Message From The Post President

I appreciated the opportunity to speak about the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) at the Annual Small Business Workshop and Federal Forum in Louisville earlier this week. My comments centered on how we each define the value of our involvement. Value is a personal concept, but in general, folks like us join, participate in, and come to appreciate societies and organizations like SAME for three primary reasons:

We want to learn and develop ourselves personally and professionally. SAME is a multidisciplinary society where we learn from architects, engineers, biologists, scientists, surveyors, CAD and GIS specialists, and marketers. Our monthly programs provide needed Professional Development Hours and our mantra this year with regard to programs is “Make it Worth an Hour of PDH Credit”.

A second reason why we keep coming back could be a desire to help and contribute to the greater good. What better way to contribute than helping develop the next generation of engineers and architects? We work with students applying for engineering and construction camps and competing in the regional Future Cities Program; we mentor college students through our activities with the U of L and UK student chapters and help them achieve their goals through scholarship award. SAME also provides opportunities to help Wounded Warriors and Veterans, active duty military right here at home through the Ft. Knox Field Chapter, and even impact our region’s emergency preparedness and homeland security.

But here’s a well-kept secret that I’d like to broadcast to everyone – what happens at SAME isn’t limited to the elected officers and committee chairs you met at the conference. All of us can help and contribute to the greater good with even a small investment of time and talent this year.

Lastly, many of us participate in SAME for the opportunity to meet, be part of a community, and network. Small and large businesses, public and private sector organizations all have challenges and can provide solutions to get things done. The rules of engagement with regard to meeting and networking have changed over the years but I think you’ll agree that this excerpt from The Military Engineer 1920 edition demonstrates that the spirit of what SAME’s founders believed in remains consistent today:

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Small Businesses noted in Red

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“We are establishing at this time a Society of American Military Engineers. This Society will serve no selfish ends. It is dedicated to patriotism and national security. Its objects are, in brief, to promote solidarity and cooperation between engineers in civil and military life, to disseminate technical knowledge bearing upon progress in the art of war and the application of engineering science thereto, and to preserve and maintain the best standards and traditions of the profession, all in the interests of patriotism and national security.”

That’s a society I can get behind. I hope you’ll join us as an active participant this year!

Ms. Karen Tenfelde, CPSM
Post President, KP-SAME

SAME Kentuckiana Post Welcomes Karen Scott

Karen Scott, President of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Public Works Association, spoke at the October Post Meeting. She gave a brief overview of the Association and her interest in developing joint programs and initiatives with SAME. Karen can be reached at (502) 569-9003 or at karen.scott@tetratech.com.

Ms. Karen Tenfelde, CPSM
Post Secretary

Above: Karen Scott, President of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Public Works Association.
October Post Meeting - Serving the Department of Defense Education Activity Customer

Steve Farkus, PE, PMP, Project Manager with the USACE Louisville District, was on hand to present information on the Department of Defense Education Agency (DoDEA) and how the District continues to support DoDEA’s mission. Steve highlighted two successful projects, the Marshall Elementary School and Ft. Campbell High School, currently under construction by Walsh Federal. Steve assisted by Joe Scappaticci and Charles Buhagier of Walsh Construction presented project details along with the unique outreach the team on the ground has accomplished with the local community.

Ms. Karen Tenfelde, CPSM
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Above: Steve Farkus, PE, PMP, Project Manager with the USACE Louisville District.

Above: Joe Scappaticci and Charles Buhagier from Walsh Construction.
October Board Meeting Summary

The October 2015 Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, 20 October 2015 in the Cafeteria Meeting Room of the Mazzoli Federal Building. 1st Vice President Karen Tenfelde chaired the meeting. The Meeting Agenda and Board/Committee Leaders Sign-In Roster were passed among the attendees.

Secretary’s Report  No report.

Treasurer’s Report  John Allison reported a total of $36,775.20 in the Post checking account. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report. *Motion passed.*

President’s Report  No report.

Committee Reports

*Programs*  Kate Brandner ordered speaker gifts for the upcoming year.

