



Seattle Post Board Meeting October 7, 2021 | Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, October 7, 2021, 8:00 am – 9:30 am

**CALL-IN MEETING ONLY: Join via GoToMeeting link in calendar invite, or
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Attended (alphabetical order)

*** voting member**

April Sweet*
Jackie Corley*
Jamie Fleek
John Souza
Kevin Stoll
Larry Toimil
Melissa Grasso
Nancy Yee*
Nick Vlahovich
Ray Spees*
Ryan Peterson*
Terry McCann*
Tom Nichols*

Welcome and Announcements

1. Roll call
2. Declare quorum – Quorum Called
3. Approve October 7, 2021 Agenda – Agenda Approved
4. Approve September 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Minutes Approved
5. Announcements – None

Standing Reports

TREASURER (Ryan Peterson)

- Income from September luncheon (virtual presentation)
- Reimbursed one of the campers for the Camp LeJune camp for their travel

MEMBERSHIP (Scott Blount)

- Things are on par
- Interested in volunteers to help out with events



- Allen to update Ray on volunteer list reached out to / to get involved
- Possibly find partnerships or co-chairs for certain committees

PROGRAMS/FIELD TRIPS (Nick Vlahovich)

- Gave updates below on October Veterans Speaker Program, Holiday Social, and MTA.

Annual Event Updates *(in calendar order)*

OCTOBER 2021 | VETERANS ASSISTANCE LUNCH

- October program is a speaker from JBLM on Veterans in Transition.
- There is not a special event lunch.

DECEMBER 2021 | HOLIDAY SOCIAL (Nick Vlahovich)

- Decisions needed to be made:
 - o Given the health climate, is the board wanting to still hold this event?
 - Short answer, yes.
 - o Given the risk in attendance, how much money is the board willing to lose?
 - If we get 50 people, we will look at a potential loss of \$700 (or may break even with the sponsorships)
 - We also sell sponsorships
 - Noting that we never try to make money on the Holiday Social
 - What should we charge? \$60 a head or next to nothing
- Location is chosen: Elysian Fields: large open space with high ceilings
- Safety protocols:
 - o Show proof of vaccination or negative test in 72 hours
 - o Required to wear masks unless eating
- Overall, it has been decided we want to hold this event. Think we should charge \$60 members, \$70 non-members, \$30 military, and the same as before for students.

JANUARY 2022 | MEET THE AGENCIES (MTA) (Kevin Stoll)

- In the past, MTA was like a Meet the Chiefs with physical location in SeaTac w/ six government agencies including Port of Seattle & UW
- Last year, we broke MTA down into three different months for two agencies each.
- Currently looking at options for in-person or spread out over virtual
- Also considering a hybrid event
 - o Portland did hybrid and consensus was it went well.
 - o 44 online and 40 in person
- Have January 7th reserved already for the hotel
- Could do the same as last time – feedback was that they liked breaking it up instead of one large event
- Virtual or in person – charge the same amount



- Keeping in mind that it will be flu season as well
- Looking to send out a poll to get feedback on what the general preference is for in person or virtual
 - o Melissa can set this poll up, just make sure to include the questions and options when messaging Melissa

FEBURARY 2022 | SUSTAINABILITY FORUM (Wendy Oresik)

- Cancelled – take off agenda

APRIL 2022 | TECHNOBOWL (TBD)

- TBD.

APRIL 2022 | SMALL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM (SBS) (Lori Revely)

- Lori sent out a call for volunteers
- Reach out to Lori if you are interested
 - o No position is truly full
 - o Can use help since it is such a large event
- Waiting on few numbers back from Convention Center
- Has a steering committee that will meet in mid-October
- 16 booths available
- Want to get Eventbrite out end of October
- Looking for printer / someone to design for signage (specifically in Seattle)
 - o Looking for in-house printing so we do not have to outsource
- Ray Spees has an office near the Kitsap center so his space can be used as a staging area

JUNE 2022 | MEET THE CHIEFS (Allen Wycoff)

SUMMER 2022 | SAME SEATTLE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (Manny Bautista)

AUGUST 2022 | GOLF TOURNAMENT (TBD)

FALL 2022 | PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE (Ralph Field)

- Will Ralph be doing this next fall?

Committee Updates

COMMUNICATIONS (Melissa Grasso)

- Ryan will create the Eventbrite for the October Event.
- Information is posted on website with registration details coming soon.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Scott Adamek)

- Absent. No Update.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Andy Hough / Troy Alexander)

- Absent. No Update.

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY (Wendy Oresik)

- Absent. No Update.

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMPS (Terry McCann)

- Nothing new at the moment, will start up again in February.

KITSAP CHAPTER (Manny Bautista / Mark Swink)

- Absent. No Update.

MEMBERSHIP: *(Broken up based on August '21 Board Meeting)*

1. MEMBERSHIP – RETENTION AND NEW (Scott Blount)

- Absent. No Update.

2. MEMBERSHIP – SUSTAINER FIRMS (Jamie Fleek)

- Jamie will be sending reminders out to KPFF and HRA for the November Luncheons. He will line up the 2022 sustainer presentations in December.

3. MEMBERSHIP – YOUNG MEMBERS (April Sweet)

- For a happy hour, April is working with SAME National to get a presenter.
- Looking for leadership volunteers to talk about SAME and spend time in a virtual setting talking about what your committee does and how people can get involved.
- Looking at Scott Blount's report, of the 12 new members, two are young members and work for sustainer firms.
- Have list of volunteers needed within the post.
- Ray and April to work together to get the happy hour planned.

i. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Stacie Anderson / CAPT Jed Boba)

ii. MENTORING (Ginette Chin)

iii. STEM/UW STUDENT CHAPTER (LT Bo Wowtschuk)



NOMINATIONS (Larry Toimil)

- We were successful in uploading the applications for fellow membership candidates.
- Now, in the process of National's review.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Wendy Oresik)

- Absent. No Update.

SCHOLARSHIPS (John Souza)

- Typically, in the fall, John gives a scholarship brief in October or November for those who are new to the board to understand the process of how things work.
- Busy time is January-June and are currently in the mode of planning.
- Wants 10 minutes of time during next month's board meeting to give that brief.
- Will provide the PPT ahead of time.
- Ray initiative: Want student members to get scholarships
 - o Reinvesting back in new members
 - o In the past: did something with ROTC (was a different type of award)

SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE (Lori Revely)

- No Update.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND STREAMER AWARDS (Terry McCann / Scott Adamek)

- Terry is pulling together a periodic submittal with the full submittal due January.
- This year is a different program.
- Anyone apart of the Leadership Development Program?
- Student Chapter Status: Terry will follow up with Bo.
- Strategic Partnership: Have we done anything with any other organizations?
 - o Want to find another joint venture partner (for Meet the Chiefs) even though we are doing really well partnering with other posts.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE (TBD)

- No Update.

OTHER BUSINESS

- This meeting time will be reduced from an hour and a half to one hour.

END OF AGENDA