

Policy Plan for the SDES Eastern Chapter

2-8-10

In 2010, the SDES Southeast and Northeast Chapters will be combining to create the Eastern Chapter. The following guidelines will be implemented to promote a smooth transition and unify the Eastern Chapter.

1. To encourage participation by all members, the Eastern Chapter meetings will be web cast.
2. The SDES State Annual Conference will maintain a 4 year rotation. The Eastern Chapter will host the SDES State Annual Conference two years in a row. It is the intention that the Annual Conference will be held in the north part of the Eastern Chapter in the first year and in the south part of the Eastern Chapter in the second year.
3. The SDES Fall PDH Conference will maintain a 4 year rotation. The Eastern Chapter will host the Fall PDH Conference two years in a row (opposite two years of the Annual Conference). It is the intention that the Fall PDH Conference will be held in the north part of the Eastern Chapter the first year and in the south part of the Eastern Chapter in the second year.
4. It is the intention to have at least one member residing in the northern part of the Eastern Chapter on the Eastern Chapter Board of Directors.
5. The Eastern Chapter shall fund the following scholarships:
 - Amount and number of scholarships at SDSU to be determined each year depending upon funding. [Two \$500.00 scholarships for a junior or senior attending SDSU is normal for the NE chapter to fund]
 - One or two scholarships for a high school senior planning to major in engineering at SD School of Mines or SDSU. Amount and number of scholarships to be determined each year depending upon funding. Senior students from all high schools in the Eastern Chapter area will be eligible for the scholarship. [Scholarships in the past have ranged from \$500 to \$2500]
6. One MATHCOUNTS committee will be established for the Eastern Chapter. The Eastern Chapter will assist with the MATHCOUNTS competition in Brookings and in Sioux Falls.
7. The SDES State Presidency will rotate between the three Chapters (Eastern, Central and Black Hills).
8. The Eastern Chapter will submit one application to the State level for the Young Engineer of the Year, Engineer of the Year and Project of the Year awards.
9. Financial Statements will be completed shortly after June 30th, 2010 for the NE and SE chapters. Both chapters will file the appropriate tax forms (990 EZ) and close accounts. The SE chapter will update or reopen the new eastern chapter account. The NE chapter will terminate their account and send the remaining balance to the Eastern Chapter treasure.