



# The South Dakota Engineer

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2013-2014

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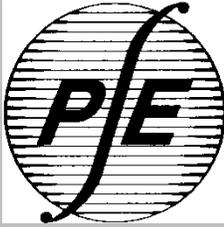
## President's Message - Myron Adam, PE

I am looking forward to this year as I serve as President of the South Dakota Engineering Society. I have been fortunate the last few years to work my way up through the leadership positions of SDES and be able to learn from the experienced Past Presidents - Chad Hanisch, PE, David Templeton, PE and Jody Page, PE.

Once again one of our State Chapters has planned and coordinated a well-diversified program to provide our continuing education hours at a very reasonable cost. Every Spring and Fall one of our Chapters steps up and provides their time to host either the annual or Fall PDH conference. Our members and local vendors have always supported our conferences by their attendance. At the State level we need to provide as much support to our Chapters during the planning for these events as both time and member volunteers seem to be in short supply.

As a whole, our membership numbers in SDES and NSPE have steadily gained over the years. I believe that is in part a result of the quality of our organization and what our mission is and also in part by our industry leaders stressing upon the younger or new engineers to get involved in our industry society. At the State level about twenty-five percent of our members are State and Chapter only members with the remaining seventy-five percent being the three tier members, National, State and Chapter. I would encourage all members to consider joining the three-tier membership and be part of the larger, broader group of NSPE engineers across the country.

At the National level I wanted to point out a couple of topics I came across. First is an article by Danielle Boykin entitled "The PE's Perspective". In the article, results of an NSPE survey about a wide range of topics including the PE public image and STEM education, are presented. The article can be found at the NSPE website or at the following link: [http://www.nspe.org/PEmagazine/13/pe\\_0513\\_PE.html](http://www.nspe.org/PEmagazine/13/pe_0513_PE.html). The article is well written and provides a snapshot of how members across the country feel about various topics. The other item I came across is a letter from NSPE President Dan Wittliff, PE to President Obama concerning the federal budget sequesters. The letter can be found on the NSPE website or at <http://www.nspe.org/resources/pdfs/media/2013/Sequester-Ltr-March-2013-Obama.pdf>. In the letter Mr. Wittliff stresses NSPE's concerns with the impacts that the federal budget is having on the ability of the professional engineer to fulfill our core obligations to protect the public health and safety. Please take a few minutes to peruse the article/letter.



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If you have an idea or program in mind that you feel would benefit our Society please talk to myself or Gail Boddicker our Executive Director. We want to be sure our Society is responsive to our members, and, we are always seeking new challenges to improve our organization. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve as President.

Myron Adam, PE  
2013-2014 President

## SDES Honors State Award Recipients

### Engineer of the Year

Paul Gnirk, P.E.,  
New Underwood, SD

### Young Engineer of the Year

Adam Norman, P.E.  
Sioux Falls, SD



Adam Norman, P.E.

### Project of the Year

WRF Effluent Filter Improvements Project  
Sioux Falls, SD



Pictured is Ryan Johnson, PE,  
accepting the award on behalf of the  
City of Sioux Falls and HR Green.

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## 2013 SDES Annual Conference

Thank you to the attendees, speakers, sponsors and vendors for your support of SDES and the SDES 53rd Annual Conference. Over 170 guests, speakers and vendors attended the annual one and a half day conference. The conference provided 12 PDH's, and also highlights engineers and engineering projects at the annual awards banquet. The SDES 2013-2014 officers were also inducted at the noon luncheon. Thank you also to Art deWit, FNSPE, for conducting the officer induction ceremony.

Thank you to all for your commitment and support to the South Dakota Engineering Society.

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Sioux Falls, SD**

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## NSPE/SDES State Agreement

NSPE provided the following:

As a federation, for the protection of all parties, it is important for there to be an agreement between the national organization and each state organizations spelling out duties and responsibilities regarding membership, bylaws, intellectual property, dues, insurance and other operational issues. Such agreements help each of the parties know what to expect from the other and to avoid misunderstandings, etc.

The SDES board requests that members peruse the following document. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gail Boddicker, [gail.boddicker@sdsmt.edu](mailto:gail.boddicker@sdsmt.edu). Unless the board receives negative feedback, the Agreement will be signed following the SDES July board meeting. This Agreement has been signed by a vast majority of the states and the board wishes to complete this task requested by NSPE.

