Merry Christmas Eastern Chapter Members!

Winter, along with the snow and cold weather, is starting to settle in. Let’s hope this winter is a more mild that last years! I’m writing this letter from the Sanford Hospital baby room while my wife and I watch our brand new baby son, Abel William, sleep. What an awesome experience!

Our next monthly meeting will be held December 9th from 12:00 to 1:00 at the 41st Street Pizza Ranch. Come early for pizza and the opportunity to socialize with your peers. The speaker will be Denise Truckenmiller, from Avera McKennan, who will discuss emotional intelligence. Emotional intelligence is the ability to read, understand, and adapt to the emotions of others and ourselves. Why this is important – A recent study by CareerBuilder states that 71% of employers value emotional intelligence over IQ. Employers, feel people with high emotional intelligence are able to manage and lead others to positive outcomes quicker and more amicably than peers with lower emotional intelligence. The good news is that emotional intelligence is a learned behavior and can be applied in our personal and professional lives! Feel free to invite other in our profession to this great presentation.

Thanks to Mr. Paul Wiegand, the Iowa Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) director who presented at our last monthly meeting. It was good to learn about a nationally recognized standards system that was developed by our close neighbors. Personally speaking, I hope South Dakota follows suit someday.

The Winter Social is scheduled for December 11th from 4:30 to whenever at the Cherry Creek Bar and Grill on east 26th Street. Come and enjoy appetizers provided by SDES and the opportunity to catch up with your peers. This has been a fun, well-attended event in the past and I hope many of you are able to attend this year as well.

Please help me in welcoming new member Bryce Hunt from DGR. As always, keep recruiting and volunteering! New members and hard work is our future!

Lastly, I want to mention again that the Eastern Chapter meetings can be watch via WebEx. This service provides an opportunity for the chapter members located outside of Sioux Falls to participate in chapter activities. Instructions on how to participate via WebEx are found, every month, in the newsletter.

Thank you, and have a fun and safe holiday season!

Ryan Johnson
TREASURER’S REPORT
BY LANCE WEATHERLY, PE

Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of 12/6/2014

Previous General Fund Balance 11/7/2014 $ 24,137.59

Expenses:
- speaker lunch - November $ (10.25)
- Eng Exam lunches $ (214.62)
- WebEx (November) $ (51.94)
- Informer Ads - overpayment refund $ (100.00)
- SDSU Foundation (East. Chap. Scholarship) $ (2,000.00)

Total $ (2,376.81)

Deposits:
- Interest (November) $ 2.42
- Informer Ads $ 700.00

Total $ 702.42

Total General Fund $ 22,463.20

Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 11/7/2014 $ 7,701.37

Expenses:
- Scholarship expenses - postage/envelopes $ (80.51)

Total $ (80.51)

Deposits:
- Golf Outing Deposit #5 $ 225.00

Total $ 225.00

Total Scholarship Fund $ 7,845.86

Total Account Balance $ 30,309.06

IMPORTANT CALENDAR ITEMS

EASTERN CHAPTER MEETINGS:
- December 9, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- January 13, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- February 10, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- March 10, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- April 14, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street

Eastern Chapter Winter Social
December 11, 2015, 4:30 PM
Cherry Creek Bar & Grill

E-Week
February 22—28, 2015

Eastern Chapter Awards Banquet
February 28, 2015
Holiday Inn City Centre

2015 Annual Conference
April 8, 2015
Ramkota Hotel, Pierre

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

Thursday, December 11th

Starts at 4:30 P.M.
Free Appetizers served at 5:00 P.M.
Cash Bar

Cherry Creek Bar and Grill
Banquet Room Downstairs

Come join us for appetizers, beverages, and a great time to catch up with your colleagues in this annual informal setting.
SAVE THE DATE

SDES Eastern Chapter Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 28th
Holiday Inn City Centre

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS—ERIN STEEVER, PE

USA project on the Rosebud Reservation:

UPDATE: As Karen Min, instructor at SDSU, mentioned at the October Eastern Chapter Meeting, the South Dakota Section of ASCE is assisting with developing a team for the Engineers Without Borders (EWB) – USA project on the Rosebud Reservation which will be located west of Mission, SD. A Responsible Engineer in Charge (REIC) has been identified and we are looking to fill a few more volunteer roles (structural background is desired, other disciplines are also welcome). The City College of New York Student Chapter of ASCE, with local assistance from the South Dakota State University Student Chapter of ASCE will be part of the team.

EWB-USA was contacted by the Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation for design and construction of a 10,000 sq ft community center in Keya Wakpala Development, South Dakota. The proposed building will consist of a large central area for holding religious ceremonies and other community events, along with supporting facilities and building systems. The planners further desire that the people of the local community be employed in the building's construction and that local materials be used in its fabrication. More generally they envision a building that adheres to the principles of green design.

If this project interests you, please contact Erin Steever (erins@bannerassociates.com) and visit www.ewb-usa.org for more information.
GETTING TO KNOW YOU
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A brief history... I was born in Luverne, MN as my family of German/Danish descent originates from the SW Minnesota area. Growing up I lived in Hills-MN, Brookings, Huron and then Flandreau where I graduated high school. My college transcript would show it took me a little more time than average to determine my profession but eventually I graduated with my B.S. in Civil Engineering from SDSU in 2004. After a lengthy sabbatical I am planning to complete my Master's degree this Spring 2015 at SDSU. In January 2005 I started my engineering career at Banner Associates focusing on municipal, civil, water/ww projects. In January 2013 I began working for the City of Sioux Falls where I am presently employed as a Civil Engineer, PE. My girlfriend, Kari and I have been together for ten years. Kari works as a Healthcare Grant Manager and also has a part-time law practice. For fun I enjoy hiking in National Parks and Black Hills, hunting, and spending time with family/friends.

A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Family: Girlfriend: Kari
Hometown: Flandreau, SD
Job title and years with firm: Civil Engineer, 2 years.
Favorite Room in Your House: Garage, to be able to work on projects and avoid housework
Normal Breakfast: Shredded Wheat ’n Bran and Casey's coffee
Last CD Purchased: Johnny Cash "Lost"
Hobbies: Spending time with friends and family
What do you collect? Tools used infrequently but think I need to acquire
Best Personality Trait: 110% everyday
Pets: 3 dogs, 4 horses
Pet peeves: Entitled people
Favorite beverage: Diet Mountain Dew
Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld
Favorite Season: Anytime when the sun sets after 7pm
People may not know... I have visited Croatia, Bosnia, and Montenegro in Eastern Europe

What made you want to be an engineer? As a previous architecture student the instructor became upset because I was more concerned about designing the mechanical room than the building aesthetics.

What do you like best about being an engineer? Being able to blend creativity with technical design, and working on projects that greatly benefit society.

Describe a significant event in your personal life. Graduating college was significant as it took me six years and I dropped out a couple of times and joined the workforce, it showed me the value of education and to don’t ever give up!

Describe an achievement from the past year you are proud of. City of Sioux Falls Public Works division Fullenkamp Management award nominee for 2013

What are you looking forward to in the next year? Finally graduating my with Master's

I hate it when... drivers lingering in the passing lane

Where is your favorite place and why? Ptarmigan Tunnel in Glacier National Park, the last picturesque summit of a grueling three day backpacking trip in the Montana wilderness.
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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.
5. A registration email will be sent with all the information to log into the meeting.

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