

SAME Omaha Post Monthly Meeting – December 2024

Date: 5 December 2024

Time: 12:00 PM Central Time (CT)

Future Post Meeting Dates

- Thursday, December 12, 2024 - USACE Omaha District Update, Sheila Newman
- Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – Joint Meeting with NSPE, Working to confirm the speaker
- Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – Streetcar Project Update, Mayor Jean Stothert
- Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – B21 Program Update, Andy Temeyer, USACE Omaha District, TBD KC District, TBD Fort Worth Update
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Call to Order- President: Bobbi Jo called the meeting to order as Stephanie Heibel was not able to attend.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum- Secretary: Chris Artz conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present).

President: Stephanie Heibel

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:

Programs: Jake Batenhorst

Scholarships & Camps: Joe Shields

SMP – Anne Peterson

SMP – Bill Glismann

Small Business: Veronica Doga

Roger Wozny

Brec Wilshusen

Chris Langan

Approval of Minutes - - November meeting minutes were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Tom Svoboda. Seconded by Jill Zehr. Minutes were approved without objections.

Reports

President's Report: Stephanie Heibel- Stephanie Heibel was not present.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Schuele- See the attached report documents. Brian requested feedback on the 2025

budget by the end of December. He indicated that he believes he has captured everything discussed in previous meetings and will include any additional requests in the January discussion.

Vice President for Service Members and Veterans: Rob Hufford- Rob Hufford was not present. However, it was noted that donations are being accepted at the post meeting to support the Moving Veterans Forward initiative, which assists veterans in transitioning into stable housing. The upcoming move on December 19th involves helping a veteran relocate to their new home. A slide will be prepared for the December post meeting to highlight this important work and raise awareness about the initiative. Don will remind Rob, Chris will remind Jake about this slide.

Vice President for IGE Report: Bobbi Jo Lang- National organization approved the Strategic Plan for 2030 and mentioned a successful public sector meeting last month.

Vice President for Resilience: Don Fucik- He is coordinating a resiliency workshop for March 2025..

Vice President for Professional Development and Personal Growth Report: Kandi Srb- Urged everyone to register for the upcoming meeting next week as soon as possible, noting that the contract with the Field Club for 2025 has been signed.

Vice President for Leadership and Mentoring Report: Tom Svoboda- Attended the leadership Community of Interest (COI) meeting at the Small Business Conference (SBC). It was confirmed that a check has been sent for the E-Week Sponsorship for the Nebraska College of Engineering, which includes both UNL and UNO..

Director for Communications Report: Jill Zehr- Reported on the Scotch tasting and membership meetings, mentioning that the Moving Veterans Forward information is currently active. Chris will send out the dates for the 2025 meetings and Kandi will connect Jill with the public relations person for Industry Day..

Director for Awards and Recognition: Christina McManis- Christina was not present However there was a reminder for everyone that streamers are due at the end of January. These streamers are important for Post distinction and maintaining non-profit status. Bobbi will work with Christina and Stephanie to share a spreadsheet that needs to be completed for this purpose.

Director for Young Members and Student Outreach Report: Stephanie Ling- Planning to attend with Student Chapter Scholarship winners.

Director for Fellows Report: Natasha Gromak - Meeting with the Industry Day chairs to coordinate the Fellows event. She noted that there has been good attendance at the fellows meetings and that she will meet with Stephanie to discuss activities for 2025. Bobbi will reach out to the Regional Vice President (RVP) and copy Natasha and Christina to obtain the requirements for 2025. Additionally, Dave Packard and past presidents will work on the Nominations committee..

Past President: Ryan Watzke- Not present

Committee Reports

Industry Day: Kandi Srb- Committee held a meeting yesterday. The keynote speaker will be from Greybull Rescue. Transportation for attendees to the anniversary celebration will be provided by Ollie the Trolley. The event is scheduled to go live on February 18th, and commemorative coins will be distributed at the anniversary celebration and to the speakers.

Programs: Jake Batenhorst- Provided by email and given by Kandi Srb

The USACE District Update post meeting is set for next week. The current in-person attendance count is 51, but we need approximately 80 attendees to maintain the large ballroom space at FCO. We are still waiting for slides from Chris and the USACE team, which are expected by the end of the week.

The joint meeting with the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers (NeSPE) is scheduled for January 15th. We are currently waiting for confirmation of the speaker from Caleb Snyder.

With the 2025 Industry Days planned for May 28th to May 30th, we need to determine how this will impact our

monthly post meetings in May and June. We will proceed with the May 6th monthly post meeting and not have a meeting in June.

Scholarships & Camps: Joe Shields- Given by Tom Svoboda: Scholarship presentations will take place during the December meeting. Camp applications will open in December, allowing students to submit their applications, which will then be reviewed by camp directors for selection. The Omaha Post will be asked to support the campers, typically covering travel expenses.

SMP – Anne Peterson/Bill Glismann- Preparations are underway for the USACE meeting in January at the Relevant Center. Nicole is actively seeking sponsors for various aspects of the event.t.

Small Business: Veronica Doga- Expected deregulation in small business contracting may create opportunities for larger businesses to secure work, while potentially making it more challenging for small businesses. Veronica will reach out to Hope, the Programs committee chair for Industry Day, again to follow on programming.