### **NSPE – STATE SOCIETY AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and between the National Society of Professional Engineers, a South Carolina non-profit corporation (“NSPE”), and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ non-profit corporation (“STATE SOCIETY”).

WHEREAS, NSPE has granted a charter to STATE SOCIETY pursuant to which STATE SOCIETY shall be the exclusive NSPE State Society in the State of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, NSPE and STATE SOCIETY wish to set forth herein certain of their understandings and agreements pertaining to the granting of said Charter and the mutual rights and responsibilities created thereunder:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of other mutual promises and agreements set forth below, NSPE and STATE SOCIETY agree as follows,

1. **Grant of Charter.** By virtue of the granting of a Charter by NSPE to STATE SOCIETY, as set forth in NSPE Bylaw 7, STATE SOCIETY shall be the exclusive NSPE State Society in the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Agency.** Neither NSPE nor STATE SOCIETY shall represent to any third party or allow any third party to believe that it has authority to bind the other or that it has authority to act on the other’s behalf. STATE SOCIETY shall not use NSPE’s symbols or name in a fashion that would lead a reasonable person to believe STATE SOCIETY may act on NSPE’s behalf. NSPE shall not use STATE SOCIETY’s symbols or name in a fashion that would lead a reasonable person to believe that NSPE may act on STATE SOCIETY’s behalf.

3. Standards.

a. STATE SOCIETY and NSPE expressly acknowledges the purposes of NSPE as set forth in the Charter, the NSPE Certificate of Incorporation and the NSPE Bylaws, and agrees to take no action inconsistent with those purposes.

b. STATE SOCIETY shall incorporate and shall consistently remain in good standing as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ . The governing documents of STATE SOCIETY shall at all times not be in conflict with the NSPE Bylaws, as set forth in NSPE Bylaw 7(4). STATE SOCIETY shall at all times adhere to its governing documents.

4. License of Name, Logo, and Trademark.

a. NSPE licenses STATE SOCIETY to use its name, as an official State Society, and any and all trademarks or service marks NSPE now or hereafter owns, during the term of this Agreement, in connection with STATE SOCIETY's activities that are consistent with and in furtherance of NSPE's objectives. STATE SOCIETY shall use said name and marks in strict accordance with the NSPE Graphic Design Guide, as amended from time to time by NSPE (the "Style Guide"). In order to protect the good name and integrity of NSPE, NSPE retains the right to review and approve all uses of said name and marks for conformity with the Style Guide.

b. STATE SOCIETY acknowledges that NSPE is the lawful owner of the name, "National Society of Professional Engineers" and of the acronym "NSPE" and its associated trademarks used in its business, and STATE SOCIETY agrees that it will take no action inconsistent with NSPE's ownership of its name, the acronyms and trademarks. NSPE shall take no action that is inconsistent with the STATE SOCIETY's trademarks or other intellectual property rights.

5. Dues and Membership.

a. STATE SOCIETY and NSPE shall agree on procedures for membership dues collection, consistent with NSPE Bylaw 11, on an annual basis or as necessary. In the event a STATE SOCIETY chooses to offer "State Only Membership", an ADDENDUM shall be attached and shall apply to this NSPE-STATE SOCIETY AGREEMENT, consistent with NSPE Bylaws and Operating Procedures.

b. The State Society shall retain the authority to directly invoice and manage the annual dues payments of all State Society members.

6. Representation on House of Delegates. STATE SOCIETY shall designate one representative to the NSPE House of Delegates, as set forth in NSPE Bylaw 13.

7. Operations of STATE SOCIETY.

a. STATE SOCIETY shall operate and conduct its business and affairs in accordance with accepted practices of non-profit organizations. STATE

SOCIETY shall at all times comply with applicable law.

b. NSPE and STATE SOCIETY expressly acknowledge and agree that NSPE and STATE SOCIETY are, and intend to maintain, separate corporate entities and as such shall not incur any liability, obligation, or expense on behalf of each other.

c. State Society Local Chapters established and maintained by the STATE SOCIETY are the sole responsibility of that State Society and the State Society shall be solely responsible for maintaining any and all fiduciary responsibilities for said chapters, except as otherwise agreed to by the STATE SOCIETY and local chapters.

d. STATE SOCIETY shall comply with the requirements regarding member discipline set forth in NSPE Bylaw 10.

