



SAME OMAHA POST – BOARD MEETING Minutes December 7, 2023

Attendees

| Board Members | | | 10 elected board officers present (15 total) | | |
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| 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(F) | 4 | Tom Svoboda | Rel | Bobbi Jo Lang |
| | | 5 | Rob Hufford | | |

| Other Attending Post Members | | | |
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| | Anne Peterson(F) | Chris Langan(F) | David Packard(F) |
| Flw | Phil Deakin(F) | Veronica Doga | Roger Wozny(F) |

| Future Meeting Dates | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Board Meetings | | General Meetings | | Speaker | |
| Thursday, December 7, 2023 | Teams | Tuesday, December 12, 2023 | Field Club | USACE Omaha Update | |
| Thursday, January 4, 2024 | Teams | Thursday, January 11, 2024 | <i>Scott Conf Center</i> | Advances in metal roof tech (Bldg Works) | |
| 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 | <i>USACE Omaha Update?</i> | |

| 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 | Marial Conv Ctr |
| Capitol Week | <i>end of Mar 2025</i> | | |

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



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Secretary Brec Wilshusen (appointed today by President Ryan Watzke) called the meeting to order at 12:03pm **quorum declared at 12:04pm.**

November **meeting minutes** were deferred.

Brian Schuele provided two files for his his **Treasurer’s** report; these are attached below. He is planning an in-depth discussion at the January meeting, with approval of the budget to follow at the February board meeting.

Awards & Recognition – Stephanie Heibel is asking each Vice President (and elected officer) for Streamer inputs. During discussion, Natasha Gromak responded to an inquiry posed in the meeting about how the streamers are to be maintained on the flag by emailing the National Staff; prior to the meeting’s end, Jill Murphy replied directing us to the Post Operations Guide.

Communications – Chris Atrz mentioned he has social media assistance now, and we thank Christie Trin for her volunteerism. The Scotch Tasting event at “Barry & Rye” is still open and will be advertised at the general meeting next week.

Professional Development & Personal Growth – Kandi Srb reports the general meeting dates for June 2024 and October 2024 will change and asks the programs committee (meeting the following Friday) to review and suggest options. Industry Day committee is researching contract pricing for the E-Show subscription; expect to offer a motion at the January board meeting.

Scholarships & Camps – Joe Shields reports we awarded four scholarships.

| Student Chapter Scholarships | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Value | Student | College | Field of Study |
| \$2,000 | Jerotich L Kaitany | MCC | AAS Architectural Design Technology |
| \$2,000 | Jacob Lang | University of Nebraska | Construction Management |
| \$2,000 | Justin Roberts | University of Nebraska Omaha | Architectural Engineering |
| \$2,000 | Emjay Baliszewski-Solomon | MCC | Architectural Engineering Design Tech |

SMP – Anne Peterson reported the USACE Workshop for SMP is February 27th.

Small Business – Veronica Doga requested the Post cohost the Lincoln Meet the Buyer event in April; Tom Svoboda moved, and Natasha Gromak seconded, to cohost and support the registration with our system(s)...and after discussion, motion carried. Veronica also discussed her other idea for “virtual matchmaking” and postured the first weeks of April and August as possible dates, but we deferred further discussion until January.

Fellows – Phil Deakin reports (and summarized via email):

- Data package in prep for a Fellows call next week
 - Current Roster of Omaha Post Fellows
 - Current Post Council of Fellows document for review/update/revision
 - Scholarship holder Mentor assignment list
 - Annual report to the Board due 12/31/23
- Main goal for the Fellows- align Fellows’ commitment statement to a role or assignment/interest area appropriate to the Post (could also be a regional role, task area, or a national role, e.g. COI role)



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- We have 3 Fellows candidates currently in the final selection process, with selection notification likely out 12/15/23 through 12/31/23
- Would like to maintain the pace of Fellows nominations, say 3/year nominations
 - Ideally would like to get that process started well in advance of the submission date, say 1st Quarter not have an expression of interest and draft nomination package
- Fellows are ready to be assigned to the new scholarship holders; ideally would like to make an initial contact by the mentor prior to their starting the semester or quarter in January

Relationships – Bobbi Lang reports the Omaha Post is officially a Commercial member of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

E-Week – Bobbi Jo Lang reported our (Diamond Level) E-Week sponsorship (with the University for February 18-24, 2024) is complete.

Young Member & College Outreach – NSTR

Veterans Outreach – NSTR

Leadership & Mentoring – NSTR

Resilience – NSTR.

IGE – NSTR

Black Hills – N/R

Past President – NSTR

Final notes.

The next Board meeting is currently scheduled for 4 Jan 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

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

Two attachments:

1. 20231206 SAME YTD Budget
2. 20231130 SAME Income Statement