As we move past the first few months of my term as President, I’m definitely looking forward to assisting with advancing some of our current initiatives forward for another great year for the Post. The first, as has been discussed a few times recently, is the upcoming SAME Centennial Celebration to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of SAME. With the Louisiana Post being one of the founding posts within the organization, we are being looked at to step up our game in 2020 to help celebrate this important milestone. With some of the initial discussions that have occurred, I’m confident we won’t disappoint. I am looking forward to learning some of the history of our Louisiana Post over the last 100 years. But as you’ve seen from past announcements and emails, we are looking for volunteers to assist in planning and putting on these future events. If you are interested in volunteering, but have not yet, we’d love to have you come be part of the Centennial Planning Committee.

The second major initiative is strengthening our Younger Member participation within the organization. For SAME, a Younger Member is defined as a member 40 years old or younger. As I mentioned at the last meeting, each Post Membership for a Sustaining Member Firm includes six individual memberships, one of which is designated specifically for a younger member. I also encourage Public Sector, Government Employees, and Uniformed Service Members to become members and be involved. In comparison to other Professional Societies out there, the dues are very affordable. Participation in Post activities are great networking opportunities and also a very easy way to get those Professional Development Hours most of us need for annual licensing renewals. We are getting a new Younger Member Committee started to further develop these opportunities for our Younger Members. I encourage our younger members to participate and hope those not so younger members (just like me) encourage the younger people in your organization to participate. Younger members are the future of our organization, and the keys to another successful 100 years!

Wishing everyone a great start to Autumn,
Troy Jeanfreau, PE
HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION

Thank you to Lowe Engineers for hosting last month’s meeting.

We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm’s experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let’s continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.
LOUISIANA POST MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019
SOCIAL – 11:30 A.M.
POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: JEFFERSON ORLEANS SOUTH
2536 EDENBORN AVE.
METAIRIE, LA 70002

GUEST SPEAKER: GARRETT GRAVES, LOUISIANA CONGRESSMAN

TOPIC: UPDATE FROM WASHINGTON

MENU: SALAD, SHRIMP CREOLE, VEGETABLE
DESSERT, ICED TEA & COFFEE

COST: $30.00 MEMBERS; $35.00 NON-MEMBERS; $5.00 STUDENTS

RESERVATIONS: FOR RESERVATIONS VIA E-MAIL:
RICHARD.C.ENTWISLE@USACE.ARMY.MIL
YOU MAY ALSO CALL RICHARD AT (504) 862-1377

OR MAIL PAYMENT TO: SAME, LOUISIANA POST
5321 TOBY LANE
KENNER, LA 70065-2345

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH

DON’T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.
Congressman Garret Graves is a Republican Member of Congress representing Louisiana’s Sixth Congressional District – 13 parishes stretching north of Baton Rouge through the Capital Region down to Louisiana’s Bayou country. Graves sits on the House Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources.

At the start of the 115th Congress, Garret was named Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, which oversees water resources development and regulatory programs administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), along with other agencies and water-related programs. As Chairman, Graves will play an expanded role in shaping legislation to limit the scope and economic damages of agency regulations, shorten the time it takes for projects to be completed and bring efficiency to how the government works.

In his position of leadership, Garret will play an important role translating the Trump Administration’s proposed Infrastructure Package into legislation in the coming years, particularly with respect to bridges, flood protection, ports, waterways and coastal restoration.

Graves, who recently finished his second year serving in the House of Representatives, has more than 20 years of experience working on energy, infrastructure, fisheries, maritime and water resources issues.

In addition to his policy expertise and years of private sector work, Graves served as Louisiana’s Chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) where he managed for the state one of America’s largest civil works programs in history and successfully streamlined government while boosting its productivity. Under Graves’ tenure, Louisiana constructed more flood protection infrastructure and restored more miles of coastline than at any other period of time in the State’s history.

Garret is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he still resides with his wife Carissa and their three children.