A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

It has been an honor serving as the President of the Omaha Post, Society of American Military Engineers. Our Omaha Post is blessed with highly motivated, dedicated, talented and professional people who put the needs of the country, community and others above themselves.

What a list of accomplishments! This past year, the Omaha Post increased membership, encouraged young member programs and mentoring activities to inspire students to enter the engineering and architecture fields. We jointly hosted a Regional Conference in conjunction with Industry Day and a golf outing, hosted the national Board of Directors meeting and Senior Executive Group, jointly sponsored two Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Conferences, supported community activities, published quarterly newsletters, participated in national-level training, improved our website, held numerous, informative monthly luncheons, recognized deserving members with awards, provided scholarships, earned numerous streamers, jointly sponsored Christmas care packages for civilians serving in combat zones, helped improve America’s Readiness, provided interesting and educational programs, and had lots of fun networking opportunities. What a ride!

Though my tenure as president is coming to an end, besides my new role as "Past President" next year, I will serve as "Chairman of the Membership Committee." As such, I’d like to encourage you, our members, to encourage at least one new member to join this year. SAME has so much to offer. A chance to learn and grow, get involved locally or at the regional and national levels, volunteer for a supporting or leadership position on the board, meet new people and learn about business opportunities.

It has been an honor to serve with such a great group of professionals--thank you for your service!

COL Dave Press
Omaha Post Past-President

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is an honor and privilege to serve as this year’s Omaha Post president and to have had the opportunity to work directly under COL Press over the past year. As he stated, we had a very busy and successful year and my goal is to continue this success and growth throughout the coming year.

As always, one of the key challenges we face is to sustain and grow the Post. This year poses to be especially challenging as companies tighten budgets due to the state of the economy. In order to continue our growth, we have plans in two key areas: our Young Members and our Programs.

Young members are the future of SAME and the Omaha Post and we need to recruit more young members and get them involved. We currently have a great group of active young members, being led by Cybil Boss of URS, who are planning many functions throughout the coming year that will provide both personal and professional growth. However, in order to increase our membership numbers, we need your help. Look around your organization and find a young person to mentor. Bring them to our next SAME function and encourage them to join and get involved.

Our programs will be another key focus in order to continue our Post’s success and growth. We are planning more educational functions throughout the year with more professional development hour opportunities for our members. We hope that by increasing the benefits of being a member, our membership will sustain and grow.

Of course no Post can be successful without a large group of hard working volunteers. I encourage each of you to consider your level of involvement with the Omaha Post. The value you get out of this or any organization is determined by your level of involvement in the organization.

On behalf of the entire Executive Board, we thank you for being a member and look forward to serving you for the coming year.

Mary Erwin
Omaha Post President
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Calendar of Events

Thursday, July 9, 2009
Omaha Post Young Members Meeting
4:00 pm - “LEED® Building Tour”
5:00 pm – Networking at the Slowdown
Tour Location: Carl T. Curtis Midwest Regional Headquarters of the National Park Service (601 Riverfront Drive)
Networking Location: 729 North 14th Street

Tuesday, August 4, 2009
SAME Omaha Post Industry Day
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Location: Doubletree Hotel*

Wednesday, August 5, 2009
SAME Omaha Post Golf Outing
7:00 am – Registration
8:00 am – Shotgun Start
Location: Tiburon Golf Course

Thursday, August 27, 2009
General Membership Meeting
Location: TBD

September 1 – 3, 2009
TEXOMA/Missouri River Regional
Location: Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Conference Center, Tulsa, OK

Thursday, September 3, 2009
Omaha District Change of Command
10:00 am

Colonel David C. Press will change command with Colonel Robert J. Ruch
Location: Doubletree Hotel, Grand Ballroom*

Thursday, September 10, 2009
General Membership Meeting**
Location: TBD

* Doubletree Hotel is located at 1616 Dodge Street
** Beginning in September, our General Membership meetings are moving to the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Stay tuned to the Omaha Post website for future meeting topics!
BENEFITS OF SAME MEMBERSHIP

by Colonel Press, Membership Committee Chair

Expand your professional development and personal growth toolkit
- Participate in diverse training and educational opportunities at discounted rates
- Earn continuing education credits to maintain your professional licenses

