Message From The Post President

First of all, let me say that I was honored and humbled to serve as the president of this historical post. In my opinion, our post and its members do some of the most important work in the world. As my year as Post President comes to a close, I want summarize some of our accomplishments and thank several well deserving individuals. This year has flown by, especially since I spent a large part of the year away from home in training and deployed to Afghanistan. Overall, the Post had a very successful year, but there are always areas where the post can improve and grow.

This year was full of great accomplishments. Even though some of our public sector partners changed the way they participated, we still started the year with a very successful Small Business Workshop. We had very informative presentations and great networking opportunities.

I look forward to seeing all of you in January 2018. Let’s just hope I don’t have to follow Heather French Henry again! This year’s monthly programs were also a huge success. All of the presentations were well-attended, relevant and high quality. In my opinion, education and training has become the signature mission of the Post. This was especially evident at this year’s scholarship luncheon. The recipients of our scholarships were absolutely amazing! I am eager to follow the professional development of these impressive individuals. I have very high expectations for every one of them. I would ask that all Post members consider attending the scholarship luncheon next year. It was absolutely the highlight of my presidency! Speaking of education and training, the Post set out to plan and execute a training session that was relevant and in demand. With all of the government medical construction planned in the Kentuckiana area, a day-long training session on medical design and construction quality management fit the bill perfectly. In all, we contributed over $39,000 of funding to various programs such as MathCounts, Louisville Regional Science Fair, Leadership PE, Governors Scholars, Winners Circle Robotics, Oldham County Education Foundation, and Carroll County Community Development.

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As with all successful organizations, there is always a core group of individuals that “make it happen”, and that is surely the case with the Post this last year. While I was able to attend almost all of the Post meetings, I spent a lot of time away. If it was not for Mr. Rick Wolf, things would have fallen apart. As First Vice President, Rick stepped in and filled the gap when I left. Rick’s passion for the Post is unwavering, and he is focused on improving the Post and ensuring that the Post is seen as the society of choice for both private sector and public sector members. Rick, thanks for all of your help and dedication! Next on my list of those to thank is Ms. Karen Tenfelde.

As the Post’s Past President, Karen offered me valuable advice and mentoring regularly. Without Karen I would have been lost on multiple occasions. Thanks Karen! Just like the five presidents before me, I want to thank Lisa Plajer-Wilson. Lisa is a wealth of knowledge on all things Kentuckiana Post. She basically runs our Small Business Workshop, helps with the golf scramble and manages the membership accounts. If you are a visitor or a new member, and you show up at a Post meeting, chances are you will be hearing from Lisa very soon thereafter. Once again, thank you Rick, Karen, and Lisa. We made a great team!

Finally, I want to discuss areas where we can improve and where we can continue the great work already started. First of all, membership levels of public sector members must increase. In order to do this, the programs and events must be tailored to excite public sector members. Training must be relevant and not redundant to training already provided to those in the public sector. Events must be convenient, affordable, and well planned. Just like concerns associated with public sector membership, there has been a decrease in young member participation in the last few years. This must be addressed immediately. The private sector must lead the way in young member participation, and the public sector young members will follow.

While I may not be president anymore, I plan to remain heavily engaged in Post activities, so please feel free to stay in touch. And always remember to keep those in our profession who may be serving in harm’s way in your thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Ian F. Mitchell, P.E., LEED AP BD+C
Post President, KP-SAME
Summary of 2017 Post Programs

This year, the Kentuckiana Post presented a broad spectrum of programs for our membership. We began the year in February by highlighting changing regulatory requirements in UFC 1-200-02 High Performance and Sustainable Buildings for Army, Air Force, and Civil Works projects. Brandon Martin, P.E., USACE Louisville District, Sustainability Point of Contact and Dijana Musaefendic, Architect, USACE Louisville District clarified the intent and application of the evolving Sustainability goals of the DoD.

In March, Ben Shinaberry of QK4 and John Corocos of Luckett and Farley teamed up to present on cutting edge surveying techniques that utilize LiDAR for surveying existing interior and exterior areas of building Architectural, Structural, and MEP systems and the resultant point cloud utilization in a BIM environment. In April, Dr. Ron Kotun of Tetra Tech gave an environmental presentation on PFC’s, PFOA’s, and environmental remediation of Aircraft Fire Fighting Foam contamination in hangars.

