A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At this time each year, the Omaha Post begins putting together the next slate of Board and Committee members who will assume their positions this June. Serving on the board or committee is a great way to get the most out of your Post membership.

There are a variety of committees on which to serve, programs, membership, student mentoring, scholarships, strategic planning and more. A brief description of all the committees can be found on our website, www.sameomaha.org. Whether you like organizing, planning, or mentoring, there is a position in which you can put your skills to work.

I would especially encourage our young members to become more involved by serving on the Post committees. (SAME defines young members as those members who are age 35 years or younger) Serving on the committees gives young members the greatest opportunity to meet and network within the engineering and architecture community and to develop leadership and organizational skills.

While young members can be involved in any committee, the Young Engineers Committee is strictly for young members and allows them the flexibility to develop any activities or programs which they feel would be important or enjoyable to them. The programs can be tours of businesses and construction sites, training sessions, informational programs or fun social activities and events. This year’s members have been working to revitalize participation in Young Engineers Program which has struggled recent years. The Post would appreciate anyone who would like to serve on the Young Engineers committee and help to make it once again a vibrant part of the Omaha Post.

Anyone interested in participating on the Post Committee please contact me at (402) 346-7559 or any other Board Member.

Bill Glismann
Omaha Post President
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Student Initiative-Mentoring Program Competition
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Scott Conference Center

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

General Membership Meeting
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Clayton Anderson
NASA Astronaut
Ashland, Nebraska
Location: UNO Thompson Alumni Center

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Brook Valley School Outdoor Education Area Renovation
8:00 a.m. – Project is complete!
Location: Brook Valley School North
6960 South 110th Street

ALL NATIVE SYSTEMS RECEIVES 2007 GOVERNMENT SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Winnebago, NE – All Native Systems, Inc. has been chosen as the recipient of the United States Department of State’s 2007 Annual Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year Award. The award was presented on October 25, 2007, in Washington, D.C.

All Native Systems was nominated for the annual award by Fred Schellenberg of the American Embassy Mexico City/Narcotics Affairs Division. The nomination noted that All Native Systems had exhibited a willingness to “go the extra mile” for its clients, providing low cost solutions that met the needs of both governments, with impressive professionalism and tact. All Native Systems was also cited for its responsiveness and for providing a combination of technical expertise, on-time performance and reasonable pricing that made a lasting contribution to the projects.

“This award speaks to the quality and responsiveness of the staff and management of All Native Systems to deliver exemplary service, they have worked diligently to develop and expand opportunities for their company,” said SBA’s Nebraska District Director Leon Milobar.

All Native Systems is a subsidiary of Ho-Chunk, Inc. (HCI) (owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) is an SBA Certified 8(a) and HUBZone Company and is listed in Inc. Magazine’s Top 500 growing companies. All Native Systems has provided managed IT services, communications, network integration, operations and maintenance and professional services to the private sector and federal agencies including USSTRATCOM at Offutt Air Force Base, Department of State, Department of Interior, Bureau of Census, US Army, US Navy, and US Air Force. Established by Ho-Chunk, Inc. in 1999, Headquartered in Winnebago, Nebraska, All Native Systems also maintains offices in Bellevue, Nebraska, as well as other operations around the country. Jake Moore, Director, Business Development, is a proud member of the Omaha Chapter of SAME.
SAME Omaha Post Members Honored at E-Week Banquet

The following awards were to volunteers for their work with the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Student Mentoring Program.

Three of our Mentors were honored for their services with the Post President’s Award at the Annual E-Week Banquet on February 21, 2008. They were Anne Peterson, John Remus, and David Packard.

Bill Glismann, SAME Omaha Post President, presented each with a quartz table skeleton clock, SAME’s way to give back to them a little time in appreciation for all their volunteered time.

Anne Peterson is an Architect with HDR and started mentoring at St. Thomas Moore in 1995. She then mentored for 10 years at Marian High School. Anne also has worked on several of our committees and has been the one an only Workshop instructor for the Graphic Materials sessions since its start up in 2005. She has the distinction of having a Daughter, Stephanie, who started participating in our program as a 7th grader at St. Pius and continued through Marian High School and is now working as an architect and continues to assist us in the Workshops.

John Remus is a Civil Engineer with the USACE. He is one of our first mentors having started in 1994 and mentoring continually at St. Pius X/Leo for 12 years until job responsibilities caused him to pass the baton. John also works on several of our committees and has been a judge at our Competitions.

