President’s Corner

Greetings Portland Post Team!

Last month we had a very interesting speaker, Rachel Lanigan, P.E., with RH2 Engineers who presented “ShakeAlert” an earthquake early warning system being developed by USGS along with a coalition of State and university partners. It was fascinating to hear about the technology and politics involved in earthquake early warning systems. On December 4th, we anticipate a big turnout for the US EPA who will be updating us on the Portland Harbor Superfund Site Cleanup. Please register early, as I’d hate for you to miss this hot topic!

Spotlight speakers wanted – Is your firm a sustaining member of SAME? Do you want a chance to present your capabilities to a room full of potential clients? Can you remember to bring two gift cards? Then we are looking for you – we are filling out spotlight presentation spots for the rest of the 2020 program. The spotlight speaker starts our luncheon program with a 5-10 minute capabilities presentation.

The holidays are around the corner and this time of year makes me reflect on the things that I am thankful for… When it comes to SAME, I am most thankful for the amazing, talented, and dedicated board members that I serve with. The Post Board of Direction is a 100% volunteer organization. Each board member contributes a significant amount of time outside of their work and personal life to help deliver the high quality programs you all enjoy, engage student involvement, support E-week, and raise money for the scholarship fund. Thank you Board of Direction for all that you do.

Save the date reminder II – What: Meet the Chiefs Where: Murano Hotel, Tacoma When: June 16, 2020.

Thank you all for your continued support to the Post.

Thanks!

Terry Hosaka, PMP
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Next Post Event – SAME Presentation: Moving Forward to Cleanup- An Update on the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Date: Wednesday, Dec 4, 2019
Time: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Cost: Retired Members ($25.00) Public Agency Members ($25.00) Private Consultant-Sustaining Member ($30.00) Non-Member ($35.00) PREPAYMENT RQD
Location: Sentinel Hotel, 614 S.W. 11th Avenue, 2nd floor
Presenter: Mr. Hunter Young, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
RSVP By: Nov 27, 2019 at SAME.PDX.RSVP@gmail.com, or call 503-643-8710 to confirm and prepay with credit card. Do Not respond to this email. To ensure your RSVP is received, please use same.pdx.rsvp@gmail.com
Dec 2019 - Moving Forward to Cleanup-An Update on the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Speaker Hunter Young, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Young is a remedial project manager and Environmental Engineer at EPA Region 10. Mr. Young graduated from the Ohio State University with a B.S. in Ecological Engineering. He has spent the majority of his career managing environmental investigations, feasibility studies, remedial design and remedial actions with EPA Region 10 in Portland and previously with EPA Region 2 in New York City. Hunter implements agency decisions, guidance, laws, and regulation and policy development as part of his work. During the early part of his career, Mr. Young spent time in the NPDES program at Ohio EPA and compiled hydrologic field data in remote areas of southern Utah with the US Forest Service. Most recently, Mr. Young has been focusing many efforts in the Portland Harbor cleanup site, including permit coordination, source control, and guidance development.

Abstract: “Moving Forward to Cleanup- An Update on the Portland Harbor Superfund Site”

In January 2017, EPA issued the Record of Decision describing the selected remedy for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. EPA’s goal is to proceed with cleanup as expeditiously as possible, while working with Oregon DEQ to ensure upland sources of contamination are controlled such that in-water design and construction sequencing can proceed. Mr. Hunter Young from EPA will provide an update on how the agencies and potentially responsible parties are moving forward with the cleanup, the next steps for the project in the near future, and lessons learned thus far in the cleanup process in the Harbor.

Dec 2019 Spotlight Sprung

Mr. Silvahn Kennedy, Sprung

Sprung designs and builds high-performance tension fabric buildings that take only days to customize and weeks to build. The company has been in business for over 120 years and offers a patented fabric membrane technology.

Luncheon Date Changes in 2020

NOTICE:

THE JAN 2020 PORTLAND SAME LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2020

- Moved from Jan 1, 2020 for obvious reasons!

THE FEB 2020 PORTLAND SAME LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2020

- Moved due to venue availability
Speaker Mike Rigsby, Senior Vice President and Principal Project Manager, WSP

Mike Rigsby is a Senior Vice President and Principal Project Manager with WSP with over 40 years of experience in leadership and management positions of increasing responsibility. He has an outstanding record of success in program management, project management, and environmental stewardship. Mike's education includes a BS Degree in General Engineering from the US Military Academy, an MS Degree in Operations Research from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an MA Degree in International Relations from Salve Regina College. He is also a graduate of the prestigious US Naval Command & Staff College and the US Army War College and is a registered Professional Engineer in the US states of Virginia and Washington. Most recently, Mike has served as the Deputy Program Administrator for WSDOT’s Puget Sound Gateway Program which comprises the SR 167 and SR 509 Completion Projects with an estimated construction value of $2 billion. As the Program Management Consultant for the Gateway Program, WSP is responsible for providing strategic advice and direction on all aspects of Program Delivery including engineering, environmental, transportation planning, financing, and public communications, and program controls. Mike currently lives in Edmonds, WA, where he enjoys traveling, professional reading, hiking and snowshoeing in the Cascades, and spending time with his two grandchildren.

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Post Presentations Coming in 2020:

Jan 8, 2020 (Note Date Change) – Alaskan Way Via Duct
- Presented by: Col Michael Rigsby

Feb 11, 2020 (Note Date Change) Burnside Bridge Resiliency

Feb 20, 2020 Engineer Week

Mar 4, 2020 Klamath River Dam Restoration
- Presented by: Terry Hosaka

Apr 1, 2020 The Changing Energy Market
- Presented by: TBD

May 6, 2020 VA Hospital Seismic Retrofit
- Presented by: Karl Sonnenberg, ZGF

Jun 16, 2020 MTC (PDX, SEA, TAC), Murano Hotel, Tacoma, WA

Aug (TBD) 2020 Portland SAME Golf Tournament
**Portland SAME Volunteer Opportunities**

Did you know that the Society of American Military Engineers is turning 100? It is! THE SAME Centennial Celebration will begin on January 2020 - and the Portland Post would like to celebrate this special occasion. Do you have some time and interest in joining our Portland Post Centennial Planning subcommittee? We are asking for a few good volunteers to help us come up with recommendations for special events that highlight the culture of the Portland Post and will identify the contribution our local professionals have made to our community and to the engineering profession. More information about the SAME Centennial is available at the following link: https://www.same.org/sc100

Once established, the subcommittee will meet once per month (location and time TBD by subcommittee) between October 2019 and February 2020. Please contact Heidi Nelson if you would like to volunteer or if you have any additional questions about the Centennial Planning. Heidi can be reached by phone directly at (503) 229-6802 or email at nelson.heidi@deq.state.or.us

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**Jun 16, 2020 Meet the Chief’s Combined Event (Hold the Date)**

The Portland, Seattle, and Tacoma SAME Posts are planning to join forces in 2020 to host a combined Meet the Chief’s event in Tacoma on Jun 16, 2020. Please **save the date** in your calendars as we move forward with planning this “super” event.

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