



SAME OMAHA POST – BOARD MEETING Minutes June 8, 2023

Attendees

8 elected board officers present (7 total at quorum, 15 total)					
Board Members		Goal/Vice Presidents		Role/Directors	
P Natasha Gromak	1	John Hudson	A&R	Stephanie Heibel	
PP Mark Himes	2	Morgan Sykes	YM&C	Stephanie Ling	
T Brian Schuele	3	Kandi Srb	Comm	Ryan Watzke	
S Brec Wilshusen	4	Anne Peterson			
	4	Bill Glismann			
	Rel	Bobbi Jo Lang			
Other Attending Post Members					
Tom Svoboda		Karlus Cozart		Phil Deakin	
Chris Artz		Chris Langan		Dave Packard	
Veronica Doga					

Board Meetings		General Meetings		Speaker
Thursday, June 8, 2023	Teams	No June meeting deferring to Industry Days		
Thursday, July 6, 2023	Teams	Thursday, July 13, 2023	Hotel Deco	Don Fucik, Offutt Reconstruction Update
Thursday, August 3, 2023	Teams	Thursday, August 10, 2023	Field Club	Lori Jackson, "CMMC in the Wild"
Thursday, September 7, 2023	Teams	Thursday, September 14, 2023	Field Club	Scott Perkins, "Hurricane Fiona impact"
Thursday, October 5, 2023	Teams	Tuesday, October 10, 2023	Field Club	Michael Shonka, Solar Heat & Electric
Thursday, November 2, 2023	Teams	Tuesday, November 14, 2023	Field Club	JE Dunn's AFA Chapel update
Thursday, December 7, 2023	Teams	Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Field Club	USACE Omaha Update
Thursday, January 4, 2024	Teams	Thursday, January 11, 2024	Scott Conf Center	(metal roofing company)
Thursday, February 1, 2024	Teams	Thursday, February 8, 2024	Field Club	Eppley Airport (public sector)
Thursday, March 7, 2024	Teams	Thursday, March 14, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, April 4, 2024	Teams	Thursday, April 11, 2024	Field Club	TBD
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Teams	Thursday, May 9, 2024	Field Club	

Important Regional/National Events				
Kansas City (GKC) Industry Days	27-29 Jul 2023	Blue Springs MO	Adam's Pointe Conf Ctr	
Post Leaders Workshop	6-8 August 2023	Ft Lauderdale FL	Westin	
Albuquerque Industry Days	8-10 Aug 2023	Albuquerque NM	Sandia Resort	
Small Business Conference	1-3 November 2023	San Antonio	Gonzalez Center	
Engineer's Week	19-24 Feb 2024			
Rock Island Industry Days	1-Mar-2024	Davenport IA		
SMP competition & awards	11-Apr-2024	Omaha	Scott Conf Ctr	
Capitol Week	end of Mar 2024	Rockville Md		
Joint Engineer Training Conference	13-16 May 2024	Kissimmee FL	Gaylord Palms	
Omaha Industry Days	Jun-24	Omaha	CHI Center	
Small Business Conference	20-22 Nov 2024	New Orleans	Marial Conv Ctr	

<https://classic.same.org/calendar>

President Natasha Gromak called the meeting to order at 12:01pm; **quorum declared** at 12:01pm.

Natasha thanked Sharon Christ for donating the \$1,750.00 proceeds from the Industry Days *Split Kitty* back to the Post. Sharon also won our "registration giveaway" to the 2023 Small Business Conference in San Antonio.



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Natasha briefly mentioned the two email motions. [These are fully written in the minutes for the sake of documentation.]

- STEM Teacher Grants: Stephanie Heibel moved on 8 May 2023, and Natasha Gromak seconded on 8 May 2023, to provide six STEM grants totaling \$5K (one for \$1,500, two for \$1,000 each, and three for \$500 each) to elementary teachers to help them pay for STEM activities in their classrooms. Incumbent with the grant, the grantee will report back to the general meeting how the funds were used. {Stephanie was not present at the board meeting due to a family emergency.} After several reply-all emails, Natasha signaled the motion carried on 11 May 2023.
- Storage Unit: Anne Peterson moved on 16 May 2023 (subsequent to the Industry Day committee call that day), and Natasha Gromak seconded on 17 May 2023, to rent a small indoor storage unit that could store archives, easels, signs, and other items that are presently scattered among the different members' offices and homes. After several reply-all emails, Natasha signaled the motion carried on 21 May 2023 despite neither the cost nor location of the rental being finalized.

Brec Wilshusen moved to reconsider the Storage Unit motion's approval, but the motion died for lack of a second. [Still open, latent issues: actual cost & location, board "owner/manager"]

Brian Schuele wrote (via email) "The main update from the **treasurer's** side is that this week is a busy week paying all our industry invoices. By next month I will have a clear picture of where everything came in relative to budget."

Stephanie Heibel is recapping Industry Days in a separate report. She is also scheduling appointments with the respective Vice Presidents to plan how we attain our **Awards & Recognition** streamer goals.

Ryan Watzke briefed two **Communications** items: the Omaha "classic" webpage is updated with all material from Industry Days; and we had a Post Note about our STEM awards ceremony in *The Military Engineer* [see page 81 of the May-June issue (No 745) (and 83 of 100 in the digital version)].

Chris Artz briefed the current **Programs** list (shown now on the first page next to its respective date) and how the committee is expanding the topics list. None of the 2024 dates are firm yet; we hope to sign site contracts near the end of July. The April 2024 general meeting date will likely not be Thursday the 11th

Veronica Doga previously offered new **Small Businesses** to record a three-minute introductory video; she reports "no takers" to date. The Small Business COI invited her to present the APEX Accelerator concept at their next meeting.

Two names were mentioned for **Fellows** applications.

Veterans Outreach – Project Healing Waters was glad to participate in Industry Days. The next fly fishing event is 24 Jun 2023; our Post is providing lunch.

IGE – Award gained at Industry Days

Leadership & Mentoring – NSTR. The only caveat that the SMP competition is 11 Apr 2024.

E-Week – NSTR.

Young Member & College Outreach – N/R

Scholarships & Camps – N/R



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Resilience – N/R

Relationships – N/R

Small Business – N/R

Black Hills – N/R

Past President – N/R

Final notes

Dave Packard is revising the **slate of officers** for the 2023-2024 term. There were a few last minute reclama by individuals, and he found replacements. Expect to see a separate ballot email shortly.

In the closing moments, Brec briefed that with the roll out of the **Knowledge Network**, he had been asked to attend the 2023 Post Leaders Workshop. Brec asked, and Natasha seconded, that the Post to support his trip as the third Post representative. Without objection, motion carried.

Reminder, please submit a short summary of each members' participation in the several monthly COI meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
R. BREC WILSHUSEN, P.E.
Secretary, Omaha Post

No attachments: