



**SAME Seattle Post  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2023**

Date/Time: Thursday, 1/5/22, 8:00 am – 9:00 am

**CALL-IN MEETING ONLY: Join via Teams link in calendar evite, or  
call-in 1-504-321-1781; Phone Conference ID: 551 450 622#**

**Attended**

**\* Voting member**

In Attendance	Primary Position
Allen Wycoff*	Post President
Scott Harm*	Post 1 <sup>st</sup> VP
Mark Ohlstrom*	MW Regional VP
Nancy Yee*	Post Director
Manny Bautista*	Post Director
Kevin Stoll	MTA Chair
Kim Baker	Outreach
Nick Vlahovich	Programs Chair
Tim Pochop	Kitsap Chapter
Fred Baker*	Treasurer
Troy Alexander	Emergency Preparedness
Wendy Oresik*	Director
Lydia Griffey	Strategy
Ginette Chin	Mentoring
John Sousa	Scholarship
Larry Toimil*	Nominations
Lori Revely	SBPLO (Small Business Post Liaison Officer)
Mark Ohlstrom*	NW Regional VP
Terry McCann*	Post Director
Melissa Grasso	Communication
Zachary Pesicka	UW Student Chapter



**Meeting Start Time: 8:05**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Roll call
2. Declare quorum – **Yes**
3. Approval Jan 5, 2023 agenda. - **Motion, Second, Approved.**
4. Approval Dec 1, 2022 minutes. - **Motion, Second, Approved.**
5. Announcements –
  - i. **Vy (Vee) Buck as new secretary. Will take vote later after the first meeting.**

**Standing Reports**

1. TREASURER (Fred Barker) –
  - a. **Holiday social income and expense only new items and revenue was significantly higher this year.**
2. MEMBERSHIP (Scott Blount) – **Not in attendance.**
3. PROGRAMS (Nick Vlahovich) –
  - a. **Holiday Social attendance light and we made quite a bit of impact with toys donated. P2S brought a lot of toys and filled the entire table. Stantec was the lone sponsor for the event.**

Upcoming Programs: **Need topic for discussion with retired General**

- i. **Zach Pesicka recommended topic of overseas projects and associated complications. Nick requested for email follow up.**
- ii. **Wendy – Need to postpone sustainability form until next year. Tentatively pencil in the date for March 2024. The rest is TBD**
- iii. **May – Emergency Month – like to bring in FEMA.**
- iv. **Finalize March's speaker**

**Annual Event Updates** (*in calendar order*)

1. **JANUARY 2023 | MEET THE AGENCIES (MTA) (Kevin Stoll) – not in attendance.**
  - i. **Nick Vlahovich - Going back to Crown Plaza by SeaTac Airport. This is a Hybrid program. If there are any questions on who the agencies are, then let Nick Vlahovich know.**
  - ii. **Big question is how big the crowd will be? Will need \$2000 minimum for Crown Plaza booking. At the minimum, the event will need 25 people attending in person. Currently, planning for 40 in person and 20 online for an overall estimated target about \$2000 profit and split that earning profit with Tacoma Post.**
  - iii. **Kevin managing the hybrid portion of the event and will cover at committee meeting.**
  - iv. **Post members recommending for future events charging the same fee for webinar attendees as in-person attendees to motivate people to go in person.**

2. APRIL 2023 | TECHNOBOWL (TBD)
  
3. APRIL 2023 | SMALL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM (SBS) (Lori Revely)
  - i. Key notes confirmed yesterday. Small Business panels, USACE panels, PTAC panel, and private industries.
  - ii. April 17 is dedicated for Matchmaking with large businesses. April 18 is dedicated for Matchmaking with the government. Allowing more time so no one will need to compete for time.
  - iii. As of now, the event doesn't have large businesses registered for Matchmaking sign up. Need to push sign up soon to allow a couple weeks to get advertisement out. P2S volunteered to sign up for large business Matchmaking. P2S will need to sign up in the system for register. Another reason to split up Matchmaking dates into two days to allow the large businesses opportunity to meeting with the government also.
  - iv. There are 6 booths remaining and a lot of sponsorships this year. Price will be covered this year. Sponsorship will get their company names and logos notice.
  - v. Need more volunteers to split up support and rotation at different posts during the event. Last year one person was stuck at host desk for the entire duration.
  
