The Section 408 Program at the Saint Paul District

Presentation Synopsis:
The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 408 policy sets forth the process and criteria USACE uses to review requests to alter USACE Civil Works projects. The purpose of the Section 408 review is to ensure that the benefits of a USACE project are not undermined by an alteration and to ensure the alteration is not injurious to the public interest. In the fall of 2018, USACE issued new guidance regarding the Section 408 program which should improve the review process. Michelle’s presentation will address the Section 408 program and updates to the review process.

Learn more about the Section 408 Program here: https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/408/

Speaker Biography:
Michelle Prosser is a project manager with the St. Paul District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. She currently coordinates the District’s Section 408 program. Michelle’s experience includes over 14 years of natural resource management and environmental permitting. In particular, partnering with multiple agencies and organizations to enhance collaboration and increase financial and technical capabilities to protect and restore natural resources.

Meeting Location and Details:

Grumpy’s Bar and Grill: 2801 Snelling Avenue, Roseville, MN

Schedule of Events:
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Networking and optional lunch
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Technical presentation

Please RSVP by no later than Wednesday, September 18, 2019 with your intent to either partake in the optional $23 lunch or for the presentation only.

To RSVP please use the following Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/september-2019-professional-development-meeting-tickets-70324118331

Invite a Friend to September’s Luncheon!
Help promote our SAME Post! Where else can engineering professionals network, listen to interesting technical presentations, and earn PDHs? Invite a friend to the September luncheon to show them what they are missing!
Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post News and Updates

We Have New Leadership!

At the 34th Annual Golf Tournament and 3rd Annual Industry Day, new leadership for the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post was sworn in. Please welcome Jane Flewellen as our new Post President and our 2019-2020 Leadership!

We Have a New Website!

Our website and newsletter will be getting a new look in the coming months! If you have any suggestions for articles, content, or anything else, please email Katy Thompson at katy.thompson@respec.com. In the meantime, check out our new site here: https://wwwSAME.org/mpls-stp

Thank You June Speakers!

Thank you to our June speakers, Chuck Brenner and Jennifer Wolff from Braun Intertec, for their presentation on The Many Facets of Flood Management.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- RSVP for September Lunch by Sept. 19th!
- Call for proposals extended to Sept. 20th for the 2020 Minnesota Climate Adaptation Conference
- SAME-MSP Board Meeting, Sept. 24th
- SAME-MSP September Meeting, Sep. 25th
- Minnesota Water Resources Conference, Oct. 15-16th, St Paul
- SAME-MSP October Meeting, Oct. 23rd
- Federal Small Business Conference, Nov. 20-22, Dallas, TX

September 2019 MSP Post Calendar

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Left to Right: Post President Jane Flewellen being sworn in by Kevin Wilson (USACE); 2019-2020 Leadership being sworn in by Kevin Wilson, Dan Kvasnicka, Lindsey Roberts McKenzie, Matt Redington, Ann Banitt, Katy Thompson, Paul Dierking
A Note from the SAME MSP Post President

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy some rest and relaxation during these last few summer months. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for the successful SAME Day this past July. This was the first year that our post decided to combine several of our events into one, including the scholarship fundraising event, industry day, and the awards banquet. We raised over $4,400 for scholarships and educational grants at SAME Day and increased our overall participation for the fundraising event. The event was a great opportunity to recognize some of our outstanding volunteers that have contributed in big ways towards our Post’s Mission. We also offered some great presentations during the event by wonderful individuals, including:

- SAME National President, Lt. Col. Buddy Barnes
- USACE Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management, Kevin Wilson
- Assistant Commissioner of MnDOT Engineering Services Division, Nancy Daubenberger
- Principal at Kubes Law Office, PLLC, Kristine Kubes

A special thank you to these presenters who volunteered their time to attend the SAME Day event and share their knowledge with our members. Also, I wanted to take the time to recognize and thank our outgoing post board members, Rachel Pichelmann, Rebekah Hudson, and outgoing post president, Paul Dierking. Please join me in recognizing these individuals for providing significant contributions and strong leadership to the SAME-MSP post over the past several years.

2020 will be the year for SAME Centennial Celebrations. Our post has assigned an exceptional team to organize the efforts, so stay tuned to the details that will be advertised in our upcoming newsletters. We are hoping to offer a few additional tours this year as well as some additional networking opportunities for young members. We welcome your participation and would love for you to get involved in the various opportunities that we offer throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming SAME events.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year’s fundraising events!

Consider attending the MMFF’s upcoming Shoot For The Troops on September 17, 2019 at LeBlanc’s Rice Creek Game Farm in Little Falls, MN. More info at: www.shootforthetroopsMN.com
3rd Annual SAME-MSP Industry Day

It was a busy day at Top Golf in Brooklyn Center on July 31, 2019—this year we combined our annual Industry Day event with our installation of new leadership, Post award celebration, and annual golf tournament. This full day event included an ethics training led by Kristine Kubes of Kubes Law Office, PLLC with industry-specific topics; presentations from Nancy Daubenberger (Minnesota Department of Transportation Assistant Commissioner) on the 2019 Minnesota legislative session outcomes; and Kevin Wilson (Deputy District Engineer with the USACE St. Paul District) on the District’s upcoming projects and priorities in 2020.