8. Fiscal Operations and Taxes. STATE SOCIETY shall practice sound fiscal policy. The Treasurer or other duly designated individual of STATE SOCIETY shall be responsible for the accounting procedures of STATE SOCIETY and shall maintain proper receipts and expenditure records and be responsible for complying with all applicable state and federal tax compliance issues.

9. Indemnification and Hold Harmless.

a. STATE SOCIETY hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless NSPE and its officers, directors, members, state societies, chapters, agents and employees (the "NSPE Indemnified Persons") from and against any action, suit, proceeding, claim, damage, liability, obligation, cost, and expense, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, which may be incurred by an NSPE Indemnified Person which may arise by reason of (i) any breach of this Agreement by STATE SOCIETY; and/or (ii) any negligence or willful misconduct by STATE SOCIETY or by any officer, director, or employee thereof.

b. NSPE hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless STATE SOCIETY and its officers, directors, members, agents and employees (the "STATE SOCIETY Indemnified Persons") from and against any action, suit, proceeding, claim, damage, liability, obligation, cost, and expense, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs, which may be incurred by a STATE SOCIETY Indemnified Person which may arise by reason of (i) any breach of this Agreement by NSPE; and/or (ii) any negligence or willful misconduct by NSPE or by any officer, director, or employee thereof.

10. Revocation of Charter. The Board of Directors of NSPE shall establish a procedure and have the authority to revoke the Charter granted to STATE SOCIETY if the NSPE Board of Directors determines that STATE SOCIETY has violated, failed, or refuses to comply with this Agreement or if this Agreement is terminated. NSPE shall provide 120 days written notice of its intent to revoke the Charter granted to STATE SOCIETY, and such STATE SOCIETY shall receive the opportunity to appear before the NSPE Board of Directors to defend itself against any charges that might lead to Revocation of its Charter prior to any Revocation decision being made by the Board. The STATE SOCIETY may reapply to the NSPE Board of Directors to become an exclusive NSPE State Society. The NSPE Board of Directors shall determine whether to accept

such reapplication in its good faith discretion.

11. Waiver. Either party's waiver of, or failure to exercise, any right provided for in this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any further or future right under this Agreement.

12. Termination of Agreement.

a. Either NSPE or STATE SOCIETY may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the other party.

b. Either NSPE or STATE SOCIETY may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to the other in the event of the other's insolvency, fraud, willful misconduct or substantial breach of this Agreement.

c. Upon termination of this Agreement, in the absence of any outstanding financial or other obligations, neither party shall have any further obligation to the other and both parties shall cease any and all use of the other party's trademarks or other intellectual property including name, acronym and logos.

13. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on the parties, and on their successors and assigns, without regard to whether it is expressly acknowledged in any instrument of succession or assignment.

14. Notices. Notices required by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered either by personal delivery, facsimile or mail. If delivered by mail, notices shall be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by express mail, all postage and charges prepaid. All notices and other written communications under this Agreement shall be addressed as indicated below, or as specified by subsequent written notice delivered by the party whose address has changed.

If to NSPE:	NSPE Secretary & Executive Director 1420 King Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314
If to STATE SOCIETY:	(Insert title and contact information for STATE SOCIETY)

15. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, USA, without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law thereunder. In addition, all disputes arising under this Agreement shall be resolved in any state or federal court in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and STATE SOCIETY agrees, solely for purposes of this Agreement, to submit to the personal jurisdiction of that court. Prior to litigation, the parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes through non-binding mediation.

16. Amendments. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes all prior written or oral agreements. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties as

“ATTACHMENT A” to this agreement.

17. Warranty. Each of the parties warrants that the individual who executes this Agreement on its behalf has been duly authorized to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers, effective as of the date first written above.

#### **ADDENDUM**

STATE SOCIETY has declared and confirmed in writing to NSPE its decision to establish and offer “State Only” membership. The STATE SOCIETY State Only membership option was authorized by NSPE upon adoption of the proposed NSPE By-Laws changes approved by the House of Delegates at its assembly on July 17, 2010, in Orlando, Florida.

NSPE and the STATE SOCIETY agree that the STATE SOCIETY shall invoice all of its “State Only” members and shall maintain a State Only membership database for all of its State Only members.