4. JUNE 2023 | MEET THE CHIEFS (Scott Harm)

Portland leading the chart this year to hold a 3-days event at the Double Tree by Hilton. Timeline is June 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. It will barely a month away from April Small Business Symposium; potential concerns for cultural burnout following up from April's event.

Additional details to follow later. A few post members will be attending a meeting for this event after Board meeting.

### **Committee Updates**

1. COMMUNICATIONS (Melissa Grasso) – couple updates,
  - i. Recently sent out booth updates status for April's SBS to Lori.
  - ii. Still in limbo for SAME headquarters, updating SAME website. Doing the best to keep it up to date for Seattle's post with links. Still don't have a good date for when it will be completed.
  - iii. Web data for Holiday Social - Percentage for click through is low. Weather was not ideal and there was a viral winter flu bug.
  
2. COMMUNITY OUTREACH (TBD)
  
3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Andy Hough / Troy Alexander) - not in attendance
  - i. Nick Vlahovich – trying to get FEMA in and rotate once every 3 years. Request for any local connection to FEMA.



- i. Via meeting's chat forum Caroline Roberts provided contact information for Brett Holt is the FEMA Regional Private Sector Liaison Contact. Brett's info: 425.487.4553; [brett.holt@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:brett.holt@fema.dhs.gov)
4. ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY (Wendy Oresik)
  - i. Form committee and include engineers with climate awareness background.
5. ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMPS (Terry McCann)
  - i. Call next week. Kick off in February. More to report next month
6. KITSAP CHAPTER (Manny Bautista / Tim Pochop)
  - i. Positive feedback from meeting with Captain Paul, NAVFAC CO. Tie in with the JO – Potential interest with SAME that will worth a visit.
  - ii. Manny Bautista - Recommend developing a committee to have an Indigenous Program. Lydia Griffey volunteered to help start the committee.
7. MEMBERSHIP:
  1. MEMBERSHIP – RETENTION AND NEW (Scott Blount) - not in attendance
  2. MEMBERSHIP – SUSTAINER FIRMS (Jamie Fleek) - not in attendance
  3. MEMBERSHIP – YOUNG MEMBERS (Zach Pesicka) –
    - i. Conversation with California post about engaging youth. Working on a White paper to bring pieces together. Planning to have it done by next meeting for review
    - i. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Caroline Roberts) –
      1. No new update. Still interest in the topic so more to come.
    - ii. MENTORING (Ginette Chin) - not in attendance
    - iii. STEM/UW STUDENT CHAPTER (Jacob Perkins) - not in attendance
8. NOMINATIONS (Larry Toimil)
  - i. Class of 2023 Fellows 2 candidates nominated and accepted. Working on getting announcement out for potential candidates.
  - ii. Manny – make a push to get younger members join the leadership team.
  - iii. Zach Pesicka - ROTC and students. Preach value added to bring in young members. Hoping to develop an engagement for value's involvement. Personal engagement is likely key to bring in young leadership roles.
9. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Wendy Oresik)
  - i. PD certificate available to coordination event for face-to-face meeting.
10. SCHOLARSHIPS (John Souza)
  - i. Request for \$20,000 that fall in line with the last 3 years. Understanding this will need to be vote on and recommending getting a push to have this decision make sooner rather than later.
  - ii. Voting call but most of voting post members had dropped of the call at this time, Manny recommended a follow up email vote to get this scholarship budget decided.



11. SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE (Lori Revely) – see above under Annual Event.
12. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND STREAMER AWARDS (Lydia Griffy) –
  - i. Meeting tomorrow to develop the content. It's due at the end of the month. This is #1 priority.
13. VETERAN ASSISTANCE (TBD)

**New Business:**

Vy (Vee) Buck as Secretary

**Meeting End Time: 9:12 AM**

**END OF AGENDA**