Seattle Post Board – December Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 8:10 AM
1111 3rd Avenue (3rd & Seneca), Seattle, 16th floor AECOM reception
Dial-in 866.583.7984  -  Conference code 4479740

Welcome and Announcements
1. Call-ins
2. Quorum declared
3. Approved December Agenda
4. Approved November Minutes
5. Announcements:
   a. Combined Post Meet The Chiefs Event: Dave Newkirk, Regional Vice President, will meet in January with Nick Vlahovich and the Posts’ Programs Committees to discuss combining the Seattle and Tacoma Posts’ Meet The Chiefs event in 2020. A survey will be sent out to both Posts to get feedback.
   b. Sponsorship Program: Larry Toimil presented a final draft of the proposed 2019 Annual Sponsorship Program. Goal is to email it soon to all Post members for consideration in their firms’ annual budgeting process, and increase sales of SAME sponsorship packages. There are three levels of sponsorship (Silver, Gold, and Platinum) with increasing benefits at each level. Larry T. will work with Melissa Grasso to finalize the document and schedule an email blast.
   c. Committee Budgets for 2019: Julie Erickson requested committees send their budgets to Kevin Fagot by December 15th. Budgets will be approved at the January 3rd Board Meeting.
   d. Holiday Social: A reminder that the Holiday Social event is taking place this evening (December 5th) at Elysian Fields Brewery. Encourage young members to attend.

Program Updates by Committee Chairs

KITSAP CHAPTER (Mark Swink)
1. No update. Julie E. and Manny B. are planning to meet.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE (L. David Tyner, III)
Not in attendance.

PROGRAMS (Nick Vlahovich)
1. Registrations for the January 2019 Meet The Agencies event are increasing. Let Nick know if you didn’t receive an announcement.
2. The Holiday Social is tonight (December 5, 2018). There are more than 50 registrations, and we have three sponsors. The Marine Corps and Toys for Tots toy drive will be there.
3. Planning to have JBLM and Army Corps as presenters at a future program in 2019.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Wendy Oresik)
1. Sustainability Forum: Wendy reviewed past registrations to plan for the upcoming 2019 event. Due to increase costs, registration fees will increase for 2019. The goal of the event is to provide a technical training program for attendees and break even with costs and fees.
2. There will not be a training session this year the day before the Forum.
3. Will try to increase the number of sponsors.

PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE (CPT John Hickey)
1. The event had a typical turnout of about 90-100 attendees. $1500 was raised for the scholarship fund.
2. There were five nominations in the Consulting Firm category, and four in Small Business category. There were no nominations in the Large Business category.
3. John H. will buy a third trophy for the Consulting category for next year.
4. The next event is scheduled for the second Friday in October 2019.

TREASURER (Kevin Fagot)
1. Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board.
2. Need to renew Constant Contact membership.
3. Need to send proceeds to the Tacoma Post for their share of the Meet the Agencies and Projects of Excellence events.

MEMBERSHIP – CURRENT (Scott Blount)
1. Membership Report emailed to the Board. Scott not in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP - NEW AND SUSTAINER (Jim Shellooe)
1. No update.

YOUNG MEMBERS (David Walt)
1. YM Committee Chair Dave Walt is hosting members of the Student Chapter today, December 5th, for lunch at Monsoon Industries and a tour of a circuit board manufacturing plant.
2. If anyone has any interesting field trip ideas, let Sam or Dave know for 2019.
3. The next meeting of the UW Student Chapter is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, at 5:00 pm. The Chapter is inviting Seattle Post President Julie Erickson and past UW Student Chapter Presidents Ray Spees and Dave Walt to attend. All SAME members are also invited to attend, especially if they are interested in mentoring/sponsoring students for scholarships. $300 is requested from the YM budget to provide dinner at the January meeting.
4. The YM Committee is looking forward to the SAME Seattle Post Sustainability Training Forum at the UW HUB on March 28, 2019, and TechnoBowl in April 2019.
5. Goal is to have meetings every month, and events with the Post every quarter.
6. Wendy O. would like to attend the February meeting to request volunteers for the March Sustainability Event at the UW.

COMMUNICATIONS (Melissa Grasso)
Not in attendance. Send her any updates needed.

SCHOLARSHIPS (John Souza)
1. John S. is waiting for approval by the Board at its January 3rd meeting to finalize the number and of type scholarships that will be offered in 2019.
2. Several sustaining firms have stepped up to provide scholarships.
3. Some scholarships are being directed toward students already in college who have decided on a STEM path. This provides scholarship opportunities for older students.

NOMINATIONS (Larry Toimil)
2. John H. will need a volunteer photographer for next year's Projects of Excellence event.

GOLF TOURNAMENT (Monica Manthey)
Not in attendance.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Andrew Park and Matt Veenstra)
Not in attendance.

STRATEGIC PLANNING (CDR Terry McCann)
1. Streamer submittals due January 31, 2019. He will be contacting firms for input.

FIELD TRIPS (Evan Lakin)
Not in attendance.

SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE (Michele Percussi)
Not in attendance. Michele will provide an update next month.

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Wendy Oresik)
1. Already covered under Professional Development above.
STEM (Mary Ann Carlson)

   Not in attendance. Emailed report to the Board.
1. Mary Ann met with the teacher at Salmon Bay Elementary (K-8) and they have begun planning for the STEM Career Fair that will take place on February 27, 2019.
2. This is a smaller school, and will have 400 students go through.
3. She is developing flyers and announcements for the Seattle Post to distribute to our members, as well as ones for parents.
4. She will need $300 to feed the presenters.
5. She will start recruiting helpers.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (Julie Erickson, Manny Bautista)

1. No report. Need to set up meeting in next three months.
2. Lori Reveley, current president of the Tacoma Post, will also be a point of contact.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Julie E. mentioned a gift-card purchase scam where several Post members were contacted by email or text with her name. She assured Board that she will never call and/or ask for such things, and reminded everyone to always check the email address of sender.

CLOSE BOARD MEETING – In Attendance (alphabetical by last name)

1. CDR Neal Armstrong (Ret.) 11. Mark Ohlstrom
2. Kathryn Bost 12. Wendy Oresik
5. CDR Ralph Field (Ret.) 15. John Souza
7. CAPT John Hickey (Ret.) 17. Nick Vlahovich
8. Timothy McCormack 18. David Walt
10. LTC Thomas (Tom) Nichols (Ret.)

END OF MEETING MINUTES