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## **NSPE Takes Stand on STEM Education**

Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education has moved to the forefront of national news coverage and U.S. public policy discussions. NSPE recognizes that a robust STEM education is critical to the economic prosperity and national security of the nation. The Society recently approved a position statement calling for a strong national education policy to ensure that all K–12 students receive an adequate STEM education.

It's vital that students, beginning at the elementary school level, develop a foundational understanding of STEM concepts and form opinions about these areas that will influence their future educational and career choices. Improved STEM education is necessary not only to cultivate more STEM professionals but to provide essential knowledge for all citizens to successfully live and work in an increasingly technical society.

To achieve these goals, NSPE believes there must be a significant change to the core K–12 curriculum. All students should have access to an improved STEM education and students who exhibit an interest in pursuing careers in STEM fields should be provided additional opportunities to increase their knowledge and skills in STEM courses.

The Society recommends that STEM professional societies, business and industry leaders, educators, federal agencies, and other stakeholders form partnerships to develop and implement a national STEM Strategic Plan for K–12 education.

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## NSPE Launches New Member Benefit

NSPE and OfficeMax have joined forces to introduce the OfficeMax Partner Advantage program. Members of NSPE will enjoy substantial savings of 31% to 88% off the manufacturers' list price on frequently purchased items, and get reduced pricing on more than 12,000 in-stock products and 3,700 environmentally preferable products and services. Members will also receive discounts on certain ImPress<sup>®</sup> print and document services. Whether you order [online](#) or at an OfficeMax store, your exclusive NSPE member discounts apply and there is free delivery on in-stock orders over \$50.

Members can access more information about the OfficeMax Partner Advantage program on the NSPE [Web site](#).

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## NSPE and Social Media

NSPE is now actively looking for opportunities to more aggressively participate on social media sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc. As part of this initiative, NSPE will be seeding these sites with articles, papers, discussion topics, etc., to stimulate social media conversations on current public policy issues of importance to NSPE and its members.

As a NSPE leader, you are strongly encouraged to visit the NSPE pages on these sites, etc., in order to track and respond with encouraging and supportive statements and views on these public policy issues of importance to NSPE and its members.

While there are often good and productive exchanges regarding these issues and positions on the various sites, at times, some of the participants may sometimes express themselves in less than diplomatic or confusing ways.

In this connection, please consider the following guidelines when responding:

- Keep your comments as positive and as encouraging as possible;
- Constructive comments by participants should be acknowledged and supported by you in your responses;
- Try your best to turn a participant's negative comment into a positive;
- Do not attempt to intercede between participants who are attacking or challenging one another;
- When discussions go off track, become bogged down, or become personal, try to

steer the discussion back on track;

- If you see distorted or inaccurate information, please post corrected information;
- If a participant's comment is unclear and requires clarification, please intercede to clarify if you can;
- If you are uncertain whether the posted information is or is not correct, please do not hesitate to contact NSPE staff for guidance.

The following is the link to NSPE's Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/NSPEonFB](http://www.facebook.com/NSPEonFB)

The following is the link to NSPE's Twitter Feed:

<https://twitter.com/NSPE>

For LinkedIn, you will need to request to join the official NSPE group at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/National-Society-Professional-Engineers-NSPE-144981>

Your active participation and support will help to accurately communicate the important work that NSPE is doing. You are also encouraged to invite your associates, peers, clients, etc., to join in the conversations.

Thank you for your support!

Tim Austin, P.E., F.NSPE, Chair

NSPE Membership Delivery System/Communications & Technology Task Force

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## Welcome New SDES Members

### Eastern Chapter

Damon deWit

Kelly Loudenslager

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## SDES Events

### **Future Meeting Schedule**

SDES Summer Board Meeting	July 31, 2013	Noon (CT)	Webex
SDES Fall Board Meeting	October 2, 2013 4:00 PM	TBD	Pierre, SD
SDES Fall PDH Conference	October 3, 2013	Ramkota	Pierre, SD
SDES 2014 Annual Conference	April 16-18, 2014	Holiday Inn Downtown	Sioux Falls, SD

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# Spring 2013 SDES Board Meeting Draft Minutes

## SOUTH DAKOTA ENGINEERING SOCIETY SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013

Members and Guests Present: Jody Page, President  
Myron Adam, President-Elect  
TJ Yerdon, Vice President  
Andrew Bruels, 2013-2014 CE Chapter President  
Michelle Burke, PDH Chair  
Stacy Froelich, CE Chapter State Director  
Jeff Hines, Eastern Chapter President  
Jason Kjenstad, Endowment Promotion Chair  
Shannon Schultz, Mathcounts Chair, Annual Conf Chair  
Art deWit, FNSPE  
Gail Boddicker, Executive Director

President Page called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Page confirmed a quorum for the meeting.

