

Zainhofsky named 2010 ND Young Engineer of the Year

Scott Zainhofsky, PE, was presented the 2010 North Dakota Young Engineer of the Year award at the North Dakota Society of Professional Engineers (NDSPE) Conference in Grand Forks on April 13.

Gary Doerr, PE, NDSPE Awards Committee Chair, presented the award to Scott. Scott's recognition started with his Chapter Young Engineer of the Year award in Bismarck on February 20, 2010. As State Young Engineer of the Year, Scott now qualifies to compete for the National Young Engineer of the Year.

Scott's contributions to the Society of Professional Engineers, focused on public betterment, engineering accomplishments and drive for continuous learning. "On behalf of the North Dakota Society of Professional Engineers I am pleased to extend sincere congratulations, noting that Scott's efforts and accomplishments mirror our Society's focus, Creating Engineering Leaders," said Dale C. Heglund, PE/PLS, NDSPE President.

The ND Society of Young Professionals is dedicated to promoting, protecting and advocating the success and integrity of the licensed Professional Engineer and Engineer intern by delivering professional development products and services, encouraging licensers, and advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the profession.



Brad Schmidt, PE, North Dakota Society of Professional Engineer's Past-President, presents Scott Zainhofsky with the Young Engineer of the Year award.

Staff attends Spring Safety Meetings

The Department recently held their statewide Spring Safety meetings in each of the eight districts and Central Office. These meetings are a chance for employees to learn important safety information and tips which are helpful on and off the job.

Safety Coordinator, Clyde Ereth, did a presentation on how to prevent back injuries, the importance of filling out the Designated Medical Provider (DMP) form and the importance of filling out the "WSI First Report of Injury Form" within 24 hours of any type of on-the-job injury.

Director Francis Ziegler addressed employees by thanking them for their day-to-day efforts. "Thank you for everything you do," said Ziegler, I am humbled to be your leader." He also shared many of the successes the Department has seen recently including receiving Top Place to Work Awards for the past two years, the percentage of state roads in excellent condition and efforts surrounding equitable pay for Department employees.



Department gathers input to learn more about transportation needs

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), in conjunction with the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI), hosted a series of public input meetings in eight cities across the state. The purpose of the meetings was to gain public feedback about the levels of service on North Dakota's state highways and local roads.

The study will help the NDDOT develop a transportation plan to meet infrastructure needs statewide by discussing levels of service on state and local roads, current and future levels of federal, state, and local road funding and the state's Highway Performance Classification System as a means to prioritize infrastructure projects.

Preliminary input illustrates the following:

- Residents want more infrastructure across the state.
- Residents are concerned about traffic increases, especially in western North Dakota due to the energy industry.
- Public expectations are growing – want load carrying capacity and wide roads.

Many positive comments were also heard about the current levels of service provided on our state highways. Over 400 people attended the regional meetings including legislators, county and city officials and local residents and the results were then shared with the public during a statewide meeting in Bismarck on May 17.



Director Francis Ziegler discusses transportation needs and resources during regional meetings.

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