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President's Message

Hello SDES Black Hills Chapter members!

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer and is continuing to get out and enjoy the nice weather before we are thrown into another South Dakota winter. There are many events in the next couple of months that we hope you will take part in.

The Black Hills Chapter will be hosting the Fall PDH Conference on Thursday, October 3rd at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rapid City. We have organized a great list of speakers for this conference and are looking forward to this event. Early registration is open and will continue through Monday, September 16th. Please register for this event at www.sdes.org. In addition, a pre-conference social is planned at Dakota Point Brewing on Wednesday, October 2nd beginning at 5 PM. We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces at this event.

In lieu of the September membership meeting, the Black Hills Chapter has scheduled a social event on Tuesday, September 17th at Dakota Point Brewing. This social event provides an opportunity to meet with other SDES members and enjoy conversation over a cold beverage. The first 25 members that RSVP ([Social](#)) will receive a free drink.

Lastly, I want to encourage our members to volunteer for one of the open positions within the Black Hills Chapter. We have had members take on roles and responsibilities within the chapter for many years and have done an outstanding job. One such individual is Steve Bareis! Steve has served as the

Scholarship and Endowment chair and has been involved with MATHCOUNTS for more than 10 years. *Thank you, Steve, for your commitment and service to SDES!* We are looking for a new round of volunteers to help with these responsibilities. Please reach out to any one of our outstanding board members or committee chair members or join us at our next board meeting to learn more about these positions.

Look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

Brett Belzer, PE
President of the Black Hills Chapter
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UPCOMING SDES EVENTS

Online registration is open for our Fall PDH Conference until September 16th! Register Online at the [Fall Conference Event](#) site. A wide range of topics will be covered including:

- Technology & Business Development
- Flooding in South Dakota
- Microbial Biocemements & Erosion Remediation
- Investing in Reliability

and more!

This is an opportunity to earn up to 7 PDH credits and network with others in the engineering community.

When: October 3, 2019
Check-in 7-8AM

Where: Hilton Garden Inn
815 E. Mall Drive
Rapid City, SD

Please join us at the pre-conference social on October 2nd at 5:00 pm in Dakota Point Brewery!

SDSM&T GEOLOGY and GEOLOGICAL Engineering Seminar Series

Join Dr. Liwei Zhang for a lecture on cement degradation under geologic CO₂ storage conditions on September 20th at 12pm. Details and later events can be found here: [GGE-Seminars-Workshops-Meetings](#). For more information, please contact Dan Soeder at Dan.Soeder@sdsmt.edu.

SDSM&T Civil and Environmental Engineering Seminar Series

The Civil and Environmental Engineering Department seminar series is held on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:50 pm in the Mineral Industries Building, MI 222. The SD Mines and engineering community are welcome to attend. For more information, contact [Dr. Gadhamshetty](#).

MATHCOUNTS

As the new school year gears up, MATHCOUNTS is looking for someone to assist as Vice Chair. Please contact [Brett Belzer](#) for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The Black Hills Chapter will continue to support academics with one \$2500 scholarship in Fall 2019.

For more information about the Jody Page Memorial fund, or to make a contribution to the Chapter for scholarships, contact Steve Bareis at stevebareis@hotmail.com.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this program over the years.

SDES BLACK HILLS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Chapter membership meetings are generally on the third Tuesday of the month (September to May) from 11:30-1:00 (presentation at noon). Please check specific arrangements as meeting dates / locations occasionally due to speaker/room availability, etc.

Have any topic suggestions? We'd love to hear them. Please contact a Board member with your ideas.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH





Bridge inspection in central Nebraska. Courtesy of Chris Bailey, PE.



Vacationers sliding down the dunes in Sleeping Bear Dunes, Michigan. Courtesy of Chris Bailey, PE.

To submit a picture for our newsletter, please send the image and a brief caption including the name of the photographer to rachel.caesar@hdrinc.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(AS OF 28-Aug-19)

Account

Checking	\$7,918.17
Savings	\$7,824.01
CD #1	\$1,091.33
CD #2	\$2,544.31

Scholarships/Donation Schedule

Year	Item	Amount
2019	Youth in Science	\$500.00
	Scholarships	\$2,500.00
2020	Youth in Science	\$500.00
	Scholarships	\$2,500.00
2021	Youth in Science	\$500.00
	Scholarships	\$2,500.00
2022	Youth in Science	\$500.00
	Scholarships	\$2,500.00
TOTAL		\$12,000.00

SDES BLACK HILLS CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to everyone. Meeting locations are generally chosen a week prior, so please contact a Board member if you are interested in attending.

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<i>Newsletter Editor:</i>	Rachel Caesar


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Contributions from local consultants, contractors, suppliers, government agencies, and other related companies provide vital funding for our scholarships, MathCounts program, and other worthy activities. Newsletter sponsors go from September to May. Please consider the minimal donation of \$10/month or \$75 for nine months to show your support for the local SDES chapter and get the exposure of your advertisement in the newsletters throughout the next year. If you and/or your company are interested in becoming a Sponsor, please contact Nancy Hoines for payment information and send an electronic version of your ad to sdengineeringsociety@gmail.com. If you do not have an electronic version, we will be able to scan it.

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