The IRS is now inquiring whether non-profit tax-exempt entities have adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy to ensure that charitable funds are not being used for anyone's private gain. Hearing no conflicts from the board members in attendance, Page proceeded with the meeting.

### **Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Adam made a motion to accept the agenda, Yerdon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**

Hines made a motion to approve the January 17, 2013, board minutes, Adam seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **President's Report - President Jody Page, PE**

Page provided a written report on issues that he has been working on during the past quarter. Page verbally reported on the issues in the Old Business portion of the agenda. He also reported that Jason Kjenstad volunteered to serve as the SDES representative on the Local Technical Assistance Program (SDLTAP) advisory board. SDLTAP is jointly operated by SDSU, SDSM&T and SDDOT. SDLTAP's mission is to provide transportation-related technical assistance, training, and materials to local—county, township, municipal, and tribal—governments in South Dakota.

### **President-Elect's Report - President-Elect Myron Adam, PE/LS**

No written report. Adam will assume the SDES presidency position at the conclusion of this meeting. Adam expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to lead the

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association and to work with the SDES board of directors.

**Vice President's Report – Vice President TJ Yerdon, PE**

No written report. Yerdon will assume the SDES president-elect position at the conclusion of this meeting.

**SDES 2013 Annual Conference**

Schultz reported that there are approximately 170 registrants, speakers, and vendors registered for the 2013 annual conference.

**ALL REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN HARD COPY FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE MEETING AND IN DIGITAL FORM TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE ENGINEER.**

**Goal 1: Promote the competent, ethical, and professional practice of engineering.**

Membership – Gail Boddicker, Executive Director

Boddicker provided the third quarter membership report. Boddicker reported that the SDES/NSPE membership category increased by 16 members since July 1, 2012. The state/chapter category increased by 3 members. Hanisch met with SDSU students and recruited several new student members. The board members discussed the importance of keeping in contact with the student members. There is that concern especially for the SDSU student members as their chapter meetings and activities are primarily located in Sioux Falls. No action was taken.

Bylaws Task Force - Vacant

No report.

**Goal 2: Enhance the image and stature of engineering professionals.**

University and Public Relations – Beth Kassing, PE

No report.

**Goal 3: Provide education, professional development, networking opportunities, and other benefits to engineering professionals and students.**

Professional Development Hours

No written report.

Burke reported that the PDH Committee was initially created to support the PDH education process when the education law went into effect several years ago. Since that time, the chapters have assumed the responsibility of hosting the education conferences and Burke's effort has not been required. Burke suggested that the committee be disbanded. Page expressed his appreciation to Michelle Burke for her years of service to the committee.

Awards – Laurie Schultz, PE

State awards will be presented at the May 2, 2013, SDES annual conference banquet.

Endowment Promotion – Jason Kjenstad, PE

Kjenstad reported that \$2,500 is available for distribution from the SDES Endowment Fund. Kjenstad recommended retaining \$1000 of those funds and distribute the

remaining \$1500.00. Kjenstad made a motion to provide a one-time allocation of \$500.00 to the Black Hills, Central, and Eastern Chapters to provide for a scholarship in each chapter. Froelich seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MATHCOUNTS – Shannon Schultz, PE

Schultz reported that the state competition was held in March in Pierre. Schultz advised the board that he secured a \$500 grant and, at this time, is a one-time contribution. Schultz has led the Mathcounts program for the past four years and he would prefer to step down as the committee chair; he has offered to assist in training his replacement. Although there may be a possible volunteer that is considering assuming the position, there was no action taken.

**Goal 4: Advocate the interests of engineering professionals and protect the public through an effective government relations program.**

Design Professionals Coalition – Chancy Shrake, PE

No report.