Share your experience and enthusiasm with other engineers and the community
- Participate in setting the standards for the military engineering profession
- Rebuild excitement in engineering among America’s youth through outreach programs

Direct access to Leadership in all Uniformed Services
- Interact on a personal level with the leadership of the Uniformed Services
- Gain insight on the future of the uniformed services and Joint engineering initiatives

Direct access to Engineering and Construction Industry Leadership
- Interact on a personal level with CEOs and Presidents of Engineering and Construction Firms
- Learn and discuss new technologies and lessons learned from industry front runners

Be part of a network of individuals with like interests and common threads which become part of your personal and professional family

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD

Three years ago, Mr. Bill Stutz with S&A Environmental Consultants, LLC, established a Golden Eagle award in honor of Doug Plack, the Omaha District’s former Chief of Military Programs who was killed in 2006. The award recipient will receive a statue, as well as $500 to go towards their favorite charity.

Nominations are now being accepted for this year’s recipient. The award criterion mirrors Doug’s aspects on life including:
- Dedication to God and country
- Dedication to the engineering profession (not necessarily required to be an engineer)
- Dedication to and love of family
- Strong support of community programs (church, civic functions, neighborhood activities, etc.)
- Support of youth programs (coaching Little League, etc.)
- Willingness to respond to those in need (hurricane recovery, food bank, etc.)
- Well-known in the engineering community either locally or nationally

If you know of someone in the community who is deserving of this award, whether a member of SAME or not, please contact David Packard, USACE, at 402-996-3822. or david.a.packard@usace.army.mil.
**REGISTER NOW FOR INDUSTRY DAY**

The annual Omaha Post Industry Day and Golf Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th with the golf outing following on Wednesday August 5th.

Exhibit space is going fast! If you’re interested in being an exhibitor, register soon as space is on a first-come first-served basis. As always, this will be a great opportunity to make contact with key government officials, learn of new or maintain existing teaming partners both large and small, keep in touch with fellow peers and friends in the industry, and keep abreast of federal agency opportunities.

There are also many sponsorship opportunities available at all levels so you can show your support for the Post and help make this a great event. For more information or to register, please visit our website at www.sameomaha.org.

Hope to see you at the Omaha Post Industry Day and Golf Outing on August 4th and 5th.

If you have any questions, please contact Randy Graham at 402-502-3222.

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**THREE SCHEMMER EMPLOYEES RECEIVE LEED AP**

The Schemmer Associates Inc. (Schemmer) is pleased to announce that Eric Bauer, Jason Heinze, PE, SE, and John Rickert, AIA, have received their Professional Accreditation of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). LEED is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED APs have demonstrated an expertise in, and commitment to, sustainable design and have the credentials to serve clients who pursue LEED Certification for their projects.

Bauer has over 15 years of experience in marketing development management and currently serves as the firm’s Commercial/Industrial Business Development Specialist. He received his bachelor’s degree in construction science and management from Kansas State University.

Heinze has served 11 years as a project engineer throughout Nebraska and Iowa. He received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

Rickert has more than 30 years of experience managing architectural projects including military facilities, high-rise and multifamily residential, health care, civic and governmental facilities. He received both his master’s and bachelor’s degrees in architecture from Montana State University.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NATAHKA HARTLEY

Position on the SAME Board? Duties of this position?

Chair of Scholarship Committee. As the Scholarship Chair, I oversee the selection of the two $2,000 Student Mentoring Program (SMP) Scholarships and the two $2,000 University of Nebraska Foundation scholarships in addition to selling the split kitty tickets to fund a portion of these scholarships. Next year, I will also be soliciting and selecting two candidates to participate in the SAME Engineering and Construction Camps.

What's your "day" job?

I am a Federal Group Manager for Woolpert, Inc. an A/E firm headquartered out of Dayton, OH. I am the only Woolpert employee in Nebraska and work out of my home office. My group includes approximately 35 individuals located all across the CONUS. Many of them are onsite employees at various Air Force installations.

Personal Information

I am married to John Hartley who is a Project Manager with the Rapid Response division of the Corps of Engineers, Omaha District. We have three daughters, Claire and Anna are 7 years old and Madeline is 3½. My newest hobby is yoga and my renewed hobby is reading.

