The President’s Message

Technology is Vehicle for Progress!

As we ponder the robotics demonstration last month, is causes reflection on the advances of Technology over our lifetime. The Dick Tracy wrist watch TV device has become a reality with today’s cell phone. Power windows in cars and trucks, once a luxury, are now standard equipment. Home appliances, exercise equipment, modern medicine, aviation safety, automobiles, etc. are just a few examples where Technology has evolved into better products for the consumer. The result has been progress and an elevation of quality of life.

But these advances did not/could not occur without the application of the human mind—people trained and dedicated in the pursuit of scientific and technological advancement.

Hence, the Society’s long standing position to support STEM. This is truly an investment in our collective future. The young students from Halls and Powell High Schools we witnessed last month are on the cutting edge, by using robotics as the Vehicle—planning, building, operating, team-working and learning in preparations for their competitions. These are great lessons of life that will provide a foundation for the further education and potential contributions to society. Theirs and those like it are worthy endeavors. We must enable the growth and development - Progress.

Thx,

Press On--Determination & Persistence Win!

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In Appreciation…

Bob Keyser presents the Regional Vice President's Medal to COL(R) Sheldon Johnson for his dedicated service to SAME at the TVP December 2017 Recognition luncheon. Sheldon was a founding member of the East Tennessee Technology Corridor Field Chapter and recently retired as the Director of Outreach and Communications for the Tennessee Valley Post.

And the torch is passed…

Joe Aylor being sworn in as the new TVP Director of Outreach and Communications
JETC Pre-Conference Courses

Add to your skill set with one of these special pre-conference courses. You can take steps towards becoming better at developing, managing, and advocating towards business development activities with "SMPS: Building your Bottom Line through Business Development", or learn how to conduct rapid damage assessments of structures affected by natural disasters with "AIA Disaster Assistance Program: Building Evaluator Training". Registration is Required. Seats are Limited, Register Today!

SMPS: Building Your Bottom Line through Business Development

4 PDHs, 4 hours of CPSM CEUs and 4 AIA LU Hours (separate registration required)
Description: More work and more money are top priorities for today’s firms. The emerging trend for A/E/C firms is the seller-doer concept. Firm leaders have recognized that waiting for the phone to ring to get business is not a sustainable model. Research suggests that technical professionals will have increasing responsibilities for business development (BD) over the next decade.

Day/time: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Instructor: Gilbert Brindley, P.E., CPSM

AIA Disaster Assistance Program: Building Evaluator Training

6.5 PDHs and 6.5 AIA HSW Hours (separate registration required)
Description: Intended for licensed architects, engineers, or certified building inspectors; this course certifies attendees as Building Evaluators in the nationally recognized Safety Assessment Program (SAP). Participants will learn to conduct rapid damage assessments of structures affected by earthquakes, wind, and water. Upon completion, participants will be able to consistently and safely assess structures for habitability and will receive a nationally-recognized Cal OES card from the state of California, as well as a Kansas Assessment Team (KAT certification).

Day/time: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Instructor: Stan Peterson, FAIA

For more information or to register for the conference click here:

http://www.samejetc.org/index.cfm
Many Thanks to our own Mike Lee, for sharing his experience in Puerto Rico as the USACE assists in restoring power to the storm ravaged islands.
VOTE!

Shape the Future of your Society!
Vote Today for the 2018 SAME Board of Direction

The Board of Direction ballot includes candidates for Elected Director, Vice President, and President-Elect (NOTE: the President-Elect automatically ascends to SAME National President the following year).

For Elected Director, there are six candidates competing for four spots. For 2018, vote for any four candidates; from the Young Member candidates, the individual receiving the most votes will be elected to the Board even if another individual on the slate received a higher number of votes than s/he. However, if two Young Members are among the four highest vote receiving individuals, both will be elected to the Board. (In years past, Young Members competed against each other for one slot.)

For 2018, while the Vice President and President-Elect candidates are running unopposed, voting for these individuals is an integral part of SAME’s governance process, and affirms the membership’s confidence in their Society leaders. The Vice President and President-Elect candidates were selected through a Nominating Committee of SAME members.

VOTING CLOSES SUNDAY APRIL 15, 2018 AT 11:59 P.M.! [EDT]

Voting is restricted to SAME Members Only.

CLICK HERE AND CAST YOUR VOTE TODAY!

You must login to the website to vote – if you have trouble logging in, please contact us at member@same.org.

Be sure to check out our updated website at
http://www.same.org/Tennessee-Valley

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your calendars!

While the National conferences (JETS and SBC) have a lot to offer, if you are located in or want to do business in the South Atlantic or South Central United States, this conference promises to offer a great deal in the form of education, top notch speakers and networking to assist you in strengthening your knowledge and marketing capabilities in this vast region in the federal marketplace.

In addition to attendees, there are also opportunities for sponsorship, exhibitors, and Golfing.

For more information click on the hyperlink - SAME SC/SA JETS

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the conference and, please, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me drose@roseconsultingllc.org
EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22

Here are some local events to make note of:

Saturday, April 14, Erase your Trace, a drive through opportunity for recycling will be held in Oak Ridge at ORAU parking lot off Badger Ave. from 10am – 3pm see: http://www.orearthday.org for the entire list of items accepted. The Oak Ridge High School Wildband will be on hand to help unload and is accepting donations to help pay for new instruments.

Saturday, April 21, The UTK Arboretum is having their annual native plant sale from 9 am - 2 pm. http://utarboretum.tennessee.edu/index.html The University of Tennessee Arboretum Visitors Center and Office is routinely open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - Noon and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (excluding holidays.)

The Arboretum grounds are open for walking daily from 8:00 am until sunset.

Saturday, April 28, at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum on the Leconte Meadow. EarthFest featuring education, exhibitors and activities. http://www.knox-earthfest.org/ EarthFest Strives to be a zero waste event. EarthFest recycles or re-uses everything possible from the event. Typical EarthFest exhibits welcome over 5,000 attendees, recycle or compost around 1000 lbs. of material, and produce less than 10 lbs. of trash for the entire event!

Go to http://www.earthday.org and find out more about how you can participate in activities celebrating Earth Day.

And a very nice thank you from the troops in Djibouti....
NEWSLETTER OPTIONS

Please submit your ideas!

1. E-course, webinars, or training
2. Wellness tips
3. Success stories or customer spotlights
4. Testimonials
5. Employee spotlight or profile
6. Industry news
7. Organization news
8. Feature stories
9. Editorials
10. Educational articles
11. “Classic” reprints
12. Special offers or coupons
13. Q&A
14. Recurring columns
15. Surveys, polls, and feedback
16. Statistics and/or infographics
17. Interviews
18. Product reviews
19. New product/service announcements
20. Events calendar
21. Case studies and/or white papers
22. Giveaway and contest announcements
23. Photos
24. How-to Articles
25. Top Ten lists
26. Photos contests (pets, work related, amazing, interesting, etc.)

Newsletter Contact:

To have your news, event, or other information included in the next newsletter, please contact:

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Needing a volunteer to step forward to help with compiling and editing the newsletter.