



PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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We are pleased that Gregs Thomopulos, ACEC Chairman-elect, 2012-2013 is joining us for the fall membership meeting and the Engineering Excellence Awards banquet. Mr. Thomopulos is Chairman of Stanley Consultants in Muscatine, Iowa.

Terry Helms, Harlan Quenzer and I recently attended the ACEC Fall Convention in Boca Raton, FL. As always, the seminars were excellent and the convention had over 700 attendees. I encourage all ACEC/SD members to make an effort to attend an ACEC convention, which are held in Washington, DC each April and in a select city in the fall. These conventions are highly rated and there are many opportunities to attend excellent seminars as well as network with other professionals throughout the country. South Dakota was recognized at the convention for its effort to reach the PAC goal for the 7th consecutive year. Thanks to everyone for your contributions to help us meet this year's goal.

It is a pleasure to announce that Infrastructure Design Group has joined ACEC/SD. Chad Hanisch and Phil Gundvaldson recently opened the new firm in Sioux Falls. IDG will provide civil engineering services to include transportation engineering, municipal utilities design, project management, construction administration, and public outreach.

I wish to thank Dan Eisenbraun, Monty Miller, Harlan Quenzer, and Sig Zvejnieks, for their time and effort as the Nominating Committee to select the ACEC/SD 2013-2015 board of directors. The officers consist of the president, the president-elect, and the secretary-treasurer. These three officers plus four directors constitute the Board of Directors. Nominations will be acted on at the ACEC/SD January membership meeting.

I also want to thank all of the firms that took the time to submit projects for the seventh annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition. If your project is small or large, it deserves special recognition and I encourage all ACEC/SD firms to submit a project for the 8th annual event.

Future meetings:

ACEC/SD Winter Meeting	TBD	Pierre, SD	
ACEC Annual Convention	April 21-24, 2013	The Grand Hyatt	Washington, DC
ACEC Fall Conference	October 27-30, 2013	<u>Fairmont Scottsdale Princess</u>	Scottsdale, AZ