How did you become involved with SAME?

I started judging at the high school level for the Student Mentoring Program Competition many years ago.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME?

I really enjoy working with the students through the SMP. I am always amazed with the excitement they have for the projects they are working on.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? 5 years? 15 years with SAME?

I am looking forward to continuing to learn more about the SMP and supporting it in whatever means necessary.

What are the goals you hope to accomplish during your time in your position on the board?

Continue to publicize the scholarships and camps that we have to offer to get an increased number of students interested in the A/E field.

What benefits do you see for our community through SAME’s work?

I think SAME has the possibility to influence our youth to pursue careers in architecture or engineering.

What would you say to an individual thinking about joining SAME?

It is a fun organization with many dedicated volunteers who are enjoyable to work with.
WOOLPERT RECEIVES TWO AIR FORCE DESIGN AWARDS

Woolpert, a nationally ranked planning, design and engineering firm, recently received two United States Air Force (USAF) Design Awards. The awards recognize excellence in design for Air Force installations.

Woolpert received two Citation Awards in the Planning Studies and Design Guides category for the firm’s outstanding planning efforts. Woolpert worked with Hurlburt Field, Fla., to develop a sub-area development plan for the base’s town center and Cannon Air Force Base (AFB), N.M., to develop a sub-area development plan for the base’s community center.

“Woolpert has a longstanding history of providing military clients with exceptional planning services,” said Dave Rickard, Woolpert vice president and director of planning and design. “Receiving these awards exemplifies our commitment to developing plans that are creative and implementable, and serve as a foundation to help installations achieve their missions.”

Woolpert developed the sub-area plans by applying planning principles common in traditional urban town centers, a new concept for military installations. The town center for Hurlburt is intended to be a distinctive, pedestrian-oriented district that combines mixed usage with urban characteristics to offer a strong sense of community to those who live on base. Similarly, the planning concept for Cannon is intended to create a high-density center of residential and retail activity at the installation.

Since 1976, the USAF has been recognizing design excellence in Air Force planning and design through the United States Air Force Design Award program. This year, a total of 89 entries were submitted and of those entries, 19 were honored.

LAND PLANNER MATTHEW GABER JOINS LAMP RYNEARSON

Joining Lamp, Rynearson & Associates as Manager of Land Planning is Matthew Gaber. Matthew is a planner with a global perspective and expertise in urban design, master planning, code compliance, construction documentation and administration. Known for bold design that is sensitive to context and environmental sustainability, Matthew specializes in sites with unique environmental and cultural constraints. He is an expert at building consensus between private owners and public agencies.

Matthew has 20 years of experience providing site planning through construction administration for developers, public agencies, engineers, and residential clients. He has his B.A. in Landscape Architecture from UC Berkeley and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Matthew is a licensed Landscape Architect in the state of California, with his Nebraska license pending.
STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM
by Roy Singleton

The Student Mentoring Program sponsored by the Omaha Post of the Society of American Military Engineers and the Peter Kiewit Institute culminated its fifteenth year, April 28, 2009, with a day of Competition and an Awards Ceremony at the Scott Conference Center. This year, 11 middle and 12 high schools from the area participated in the program supporting a total of 31 teams comprising 345 students.

Team 2 from Omaha North High School was the winner in the High School Division; receiving $1,000, a Chrystal Trophy, and a $1,000 scholarship. The Middle School Division winner was Team 2 from McMillan Magnet also winning $1,000 and a Chrystal Trophy.

Ten Awards of Distinction worth $250 each along with Chrystal Trophies were presented to Bennington Junior High, Beveridge Middle Team 2, Marrs Middle, McMillan Magnet Team 1, Westside Middle, Bennington High, Central High, Daniel J. Gross High, Mt. Michael Team 1, North High Team 3

Twenty two of the 31 teams also were awarded Merit medallions for high levels of achievement in the five categories; Applied Science, Innovation, Research, Sustainability, Teamwork, and Technology. Each team has the potential to win up to six medallions, silver or gold, depending upon their level of achievement. The medallions are etched into the plaques each team receives for participating.

