of the preconceived notions that people have about engineers

**Describe a significant event in your career.** Moving back to the Sioux Falls area & starting my position at ADS was pretty significant. It was a big change for me in a lot of ways; everything from moving to getting used to a 'home' office to changing from above ground materials (steel joists) to below ground ones (pipe). I'm still adapting, but it feels a little more normal each day.

**Describe a significant event in your personal life.** I guess I'd say becoming a mom was pretty significant for me. It's amazing watching her become a little person with an extremely distinct personality. She is hilarious, and can totally be a mini-me at times, which is good & bad.

**Describe an achievement from the past year you are proud of.** We bought a new house & have put quite a bit of time into remodeling it & it's pretty awesome now.

**What are you looking forward to in the next year?** Relaxing & enjoying our new home!

**I hate it when...** engineers spec concrete pipe... JUST KIDDING! I hate it when the 4<sup>th</sup> of July falls on a Wednesday.

**Favorite Place to Visit and Why:** Any new place for a vacation is at the top of my list, but I also always enjoy a visit to Lincoln each year to attend a Husker football game, I get to see good friends & we always have a good time.



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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 SDS 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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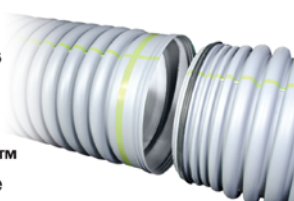
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