Welcome Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the Architectural Practice Committee of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME).

The SAME Executive Committee approved the establishment of the new Architectural Practice Committee, effective Nov. 16, 2012. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your committee’s first chair. The committee is an outgrowth of an architectural group which was formed in October 2012 with prior recipients of the SAME national Urbahn Medal which is awarded annually to one SAME architect for his or her eminent and notable contribution in the field of architecture. The Urbahn Medal group will serve as the advisory board for the national Architectural Practice Committee.

Our intent is to promote architectural practice within SAME, broaden the organization’s exposure in the architectural community, and recruit more architects, along with expanding networking and mentoring opportunities.

The committee is organized into four focus areas:

- **Vice Chair for Collaboration with AIA**
  
  Paula Loomis, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C, PMP, Sustainability Program Manager, USACE
  
  Goals: presence at AIA national convention, involving in AIA Federal Practice Committee
  
  Paula.J.Loomis@uscg.mil

- **Vice Chair for Professional Education Programs**
  
  
  Goals: Establishing architectural sessions at the SAME national conference and at other major regional conferences, supporting SAME continued education programs.
  
  raddelaney@gmail.com

- **Vice Chair for Communications**
  
  David A. Packard, R.A., PMP, USACE, Omaha, NE.
  
  Goals: developing an architectural committee web page on the SAME website, and holding bi-monthly conference calls with guest speakers to reach out to SAME architects.
  
  David.A.Packard@usace.army.mil

- **Vice Chair for Coordination among SAME local posts**
  
  Homer Guy, AIA, FSAME, J.W. Waller Assoc., San Antonio, Texas
  
  Goals: establishing architectural points of contact at SAME regional and local levels and implementing SAME programs certified by AIA.
  
  homer.guy@JMWALLER.COM

SAME Architecture Practice Committee leadership invite you to join us to build a successful committee in the coming years to best serve SAME architects. If you have any suggestions or input, or would like to be included on committee event notices, please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee officers.

Sincerely,

JJ Tang, AIA, LEED AP
Society of American Military Engineers
Chair, Architectural Practice Committee