



**SAME Seattle Post
Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2022**

Date/Time: Thursday, 4/7/22, 8:00 am – 9:00 am

**CALL-IN MEETING ONLY: Join via Teams link in calendar evite, or
call-in 1-504-321-1781; Phone Conference ID: 551 450 622#**

Attended (*alphabetical order*)

*** *Voting member***

In Attendance	Primary Position
Allen Wycoff*	Post 2 nd VP, House Chair
April Ricketts*	Post Secretary
Bohden Wowtschuk, LT*	Post 1 st VP
Emmanuel Bautista, CDR (Ret)*	Post Director
Ginette Chin	Mentoring
Heidi Nelson	Portland Post
Jackie Corley	Project of Excellence
Jacob Perkins	Guest
John Sousa	Scholarships
Lawrence Toimil	Fellows Chair, Nominations
Lori Reverly	Small Business Symposium
Lydia Griffey	Guest
Mark Ohlstrom	NW Regional Vice President
Nancy Yee*	Post Director
Nick Vlahovich	Programs Chair
Ray Spees*	Post President
Ryan Peterson*	Post Treasurer
Scott Adamek	Communications, Streamers
Stacie Anderson	Golf Tournament
Terry McCann*	Post Director
Tom Nichols, LTC (Ret)*	Post Director
Wendy Oresik*	Post Director

Meeting Start Time: 8:01 AM

Welcome and Announcements

1. Roll call
2. Declare quorum – A **quorum was declared**
3. Approve April 7, 2022, Agenda – **Motioned and approved**



4. Approve March 3, 2022, Meeting Minutes – **Motioned and approved**
5. Announcements
 - i. Information emailed by Tom Nichols on the Portland Post Program:
 - i. 6 Apr 2022 – The Portland Post conducted an hybrid post meeting at the Sentinel Hotel, 614 S.W. 11th Ave, downtown Portland, 2nd Floor and on-line beginning at 11:30 am. The presentation was on the Goldendale Pump Storage Project. Mr. Erik Steimle and Mr. Nate Sandvig were the guest speakers for this event. This was a joint event with APWA/EWRG.SAME. Cost was \$40/member; \$50 non-members and \$20 for virtual attendance. This was a plated hot lunch. There was 21 in-person attendees and 1 Virtual attendee.
 - ii. 4 May 2022 – The Portland Post will again host another hybrid meeting – The topic will be the Portland Broadway Post Office Block Renovation. Cost was \$40/member; \$50 non-members and \$20 for virtual attendance. This was a plated hot lunch. Reservations RSVP by Apr 29th SAME.PDX.RSVP@gmail.com or call 503-643-8710 to confirm and prepay with credit card.
 - iii. 1 June 2022 – The Portland Post will once again host another hybrid meeting – The topic of this month’s meeting will be the ODOT Rose Quarter Project. Speakers will be ODOT Megan Channell, Project Director for the project and an individual from Hamilton (Contractor). Reservations RSVP by May 27th SAME.PDX.RSVP@gmail.com or call 503-643-8710 to confirm and prepay with credit card.

Standing Reports

1. TREASURER (Ryan Peterson)
 - i. Ray indicated that the scholarships will be biggest expense of the year
 - ii. Ryan mentioned that he submitted IRS forms.
 - iii. Ryan is looking for someone to replace him in the Treasurer role.
2. MEMBERSHIP (Scott Blount) – Not in attendance
 - i. Ray mentioned that membership is increasing. He mentioned Lydia (who recently relocated from Alaska) who attended today’s Board meeting. Ray is looking to appoint Lydia as a director. He also mentioned Jacob Perkins, USCG Grad Student at UW and Jason Evers, Jacobs from Spokane.
3. PROGRAMS/FIELD TRIPS (Nick Vlahovich)
 - i. The next noon program will be in May at the Bear Room. Reed Middleton will be the presenter.
 - ii. Nick recapped the lunch program from last month. He mentioned it was a great start and said that it worked out well. He mentioned that now since we are hybrid, it gives the Post more flexibility. His plan is to get an email out to membership looking for volunteers for noon programs in the area near Seattle, south center, UW, and Bellevue and create a list (giving priorities to sustaining firms).

Annual Event Updates (in calendar order)

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

2. APRIL 2022 | TECHNOBOWL (TBD)
3. APRIL 2022 | SMALL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM (SBS) (Lori Revely)
4. JUNE 2022 | MEET THE CHIEFS (Allen Wycoff)
5. AUGUST 2022 | GOLF TOURNAMENT (TBD)
 - i. Signups should be coming up soon.
6. OCTOBER 7, 2022 | PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE (Jackie Corley)
 - i. No updates at this time.

Committee Updates

1. COMMUNICATIONS (Melissa Grasso) – not in attendance
2. COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Scott Adamek)
 - i. Scott sent out an email to the voting board members to move the joint event with ASCE to February or March 2023 to avoid conflicts with Project of Excellence event.
 - i. Ray put it to a vote. The vote was to move to the date to February 2023 and it was approved.
 1. April R. asked if the vote was required to be motioned and seconded. Ray clarified that it did not.
3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Andy Hough / Troy Alexander) - not in attendance
4. ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY (Wendy Oresik)
 - i. Wendy said that the target is to have the sustainability conference next year. She wants to start getting a committee ready for this. Plan is for March 2023.
5. ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMPS (Terry McCann)
 - i. There were 6 or 8 different applications received. 3 were selected among them and sent to national.
6. KITSAP CHAPTER (Manny Bautista / Mark Swink)
 - i. The Kitsap chapter is ready to start planning a social event. It will be in Kitsap. Location TBD (in Bremerton, Poulsbo, or Silverton).
7. MEMBERSHIP:
 1. MEMBERSHIP – RETENTION AND NEW (Scott Blount) – Not in attendance
 2. MEMBERSHIP – SUSTAINER FIRMS (Jamie Fleek) – Not in attendance
 3. MEMBERSHIP – YOUNG MEMBERS (April Sweet) – Not in attendance
 - i. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Caroline Roberts) – not in attendance
 - ii. MENTORING (Ginette Chin)
 - i. She would like to bring mentoring forms at the Conference. She will coordinate with Lori on this.
 - iii. STEM/UW STUDENT CHAPTER (LT Bo Wowtschuk)
 - i. Bo reiterated that Jake Perkins will be taking over his spot. Jake gave a quick introduction on himself. He will be here until December 2022.
8. NOMINATIONS (Larry Toimil)
 - i. Larry mentioned he had April R. sent out a draft list of nominees and asked for feedback.
 - i. 2022-2023 BALLOT Position Nominations
 1. President: Allen Wycoff, P.E.- Procon Consulting
 2. 1st Vice President: Scott Harm AIA, Tetrattech
 3. 2nd Vice President: Faith Powell, -HDR
 4. Young Member V.P.: April Sweet - OCMI



5. Secretary: Allison Birkmeyer, Shaw Contract
6. Assist Secretary: TBD
7. Treasurer: Ryan Peterson-Shannon & Wilson
8. Assist Treasurer: TBD.
9. Director: 2022-2025 Caroline Roberts, Jacobs
10. Director: 2022-2025 Tom Nichols, TN Federal Consulting, LLC
11. Immediate Past President: Ray Spees P.E.-Spees Design Build
- ii. Manny suggested getting more military involvement on future ballots so that there is a balance of military and non-military. Larry mentioned that is his goal, but it has been challenging.
- iii. There was a motion presented to approve the slate of nominees as submitted. The motioned was seconded. The vote for the slate was approved.
- iv. Larry asked how the Post wanted to do elections (since past elections were done in person). This will be investigated (possibly allowing votes by Virtual chats).
9. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Wendy Oresik)
 - i. Wendy will be coordinating to have the certificates available for the small business symposium
10. SCHOLARSHIPS (John Souza)
 - i. John mentioned he is getting good applications coming in.
11. SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE (Lori Revely)
 - i. Lori said that sponsorships have been sold out for awhile and there are only a few tickets left.
 - ii. Nancy has been in contact with all of the sponsors.
 - iii. There will be "bag stuffing" that will include magazine as well as any swag from sponsors. That will be at 3:30 PM on the 18th. She is looking for volunteers to help out.
 - iv. There is a committee meeting tomorrow (4/8) at Noon.
 - v. She asked for input from the Board on possibly going to a larger facility next year and going to a 2-day event.
 - vi. There will be different colored lanyards related to attendees' comfort with COVID protocols.
 - vii. She said that Bo might need more people helping at the sign-in table.
 - viii. There will be ribbons that are for Board of Directors and Veterans that attendees can put on their lanyards.
 - ix. She will give the opportunity for all Post Presidents in attendance to say a few words and mention upcoming events.
12. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND STREAMER AWARDS (Terry McCann / Scott Adamek)
 - i. No updates
13. VETERAN ASSISTANCE (TBD)

New Business

1. Ray mentioned that the Tacoma is having their monthly Post meeting at Eagle Pride.
2. Portland post is also having their monthly Post meeting in person.
3. JETC will be in Aurora, CO.
4. Leadership conference will be in Florida.
5. Ray asked Mark to send out a list of events to Ray so it can be included in the minutes.
 - a. Updates emailed from Mark:
 - i. Mt. Tacoma Post:



1. April 14th – Monthly Lunch Meeting; Eagle’s Pride Golf Clubhouse – 11:30 am – 1 pm; Presenter - Becky Blankenship, Hill International, Topic: Progressive Design-Build Contracting Mechanism
2. August 18th – Annual Golf Tournament – Eagle’s Pride Golf Course
- ii. Portland Post:
 1. May 4th – Monthly Lunch Meeting; Presenter: Nolan Lienhart, ZGF; Topic: Broadway Quarter / Post Office Blocks
 2. June 1st – Monthly Lunch Meeting and Installation of Post Officers; Presenters: Megan Channell, Rose Quarter Project Director, ODOT & TBD, Hamilton Construction; Topic: ODOT Rose Quarter Project
 3. August – Annual Golf Tournament (Date and Location TBD)
- iii. Lewis & Clark Post:
 1. June – Annual Golf Tournament (Date and Location TBD)
- iv. SAME National:
 1. May 10-12th – JETC; Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center, Aurora, CO.
 2. August 7-9th – Post Leaders Workshop (PLW); Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Up to 2 Representatives from Each Post are Encouraged to Attend)

Meeting End Time: 9:03 AM

END OF MINUTES