



# 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 12, 11:30 AM @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street

- Heath Hoftiezer with the City of Sioux Falls will discuss the Sanford Sports Complex Traffic Study

### NEW MEMBERS:

- Steven Meyer, Cretex
- Lee Kaffar, HDR

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY PHIL GUNDVALDSON-PE

Prior to writing this message I checked the weather app on my iPhone only to find out 3 to 6 inches of snow is expected in the next 48 hours! I guess it is November now but I'm still not ready for it. I hope you all have your projects nearing completion and ready for winter.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the 41<sup>st</sup> street Pizza Ranch at 11:30. Heath Hoftiezer with the City of Sioux Falls will be giving a presentation on the Traffic Impact Study and Analysis for the Sanford Sports Complex completed by the City Traffic Engineering department. This area of Sioux Falls has experienced explosive growth in the last few years and I'm sure there are many more high traffic generating land uses planned for that area. If you are unable to attend, remember the meetings are available live via WebEx.

Planning is underway for the 2014 Annual Conference which will be held April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Holiday Inn City Centre. We

have already lined up some interesting and exciting topics. We're also still searching for someone to serve as the conference planning committee chairperson, so if you're interested, please let me know.

Please join me in welcoming the following new members to our society:

- ◆ Steven Myer with Cretex Concret Products
- ◆ Lee Kaffar with HDR Engineering

We are fortunate to have active members who continue to volunteer their time and talents. If you have not had the opportunity to get involved with our chapter activities, I encourage you to seek out an opportunity to participate. We have many young members and those new to the area who I would like to extend an invitation. I encourage current members to invite along new and younger members to chapter meetings, activities, and outings. I'm sure you will find your efforts rewarding and your time well spent!

Phil Gundvaldson

# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY LANCE WEATHERLY, PE

Balance as of 11/11/13



## IMPORTANT CALENDAR ITEMS

### EASTERN CHAPTER MEETINGS:

- November 12, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- December 10, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- January 14, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- February 11, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- March 11, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- April 8, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street

### E-Week

February 16–22, 2013

### Eastern Chapter Awards Banquet

February 22, 2013

Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls

### PE & FE Exam Dates

PE	FE	Applications Due
		<u>2013</u>
Oct 25	Oct 26	July 1
		<u>2014</u>
Apr 11	Apr 12	Jan 1
Oct 24	Oct 25	July 1

**Previous General Fund Balance (10/1/13) \$ 23,226.36**

#### Expenses:

Bank Fee	\$ (10.00)
Lance Weatherly (speaker lunch)	\$ (10.25)
WebEx (October)	\$ (49.00)
WebEx (November)	\$ (49.00)
C.J. Callaways (Planning Meal)	\$ (57.41)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (175.66)</b>

#### Deposits:

Informer Adds	\$ 606.00
Interest (October)	\$ 2.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 608.85</b>

**Total General Fund \$ 23,659.55**

**Previous Scholarship Fund Balance (10/1/13) \$ 9,877.14**

#### Expenses:

Golf Outing (Mathisons)	\$ (77.91)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (77.91)</b>

#### Deposits:

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
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**Total Scholarship Fund \$ 9,799.23**

**Total Account Balance \$ 33,458.78**

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Minnehaha County is inviting applications for the position of **Project Engineer**. Applications are due by November 22nd. More information on the position, and applications can be submitted at the following website: [jobs.minnehahacounty.org](http://jobs.minnehahacounty.org). Minnehaha County is an equal opportunity employer.

To add a calendar item, please contact Josh Peterson at [JPeterson@siouxfalls.org](mailto:JPeterson@siouxfalls.org)

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### Member Bio

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### AARON NORMAN, PE, LS

Degree:  
SDSU—B.S. in Civil Engineering

Favorite Quote:  
*"There are no secretes to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."*

**A brief history...** I grew up in Sioux Falls with 2 younger brothers and a little sister. I am fortunate to have most of my immediate family living in the Sioux Falls area. I attended O'Gorman High School and graduated in 1998. I went on to South Dakota State University and graduated in 2002 with a degree in Civil Engineering. As long as I can remember, I spent the summers during school working for my father's surveying company. Growing up in a family of engineers (dad, two uncles, aunt, and 2 brothers), discussions at the family events were never dull. Upon graduation from SDSU, I continued to work for my father's surveying company and moved to Wilsey and Associates in 2004. In 2006 I went to work for Stockwell Engineers and in 2011 I joined the team of DGR Engineering. I met my wife in 2009 on a blind date in Brookings and were married a year later. My wife currently works with Aramark Companies and manages food service for 9 universities in the surrounding states. We have two wonderful children, our oldest Will is 3 and our daughter Natalie is one. We spend a majority of our time doing laundry, answering questions (why?), and cleaning up toys.



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

**Family:** Wife-Jill, Son-William (4), Daughter-Natalie (1)

**Hometown:** Sioux Falls

**Job title and years with firm:** Project Engineer, 2 years.

**Favorite Room in Your House:** I enjoy laying on the floor in the family room playing legos, reading books, or wrestling with two little kids.

**Normal Breakfast:** Cheerios

**Last CD Purchased:** A few years ago, I bought my wife a Sugarland CD.

**Last DVD Purchased:** Monsters University

**Hobbies:** I enjoy taking my son fishing and my yellow lab hunting.

**What do you collect?** These days.... Sippy Cups, Dinosaurs, Legos....

**Best Personality Trait:** Listening...

**Pets:** Teigo, 8 year old Yellow Lab

**Pet Peeves:** People who are always late

**Favorite beverage:** Coffee in the morning

**Favorite TV Show:** Currently I am hooked on Yukon Men

**Favorite season:** Being able to go to the lake in the summer

**People may not know...** Until a couple years ago, I didn't know how to tie a tie. I would have someone tie them and I carefully left them intact for the next time.

**What made you want to be an engineer?** My dad told me I can go to college for anything, as long as it was engineering.

**What do you like best about being an engineer?** Working with people to help solve problems and hopefully not create additional ones!

**Describe a significant event in your career.** Getting involved with the various surveying and engineering chapters has allowed me to meet numerous people in the profession.

**Describe a significant event in your personal life.** The addition of our two kids and how you can see a resemblance of yourself in each one.

**What are you looking forward to in the next year?** I am looking forward to watching my kids grow and become involved with school and various activities.

**I hate it when...** My kids don't sleep in on the weekends.

**Where is your favorite place and why?** My wife and I went to Jamaica for our honeymoon.

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<http://www.sdes.org/>

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Navigate your internet browser to:

<https://sdes-eastern.webex.com>

Select the meeting date from the calendar in the "Browse Meetings" Window.

Click the "Register" link by the monthly meeting.

Fill in your first name, last name, email address and hit the "Register Now" button at the bottom.

A registration email will be sent with all the information to log into the meeting.



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