David Packard is an Architect with the USACE. He has mentored continually for 11 years, but has spread his talents around, mentoring at Daniel J Gross HS, Woodrow Wilson Jr. High, Bellevue West HS, Norris MS, Bryan MS, and St. Peter Claver HS. David also works on several committees and has been the Workshop lead instructor in our Model sessions since 2005.
STANLEY CONSULTANTS RECOGNIZED AS A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Stanley Consultants has been named by CE News magazine as one of the "Best Civil Engineering Firms to Work For." CE News hosts the "Best Civil Engineering Firms to Work For" competition to recognize and reward firms that have outstanding work practices. Stanley Consultants ranked second in the large firm category, and fourth overall in the nationwide competition.

This annual award is presented to the firms that rank highest in the submittal process which includes a corporate statement of qualifications, employee satisfaction survey, and personal interviews with firm members. Approximately 19,000 employees from 145 firms nationwide participated in the competition and provided feedback about how satisfied they are with their firms’ offerings.

This marks the sixth year that Stanley Consultants has entered the competition and the sixth year it placed in the top 20. In 2002, Stanley Consultants was named the nation's top firm to work for.

Stanley Consultants has long been recognized for its excellent work environment. The company has been repeatedly honored by AARP in its annual "Best Employers for Workers over 50" competition. This year AARP ranked Stanley Consultants as the country's fifth best employer for workers Over 50. In 2005, Stanley Consultants received the nation's top ranking.

Stanley Consultants provides engineering, environmental and construction services worldwide. The firm has 17 domestic and 11 international offices, and employs nearly 1,700 people worldwide.
**Brook Valley School Outdoor Education Area Renovation**

Brook Valley School began in 1996 as a one-room school located at Gifford Farm Bellevue, NE. Brook Valley is sponsored by Education Service Unit #3. Local School Districts contract with Brook Valley to provide special education services on an individual basis to its students. Tuition received from districts provides for individualized education program of each student and is used entirely to cover education expenses. The mission of Brook Valley is to provide unique and creative individual education programs for students with severe special needs in eastern Nebraska and southwest Iowa. These students with individualized special education programs have a variety of needs, including developmental and language delays, autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing difficulties, emotional regulation and behavioral problems. Fifty-one percent of the students are enrolled in federal free or reduced lunch programs. The students benefit from a low student to staff ratio.

**Brook Valley Education Area**

Brook Valley is currently located at 6960 South 110th Street. The outdoor education area is located to the west of Brook Valley School North and is connected to the west parking lot by a path bordered by (4x4) garden ties and covered with bark mulch. The path extends down a slope through a small stand of trees to a flat area between the parking lot and the creek. As you walk through the trees the path flattens out and is widened to accommodate 4 benches that is a teaching area. Unfortunately the benches have been vandalized and the area has become overgrown and underutilized.

**The Project**

The task at hand will be to refurbish the path by removing grass that has grown up around and through the ties and the mulch bed on the walking surface. Ties will be added where needed as will erosion netting on the walking surface. Steps will be built using ties in areas where the slope makes it difficult for children with motor problems to climb those slopes. Trees will be trimmed as needed, so that students can walk down the path unobstructed and 4 benches will be built and placed in the teaching area. Three new trees will be planted immediately west of the parking lots (Trees will be planted by others).

**Crew requirements and tool requirements**

- 4 people for grass clearing and tree trimming (weed whacker, loping shears, small spades)
- 4 people for Tie replacement and step construction (Drill with long bit 3/8, flat spade, saw, hammer, long nails)
- 6 people for Mulch placement (scoop shovels, racks wheel barrows)
- 4 people for Bench construction (Drill with Phillips head bit, table saw, sand paper block, screws, glue, hammers)

**Volunteers Needed!!**

Please contact Bruce Little, to sign up:

BLittle@hgl.com or 402.505.9572
HDR ACQUIRES CUMMINS & BARNARD, INC

Friday, January 11, 2008, HDR acquired Cummins & Barnard, Inc., a full service consulting engineering firm headquartered in Ann Arbor, MI. Cummins & Barnard employs 112 professionals. Going forward, Cummins & Barnard, Inc. will conduct business as HDR | Cummins & Barnard.

Founded in 1932, Cummins & Barnard, Inc. is an established, full service engineering consulting firm. It provides a full range of mechanical, electrical, instrumentation and control, civil/structural and procurement and construction management services to utility, institutional and industrial clients.

“The Cummins & Barnard team is a welcome addition to HDR,” said HDR Engineering, Inc. President George Little, P.E. “They will help us expand our power program in the United States and internationally and give us a strong operation in Michigan. We know they do outstanding work, having teamed with them on several projects. Like HDR, they have been in business for more than 75 years, providing power and energy services since their inception. Both firms have experienced strong growth and together we anticipate additional national leadership opportunities within HDR’s employee-owned culture.”