Following a May hiatus for our annual Student chapter meeting and scholarship presentation, the chapter started the summer of 2017 with USACE Louisville District educating and leading a June presentation by Mr. Mike Turner discussing Green River Lock and Dam #6, and then a July retrospective by outgoing Commander Col. Chris Beck, P.E, who briefed the membership on his thoughts on past efforts and future possibilities of the USACE Louisville District. Wrapping up the summer, our August presentation returned to private industry and featured Mr. Ronald Smith of Mason & Hanger with a comprehensive presentation on Indoor and Outdoor Range Design 101. In early September, we featured a presentation on Technology Driven Manufactured Construction by Ms. Toni Pahl, DIRTT Environmental Solutions.

One of the highlights of the year was an October Joint KSPE and SAME chapter meeting with nearly 100 attendees learning from Mr. Nicholas Pansic of Stantec Consulting Services in a fascinating discussion of his role and the unique Panama Canal Expansion project and its impacts on US Ports & Inland Waterways.

As for 2018, we will continue to provide diverse topics on the third Tuesday of each month. Currently, we do not have the programs for the entire year nailed down, but ideas are in the works. Two confirmed programs the membership can look forward to in 2018 include a February tour of the Oldham County Schools’ Arvin Center STEM program to see the application of chapter grant-supported equipment in use. In March we will have a discussion on Risk Management with the benefit of expertise provided by HDR.

I want to take the opportunity to thank our membership for your support of our programs by your attendance and suggestions of topics for future programs.

William Nieport
Post Program Co-Chair
Summary of 2017 Student Chapter Programs

It was very clear from the start this would be a big year at the SAME/ASCE University of Louisville Student Chapter. University of Louisville’s SAME student chapter competed in two ASCE national competitions in 2017: Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge.

Concrete Canoe

The precast construction method and high strength concrete designed by the team had a big impact on the final results. The Canoe Team placed 5th in the region, the highest since our chapter has been sending the team.

Central Ohio weather in March 2017 allowed the team to show off the latest fashions in wet suits. (from left to right: Jerimiah Parton, Marcus Pritt, Tom Jones, Racheal Bahnick, Abby Miles, Hunter Boggs)

Marcus Pritt etches “University of Louisville” into the side of the “Marker’s Ark”.

Steel Bridge

The Steel Bridge had many firsts this year as well; this was the first time the entire project was designed and built completely by students. U of L’s bridge was a very solid design that showed very little deflection; however, it was a little on the heavy side, which cost the team much needed points. After 2017’s competition, the new student group immediately started our 2018 Steel Bridge design. Improvements include reduction in weight by over 50%, quarter turn connections for faster build times, and reduced bolted connections. This design will be completely designed and built by SAME chapter students, like the 2017 bridge.

At 17’ long 3’ wide at the beam the "Markers Ark" weighted in at only 170 pounds, that’s half of the previous year’s weight.

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Community Service

In 2017, some of the students provided assistance to Salem, Indiana after the extensive flooding that took place in May. Our efforts included organization of clean-up efforts, labor in the clean-up effort, and working with local officials to start working on plans to better control the flooding this area has experienced in the last decade.

In addition to the Salem clean-up, the U of L SAME student chapter assisted in building another wheelchair access ramp for a needy family here in Louisville. Our members supplied the muscle that dug the 28 foundation post holes, and of course entertainment to the other participants.

SAME Golf Scramble

All members that attended the golf scramble this year had a great experience as SAME student chapter members shamed the generous golfers into the purchase of mulligans, as well as helped with the putting green fun. This was a great experience for all that attended, and we are looking forward to the 2018 scramble already.

Olmsted Dam

The members received an invitation from alumni Rob Bolduc with the USACE. Rob postponed a hiking trip to make sure the chapter could have this experience. After our day at this mega project, our members left excited about our career choice!

Touring this project shows just how big an impact the USACE has on the world, and the University of Louisville SAME Student Chapter would like to thank everyone who made it possible.

Thank you for your continued support! SAME/ASCE Student Chapter, University of Louisville
2017 SAME Kentuckiana Post Golf Scramble

The Kentuckiana Post had another successful golf outing again this year. Held on October the 5th at Quail Chase Golf Course, we had a wonderful fall day of golf and fellowship. This year, we were slightly down on participation, having 110 golfers on the course this year. We made up for that with a record number of sponsorship money. Overall, the event made approximately $10,500 for the Post and $900 for the U of L Student chapter. Special thanks to the golf scramble committee of Brad Selch, Jay Thomas, and Clay Bostic. Thanks to all the volunteers that help make the event possible. And as always, this event is powered by our sponsors.

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Thanks for another great year.

Aaron Cooley
Golf Scramble Co-Chair

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