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FROM THE YM COUNCIL CHAIR...

Fellow Young Members,

I would like to start by congratulating the Atlanta Post and SAME HQ for hosting a great 2010 Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo, held May 4-7 in Atlanta. The conference had record attendance with great education and networking opportunities. Pictures and presentations from this year's event can be found at www.same.org/jetc. I hope we will see you next year in Grapevine, Texas!

The new SAME year brings new members to the forefront of the Young Member (YM) Council. I would like to express my gratitude to Maj. Pat Miller, USAF (Communications), Maj. Chris Stoppel, USAF (Mentoring & Recognition), and Kierston Koory (Conferences) for their great work as Vice Chairs. I would also like to welcome our new team members: Ben Redding (Communications), Michelle Lay (Mentoring & Recognition) and Andy Kirby (Conferences). It is great to have you all with us.

Lastly, I would like to say congratulations to all of the YMs recognized at this year's conference Honors Luncheon. You can read more about the accomplishments of these hardworking Young Members later in this newsletter.

If there is anything we can do to serve you better, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Heather Cross, P.E.
YM Council Chair

SAME JETC 2010 Recap

By Andy Kirby, Suffolk Construction, YM Council Conferences Vice Chair

This year's JETC was truly a success, not only by the number of attendees but also by the outstanding events and technical programs. The technical programs ranged from environmental to up-and-coming projects. Some of the more noteworthy technical sessions were the lessons learned from Iraq and the homeland defense operations.

In addition to the technical programs, JETC offered multiple networking opportunities. The Young Member networking event was held on Tuesday night and provided great opportunities to meet and talk with SAME Fellows and others. The Georgia Aquarium provided a stunning backdrop for Tuesday night's main Ice Breaker event. Finally, the event of the year, the Society Ball, was a blast. This event each year is the premier social gathering within the SAME members. Thank you for all of your support and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

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SAME Young Member Professional Development Call Summary, May 2010

By David M. Pratt, P.E., CEM, LEED AP, MWH Americas, YM Council Programs Vice Chair

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, P.E., USA was the guest speaker at the quarterly SAME Young Member Professional Development Teleconference, which was held May 24. Gen. Van Antwerp is the Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). He also is the immediate Past SAME President of and was recently succeeded by Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Byers, USAF, the Air Force Civil Engineer, at the SAME 2010 Joint Engineering Training Conference & Expo.

We had an amazing turnout for this professional development event, with more than 50 SAME Young Members calling in to take part in the teleconference.

Gen. Van Antwerp began the session discussing the new framework of USACE, which has its roots in concepts discussed in the book by Jim Collins, "Good to Great." He discussed such concepts as having the right personnel in the right organizations, or the right "seat on the bus," as well as confronting the brutal facts of business and having a focusing or core "hedgohog" concept.

The general also discussed the characteristics of Level 5 leaders, another concept taken from Jim Collins. He mentioned that the difference between Level 4 and Level 5 leaders is that Level 5 leaders have personal humility and a desire for the organization to succeed.

A very in-depth question-and-answer session followed Gen. Van Antwerp's remarks, including questions on the importance of credentialing, BIM, how to lead civilians in combat and opportunities abroad with USACE.

If you didn't get a chance to make this quarter's



Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp

professional development call, you can listen to a recording of it here:

<https://www.spiderphone.com/1277362501>

The next SAME Young Member Professional Development Teleconference will be held in August 2010, with guest speaker Lt. Col. Mary Matthews Hains, P.E., F.SAME, USAF (Ret.). Mary currently works for AMEC Earth & Environmental and is the Chair of the SAME National K-12 Outreach Committee. She also was recently awarded the Gerald C. Brown Mentoring Award for her outstanding mentoring efforts as a SAME Fellow. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!

As always, if you have any topic suggestions for future calls contact the David Pratt, YM Council Programs Vice Chair, at

same.ymprograms@gmail.com.

Young Member Council Luncheon at 2010 JETC

Heather Cross, P.E., Stanley Consultants, YM Council Chair

Each year at JETC, the SAME national council and committee chairs hold luncheons to connect with those at the conference who share similar interests. These luncheons are open to everyone, and are typically held on Thursday during the buffet lunch/networking break. The locations are printed in the conference schedule and a reserved buffet is located at the meeting room site for luncheon attendees.