“Smaller firms have unique challenges in continuing to grow and bring service and value to our clients. We have found a unique opportunity with HDR that is right for our company and employees going forward.” said William Damon III, P.E., Cummins & Barnard chief executive officer. “We are confident that this is the right next step as we both share similar core values of honesty, integrity and accountability. Additionally we are excited about leveraging HDR’s North American client and market reach to reinforce and expand our role as a leading owner’s engineer in the power industry.”

Under the new corporate structure, Damon will be a senior vice president and director of power consulting. James Connell, P.E., Cummins & Barnard president, will be a senior vice president and director of power facilities. For more information on Cummins & Barnard, Inc., please visit their website www.cummins-barnard.com.
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DAVID (DAVE) PACKARD

Position on the SAME Board?
I am the Awards Chair and work under the Director of Readiness and Awards, John Remus. My duties include the identification and nomination of candidates for national and local/regional SAME awards.

What's your "day" job?
I am a Military Program Manager for the Northwestern Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. I manage Military Construction (MILCON) programs in support of Project Managers in the Omaha District. Our MILCON budget for 2008 is $2.8B. Most work involves upward reporting of project execution, but includes development of execution policy within the Northwestern Division.

Personal Information
Cathy Barnum and I have a blended family with 4 children aged 10, 12, 19, and 23, two in elementary school and two in college. I race mountain bikes and have ridden road bikes since college (a LONG time ago). I play squash for winter fitness and enjoy fly-fishing when I can find a good trout stream. Way too many other interests to mention.

I am also involved in the Omaha Public Schools Student Assignment Plan Advisory Committee and enjoy being involved in education for the benefit of my family and the community.

My education is in Architecture (BSAS/UNL and March/Univ of Minn) and I try to keep my hand in the profession through occasional residential design work.

How did you become involved with SAME?
I became involved in SAME after being frustrated with my profession’s organization. After a few years as an individual (non-participating except for luncheons) member, I took the plunge and have been involved in various committees (membership, E-Week, readiness, awards) ever since 1988 or so.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME?
SAME has allowed me to participate in professional development and to mingle with members of the architecture and engineering professions (and other non-engineers) throughout my career. The networking opportunities are among my favorite, and I have had the opportunity to develop long-term relationships, both professional and social, through the organization’s activities.

What project/task/endeavor have you been most excited/proud to work on in conjunction with SAME?
I have been involved in the Omaha Post’s Student Mentoring Program for the past 10 years and find real pleasure exposing young people to the profession at an early age. I have been amazed at the energy of these middle and high school students and their ability to develop strength and skills through team-building and problem-solving.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? 5 years? 15 years with SAME?
I will continue my professional development through continued affiliation and involvement with the organization and I hope to be a part of continued organizational growth/evolution through strategic planning. The Omaha Post has always been a well-recognized, highly visible, and relevant organizational element in SAME. I would like to see that tradition continue.

What are the goals you hope to accomplish during your time in your position on the board?
Recognition of the special efforts that our dedicated members demonstrate is an important part of maintaining a strong Post. I will attempt to recognize ALL such efforts by members at every level.

What benefits do you see for our community through SAME’s work?
I am impressed by the diversity of effects this organization has on local, regional, and national levels. Members of this organization participate in education (SIMP, AF/Navy/Army Construction Camps, scholarship programs at high schools and colleges/universities), social services (support of troops and their families), emergency operations (readiness plans), and the professional and business communities (Industry Day, National/Regional/Local Conferences and Meetings). I’m sure there are many that I haven’t even mentioned.

What would you say to an individual thinking about joining SAME?
This is a great organization that gives back many times the energy that it consumes. The cost of membership at any level is a GREAT bargain and the personal benefits will continue to provide an amazing return on that investment.

Any other info you wish to share.
SAME members are nice people!
CONTI ENVIRONMENTAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. CHANGES NAME TO CONTI FEDERAL SERVICES, INC.

Effective November 21, 2007 Conti Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., a division of The Conti Group, has changed its name to Conti Federal Services, Inc.

The name change was effected to better reflect Conti’s mission to support the Federal sector/customer in a broader scope of services. Environmental and civil work will continue to be our foundation, and new opportunities in support of our US Governmental customer will be pursued to allow for future expansion and growth.

The Conti Group is a dynamic and entrepreneurial business organization that is dedicated to providing their diversified customer base with unparalleled differentiation through paragon project execution through a wide range of construction and engineering services through their division of Conti Enterprises, Conti Federal Services, Conti of New York, Conti of Pennsylvania, and Sundurance Energy. The Conti Group has offices in New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and recently celebrated their 100th anniversary.

