WebEx: Our monthly presentations 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.

Well summer seemed to diminish in an instant recently and fall has come upon us in a new way this year. Hopefully everyone is adapting to new schedules this season with schools starting again, (some) football commencing soon, and many other warm-weather outdoor activities – including construction preparing to wrap-up the next couple months. At this moment, SDES is currently hosting our fall conference online to accommodate our member’s interest in continuing education and the goings-on of all things Engineering in our area and industries. I encourage everyone receiving this newsletter to join me in thanking the SDES Eastern Chapter’s Conference planning members and our organization’s executive director – Nancy Hoines for their effort and dedication to developing the online conference content and finding an excellent variety of presenters and topics!

Welcome to our new members: Camdin Hinkel, Vani Jain, Ben Larson, Gary Meiners, Michael Redenbaugh, and Jessica Schneider.

With precautions remaining for social distancing relative to COVID, we will be seeking input from membership and exploring options to continue our monthly meetings in way to keep our members safe and informed. Please keep an eye out for future communications about monthly meetings – the October meeting schedule may vary from our typical dates as we evaluate meeting options. Stay safe and healthy this fall and enjoy the weather before snow begins to fly!
TREASURER’S REPORT
BY SCOTT LAVOY, PE

Previous General Fund Balance 7/8/2020 $ 11,278.66

**Deposits:**
Interest Payment $ 0.28
Total: $ 0.28

**Expenses:**
USPS PO Box Renewal $ (148.00)
Total: $ (148.00)

Total General Fund Balance: $ 11,130.94

Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 7/8/2020 $ 5,397.06

**Deposits:**

Total: $ -

**Expenses:**
Eastern Chapter High School Scholarship $ (6,000.00)
Total: $ -

Total Scholarship Fund Balance: $ (602.94)

Total Account Balance 9/1/2020 $ 10,528.00
Upcoming Events

- South Dakota Engineering Society Virtual Fall PDH Conference—09/10/2020 to 09/11/2020
- October Monthly Meeting—more details to come

Thank you for renewing your newsletter sponsorships. Newsletter advertisements can be renewed online at sdes.org. Select 2020-21 SDES Eastern Chapter Newsletter Sponsorship and register accordingly.

Contact Nancy Hoines for more information. Phone: 605-951-1004, Email: sdengineeringsociety@gmail.com

On August 10, 2020 SDES received a letter from the South Dakota Mines (SDSMT) Alumni Relations Center notifying constituents from the University of a data security incident on campus in mid-July 2020. Should anyone have questions or concerns about this incident, they are encouraged to reach out to the SDSMT’s University Advancement team at Foundation-Request@sdsmt.edu or by phone at 605-394-2436.
The annual Eastern Chapter Golf Outing was held at the Brandon Municipal Golf Course on August 5th. We had a great turnout with 58 golfers participating and 42 hole sponsors. This was a really strong turnout with the pandemic so it was great to get everyone outside and social distance. Sponsorships were at a record level as well. 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 on this event. 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 volunteers who deserve special thanks was Scott Hofer, Andy Berg, Paul Sanow, Jason Reaves, Kent Ode and Nancy Hoines. The prize winners are listed below. Congratulations to all the winners and I hope to see you next year!

– Gabe Laber, SDES Eastern Chapter Event Co-Coordinator

**Raffle Prizes:**

Four Vikings Tickets (Hancock Concrete), Gift Cert. (Sayre) – Dan Hanson
Gift Cert. (ACIPCO), Gift Cert. (ADS) – Ryan Johnson
Gift Cert. (HD Supply Waterworks) – Shannon Schultz
Gift Cert. (HR Green) – Lance Mayer
Yeti Cooler (Cemcast) – Dan Nebelsick

**PIN PRIZES:**

#1: Longest Putt – Brad Letcher
#4: Closest to the pin – Jared Haskins
#7: Longest in the fairway – Paul Sanow
#10: Longest Putt – Chad Stensland
#12: Closest to the pin in two – Paul Korn
#13: Closest to the pin – Pat Schwebach
#15 : Longest in the fairway – Christian Graber
#18: Longest putt – Derek Lee
GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP
BY GABE LABER, PE
I was born in Williston, ND but moved to Bangkok, Thailand when I was 2. I lived there until I was 9 and then moved back to where my mom is from which is Gillette, Wyoming. I graduated high school in Gillette and played soccer at a Junior College before going to the University of Wyoming to finish my degree. HDR is my first job out of college.

Family: One Brother named Westin
Hometown: Gillette, WY
Job Title and Years With Firm: Water/Wastewater EIT, 1/6 of a year
Favorite Room in My House and Why: Kitchen because I love food
My Normal Breakfast: Eggs and Toast
Last CD Purchased: Do they still sell CD’s?
Last DVD (movie or game) Purchased: Interstellar
Hobbies: Hiking, camping, drinking
My Best Personality Trait: Friendly
Pet peeves: Rude people
Favorite beverage: Any beer
Favorite TV Show: Letterkenny
Favorite Season: All of them
People may not know about me… I lived in Thailand for 7 years!
What made you want to be an engineer? The creative problem solving aspect
What do you like best about being an engineer? Solving problems
Describe a significant event in your career. Getting hired!
Describe an achievement from the past year you are proud of. Graduating from university
What are you looking forward to in the next year? Learning more about my job
Favorite Place to Visit and Why: My hometown to see family and friends
### 2020-2021 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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To maintain high ethical standards for the practice of engineering and lead the profession in adhering to these principles:

To protect the public health, safety, and welfare; while being good stewards of the environment;

To incorporate engineering principles and perspectives in government decisions that protect the public; and

To consider community service a professional obligation.

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HDR Sioux Falls Moved Downtown

As of August 24, HDR’s Sioux Falls office is downtown. This move engages a growing team of nearly 70 staff in the downtown community. Out of an abundance of caution, an open house will be postponed until social distancing recommendations have lifted. We’re happy to host clients and guests in small numbers. If you would like to visit, please stop by.

We look forward to being an even larger part of the communities where we live and work and are excited to join the vibrant downtown community.
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