The Student Mentoring Program (SMP) is designed to stimulate Secondary School students' interest and excitement in engineering, architecture, and related sciences. SMP is a critical thinking, problem solving program that engages students to solve real world problems in the community. The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and the Peter Kiewit Institute (PKI) support teachers and students in this program with mentors from the engineering/architectural fields, guidelines, teacher/student workshops, and the structure that provides an authentic audience for the demonstration of the student solutions. The use of engineering skills that teach team work, sustainable design, presentation skills, use of graphic materials, model development, cost estimating, and creative, persuasive and technical writing, are supported within the SMP experience.

We wish to thank all the mentors, teachers, students, sponsors, judges, and other volunteers who over the past 15 years have made this program possible. Over 4,000 students have participated in the program since that first school year of 1994-1995.

Through the efforts of many, the Student Mentoring Program has had a positive impact on students, educators, and professionals throughout the Omaha metropolitan community. Many of the students continue on to college and into engineering and architectural careers. Several of their proposals have been embryonic seeds which have lead to “real-world” projects being considered or built.

Photos, videos, and additional information may be found at www.pki.nebraska.edu/simp
SCHEMMER CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY (1959 TO 2009)

The Schemmer Associates Inc. (Schemmer) is proud to announce that it is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and plans to host several employee and client events throughout 2009 to mark this significant milestone.

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2009, Schemmer is a full-service, multidiscipline architectural, engineering and planning firm focused on meeting clients’ diverse needs. Headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, Schemmer has regional offices in Lincoln, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

TWO SCHEMMER EMPLOYEES RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING LICENSES

Schemmer is pleased to announce that James P. Harding, P.E., and Adam W. Sleeper, P.E., have received their Nebraska Professional Engineering licenses.

Harding, a U.S. Navy veteran, serves as an assistant project manager. He received a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Sleeper currently serves as a civil engineer working on transportation engineering. He received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Colorado State University.

JEFF WAGEMAN ELECTED TO SCHEMMER’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Schemmer is pleased to announce that Jeff Wageman has been elected to its board of directors by Schemmer shareholders. Wageman serves as the Chief Financial Officer for the firm and is responsible for the operation, coordination and direction of the company’s financial activities, including all aspects of Schemmer’s accounting system. He has 20 years of experience in financial systems, business processes and project management.
SAME OMAHA POST AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The SAME, Omaha Post awarded two $2,000 scholarships to seniors in the Student Mentoring Program (SMP) who were nominated by a Student Mentoring Team Teacher, were anticipating entering an engineering/architectural program or related field at an accredited university/college, and had a minimum 3.0 GPA. The awardees were Caleb Peterson and Christian Ernst.

Mr. Peterson is a senior at Omaha North High School and will be attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in the fall pursuing a degree in Civil or Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Ernst is a senior at Papillion La-Vista South High School and will be attending Iowa State University in the fall pursuing a degree in Aerospace Engineering.

The SAME, Omaha Post Scholarship Committee has also re-established an agreement with the University of Nebraska Foundation to sponsor two $2,000 scholarships for qualified sophomores, juniors, or seniors at the UNO/PKI or UNL engineering campuses. We are currently looking for applicants for these scholarships for the Fall 2009 semester. You can find out more information on how to apply for this scholarship at www.pki.nebraska.edu/studentinfo/financialaid.php.

For any additional information on either of these scholarships please contact Natasha Hartley at natasha.hartley@woolpert.com.
LAMP RYNEARSON CREATES SUSTAINABLE RAIN GARDEN ON OFFICE GROUNDS

Lamp Rynearson employees decided to make a difference in their own “backyard”. Behind the Lamp Rynearson office building located on 147th and West Dodge Road, employees met over the weekend to create a rain garden. Lamp Rynearson has both civil engineers and landscape designers on staff who planned and designed the project. Twenty employees worked throughout the weekend to move dirt, lay pipe, improve soil, and plant drought-resistant plants.

A rain garden is created by adapting a landscape to capture and infiltrate storm water during minor rain storm events, thereby improving water quality. The area is planted with native grasses and flowers that tolerate wet and dry conditions. Dirt, oil, and trash that runs off the parking lot, as well as excess nutrients and herbicides from lawn care, are filtered through plants and soil. Plant uptake and microbial activity also help reduce pollutants. The result is cleaner water and reduced irrigation needs.