*Education and Training*  Steve Kimball and Bob Draper have ideas on restructuring the full-day educational session for Fall 2016.


*Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security*  Tom Kamphake attended the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) multi-state building inspector exercise and training event held at Jefferson Barracks. The event was hosted by the Missouri S.A.V.E. Coalition, a volunteer organization that works under the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to inspect buildings for safe occupancy following a disaster. At the event, close to 200 individuals participated in simulated deployment and field assessments. CUSEC debuted a new “Safety Assessment App” at the training. The app, which is smart-phone or tablet-based, is designed to speed data collection for post-earthquake safety assessments and improve situational awareness for decision makers. Eight CUSEC States, the Missouri Air National Guard, Missouri Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers participated in the event, which was the largest of its kind to date.

*Scholarship*  Kristen Crumpton and Don VanBogaert will circulate copies of last year’s questionnaire to the Board to see if any changes are needed for 2016.

*Young Member*  Craig Coombs and Richard Boston are planning a YM event on Tuesday evening of the 2016 Small Business Workshop and Federal Forum.
October Post Board Meeting Summary

**Membership**  
Lisa Wilson-Plajer had distributed the monthly membership report prior to the meeting. Membership continues to thrive with 657 total members. Ideas circulating to increase membership include weekly posts on Twitter and a joint push with the Kittyhawk Post for common members.

**U of L Student Chapter**  
Will Modrall and Corey While are planning a presentation for the student chapter.

**Small Business**  
Plans for the 2016 Small Business Workshop and Federal Forum are coming along nicely.

**Newsletter**  
No report.

**Website**  
Eric Baker reported on the new Euclid platform migration coming online.

**Education and Mentoring Fund Management**  
No report.

**Golf Scramble**  
No report.

**Public Relations**  
E-mail Niki Marksberry with social media content and Marci Snyder with press release information.

**STEM**  
April Vance reported on details of the upcoming Future Cities competition. This year the theme is Waste Management/Landfills/Recycling. The committee is evaluating the way the SAME award winners are selected. Oldham County is in need of bridge materials/testing equipment for student demonstrations. Engineering and Construction Camp dates for 2016 have been published.

**Photography**  
If anyone has photos from SAME-KP events, please send them to Kenny Owens or Ian Mitchell to upload to the Post’s Flickr account.

**Support for Veterans**  
Rick Wolf is spearheading initiatives for the Post to support veterans including the Wounded Warriors Program.

**Old Business**  
Ray Frye attended the QDMA Youth Deer Hunt and was given an award for the Post’s involvement and contributions.

  The SAME-KP Board voted to give Ed Mathison $100 in gift cards for his retirement.

  We need to identify future Fellow candidates.

**Next Board Meeting**  
The February Board meeting will be held 16 February 2016 in the Mazzoli Federal Building cafeteria meeting room.

  A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at approximately 11:15 a.m.
February Meeting:

**When:** Tuesday, 16 February 2016

**Topic:** "Real-time Controls Supporting Louisville MSD’s Overflow Reduction Program"

**Presenter:** Ms. Karen Scott, PE, AAE, Tetra Tech Water, Environment, and Infrastructure Group

**Location:** Mazzoli Federal Building Cafeteria, (Lower Level)
600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Louisville, Kentucky

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Varies, you may go through the Cafeteria Line or you may bring your own.

**RSVP:** Not required

*Louisville MSD entered into a Consent Decree program with EPA, requiring $850 million in system improvements designed to reduce overflows into the Ohio River and associated streams in Jefferson County. The Southern Outfall Relief In-line Storage project is just one of many underway to accomplish this goal. In addition to storage facility design and construction, the project provides the controls strategy in a Real-time Control System. Come here about this fascinating program and the innovative way that Louisville MSD is handling their long-term control strategy for the Louisville community.*

