

SAME Omaha Post Monthly Meeting - August 2024

Date: 1 August 2024

Time: 12:00 PM Central Time (CT)

Future Post Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, August 6, 2024 - Advances in Metal Roof Technology
- Thursday, September 12, 2024 – Joint Meeting with Rock Island Post.
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024- Fire Safety Donna Kohlan
- Thursday, November 14, 2024 - May Tornado Response Topic, Public Sector Event
- Thursday, December 12, 2024 - USACE Omaha District Update, Sheila Newman

Call to Order- President: Stephanie Heibel

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum- Secretary: Chris Artz

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Secretary: Chris Artz

Treasurer: Brian Schuele

Vice President for Service Members and Veterans: Rob Hufford

Vice President for IGE: Bobbi Jo Lang

Vice President for Resilience: Don Fucik

Vice President for Professional Development and Personal Growth: Kandi Srb

Vice President for Leadership and Mentoring: Tom Svoboda

Director for Communications: Jill Zehr

Director for Awards and Recognition: Christina McManis

Director for Young Members and Student Outreach: Stephanie Ling

Director for Fellows: Natasha Gromak

Past President: Ryan Watzke

Members at Large in attendance:

Brec Wilshusen, Chris Langan, Roger Wozny

Approval of Minutes - - Previous meeting minutes were not available; approval postponed

Reports

President's Report: Stephanie Heibel- Sharon Krock, the new National President, has a new theme for 2025: Share the Value with three themes: Driving Partnerships, Delivering Solutions, and Developing People. The streamers will be updated to reflect these new goals.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Schuele- Treasurer's reports are not ready yet. Will have everything up to speed next month.

Vice President for IGE Report: Bobbi Jo Lang- Working on September joint event with Rock Island. Plans to have current membership numbers by the end of the call. Attending PLW next week representing the membership COI. UNL Student Chapter meeting next Tuesday. Big Red Welcome is the same day as 50-mile March Veterans event.

Vice President for Professional Development and Personal Growth Report: Kandi Srb- Coordinating Programs and Communications to get posted to the website. Programs will work to get dates for 2025 monthly meetings.

Vice President for Leadership and Mentoring Report: Tom Svoboda- Attended the Leadership COI event. Will help develop a mentoring program at Omaha Post.

Director for Communications Report: Jill Zehr- Ed Morrisett Memorial information posted, Omaha Post Board Member page updated. Going to PLW next week.

Director for Awards and Recognition Report: Christina McManis- See President's report for streamer updates. Will coordinate with Stephanie for the handoff of responsibilities.

Director for Young Members and Student Outreach Report: Stephanie Ling- Working with new officers and members at MCC. Will send the list to Jill for the website.

Director for Fellows Report: Natasha Gromak- Sent reminder for three applicants for new fellows. Fellows event dinner in planning for Industry Day 2025. Will discuss more during ID report.

Committee Reports

Industry Day: Kandi Srb- Recommendation to move forward with up to \$10,000 commitment from the Post for 85th anniversary event and Fellows Event. Recommend starting with 300 people with a scale-up based on registrations. Committee to provide additional details closer to the event.

Programs: Jake Batenhorst- For the August 6th Monthly Post Meeting, all presenters are confirmed and slides will be ready by tomorrow. Special slide in memory of Ed Morrisett included. Current headcount is 13; additional reminders may boost attendance. For the September 12th Post Meeting on Midwest Flood Recovery, still securing a presenter. Coordinating with Bobbi Jo to target a speaker from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Post or Col. Newbauer from the Omaha USACE District. Schedule a Programs Committee Meeting soon to finalize 2025 presenters and start outreach.

Scholarships & Camps: Joe Shields by Tom Svoboda: Proposal to create scholarships for undergraduate students who are not part of student posts. Discussion of timeline for student scholarship applications.

Small Business: Veronica Doga by Bobbi Jo Land- Virtual matchmaking event still planned for August 28.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion 1: Move forward with up to \$10,000 commitment from the Post for 85th anniversary event and Fellows Event. – Tom moved, Bobbi Jo second. Motion passes.

Motion 2: Approve the sponsorship of SAME membership dues for up to five recently graduated Student Chapter members for their first year post-graduation for a total cost of up to \$150 per membership. Contingent upon the graduate fulfilling specific stipulations such as continued involvement with SAME in the form of mentorship at their alma mater or meeting attendance. Stephanie Ling moved, Stephanie Heibel seconded. Increasing budget \$750 for graduated student member dues. Motion passes

Open Discussion

None

Announcements

3rd annual Open Omaha is this weekend for those interested. <https://omahabydesign.org/openomaha/>

Adjournment by Stephanie Heibel

**Minutes Prepared By: Chris Artz, Secretary on 8/1/2024