This demonstration project by Lamp Rynearson employees was in response to a recent City of Omaha ordinance which addresses Post-Construction Stormwater Management. This ordinance requires water quality treatment to be provided for the first ½ inch of storm runoff. A rain garden or bioretention basin is one way to meet those requirements. If properly sited and designed, rain garden standing water will disappear in less than 36 hours. This project was a hands-on experience for Lamp Rynearson employees, a sample exhibit for clients, and a way to make a sustainable improvement to an office site.

Lamp Rynearson is focused on sustainable design. The firm’s goal is to put into action useful, sustainable elements in land planning, landscape architecture and civil engineering, as well as in its own day-to-day office environment. “Green” efforts within and outside the office include recycling of paper, aluminum and plastics used in the workplace, planting of an office community garden, participation in the Metro Rideshare and Bike/Walk to Work programs, and volunteerism on the boards of Omaha area organizations which work toward sustainable efforts.

Lamp Rynearson’s President, Mike McMeekin, serves on Omaha by Design’s Advisory Board and is a co-chair for Environment Omaha, a focus of Omaha by Design working towards a common environmental vision for Omaha. Dave Lampe, Sustainable Design Specialist for Lamp Rynearson, serves as co-chair of the Green Education Council for the Green Omaha Coalition, and is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council.

Plants include native and non-native grasses and flowers. These plants tolerate a variety of conditions within the drainage area and typically require less water than traditional landscape plantings. The plants are surrounded by mats of soil, which helps to create a more natural environment for plants and animals, and some of the contaminated areas. As they develop, the plants create a more natural garden or garden in particular will allow for better infiltration of stormwater to further assist with treatment.

Contaminants from the parking lot and access nutrients from the adjacent lawn are channeled to the series of these rain gardens (or bioretention basins). The basins are designed and to allow infiltrate the soil and wash down the bioretention basin into the ground for a period of time when the water is later generated again. The basin allows for rainwater getting into the storm sewer system. Treatment occurs within the plant community and vegetation above the soil and root zone due to microbial activity, and by filtration through natural soils and soil that have been amended with sand and compost. The result is improved stormwater quality and less stormwater runoff.
2009-2010 Omaha Post Officers

Officers for the 2009-2010 Omaha Post Board were sworn in during our General Membership luncheon on June 25, 2009. Mr. Jerry Adams, RVP-Missouri River Region, inducted the officers.

President: Mary Erwin, HDR
1st Vice President: Gary Krupa, VA
Secretary: Machelle Krajewski, HDR
Treasurer: Paula Wells, Gonzalez
Vice President for Industry Day: Randy Graham, PBS&J
VP for Student Mentoring: Anne Peterson, HDR
VP for Membership: John Remus, USACE
Director for Young Members: Cybil Boss, URS
Director for Communications: Christie Kampschneider, URS
Director for Awards/Recognition: Dave Packard, USACE
Past President: COL David Press, USACE

Young Members

by Cybil Boss

Ten Omaha Post Young Members met with Mr. Roger Wozny, P.E., FSAME, LEED® AP, on April 1, 2009. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the SAME mission and values as well as business etiquette.

Mr. Wozny shared with the group his personal journey of SAME membership, which started in 1974 and included a term as the National President. The group learned that SAME was founded in 1920 and continues to serve as the premier resource for public/private partnerships. Mr. Wozny also discussed the Student Initiative Mentoring Program, one of SAME’s prominent outreach programs.

A guide to business etiquette and meeting protocol for the Omaha Post Young Professionals, kindly prepared by Mr. Wozny, was distributed to attendees. Discussion topics included professional dress (including what not to wear), how to properly shake someone’s hand, email and correspondence etiquette, and networking tips. Did you know that name tags should be worn on the right lapel so it’s in the line of sight when shaking hands?

Many thanks to Mr. Wozny for his time and candid discussion.
HDR ACQUIRES e2M ENGINEERING FIRM TO STRENGTHEN FEDERAL PRESENCE

Leading architectural, engineering consulting firm HDR has acquired engineering-environmental Management, Inc. (e2M), an environmental sciences and engineering firm with headquarters in Denver. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Going forward, e2M will conduct business as HDR | e2M.

