Seattle Post Board Minutes

Thursday, March 01, 2018, 7:30 AM  
Puget Sound Plaza, 15th floor Conference Rm, 1325 4th Ave (4th and Union), Seattle

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Welcome and Announcements
- Call-ins
- Declare Quorum - declared
- Approve March Agenda - approved
- Approve February Minutes - postponed to April
- 2017 Streamer Submittal Discussion up first.
  - Need a young member to attend JETC, Dave Walt and Julie Erikson?
  - How do we satisfy streamer criteria for supporting SAME foundation?
  - Should we invest post fund in SAME foundation?
  - How do we meet credentialing streamer criteria? Maybe use CMA credentialing?
  - Larry suggested agenda item for streamer criteria updates up front, Terry to make checklist

Program Updates by Committee Chairs (action items only)

VETERAN ASSISTANCE (L. David Tyner, III)
- David proposes Oct 26th for 2nd annual vets event, same location, approved
- Reworking vets page on the Seattle post site.

PROGRAMS (Nick Vlahovich)
- June 19th MTC
- Looking at Bay Area VA to speak at MTC
- Registration May 1st
- Format will change
- October 12th Projects of Excellence
- Holiday Social alternate venues (less formal, brewpubs and such)
- Jim to get a list of Young Members.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Wendy Oresik)
- Need a person to back up Wendy on PDH registrations.
- Wendy to e-mail Larry about getting a backup.

PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE (CAPT John Hickey)
- Need to really promote Projects of excellence
- MOTION - Third category for non-design submissions - APPROVED

TREASURER (Ralph Field [interim])
- Treasurer’s report coming in the next two days.
- Feedback on annual report due 3/2.
• Bizhan to coordinate with Ralph on annual report.
• Ralph to coordinate bill payment with Steve.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (Scott Blount)
• No update.

NEW AND SUSTAINER MEMBERSHIP (Jim Shellooe)
• Report given.

YOUNG MEMBERS (David Walt)
• April 21st, technobowl, need volunteers, need sustainer firms.
• May evening happy hour. Careful on conflict with JETC.

COMMUNICATIONS (Melissa Grasso)
• No update.

SCHOLARSHIPS (John Souza)
• John to get reminder out for application deadline.
• John to attend next luncheon.

NOMINATIONS (Larry Toimil)

GOLF TOURNAMENT (Monica Manthey)
• No update.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Andrew & Matt)
• No update.

STRATEGIC PLANNING (CDR Terry McCann)
Overall, I think the Post’s accomplishments for 2017 are quite impressive. Attached is the Major Event Calendar that we submitted as an appendix with each Streamer.

Here are some thoughts regarding the challenges the Post faced this year in meeting various streamer criteria.

Leadership and Mentoring

• **Required** -- Send a Post Board member (any board member – young member, NCO, etc.) to a Post Leaders Workshop annually and subsequently employ the knowledge gained to enhance Post level volunteer management. (train the trainer program, etc.). We met this criterion for 2017, but it is always a challenge and something we need to plan for in the August and January timeframes.

• **Required** -- Grow Post member active participation by taking advantage of opportunities offered through the SAME Best Practice System, Committees & Councils and member initiatives as a means of getting members engaged in activities that will engender their commitment. Here is what we submitted; believe we could do better:
The Seattle Post continues to actively review opportunities and lessons learned through the SAME Best Practices System in order to further encourage active participation in Post activities. Directors and Committee chairs periodically review and discuss initiatives to facilitate and encourage Post involvement. And, as noted above relative to the response to #1, the Seattle Post sent a key Board member to the Post Leaders Workshop last year to further enhance Post level volunteerism.

- **Desired** -- Post provides funding for one or more NCOs or YMs to attend the annual JETC or other education or training event hosted by a Post or other professional association. We clearly did not meet this criterion; this is all we could muster as a response:
  
  In 2017, the Seattle Post budgeted for several Young Members to attend the JETC or a SAME Regional Conference. Due to work/school conflicts, none were able to attend. The Post, however, did send a Board member, Kathryn Bost, to the Post Leaders Workshop in Florida.

**Relationship**

- **Desired** -- Support national SAME events (DoD, JETC, SBC, Facilities Management Workshop) through post member participation, program contributions, or other support that furthers the objectives of those events. Here is what we submitted; believe we could do better:
  
  As in previous years, the Seattle Post in 2017 continued to actively support national SAME events -- including JETC, SBC, Facilities Management Workshops, as well as the Post Leaders Workshop. This includes representation by members of Sustaining firms, as well as Individual members; typically, a minimum of 8-10 members participate in each event. For JETC, John Hickey (Sustaining Member, Chair of a key committee, and RVP) was a presenter. The Post also sponsored a Board member to attend the Post Leaders Workshop.

- **Desired** -- Enhance SAME’s brand (internal and external awareness) by promoting Post and member accomplishments by submitting information to SAME National and through other means (all forms of media, recognition programs, etc.) We met this criterion for 2017, but it is always a challenge and something we need to plan for.

**Professional Development and Growth**

- **Desired** -- Support the development of the SAME Foundation in coordination with the SAME National Office. Assist the Foundation, in coordination with SAME National and the Foundation Board, consistent with the intent of post level use of Foundation resources and capabilities. Not at all certain we effectively met this criterion; here is our response:
  
  In 2017, a Seattle Post Board member – Kathryn Bost - attended the Post Leadership Conference and obtained details concerning the SAME Foundation and its relationship with the SAME National Office. The Seattle Post President – Steve Woolery and the Northwest Regional Vice President – John Hickey – continue to disseminate Foundation-related information to Post members.

  Nearly 20 yrs. ago, the Seattle Post established the Puget Sound Engineering & Science Scholarship – a non-profit organization responsible for managing investments that provide funds for the Post’s scholarships.

- **Desired** -- Offer a Post program to support credentialing; must be met by something other than PDHs given at regular meetings. We met this criterion, but it always seems to be a challenge. Wendy’s credentialing prior to the Sustainability Conf. saved the day.
• **Desired** -- Actively mentor and support a SAME College Student Chapter. We clearly did not meet this criterion; here is our response:

The Seattle Post has in the past mentored and supported SAME Student Chapters at the University of Washington and at Seattle University. Currently the Post has no Student Chapter at either institution. The Seattle Post Young Member Vice President - **David Walt** – indicates that there is interest in re-establishing a Student Chapter and he is working aggressively with students to make this happen.

**FIELD TRIPS** (Evan Lakin)
- No update.

**SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE** (Julie Erickson)
- No update.

**ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** (Wendy Oresik)
- March 2019 next event.

**STEM** (Mary Ann Carlson)
- No update.

**PUGET SOUND ENGINEERING COUNCIL (TBD)**
- Good showing at PSEC engineering fair. Thanks to volunteers.

**OTHER**
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**CLOSE BOARD MEETING** – In Attendance

Steve Woolery
Kevin Stoll
David Walt
Bizhan Hooman
CDR (Ret.) Ralph Field
CDR Manny Bautista, CEC, USN (Ret.)
Bob Galteland
Mark Ohlstrom
CAPT(ret) John Hickey
John Souza
Larry Toimil
Nick Vlahovich
L. David Tyner, III
CDR Terry McCann, (Ret.)
Jim Shellooe