

Seattle Post Board Meeting July 2, 2020 | Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, July 2, 2020, 8:00 am

CALL-IN MEETING ONLY: Join via MS Teams link in calendar evite, or

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Attended (alphabetical order)		* voting member
Capt. Jed Boba*	Wendy Orsek*	Allen Wycoff
Kathryn Bost	Ryan Peterson*	
Mark Corcoran	Faith Powell	
Jackie Corley	Caroline Roberts*	
Melissa Grasso	Ray Spees*	
LCDR Sam Lee	Karen Sullivan*	
Terry McCann	Larry Toimil	
Tom Nichols	Steve Woolery	
Mark Ohlstrom	LTC Bohdon Wowtschuk*	

Welcome and Announcements

- 1. Roll call see above
- 2. Quorum declared
- 3. July 2 agenda approved
- 4. June 4 Meeting Minutes approved.
- 5. Announcements
 - a) Virtual Post Leaders Workshop August 10-12
 - b) Focus will be on the new Streamer program (effective 2021), member recruitment and engagement, virtual events; no limit to number of Post Leaders that can attend
 - c) Five-year strategic plan:
 - (1) Strengthen Industry-Government Engagement
 - (2) Build and Sustain Resilient Communities
 - (3) Develop Leaders for the Profession
 - (4) Enrich the STEM Pipeline for the Nation
 - (5) Prepare Servicemembers and Veterans for the A/E/C Industry
 - d) Two new vacant board positions; Leadership Development POC and Mentoring POC
 - (1) National programs implemented at the local level; San Antonio & DC posts have implemented programs; Eric Wilkerson in San Antonio is excellent resource;
 - (2) Will be included in the new/revised Streamer criteria; no information at this time; Terry will investigate and report back



- e) Academy of Fellows nomination is in progress
 - (1) 50% submittal due 8/4/20, draft 8/27 and final 10/1
 - (2) Larry is POC and is looking for nominations; challenge is the 10-year requirement
 - (3) He will find out how the 10 years are counted

Standing Reports

TREASURER (Ryan Peterson)

- 1. Expenses: Challenge Coins were ordered; fee for PO Box
- 2. Deposits: reimbursement from Hotel Murano for Meet the Chiefs and income from June lunch
- 3. Annual Sponsors: 8-9 sponsors paid in Dec/Jan; since events have been cancelled/postponed or the format has changed, so have sponsorship opportunities have changed and don't have the same value (Small Business Symposium, Golf Tournament, Meet the Chiefs, Projects of Excellence); some firms are choosing to not participate in events this year so a recommendation was made to provide them the same benefits next year as firms have multiple options for what to do with their money

MEMBERSHIP (Scott Blount)

1. Absent; membership still declining

PROGRAMS (Nick Vlahovich)

 a) Faith provided report in Nick's absence; the 7/21 lunch is the first virtual event we are charging for; Faith has set up a practice session to coordinate with all presenters, Nick will distribute invite to presenters

Annual Event Updates (in calendar order)

JANUARY 2021 | MEET THE AGENCIES (MTA) (Kevin Stoll)

1. Absent/no update

APRIL 2021 | TECHNOBOWL (LT Matty Haith)

1. Absent/no update

APRIL 2021 | SMALL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM (SBS) (LCDR Sam Lee)

1. No update; next SBS is scheduled for April 2021 at Kitsap Conference Center; 2020 deposit has been transferred to the 2021 event

JUNE (now September 22) 2020 | MEET THE CHIEFS (MTC) (Allen Wycoff)

- 1. Hotel Murano has cancelled all events thru 2020; MTC will be a virtual event in September virtual
- 2. Allen will meet with the committee after 7/4 Holiday to discuss the virtual format, evaluate and select virtual platform (viability for all service branches, understand attendee limitations/max headcount) he is communicating and coordinating with the speakers;
- 3. Event is generating interest from out of town/state guests so expect high attendance

AUGUST 2020 | GOLF TOURNAMENT (Mark Corcoran)

1. Tacoma Post is hosting the event this year; scheduled for 8/16; details are being finalized (dinner is unlikely, and awards ceremony may by altered to reflect social distancing requiring)

OCTOBER 2020 | CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION | PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS BANQUET (Julie Erickson, John Hickey, Manny Bautista, Ralph Field)

- 1. Centennial Coins have been ordered
- 2. Committee is discussing how best to move forward considering Covid-19 implications
- 3. Caroline will reach out to committee members to understand plan, discuss possibility of postponing until it can be in-person if/when possible

OCTOBER 2020 | VETERAN ASSISTANCE LUNCHEON & PROGRAM (Karl Himes)

1. Absent

DECEMBER | HOLIDAY SOCIAL (Nick Vlahovich)

1. Absent



Committee Updates

COMMUNICATIONS (Melissa Grasso)

- 1. Melissa is updating the website with changes in post leadership
- 2. Caroline to send her bio and headshot
- 3. Please send Melissa any updates for meetings/events, and let her know if you run into any issues with the website

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Chair TBD)

1. N/A

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Andrew Park, Matt Veenstra)

- 1. Absent
- 2. Andy Park is relocating out of state and Matt will be new POC

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY (Wendy Oresik)

- Wendy needs to connect with Nick re: Professional Development and process for managing PDH certificates for virtual programs; one possibility is to use the Chat feature available in most virtual platforms
- 2. Terry is confirming that Streamers require PDHs
- 3. November 2021 is next Sustainability Forum; Wendy is forming committee

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMPS (Terry McCann)

1. Camps are cancelled this year; Navy might be doing a virtual day camp

FIELD TRIPS (Chair TBD)

1. N/A

KITSAP CHAPTER (LCDR Sam Lee, Manny Bautista)

- 1. Kitsap was not accepted for Phase 3, so still having virtual meetings
- 2. Working on website page dedicated to the Kitsap Chapter

MEMBERSHIP - RETENTION AND NEW (Scott Blount)

1. No update

MEMBERSHIP - SUSTAINER FIRMS (Jim Shellooe)

1. Absent

MEMBERSHIP - YOUNG MEMBERS (LT Matty Haith)

1. No update



NOMINATIONS (Larry Toimil)

- 1. There are three open positions: Appointed Director, Leadership Development, and Mentoring
- 2. Larry suggested Steve Woolery for one of these positions as his term recently expired; Steve will contact Caroline to discuss
- 3. Larry is focusing on the Fellows nominations

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Wendy Oresik)

1. Wendy to connect with Nick re: process for PDH certificates for virtual programs

SCHOLARSHIPS (John Souza)

- 1. Award list is finalized and are waiting all signed agreements; John will send the list to Melissa to post on the website and also to Terry for Streamer information
- 2. John will provide overview at July lunch and plan for next year
- 3. Good candidates this year; sending an e-mail to all applicants to announce winners
- 4. Caroline suggested the Mentorship position may be an opportunity to keep an applicant engaged (particularly those having won multiple awards during college); match them with someone with a similar major, or perhaps provide an opportunity to intern with the company that sponsored their scholarship; an opportunity to provide additional support to students; this ties into Streamer submittal

SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE (SBS) (LCDR Sam Lee)

See event update

STEM / UW STUDENT CHAPTER (LT Bohdon Wowtschuk)

- 1. Bo, Ray and Sam are in the process of rebuilding UW student chapter membership through outreach to active duty grad students and ROTC program to recruit student members
- 2. Tentative response to date likely due to summer break and Covid-19
- 3. Considering rebranding chapter to a student and alumni chapter; Pros: broaden membership base and provide mentorship opportunities; Cons: students may not take ownership of the chapter and make it their own; welcome/open it up to people in addition to UW alumni to help mentor students; leadership opportunities may help keep the students engaged and learn about themselves (Emotional Intelligence, Meyers Briggs, etc.); make sure focus remains on the students
- 4. Motion to rebrand; Bo checking with National re: requirements (add to agenda for August)
- 5. If not allowed by national, set up a separate alumni chapter and have them work together



STRATEGIC PLANNING AND STREAMER AWARDS (Terry McCann)

1. No update

VETERAN ASSISTANCE (Karl Himes)

1. Absent

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

END OF AGENDA