Lt. Colonel Wendell “Buddy” Barnes, the SAME National President, spoke on the national SAME programs, mission, and upcoming SAME Centennial Celebration.

At lunch the MSP Post installed our new 2019-2020 leadership, awarded the scholarship recipients, and recognized the hard work of all our Post volunteers over the last year.

Following the Industry Day events, attendees were invited to show off their golfing skills in a non-traditional golfing tournament to raise proceeds for the MSP Post’s Education and Mentoring Fund. A big THANK YOU to all who attended and participated in the event!

From left to right: Kristine Kubes, Nancy Daubenberger, and Kevin Wilson and Paul Dierking (past Post president).

Above: Lt. Colonel Buddy Barnes at the SAME-MSP Industry Day event.

From left to right: Getting a lesson from the golf pros at Top Golf; SAME National President Lt. Colonel Buddy Barnes tees it up; Top Scoring Team! Congratulations to Chris Erickson, Dan Kvasnicka, Paul Dierking, Matt Redington, and Mike Knoff!
The Minneapolis-St. Paul SAME Post Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the 2019 scholarship recipients. From a field filled with worthy and qualified candidates, the selection committee recommended awarding two (2) one-time $1,500 scholarships and one 4-year renewable scholarship at $1,500/year - $6,000 total. A big THANK YOU to all who attended Industry Day and the MSP Post golf outing as you are directly supporting these recipients and future scholarship awards. And thanks again to the entire Post for your help in empowering our youth who are passionate about engineering and science! Please join us in congratulating these very deserving students!

Left to Right: Scholarship recipients helping at the 2019 Industry Day registration table; Noah Sydow receiving $1,500 scholarship; Nicole Banitt receiving $6,000 scholarship.

One-Time $1,500 (each) Scholarships

Zoe Berg – Zoe recently graduated from Lakeville South High School in Lakeville, MN, where she was active in musical and computer pursuits. She has also competed and placed in many state and national robotics competitions. Zoe will be attending Yale University majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Noah Sydow – Noah recently graduating from Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Noah has been involved in a variety of activities including Varsity athletics, music, and student organizations. Noah will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire to pursue pre-Engineering, and he plans to transfer to the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Four-Year Renewable Scholarship ($1,500/year - $6,000 total)

Nicole Banitt – Nicole recently graduated from Lakeville South High School in Lakeville, MN, where she was involved in a wide variety of activities including volleyball, choir, and music ensembles. Nicole will be attending St Olaf College majoring in Biology with a concentration in Neuroscience.

This year we are also working to set up sponsoring/mentoring of scholarship recipients throughout their college careers. Please contact Erin Krug (erin.e.krug@usace.army.mil or 651.290.5576) if interested in serving as a sponsor/mentor.

Thank You to Our 2019 Industry Day Sponsors!

Gold Sponsors ($700 Donation):

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Silver Sponsors ($500 Donation):

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Topgolf Bay Sponsors ($250 Donation):

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Educational Grants Presented!

On May 14, Chris Erickson of the MSP Post presented Kristi Olness of the Otter Lake Elementary School in White Bear Lake, MN, $1,600.00 to support Phase 2 of a larger program to develop a prairie outdoor learning space to enhance their STEM focus. A continued BIG THANKS to Daniel Kvasnicka of HDR, Rachel Pichelmann of SEH, and Chris Erickson of USACE for volunteering their time and efforts to be mentors for these programs.

Left: Chris Erickson (SAME) presenting Kristi Olness of Otter Lake Elementary School the $1,600 educational grant.

Right: Thank you note from Otter Lake Elementary

Sustaining Membership Firms

The SAME MSP Post is looking for our sustaining members to give a brief five minute presentation about your company prior to the monthly presentations. This is a great networking opportunity to tell others about your company’s services, small business information, etc. Please email Sherry Van Duyn at svanduyn@landmarkenv.com or Dave Ausdemore at dave@hssciences.com if you would like to present.

Get your firm’s logo included in the newsletter by contacting Sherry or Dave!

A big thank you to our Sustaining Membership Firms for their continued support:

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Small Business Corner

Are you a small business interested in working for the Federal government or are you a large business looking for small business partnerships? Consider attending the 2019 Federal Small Business Conference—registration is now open!

https://www.samesbc.org/index.cfm

TME Featured Article of the Month

Did you know that as a member of SAME you get a free magazine? The Military Engineer (TME) magazine is a benefit provided to all our members. In case you missed it, check out this great article about the Overseas Drinking Water Program and the Navy’s commitment to ensure a potable and sustainable water supply is available now and for future generations.

http://samrnews.org/committed-to-providing-safe-water/

Apply for the 2020-21 Leader Development Program

Developed with support from the SAME Foundation, the Leader Development Program (LDP) identifies and cultivates talent from within the SAME membership to address the nation’s grand challenges. Participants explore individual strengths and team dynamics. The program supports the development of the next generation of world class military, government, civilian, and industry leaders for the Society and our Nation. LDP is a yearlong commitment beginning at the SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference (JETC) 2020 to be held in Washington, D.C. The graduation will be held at JETC 2021 in Portland, OR! Learn more about the program and application deadlines: https://www.same.org/Grow-Professionally/Leader-Development-Program

Have an idea for future meeting topics or tours?

Please contact Matt Redington with your ideas at matthew.redington@hdrinc.com or 763-591-5487!