Old Business

Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Sponsorship: Motion on hold to approve the sponsorship of an 2025 Engineers Without Borders (EWB) event: Options include Engineers Without Bogeys, the Spring Charity Dinner Night, or a Pizza Thursday. For Pizza Thursdays, we can choose between the Silver tier at \$350 for one sponsorship with social media and email promotion, or the Gold tier at \$450 for two sponsorships, including two complimentary EWB Dinner tickets. For the other events, we can select from Silver (\$500), Gold (\$1,000), Platinum (\$2,500), or Diamond (\$5,000+) tiers.

The board will determine the appropriate sponsorship level and allocate the necessary funds during budget meetings closer to the new year.

Avenue Scholars Sponsorship: Brian sent out options for Avenue Scholars in an email. The options are below:

- \$5,000 - Pay the stipend for 10 Scholars to attend the Construction and Trades Summer Bootcamp.
- \$5,000 - Help 1 Scholar with tuition Costs for an AA in Construction, Civil Engineering @ MCC or 3 Scholars with a Career Certification at MCC.
- \$2,000 - Pay the stipend for 4 Scholars to attend the Construction and Trades Summer Bootcamp.
- \$2,000 - Help 6 students with boots and starter tools for straight to work Scholars.

New Business

None

Open Discussion

Please contact Bobbi if you have any requests for swag items..

Kandi Srb discussed Ann's request related to the special event dinner for the post's 85th anniversary. They are gathering historical materials for a presentation, and anyone with relevant information should reach out to Ann.

Adjournment by Bobbi Jo.

**Minutes Prepared By: Chris Artz, Secretary on 12/5/2024



S.A.M.E. OMAHA POST
INCOME STATEMENT

November 2024

Category	11/1/2024- 11/30/2024	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Treasurer	39.36	39.36
VP for Development and Growth		
Monthly Meeting Registrations	1,104.10	1,104.10
Scholarships - Split Kitty Sales	30.00	30.00
TOTAL VP for Development and Gr...	1,134.10	1,134.10
TOTAL INCOME	1,173.46	1,173.46
EXPENSES		
VP for Development and Growth_		
Industry Day	1,763.57	1,763.57
Monthly Programs	1,340.62	1,340.62
TOTAL VP for Development and Gr...	3,104.19	3,104.19
VP for Leadership and Mentoring_		
SMP Steering Committee	2,313.86	2,313.86
TOTAL VP for Leadership and Men...	2,313.86	2,313.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,418.05	5,418.05
OVERALL TOTAL	-4,244.59	-4,244.59

CHECKING ACCOUNT

- BEGINNING BALANCE (10/31/24)	\$61,070.84
- ENDING BALANCE (11/30/24)	\$56,826.25

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

- BEGINNING BALANCE (06/30/24)	\$777,462.00
- ENDING BALANCE (09/30/24)	\$825,751.00
- PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	\$630,000.00



S.A.M.E. OMAHA POST 2024 BUDGET

As of 12/4/2024

Category	Actual	2024 Budget	Difference
INCOME	335,049.25	319,100.00	15,949.25
Treasurer	823.35	100.00	723.35
VP for Development and Growth	322,473.65	308,000.00	14,473.65
Industry Day	308,336.35	260,000.00	48,336.35
Monthly Meeting Registrations	10,407.30	12,000.00	-1,592.70
Scholarships - Donations	1,350.00	1,000.00	350.00
Scholarships - Interest Income	0.00	33,000.00	-33,000.00
Scholarships - Split Kitty Sales	2,380.00	2,000.00	380.00
VP for Leadership and Mentoring	4,500.00	5,000.00	-500.00
Fellows Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00
SMP Steering Committee	4,500.00	5,000.00	-500.00
VP for Relationships	7,252.25	6,000.00	1,252.25
Annual Membership Dues	7,252.25	6,000.00	1,252.25
Small Business Liason	0.00	0.00	0.00
Veterans Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	295,321.71	318,760.00	23,438.29
Treasurer_	4,827.81	3,640.00	-1,187.81
Misc. Expenses	4,827.81	3,640.00	-1,187.81
VP for Development and Growth_	221,308.41	217,200.00	-4,108.41
Industry Day	178,561.35	160,000.00	-18,561.35
Monthly Meeting Registrations	0.00	100.00	100.00
Monthly Programs	14,680.10	16,000.00	1,319.90
PDHs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scholarships and Camps	28,066.96	41,100.00	13,033.04
VP for Leadership and Mentoring_	58,807.70	68,500.00	9,692.30
Fellows Coordinator	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
SMP Steering Committee	58,807.70	65,500.00	6,692.30
VP for Relationships_	6,661.75	17,620.00	10,958.25
Community Donations	3,000.00	3,500.00	500.00
Director for Awards and Recognition	0.00	970.00	970.00
Director for Black Hills Chapter	1,000.00	500.00	-500.00
Director for Communications	0.00	200.00	200.00
Engineering Roundtable and E-Week	65.58	4,000.00	3,934.42
National SAME Event Support	2,596.17	6,750.00	4,153.83
Public Agency Partnerships	0.00	500.00	500.00
Small Business Liason	0.00	500.00	500.00
Veteran Outreach - Comm. Involvem...	0.00	700.00	700.00
VP for Resilience	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Resiliency Expenses	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
VP for Young Members and Students	3,716.04	10,000.00	6,283.96
Student Chapter	3,516.04	7,500.00	3,983.96
Young Members	200.00	2,500.00	2,300.00
Net Difference:	39,727.54	340.00	39,387.54