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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Mike Sprang

Greetings!, as part of this newsletter, you are receiving your invitation, and registration to the 2005 SDEC convention. This year's convention will be held April 15th & 16th, at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls. The convention committee, is working hard to bring you an educational and enjoyable convention. Our Trade Show this year will be better than ever, with as many as 50 Vendors supporting our organization. These exhibits give you an excellent opportunity to view new products, learn product applications, and find those products that help you be more efficient, in our ever-changing market. This year also marks the end of my tenure as president of our organization. It has been my pleasure to watch the organization grow, serve our members, and plan for our future. A future guided by our incoming president Ray Kub, and the Board of Directors. We need your support to assure this organization will remain a viable asset to our industry. Get involved, be a resource, and give something back to your industry. Its time and effort well spent.

SDEC Annual Conference

April 15-16, 2005

Ramkota Hotel Conference Center
Sioux Falls

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Proposed Changes to the SDEC Bylaws

Article I Section 1
Strike the word appliances.

Article III Section 2
Should read as follows: Qualifications, A director of SDEC shall be an individual member of SDEC in good standing. Directors designated, as chapter representatives must be actively involved in their respective local chapter, and are a liaison between the chapter and the board of directors.

Article III Section 3
Add the following after the listing of industries: As much as is practical, it is the responsibility of the board of directors to assure all chapters have representation on the board of directors.

Article III Section 4
Should read as follows: Tenure of office. Each director shall serve a minimum term of three (3) years. At the end of that term, it will be the choice of that director to remain on the board, or be replaced. If a replacement is necessary, the director will have first option to nominate a replacement. If said director is a chapter representative, the chapter will also have the option to nominate a replacement.

Article V Section 6
Rename this section Secretary / Treasurer
Section 7
Delete section 7 heading, change A, B & C, subsections to E,G, & H respectively.
Re-number sections 8 and 9 to 7 and 8.

Chapters:
Create new Article and work on wording.

Detail IRS Requirements, and annual audits of chapter funds for the protection of the organization

SDEC Advertising Rate Sheet

The "Watts Current" is a semi-annual (8 1/2 x 11) publication that is mailed to our membership, and advertisers. The current mailing list exceeds 800 people. We mail the publication in March and September. Ads and articles are due to our office by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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| Sioux Falls, SD | Best Western Ramkota | March 11 - 12, 2005 | Exam Prep |
| Rapid City, SD | Holiday Inn | April 22 - 23, 2005 | Exam Prep |
| Cheyenne, WY | Holiday Inn | June 2-3, 2005 | Exam Prep |
| Rapid City, SD | Holiday Inn Express (Disk Drive) | July 22 – 23, 2005 | Exam Prep |

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Calendar of Events

April 14, 2005

Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 pm — Social

7:00 pm — Dinner and Board Meeting

Ramkota Hotel — Dorchester Room

Sioux Falls

April 15-16, 2005

Annual Conference hosted by the Sioux Chapter

Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls

“Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has the moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere.”

-Theodore Roosevelt

New Website:
www.sdec.org

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