Dear Chapter Members,

The close to another construction season is near and the start of the ‘SDES season’ is upon us. Monthly meetings will resume on October 14th from 11:30 to 1:00 at the 41st Street Pizza Ranch. Come early for pizza and the opportunity to socialize with your peers. The monthly meetings will continue through next May. Generally the meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:30 to 1:00 at the 41st Street Pizza Ranch. Check the newsletter to confirm the time and location.

The speaker at our next meeting will be Kyungan (Karen) Min and Meghan Danielson. They will be presenting on their recent experiences with Engineers without Borders. Engineers without Borders is an organization our chapter has supported in the past. Participants use their engineering knowledge, often in third world countries, to provide basic needs such as clean drinking water and waste water disposal systems to people in need. They truly work to “serve humanity”.

The Board has worked hard to find great speaker topics at our monthly meetings that appeal to a broad base. Hopefully there’s something for everyone. The board is always looking for outstanding speakers/presenters. If you have suggestions please forward them to me. Be sure to sign in to receive PHD credits. A copy of the sign in sheet will be posted on the SDES website to receive your credits.

Please help me in welcoming the following new members - Christopher Peterson, Brennen Ahlers, Md. Mehadi Hassan, Rachel Swain, Brad Micheel, Md. Ebrahim Chowdhury, Thomas Spisak, Ken Allender, Jared Larson, and Jedidiah Reimnitz. Ten new members total! All have joined the South Dakota Engineering Society since May. Keep recruiting! I’m confident these new members will continue to add value to our organization.

I want to end by saying THANK YOU to all of the board members, committee chairs, and volunteers that have given your time and talents over the past year. This chapter wouldn’t be the same without you!

Ryan Johnson
TREASURER’S REPORT
BY LANCE WEATHERLY, PE

Balance as of 10/9/2014

Previous General Fund Balance 5/5/2014 $ 16,172.18

Expenses:
- WebEx (April) $ (51.94)
- Eng Exam lunches $ (273.17)
- Board Planning $ (76.23)
- WebEx (May) $ (51.94)
- Habitat for Humanity $ (226.54)
- Habitat for Humanity $ (56.23)
- Board Planning $ (27.50)
- WebEx (June) $ (51.94)
- WebEx (July) $ (51.94)
- speaker lunch - March $ (10.25)
- US Postal Service (PO Box) $ (92.00)
- WebEx (August) $ (51.94)
- Banquet Entertainment Deposit (2015) $ (636.00)
- Board Planning $ (120.28)
- WebEx (September) $ (51.94)

Total $ (1,829.84)

Deposits:
- Interest (May) $ 2.10
- Interest (June) $ 2.13
- Conference Revenue $ 7,494.14
- Dues Revenue $ 1,961.50
- Interest (July) $ 2.58
- Interest (August) $ 3.04
- Interest (September) $ 2.82

Total $ 9,468.31

Total General Fund $ 23,810.65

Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 5/5/2014 $ 9,731.34

Expenses:
- Golf Outing $ (100.00)
- Golf Outing $ (100.00)
- Golf Outing (Petty Cash) $ (200.00)
- Golf Outing (Gift Card) $ (100.00)
- Golf Outing (Raffle Tickets) $ (8.47)
- Golf Outing $ (200.00)
- SDSM&T (Jacob Reeves scholarship) $ (2,000.00)
- Golf Outing (Golf/Cart) $ (1,859.00)
- Golf Outing (Food) $ (1,037.50)
- SDSM&T (Thomas Punt scholarship) $ (2,000.00)
- SDSU (Cody Reed scholarship) $ (2,000.00)

Total $ (9,604.97)

Deposits:
- Golf Outing Deposit #1 $ 6,525.00
- Golf Outing Deposit #2 $ 230.00
- Golf Outing Deposit #3 $ 595.00

Total $ 7,350.00

Total Scholarship Fund $ 7,476.37

Total Account Balance $ 31,287.02

IMPORTANT
CALENDAR ITEMS

EASTERN CHAPTER MEETINGS:
- October 14, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- November 11, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- 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

E-Week
February 22–28, 2015

2015 Annual Conference
April 8, 2015
Ramkota Hotel, Pierre

To add a calendar item, please contact Josh Peterson at JPeterson@siouxfalls.org
GOLF OUTING A SUCCESS—GABRIEL LABER, PE

The annual Eastern Chapter Golf Outing was held at the Brandon Municipal Golf Course on August 7th. This year produced another strong turnout with 45 golfers participating. We tied the previous records from last year with 44 hole sponsors and over $4,000 raised for the scholarship program. 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. This year’s committee who deserves special thanks was Scott Hofer, Andy Berg, Paul Sanow, Ray Pierson and Trent Bruce. 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 Coordinator

2 Person Scramble

1st Flight – 1st Place: Jason Anderson & Scott Mohror
1st Flight – 2nd Place: Paul Korn & Ray Pierson
2nd Flight – 1st Place: Lee Kaffar & Matthew Huettl
2nd Flight – 2nd Place: Brad Ludens & Jason Reeves

PIN PRIZES:

#1: Longest Putt – Kari Drake
#4: Closest to the pin – Dennis Clark
#7: Longest in the fairway – Scott Mohror
#10: Longest Putt – Jeff DesLauriers
#12: Closest to the pin in two – Don Hammond
#13: Closest to the pin – Brett Lovro
#15: Longest in the fairway – Paul Sanow
#18: Longest putt – Matt Huettl
Dear Eastern Chapter of SD Engineering Society,

I am truly grateful to be the recipient of the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering Open Scholarship. Myself being from Yankton, SD, I think it’s awesome to see my home state supporting local students. My major is currently Civil Engineering and I am becoming more drawn to it every year. In fact just this past summer I worked for a Civil Engineer and explored the structural engineering field. I actually enjoyed the work and got a better grasp on the field. I’ve also attended multiple ASCE (American Society Civil Engineering) meetings as well and intend on becoming more involved this year.

In the years to come I plan on staying here at South Dakota State to eventually receive my bachelor’s degree. Before then I hope to engage myself in any activities that will help build a strong foundation for my career. After school I plan on finding a job preferably in the Midwest and finally begin my journey as a Civil Engineer.

I would like to again thank you for this wonderful award to show my appreciation.

Sincerely,
James Hisak

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Dear South Dakota Engineering Society Eastern Chapter,

I’d like to thank you for awarding me this scholarship. I am currently a senior Operations Management and German double major at SDSU with a Business minor. I’m also a Community Assistant in Young Hall this year and am also in the Honors College. I hope to graduate in 3 semesters with Honors Distinction and my two majors and work as a manager at a corporation in the Twin Cities, where I grew up, applying my knowledge in Supply Chain and Operations Management.

This scholarship means a lot to me because I’m financing the vast majority of my college education by myself. The funds you have awarded me go such a long way in continuing my education. I appreciate your support and I hope you can continue spreading success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jack (John) Miller

SDSU Student
A brief history... I was born and grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska, and have one younger brother. Most of my childhood was spent playing several sports, evolving into more year-round focus of tennis, basketball and golf in high school. After graduating from Grand Island Senior High in 2000, I went on to graduate with a B.S. in Civil Engineering from SDSU in 2005 and a M.S. in Civil Engineering (Transportation) from Iowa State University in 2007. My summers during undergrad were spent working with the Nebraska Department of Roads. At ISU, my research focused on work zone safety and mobility, culminating with my original research being selected for presentation at the annual TRB meeting in Washington DC.

After college, I worked for 3.5 years with FHWA as a Traffic Operations and Highway Engineer in Lincoln, NE. A fun benefit of this position was the opportunity to frequently travel throughout the country, working closely with the FHWA Resource Center and Headquarters. One of the highlights was being a part of the FHWA Traffic Analysis Tools Team, developing and implementing Federal guidance and training courses regarding traffic analysis in Federal-Aid studies. After FHWA, I worked for the City of Omaha over the next 2.5 years as a project manager and design engineer on the transportation design team.

Following the birth of our second daughter, we decided it was a good time to move closer to my wife’s family in South Dakota and I joined HR Green as a Traffic Engineer. This allowed me to get back to what I enjoyed most about civil engineering, traffic analysis and studies, particularly Interchange Justification Reports. Overall, having the opportunities to work in three different facets of government, and now consulting, has given me a greater appreciation of the challenges and constraints each entity is facing in the development and delivery of transportation projects.

My wife, Michelle, and I have been married for 5 years. She is a social worker, primarily working in the adoption field. Most of our free time lately involves our children and house projects, with weekends often on the road for family events, golfing, or Husker football. We have enjoyed living in Sioux Falls, particularly the much shorter commute and less traffic, and getting reacquainted with old friends. Now if only a Runza would open here...

Describe an achievement from the past year you are proud of. Our family daughters have completely changed my life and priorities.

Describe a significant event in your personal life. The birth of both of our daughters. They have completely changed my life and priorities.

Describe a significant event in your career. I think each step in my career, from graduation at SDSU and ISU, obtaining my P.E. license and PTOE certification, to the day-to-day accomplishments at each of the opportunities throughout my career, has been important contribution to where I am today.

Describe a significant event in your personal life. The birth of both of our daughters. They have completely changed my life and priorities.

Describe an achievement from the past year you are proud of. Our family successfully living with my wife’s gracious relatives for 9 months after moving to Sioux Falls.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? Actually being settled in Sioux Falls and spending time with my family.

I hate it when... the reduced fat or low sodium version of something is 20% more expensive than the original.

Where is your favorite place and why? I have always enjoyed visiting the Pacific Northwest between Seattle and Vancouver, Canada. My first visit to the area occurred with FHWA, where I worked for four months on a construction inspection assignment north of Seattle in Mt. Baker National Forest. Since then, I have always looked for opportunities to head back to the area. Plus, the golf courses north of Seattle are ridiculously cheap and typically in great condition.
**2014-2015 Officers and Chairpersons**

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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.

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1. Navigate your internet browser to:
2. [https://sdes-eastern.webex.com](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

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