At this year's Young Member (YM) Council luncheon, in addition to introductions, the discussion focused on advice for Young Members seeking to "sell" their SAME involvement, and YM Council involvement in particular, to their managers.

Attending the YM Council luncheon is a great way to talk to the YM Council members face to face and enjoy a sit-down lunch with other Young Members. You will hear about what goes on at the SAME national level to help your local Post, have a chance to become involved and share ideas to make your individual Young Member programs more successful. We hope that we will see you next year at the YM Council luncheon in Grapevine, Texas!

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YM CONNECTIONS SPOTLIGHT

Aimee Alix, LEED AP

By Maj. Christopher Stoppel, USAF

Aimee Alix is an estimator at Turner Construction Company's Arlington, Va., Business Unit. The firm is recognized as the leading general builder in the U.S., ranking first or second in major segments of the building construction field.

Aimee earned her bachelor's degree in the Virginia Tech Building Construction program. She became a LEED Accredited Professional in March 2009. With more than seven years of experience, her construction management projects include several high-visibility government facilities in the Washington, D.C., area, including the Prettyman Federal Courthouse, the Patent & Trademark Office, and National Defense University's Lincoln Hall.

Aimee is involved in SAME, currently serving as the Post President for the Northern Virginia Post. As President, she has focused on two initiatives: improving Young Member involvement and updating the Post's new website (www.novasame.com), which will be launched this summer. She teamed with George Mason University and University of Virginia by starting Student Chapters and inviting students to job-site tours and providing technical expertise. The increased participation with these newly-established Chapters greatly improved scholarship applications and summer camp program involvement.

She also started an initiative with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts organizations by organizing volunteers to bring their meeting building at Fort Belvoir compliant with local fire codes. The work included relocating a fire pit, removing an overhead garage door and replacing deficient rafters. The work effort was successful and more activities with the scouts are being planned.

Aimee has received numerous awards for her accomplishments. As President of the Northern Virginia Post, she led the Post to its second consecutive Top Large Post Award from SAME HQ. She also received an internal Turner staff award in 2006 for quality and performance contributions.

Aimee is engaged to Brian Fogarty, who currently works at Booz Allen Hamilton. They are both Virginia Tech grads and are planning an October wedding.



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Post Spotlight: Nashville

By Bryon Olson, Hardaway Construction, Nashville Post Young Member Rep

Nashville, Tenn., recently experienced a devastating chain of weather-related events that led to the worst flooding ever seen in Middle Tennessee. Lives were lost and hundreds of millions of dollars in damage were suffered as a result of the flooding. Among those at the forefront of response actions, both during and after the disaster, were SAME Nashville Post Young Members.

In response to the record-setting rainfall that fell over the area May 1-2, SAME Nashville Post Young Member Benjamin Rohrbach, Chief of the Hydrology and Hydraulics Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District, and his staff met a tremendous challenge in operating the Cumberland River system of dams throughout the events. Rainfall amounts exceeded those expected for a 1,000-year storm over much of the lower and middle portions of the Cumberland River basin, pushing river and reservoir elevations to record levels.

Actions taken by Rohrbach and his leadership and direction to his staff averted the potentially catastrophic failure of dams and reservoirs in the basin, reduced peak flood elevations along the Cumberland River and prevented hundreds of millions of dollars in additional damages from occurring. Although the bulk of the rainfall fell along parts of the Cumberland River watershed with little flood control storage, more than 1.6-million acre-ft of runoff were retained in reservoir projects on local tributaries. Even so, record reservoir pool elevations, and corresponding record discharges, were observed from Nashville to the mouth of the Cumberland River.

To document the extent and depth of the flood, Nashville District personnel under the direction of Rohrbach have set high water marks along more than 1,000-mi of local streams and rivers since the event.

In an effort to help ensure a well prepared and cohesive response plan in the event of future disasters, Nashville Post Young Member Chair Bryon Olsen, Hardaway Construction Corp., is spearheading efforts under the Nashville Post Readiness and Homeland Security Committee to develop a Nashville Post Readiness Plan intended to help bridge gaps in State Emergency Response plans.

