



SAME OMAHA POST – BOARD MEETING Minutes April 4, 2024

Board Members	7 elected board officers present for whole meeting, quorum sustained despite 2 more arrived late & departed early (13 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(F)	4 Tom Svoboda	Rel Bobbi Jo Lang
	5 Rob Hufford	

Other Attending Post Members		
Flw	Phil Deakin(F)	Veronica Doga
	Chris Langan (F)	Anne Peterson(F)

Future Meeting Dates				
Board Meetings		General Meetings		Speaker
Thursday, April 4, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Field Club	Eric Lotz, Siemens Federal Biz Mgr
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Field Club	<i>ANC Small Nuclear Reactors</i>
Thursday, June 6, 2024	Teams	Thursday, June 13, 2024	Charles on the Lake	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				
Rock Island Industry Days		2-3 Apr 2024	Davenport IA	
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
See the Missouri River region Newsletter for further events				
https://classic.same.org/calendar <i>(projected items in italics)</i>				

President Ryan Watzke called the meeting to order at 12:02pm; **quorum** attained at 12:02am but only **declared at 12:12pm**.

Ryan discussed his progress to date his initiatives (By-Law Review and Updates, Org Chart / Officer Updates, and Post Shared Electronic Storage). The proposed draft of the ByLaws were distributed via email to the board on 3 Apr 2024 seeking comment. Discussion ensued.

Ryan stated he cannot attend Tuesday’s general membership meeting; after seeking volunteers, Anne Peterson will host the meeting on his behalf.



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Ryan stated he will also not be able to attend JETC in May, and must designate a Post member to represent the Post on his behalf. *Selection of a volunteer was not specified in the meeting.*

Treasurer's reports was deferred. Ryan noted that Brian Schuele has submitted our annual report to National.

Discussion of the February and March meeting minutes were deferred.

Relationships: Bobbi Lang rosters are still getting sorted out, but we presently have 684 individual and 113 organizational members.

Young Members & College Outreach: Stephanie Ling reported the MCC student chapter representatives attended the SMP competition event. Planning another social event before the end of the spring term (tbd).

Veterans Outreach: The next Project Healing Waters event is scheduled for 18 May 2024 with location tba; events in Jul/Aug and Oct are still being planned.

Awards & Recognitions: NSTR

Communications: Chris Artz briefed the group on the many updates to the Post website.

Professional Development & Personal Growth: Kandi Srb reported on the e-storage that HDR has supported on behalf of the post, and will pass the login credentials to Chris A and Ryan. The **Industry Day Cmte** will meet Tuesday (9 Apr); she reports all booths are sold out and over 300 registrants thus far for our May 2024 event.

Leadership and Mentoring: Tom Svoboda reports he participated in the Small Business COI meeting (w/ Bobbi); the COI is planning to produce videos encouraging SBC attendance.

Small Business: Veronica Doga briefed our co-sponsored April 18th Meet the Buyers Event, and announced the date for the Virtual Matchmaking Event (Aug 28, 2024).

Fellows: Phil Deakin reports the next Fellows meeting is planned for May 3rd

SMP: Anne Peterson is planning a social event thanking mentors and teachers for their participation; still tbd.

Other business: Tom Svoboda asked to have the Black Hills donation read into the meeting minutes.

- Email from Ryan Watzke on 14 Mar 2024 to Board officers (salient parts) "Our Black Hills Post partner is requesting our Omaha Post to consider donating money towards their Black Hills Defense Symposium. It would be best to agree to this before our next BOD Meeting so we can get our Omaha Post name listed as a sponsor. **I propose we agree to sponsor this event at \$1000.** Talking with Brian Schuele, it sounds like there are funds available within our already approved budget for this request. Therefore, I do not believe we need a formal vote, but please advise by **close of business (1700 CST) tomorrow** if you have any objections or questions in aiding our Black Hills Post partner in this manner."
 - Many replies offered assent.
 - Email with formal approval is not found in the secretary's email file.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Brec Wilshusen, P.E., F.SAME, Secretary