Founded in Denver in 1989, e2M employs more than 366 environmental professionals and engineers in 14 offices in the United States, Guam, and Kuwait. e2M specializes in environmental compliance, conservation and planning, restoration, engineering and information technology services to public and private sectors, with more than 90 percent of its clients representing the federal government.

“As part of HDR’s strategic plan, we wanted to expand our federal program, and e2M will be a tremendous asset in that effort,” said George A. Little, P.E., HDR Engineering, Inc. president. “Their services complement ours well, and our combined strengths create a powerhouse resource for federal clients. We are very pleased that the e2M professionals thought HDR was the best fit for them.”

“We look forward to helping HDR grow its federal program, and are excited about the increased ownership and professional development opportunities made possible for our employees,” said Michael A. Cassio, P.G., e2M president and chief executive officer. “This opportunity was only possible because our cultures are already closely aligned. Both companies share good reputations, excellent management teams and a stated commitment to doing the right thing for clients. Joining HDR was the right move for e2M.”

Under the new corporate structure, Cassio will be a senior vice president reporting to Elwin Larson, P.E., executive vice president and director of HDR’s Environmental and Resource Management group. The other e2M partners, executive vice president Neil E. Botts, RPG., and senior vice presidents Brian K. Hoppy, Allan J. Priest, REM, and Glen R. Turney, P.E., will all be senior vice presidents with HDR and will report to Michael Cassio.
WOOLPERT RECEIVES ACEC NATIONAL FINALIST EXCELLENCE AWARD RECOGNITION

Woolpert, a nationally ranked geospatial, design and engineering firm, recently achieved Nationalist Finalist status in the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) 2009 Engineering Excellence Awards competition.

Woolpert was selected as a national finalist for the firm’s involvement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to develop airport survey/GIS standards. The new CADD and GIS standards for airport data will provide the FAA with the ability to use the existing data to support other project or programs rather than re-collecting or re-creating the data. The program will leverage these geospatial datasets to improve and enhance airport safety and security through improved situational awareness in the airspace and within airside operations, thereby supporting the FAA’s NextGen Air Traffic program.

“Woolpert is very proud to be recognized by such a prestigious professional organization as ACEC,” said Tom Mochtly, Woolpert senior vice president. “This recognition exemplifies our commitment to working with the FAA as well as other organizations to provide a high level of excellence and expertise in the geospatial sciences sector.”

The new standards will improve uniformity so that any set of plans or airport data will be stored in a central repository maintained by the FAA, which will allow the FAA to share data across organizations as well as airports for repeat use. Collaborative data collection efforts and the ability to share that information will result in faster delivery of design and construction processes and a reduced duplication of data collection efforts, ultimately saving airports time and money.

ACEC’s council membership is comprised of more than 5,500 council member firms. These firms employ hundreds of thousands of engineers, architects, land surveyors, scientists, and other specialists, responsible for more than $200 billion of private and public works annually.

BAY WEST, INC. ANNOUNCES OPENING OF DULUTH OFFICE

Bay West, Inc., an environmental and industrial services company, today announced that it has opened an office in Duluth, MN. The office is managed by Greg Prom, CHMM, Project Manager, who brings 14 years of experience in the environmental industry. Mr. Prom will be working with Government, municipal, and commercial customers throughout northern Minnesota and western Wisconsin to provide environmental investigation and remediation services.

Bay West is very familiar with the Duluth area, having been founded there in 1974. During the 1980’s, Bay West consolidated into a new facility in the Twin Cities, and continued to build its customer-base throughout the State. “A Duluth office is an integral part of Bay West’s growth plan and our desire to be more accessible to our northern Minnesota and western Wisconsin customers,” said Bryan Murdock, Environmental and Industrial Services Manager.
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**New Individual Members**
- John Krager, Kirkham Michael
- Mark Wagner, Artemis Incorporated
- CPT Cory Hinrichs
- Kyle Powers, UNL
- Janet Doan
- Louis Uptmor

**New Sustaining Member Firms**
- Tidewater, Inc.
- Metropolitan Community College
- Ayars & Ayars

**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**

The Omaha Post is currently accepting press releases, members in the news, job opportunities, etc. for our Summer 2009 newsletter. Please email your articles by June 12, 2009, to Christie Kampschneider at c_kampschneider@urscorp.com.