Olsen and members of the Post's Readiness Committee have been working closely with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and other local emergency response agencies in an effort to identify the critical gaps in state response plans and identify SAME members that can provide the resources to fill these gaps.

A major milestone in these efforts will come on Aug. 11, when the Nashville Post, with the help of the Young Member Council, hosts its annual Professional Development Workshop. The theme for the workshop is "Infrastructure Security...How Safe Are We," and is intended to bolster the support and participation of SAME members in the readiness and disaster response efforts.

Summary of the 2010 SAME Board of Direction Meeting

By Heather Cross, P.E., Stanley Consultants, Young Member Chair

The spring 2010 SAME Board of Direction meeting was held in Atlanta on the last day of JETC. The Board of Direction is composed of the SAME national officers, Regional Vice Presidents, council and committee chairs, and elected directors.

A number of issues were discussed, including:

- an Executive Director's report;
- changes to the National Security Streamer criteria;
- the 2010-2011 focus areas;
- approval of scholarship guidelines and best practices;
- approval of Houston as the site of the 2015 JETC; and
- approval of the 2010-2011 Executive Committee.

If you would like information on any of these topics or would like to see the briefings, contact Heather Cross.

The focus areas for the 2010-2011 SAME year will be to improve and sustain uniform service membership; the mentoring continuum; and sustainable installations. One area that is especially important for Young Members is

the mentoring continuum. Young Members play a key role in the mentoring of K-12 and college students to become engineers. Many Young Members play a dual role in that they have mentoring relationships with senior members in the society and also serve as mentors to students. This type of full-circle mentorship helps promote our profession and build future engineers.

Many of the activities we are already engaged in at the Post level can help to encourage students to become engineers and encourage Young Members to become more involved. The ideal mentoring continuum is one in which an individual student maintains enough contact with a local Post, through K-12 and college outreach programs, to eventually become an engineer and a member of the society at the professional level.

I encourage Young Members to evaluate their current Post programs and find new ways to connect further with students who have been involved with their Post programs.

Featured SAME Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAME Missouri River/Texoma Joint Regional and Midwest Levee Conference
St. Louis, Mo.
July 12-14

SAME University
Frankfurt, Germany
July 12-14

Europe Engineer Conference
Frankfurt, Germany
July 13-15

Washington, D.C., Post FBI Construction Program Luncheon
Washington, D.C.
July 22

4th Annual SAME San Antonio Post Small Business Conference
San Antonio, Texas
July 27-28

SAME/U.S. Navy Seabees Engineering & Construction Camp
Port Hueneme, Calif.
Aug. 1-7

Nashville Post Infrastructure Security Workshop
Nashville, Tenn.
Aug. 11, 2010

SAME/IFMA Facilities Management Workshop
Washington, D.C.
August 26-27

SAME Ohio Valley/Great Lakes Regional Training Conference
Dayton, Ohio
Aug. 31-Sept. 2

2010 CMAA National Conference
San Diego, Calif.
Oct. 3-5

Joint Pacific and Northwest Regional Conference
Seattle, Wash.
Oct. 12-15



SAME Missouri River/Texoma Joint Regional and Midwest Levee Conference

Date: July 12-14

Location: Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, St. Louis, Mo.

Website: www.meetmeinstlouis2010.com



SAME University

Date: July 12-14 / Oct. 19-22

Location: Frankfurt, Germany / Baltimore, Md.

Website: www.same.org/sameu



SAME/IFMA Facilities Management Workshop

Date: Aug. 26-27

Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Website: www.same.org/fmworkshop



SAME 2010 Ohio Valley/Great Lakes Regional Training Conference

Date: Aug. 31-Sept. 2

Location: Marriott Dayton, Dayton, Ohio

Website: www.same2010dayton.org



2010 CMAA National Conference

Date: Oct. 1-5

Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, Calif.

Website: cmaanet.org/national-conference-2010



SAME Joint Pacific & Northwest Regional Conference

Date: Oct. 12-15

Location: Hilton Seattle Airport Conference Center

Website: www.seattlesame.org

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