SDVOSB OUTREACH TRAINING AND INDUSTRY EXCHANGE FORUM TWO

The Society of American Military Engineers Omaha Post, the USACE Omaha District and Northwest Division Regional Business Office present the SDVOSB Outreach Training and Industry Exchange Forum Two.

The event, scheduled from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday June 24th, will include presentations by the Small Business Administration, the Veteran Administration Procurement Technical Assistance Office, and by USACE and other Agency staff detailing upcoming opportunities. A limited amount of time will be available for SDVosb firms to present a 3-minute presentation regarding their capabilities and capacities.

Registration will be available soon on the SAME Omaha Post website. www.sameomaha.org

Registration fees, including lunch:

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Please note:

The event will be held in conjunction with two other Post events:

7:30-9:00 a.m.
Installation of Omaha Post 2008-2009 Officers breakfast. Registration fee is $15/person.

and

4:00-6:00 p.m.
Special Invitation to meet the New Post President, COL David Press. Registration is limited to: attendees of the Forum, active federal government employees, and SAME Fellows and one guest. Registration Fee is $5/person.

2007/2008 STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM

by Roy Singleton

This year’s teams have made their last submittals and their written reports are due April 4th. The table below lists the participating schools and their projects. More details may be found on our web site, www.pki.nebraska.edu/simp/ under “Teams and Project Synopses”.

The student Workshop was held January 19, 2008. There were 69 students, 10 mentors, 11 teachers, and 12 instructors attending. Workshop handouts have been posted to our web site.

Our first “Thank You” Social for all our volunteers was very successful. There were about 60 of our roughly 140 volunteers who attended.

We have implemented on our web site a place to display our students’ projects that have made it into the “Real World”. At present there are 15 projects listed. Please visit the web site and click on “Embryonic Projects, Publications, and Testimonials”.

Our Keynote speaker for the April 23rd Awards Ceremony will be Nebraska Astronaut Clayton Anderson.

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HDR Acquires PHAROS Corporation

HDR, a leading architecture-engineering-consulting firm, has acquired PHAROS Corporation, a real estate and right-of-way consulting firm based in Edmonds, Washington. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Going forward, PHAROS will conduct business as HDR/PHAROS.

PHAROS employs 70 professionals and provides real estate and right-of-way services for highways, transit, railroad, airport, and utility projects throughout the United States. With offices in Washington, Texas and Oklahoma, the company has expanded using a business model of local employees who are sensitive to community issues and skilled in project management, planning, negotiations, relocations, and data management. Clients include BNSF Railway Company, state departments of transportation, Port of Seattle, Sound Transit, and Puget Sound Energy.

“We are very pleased that PHAROS decided to join HDR,” said HDR Engineering, Inc. President George Little. “Right-of-way acquisition is critical to a project’s success. We’ve enjoyed working with PHAROS on large-scale projects such as the Brightwater regional wastewater treatment system in Washington State, and are happy about the additional bench strength they bring to HDR’s right-of-way team.”

“HDR’s extensive North American reach allows PHAROS to take the next logical step in our growth plan,” said Judith Shulman, PHAROS president. “But geographic range alone wouldn’t be enough reason to join HDR. We would only consider joining a firm that shared our commitment to excellence and client service, and HDR does.”

Under the new corporate structure, Shulman will be a senior vice president and director of HDR’s right-of-way program. Jay Larson, executive vice president at PHAROS, will be a vice president.

Founded in 1989, PHAROS Corporation provides real estate consulting and right-of-way services to government, public agencies, railroads, and utility companies. It is recognized throughout the Pacific Northwest and nationally for right-of-way and project management services of the highest quality.

HDR is an employee-owned architectural, engineering and consulting firm with more than 6,500 professionals in 150 locations worldwide. All of them are committed to helping clients manage complex projects and make sound decisions. Learn more at hdrinc.com. HDR is ranked No. 19 overall in the Engineering News-Record Top 500 Design Firms for 2007, and No. 9 in both transportation and water supply.
DOUG PLACK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please help us remember Doug and continue his legacy of mentoring, assisting, and participating. Please donate to the Doug Plack Memorial scholarship by sending your check, made payable to SAME-Omaha Post, to Box 24804, Omaha, NE 68124. Please note on the memo line that the check is for the Plack Scholarship Fund. Thank you to those who have donated so far!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

If you have any articles, press releases, or information you would like published in the next issue, please send them to Christie Kampschneider at c_kampschneider@urscorp.com.