



SAME OMAHA POST – BOARD MEETING Minutes November 7, 2023

Attendees

Board Members	8 elected board officers present for quorum (12 total)		
Role/Directors	Goal/Vice Presidents	Role/Directors	
P Ryan Watzke	1 John Hudson(F)	A&R	Stephanie Heibel
PP Natasha Gromak(F)	2 Tony Lang	YM&C	Stephanie Ling
T Brian Schuele	3 Kandi Srb	Comm	Chris Artz
S Brec Wilshusen	4 Tom Svoboda	Rel	Bobbi Jo Lang
	5 Rob Hufford		

Other Attending Post Members			
			Anne Peterson(F)
Sch	Joe Shields	Jacob Lang	Roger Wozny(F)

Future Meeting Dates				
Board Meetings		General Meetings		Speaker
Thursday, November 2, 2023	Teams	Tuesday, November 14, 2023	Field Club	Perkins County Canal
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	Advances in metal roof tech (Bldg Work)
Thursday, February 1, 2024	Teams	Thursday, February 22, 2024	Oak Hills GC	Eppley Airport (public sector)
Thursday, March 7, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Field Club	JE Dunn's AFA Chapel update
Thursday, April 4, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Field Club	ANC: Small Modular Reactors
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, June 6, 2024	Teams	Thursday, June 13, 2024	Field Club	Awards, Officer transition
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, July 9, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, August 1, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, August 6, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, September 5, 2024	Teams	Thursday, September 12, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, October 3, 2024	Teams	Thursday, October 10, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, November 7, 2024	Teams	Thursday, November 14, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, December 5, 2024	Teams	Thursday, December 12, 2024	Field Club	USACE Omaha Update?

Important Regional/National Events				
Engineer's Week		19-24 Feb 2024		
Capitol Week		25-27 Mar 2024	Rockville Md	Bethesda North Marriot
Rock Island Industry Days		2-3 Apr 2024	Davenport IA	
Defense Industry Days			Rapid City SD	
SMP competition & awards		11-Apr-2024	Omaha	Scott Conf Ctr
Joint Engineer Training Conference		13-16 May 2024	Kissimmee FL	Gaylord Palms
Omaha Industry Days		29-31 May 2024	Omaha	CHI Center
Kansas City Industry Days		11-13 Jun 2024	Kansas City MO	
Post Leaders Workshop		4-6 Aug 2024	Scottsdale AZ	
Small Business Conference		20-22 Nov 2024	New Orleans	Marlal Conv Ctr
Capitol Week		end of Mar 2025		

<https://classic.same.org/calendar> (projected items in italics)



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President Ryan Watzke called the meeting to order at Noon; **quorum declared at 11:57am.**

Brec Wilshusen offered the September and October **meeting minutes** for consideration. Tom Svoboda moved—and Kandi Srb seconded—acceptance of both; without objection, the motion passed.

Ryan is targeting earlier December committee sessions for by-law review & updates, org chart & officer updates, and post-shared electronic storage. Also, LDP applications are due December 1st, and these require time to get endorsement letters, etc, for a complete submission.

Brian Schuele emailed his **Treasurer’s** reports earlier this morning; these are attached below. Noting the substantial checking balance, Tom Svoboda moved—and Chris Artz seconded—to transfer \$50K from Checking to the Investment account. Much discussion ensued. **Projection:** Ryan requests an “escrow-like” analysis for next year.

Relationships – Bobbi Lang Lang emailed her report: 761 Individual Members and 113 Organizational Members (this is an increase in individuals but a decrease in organizational which is to be expected. All the numbers will hopefully even out at the first of the year according to National.

Young Member & College Outreach – Stephanie Ling & Bobbi Jo Lang (via email) report the UNL Student Chapter had two great events—a UNL Networking event and an Offutt site event. We are continuing to work through getting the students registered as official SAME members. We did have a new UNO student join us for SBC that Dave Packard facilitated; he had a great experience and made it home safely, and should be a great addition to UNO’s student chapter.

Veterans Outreach – Rob Hufford reported (via email) “the 21 Oct 2023 PHWFF event went really well! 45 members showed up at Halleck Park to fish.”

Awards & Recognition – NSTR

Communication – Chris Atrz mentioned Gana Trucking is the spotlight on the Omaha Post webpage, along with the upcoming Knowledge Network webinar. He also echoed Bobbi Jo’s report to the Membership POCs, and added to the discussion how he and his team handle virtual and in-person events

Professional Development & Personal Growth – Kandi Srb reports next week will be the Public Sector event. Bobbo Jo is coordinating with APEX *Accelerators* to schedule a joint event for the spring to do a mini-industry day for state/local agencies.

E-Week – Bobbi Jo Lang confirmed our Diamond Level E-Week sponsorship with the University for February 18-24, 2024; she has requested payment.

Note: with members having to depart, our quorum ended at 12:37pm.

Leadership & Mentoring – NSTR

Scholarships & Camps – Joe Shields reports we received five applicants for scholarships.

SMP – Anne Peterson reported the Lumenaria event hosted 200; she provided Chris with event photos. They are looking forward to the USACE Workshop for SMP in January.

Resilience – NSTR.



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IGE – NSTR

Small Business – Bobbi Jo reported for Veronica Doga via email: she presented at the PTAC Meet the Buyers Event in Scottsbluff and made some great contacts for the Post and her company.

Fellows – Phil Deakin reports (via email):

- We are preparing for additional scholarship mentors (about 5), as they are selected by the Post.
- The primary goal for December is to match all the Fellows' "Action Statements" (from their Nomination Form), or an updated interest area (for those who became Fellows before the current nomination process) with the future needs of the Post. This should give the Post a good idea of which Fellows can assist the Post in areas of need for 2024. We plan to have two Fellows calls (Nov/Dec) to accomplish this.
- Also, by the end of December, we plan to review and update the Omaha CoF document for the Board's review in January.
- We still need to address Tom Svoboda's idea of more Fellows mentoring Young Members.

Black Hills – N/R

Past President – Natasha Gromak reports she will be reviewing any scholarship applicants Joe sends.

Final notes.

Bobbi reported she attended the Foundation Luncheon at SBC, helped facilitate the Membership COI meeting and attended a luncheon for the enlisted COI.

The next Board meeting is currently scheduled for 7 Dec 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 pm.

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

Three attachments:

1. 20231106 SAME YTD Budget
2. 20230930 SAME Income Statement
3. 20231031 SAME Income Statement