The SDES board continues to have concerns regarding the DPC. The board's concern is that they are not receiving reports and thus, are unaware of the DPC activities. They requested that they be more involved and informed on the legislative issues. The board members requested financial reports, minutes, and a report on the bills that were tracked and the outcomes. Hines volunteered to serve as the second SDES representative on the DPC board.

Licensure – Brian Jenner, PE

No report.

**Goal 5: Align the structure, activities, and governance of the society to optimize support and resources for all programs.**

Strategic Planning Task Force – Nancy Surprenant, LA

Adam reported that he had talked with Surprenant before the Board meeting and asked if she would continue with her Chair position. Nancy indicated that if the Board did not want to pursue action on the Strategic Plan initiatives she has been working on, that she would step down and move onto something else. If the Board wanted to move forward on any portion of the Strategic Plan she would continue with her committee position as needed. Adam will have more discussion with Surprenant and Yerdon to determine if SDES should undertake implementing/changing a portion of the Strategic Plan.

Nominations – David Templeton, PE

No report.

Treasurer's Report – Philip Gundvaldson, PE

Adam made a motion to approve the third quarter financial reports, Yerdon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## 2013-2014 Budget

Boddicker reported on the proposed 2013-2014 budget.

The comments and revisions included: increasing Line Item 5018 to \$500.00 – these are the funds that need to be set aside for the MC Coordinator travel to the national competition; Line Item 5054, Telephone – should be \$0. Boddicker was instructed to drop the Yellow Pages ad. In addition, HDR offered their conference call program in case there is a need to set up a conference call. Line Item 5056, Travel-Executive Director was decreased to \$250.00. These funds were utilized primarily for Boddicker to travel to board meetings and the fall and annual conferences. It was decided that the hosting chapter of the fall and annual conferences should be responsible for Boddicker's travel. The conference guidelines should be revised to reflect this expense.

Froelich made a motion to approve the revised budget, Yerdon seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

### **Chapter Activity Reports**

#### **Black Hills Chapter**

No report given at meeting. A written report was provided.

#### **Central Chapter**

Bruels reported that the chapter members had just completed their annual ditch cleanup event. They are on target to host the 2013 Fall PDH scheduled for October 3, 2013.

#### **Eastern Chapter**

Hines reported that the members have been busy working on the annual conference.

### **Old Business**

#### **SDES Web Site Transaction Fee**

SDES now offers the option to pay dues, donations, and fees by credit card online. The 2.9% plus 3 cent transaction fee for each transaction will financially impact the SDES budget. The board recommended that the member be responsible for the transaction charges associated with online payments. Beginning in July, Page requested that a memo describing the payment process be inserted in the online invoice. The member will be given the option of paying dues, fees, etc., online; however the member will be responsible for the transaction fee. The members who choose not to pay the additional transaction fee will be sent an invoice upon their request that can be printed and mailed.

#### **Ad Policy**

Page advised that the website advertising structure be reviewed and updated as it has not been revised since approximately 2009. He advised that this should be completed before the next round of renewals – which would be next winter.

#### **State National Affiliation Agreement**

As background, NSPE reviewed their records and found that there were no official agreements that indicated the affiliation between NSPE and the state organizations. The State-National Affiliation Agreement was developed to complete their records. South Dakota has not signed the Agreement at this time. This issue has not been discussed for over a year; therefore, the board requested that the Agreement be presented in the

newsletter for the member's attention. Assuming there are no major concerning issues, the board will sign the Agreement at the July board meeting.

#### SDES Fall and Annual Conference Rotation Schedule

As a reminder, when the Northeastern and Southeastern Chapters merged into one chapter on July 1, 2010, it was decided that the conference rotation schedule would continue on a 4 year rotation. With this schedule, the Eastern Chapter will host the annual conference two years in a row and the fall conference two years in a row – the opposite two years of the annual conference. The issue was previously introduced because of the concern that the current rotation schedule for the annual and pdh conferences may overburden the Eastern Chapter members. There was no action taken; however, the Eastern Chapter is cognizant of the schedule and will move ahead with supporting the schedule and future conferences.

#### Board President Term

In a previous meeting, Page asked for discussion on revising the term of the SDES state officers to increase the effort to a two-year term. He believes that it is a potentially good idea and will meet with Adam to discuss it further. No action taken.

#### NSPE Conference

President Adam and Vice President Yerdon will attend the NSPE Leader Conference and Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. Yerdon will attend the House of Delegate representative and will substitute for Page. Page's HOD term will end following the July 2013 meeting and there is a need to fill that position. This issue was tabled until the July meeting.

Yerdon made a motion to adjourn, Adam seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

#### Future Meeting Schedule

NSPE Leader Conference & Annual Meeting	July 17-21,'13	Mpls Marriott City Center Hotel	Mpls, MN
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Respectfully submitted, Gail Boddicker, Executive Director

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# 2013 SDES Membership Meeting Draft Minutes

SOUTH DAKOTA ENGINEERING SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
RAMKOTA HOTEL, SIOUX FALLS, SD  
MAY 2, 2013

## **Call to Order**

President Myron Adam called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Kent Woodmasy made a motion to approve the minutes of the APRIL 26, 2012, SDES Annual Membership Meeting. Steve Pirner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **2013-2014 Budget**

Adam presented the approved 2013-2014 budget that was approved at the May 1, 2013, board meeting.

## **SDES Resolutions**

Adam presented the following resolutions for consideration:

**Resolution 13-01** recognized that the organization expresses its sincere appreciation to the South Dakota Engineering Society's Eastern Chapter, its conference committee, the City of Sioux Falls, and the Best Western Ramkota, and the Secretary be directed to send letters of appreciation to each of the above named parties.

**Resolution 13-02** that this organization expresses its appreciation to President Jody Paige, PE, Executive Director Gail Boddicker, and SDES's board of directors, committees and chairpersons for their hard work during the past year.

It was requested that President Paige's name be corrected to Page. Jeff Hines made a motion to accept resolution 13-01 and the revised 13-02, Chuck Tiltrum seconded and the motion passed.

## **President's Report**

Adam provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following issues:

### SDES Website

Adam reported that the website now provides the online capability of membership renewal, event registration, membership and contact database, online payments and donation and other new features.

### Committees

Adam reported that Shannon Schultz wishes to step down as committee chair and there is a critical need to fill this vacancy. The University and Public Relations committee chair is also vacant.

### Endowment Fund Report

Jason Kjenstad reported that \$2,500 is available for distribution from the SDES Endowment Fund; however, the board approved a one-time allocation of \$500.00 to the Black Hills, Central, and Eastern Chapters to provide for a scholarship in each chapter.

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Although there is \$2,500 available for distribution, the remaining \$1,000 will be retained in the Endowment account.

#### Membership

Adam reported that the SDES/NSPE membership category increased by 16 members since July 1, 2012. The state/chapter category increased by 3 members. Hanisch met with SDSU students and recruited several new student members. The board members discussed the importance of keeping in contact with the student members. There is that concern especially for the SDSU student members as their chapter meetings and activities are primarily located in Sioux Falls. No action was taken.

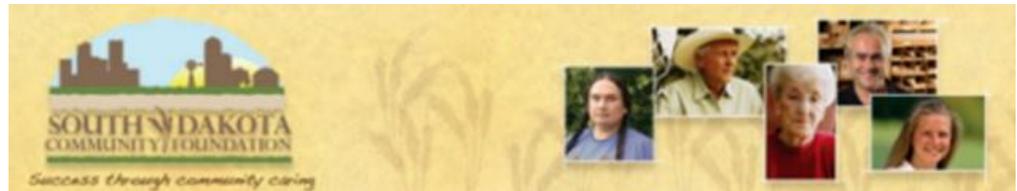
TJ Yerdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Gail Boddicker, Executive Director

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## SDES Endowment Fund Report

With special gratitude to member contributions, there are endowment funds available for distribution. The SDES board, at the May 2013, board meeting, voted to provide a one-time allocation of \$500.00 to each chapter to provide for an additional scholarship.



#### Fund: South Dakota Engineering Society Fund (308)

Principal Contributions Since Inception:	\$22,007.25
Beginning Fair Market Value	\$17,339.69
Total Contributions	\$5,480.00
Total Distributions	\$0.00
Admin Fee	(\$248.04)
Total Earnings/Losses for the Period	\$3,338.89
Ending Fair Market Value	\$25,910.54
Available for Distribution	\$2,564.51

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