Fort Knox Field Chapter Meeting
Let’s Get Geophysical

The SAME Ft. Knox Field Chapter meets quarterly at the Saber and Quill Facility on the Ft. Knox campus. Dr. Kyle Shalek of Terracon was the technical session host on 12 November 2015 with a presentation titled “Geophysical Applications: Safely Exploring the World Beneath Our Feet”. Dr. Shalek discussed ways seismic, electrical resistivity, and electromagnetic geophysical applications complement traditional drilling and rock coring. Project examples from his past included the use of ground penetrating radar to locate karst features, lava tubes, rebar, and underground utilities to name just a few applications.
Annual Small Business Workshop A Tremendous Success

The 2016 Kentuckiana Post Small Business Workshop and Federal Forum were held January 26-27 at the Hyatt Regency Louisville Downtown. This was the first year the Workshop kicked off at noon with the Post Luncheon, awards ceremony, and installation of 2016 officers. The keynote address was delivered by Stacey Norris, Program Coordinator at the Robley Rex Veterans Administration Medical Center in Louisville. Ms. Norris is a nationally recognized subject matter expert in work restoration services for Veterans.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR’S SMALL BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS:
Excellence in A/E Services – Cornerstone Engineering, Inc.
Excellence in Construction Services – Bluegrass Contracting Corporation
Excellence in Environmental Services – HydroGeoLogic, Inc.

Distinguished speakers in the Tuesday afternoon sessions included Rick Wice of Tetra Tech who gave a large business perspective on small business partnerships; Vernice Mathis, a Business Opportunity Specialist for SBA’s Indiana District Office, talked about the 8(a) and HUBZone certification programs; Crystal May, Deputy for Small business at the USACE Louisville District, provided details on the District’s Small Business Programs; and Chris Brackett, Chief, Military/Reserve Branch in the Contracting Division at the USACE

Louisville District, offered guidance and best practices. Past small business award winners from AEC/emersion JV represented by Mike Chapman, and Protective Coatings, Inc. represented by Scott May, gave informative presentations on projects that contributed to their award selection.

Another successful Young Member event ensued at the Jim Beam Urban Stillhouse and Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant to close out the Workshop. We had a full crowd of young members and not-so-young member mentors.
Annual Small Business Workshop A Tremendous Success

Thank you to the 30 exhibitors who filled every available slot in the exhibit hall and 30 firms and organizations who participated in our Partners-in-Promotion program.

The Federal Forum part of the program kicked off on Wednesday morning as COL Christopher Beck provided a USACE Louisville District Overview, followed by presentations from Linda Murphy, Deputy District Engineer, and John Bock, Chief of Engineering. USACE Division, Branch, and Section Chiefs from Project Management, Contracting, Small Business, Engineering, Construction, and Regulatory made themselves available to answer questions one-on-one.

Congratulations to the 2015 Presidents Award Winners

Rick Storm
Richard Boston
Rick Wolf
April Vance
Tony Marconi

Annual Small Business Workshop A Tremendous Success

Installation of officers (left to right) John Allison, April Vance, Ian Mitchell, Karen Tenfelde, Marilyn Lewis, Rick Wolf, and Clay Kelly.

Newly installed President Karen Tenfelde presents Past President Ray Frye with a token of appreciation for his service.

Many thanks to Lisa Wilson-Plajer, Tammy Dean, and other volunteers who help make conference registration run so smoothly.

Keynote address “Hiring Our Heroes” delivered by Stacey Norris, Program coordinator at Robley Rex VA Medical Center in Louisville.

Networking abounds with 30 businesses setup in the exhibit hall.

Informative panel discussion from previous small business award winners.

More than 340 in attendance at the conference.
Professional Development Conference Fundraiser

The University of Louisville Engineers Without Borders Chapter is hosting a Professional Development Conference Fundraiser this spring. PDH/CEUs will be available to attendees. Additional information will be forthcoming. See Flyer at end of newsletter.

A Fresh Look For The SAME Kentuckiana Post Website

The SAME Kentuckiana Post website has recently moved to www.same.org/kentuckiana. Bookmark the new web address for future reference and check the site frequently for details on upcoming programs, other activities and events, and the bi-monthly Post newsletters.
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