



Seattle Post Board Meeting August 5, 2021 | Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, August 5, 2021, 8:00 am – 9:30 am

**CALL-IN MEETING ONLY: Join via GoToMeeting link in calendar evite, or
call-in 1-877-309-2073 or 1-646-749-3129; Access Code: 162-361-933**

Attended (*alphabetical order*)

** voting member*

Allen Wycoff*	Mark Olhstrom
Andy Hough	Melissa Grasso
April Sweet*	Nancy Yee*
Faith Powell	Nick Vlahovich
Heidi Nelson	Ray Spees*
Jackie Corley*	Terry McCann*
Jamie Fleek	Tom Nichols*
John Souza	Troy Alexander
Larry Toimil	Wendy Oresik*
Lori Revely	
Manny Bautista*	

Welcome and Announcements

1. Roll call
2. Declare quorum – Quorum Called
3. Approve August 5, 2021 Agenda – Agenda Approved
4. Approve July 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Minutes Approved
5. SAME National Bylaws: Recommended Changes
 - Will send out the attachment for approval.
 - Next meeting, we will discuss after the board reviews.
6. Announcements
 - Andy Hough and Troy Alexander: they have agreed to volunteer to take on the emergency management committee.
 - Reminder: SAME National Post Leaders Workshop is Monday-Wednesday, it is virtual. Can register at SAME national homepage. No cost to register.
 - Golf Tournament is next week.



Standing Reports

TREASURER (Ryan Peterson)

- Absent.
- Report was sent out. Cash flow is healthy.

MEMBERSHIP (Scott Blount)

- Absent.
- Report was sent out.
- Ray looking to get membership up.

PROGRAMS/FIELD TRIPS (Nick Vlahovich)

- Three months ahead:
 - o Planning for October VA program.
 - o Holiday Social/Centennial Celebration.
- Ray and Nick were planning on meeting with Andrew Chandler from Portland post.
- Nick is looking for volunteers for a committee to plan the Holiday Social.
 - o Need venue.
 - o Will take more people to put this together.
 - o Nick to connect with April to recruit a volunteer for Centennial Celebration.
- September program coming up: City of Seattle Bridge Program Update.
 - o Need Manny to “nudge” Matt Donohue for a name for the program.
 - o He will co present with HNTB.
 - o September 21st
- November SIOP Update:
 - o Mark will try and get Bob Parker to do an AECOM version of SIOP in November focus on Small Business.
 - o Another alternative from Manny - Bob Clark, Program Manager for CNIC for the SIOP program.
 - He works with Linda Gilday, who is on the NAVFAC side (execution side).
 - Bob in town now, he travels here frequently.
 - Looking to actually work around his travel schedule in November.
- Looking to transition into in person events.
 - o Or look to do hybrid events.



Annual Event Updates *(in calendar order)*

OCTOBER 2021 | VETERANS ASSISTANCE LUNCH (Ray Spees/Karl Himes)

- Ray to connect with Nick.

DECEMBER 2021 | HOLIDAY SOCIAL/SAME SEATTLE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (Nick Vlahovich/Julie Erickson)

- See notes above.
- Ray also has boxes of the centennial coins and other SWAG to giveaway.

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

- No update.

FEBURARY 2022 | SUSTAINABILITY FORUM (Wendy Oresik)

- With COVID and resurgence, she does not think it will happen. Proposing to move to 2023.
- Does not want to go in the virtual direction for the conference, instead feels like we should postpone.
- Wendy to connect with Nick to get something plugged in for February.
- Need a filler for this.

APRIL 2022 | TECHNOBOWL (TBD)

- No update.

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

- Connect with Manny as support. Julie has also led it the last couple of years.
- Manny to give Lori the best practices.

JUNE 2022 | Meet the Chiefs (Allen Wycoff)

- No update.

AUGUST 2022 | Golf Tournament (TBD)

- This is a big part of our scholarship money fundraising.
- Duel event with Tacoma for next year.
- Want to get people from our group involved.
- Last year we used our annual sponsors to help the Tacoma post.
- Mark C. was supposed to be the chair / fill in when we were going to host our turn.
 - o Need to get Mark C. replaced.
 - o Nancy was helping co-chair.
- Need to decide how we will structure, with the Tacoma post.



- Tacoma post is taking on golf tournament permanently. Not sure what our involvement would be going forward besides provide support.
- Now that we are not alternating, need to decide how much support we want to provide.

FALL 2022 | PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE (Ralph Field)

- No update.

Committee Updates

COMMUNICATIONS (Melissa Grasso)

- Posted the scholarship award information to the website.
- Putting together an email to try to recruit people to the “open” positions.
 - o Since committee leaders are retiring.
 - o Get April involved as her big push is in recruitment.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Scott Adamek)

- Absent. No update.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Andy Hough/Troy Alexander)

- Troy with GLY and Andy have taken on this committee.
- They are encouraged to look at the Post Leaders Workshop agenda to participate.

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY (Wendy Oresik)

- Only update: postponement of the forum.
- Will have to strategize something to do in place of this.
- Would like to pursue having a co-chair for this committee.

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMPS (Terry McCann)

- Two people attended Marine Corp camp, and waiting to expense reports.
- Terry will still be the committee chair for the Engineering Camps.

KITSAP CHAPTER (Manny Bautista/Mark Swink)

- Navy went into full masks again.
- Nothing currently on the books for a social event.
- No update.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Want to merge into one committee
- Have everyone in the membership committee to work together and incorporate co-chairs.



- Need to send the board a go-no-go brief.

- 1. MEMBERSHIP – RETENTION AND NEW (Scott Blount)
 - Absent. No update.

- 2. MEMBERSHIP – SUSTAINER FIRMS (Jamie Fleek)
 - Took over for Jim Shellooe.
 - Has two firms lined up for sustainer presentations for program in September.
 - Also have firms lined up for November.
 - Will start getting firms for the 2022 agenda.
 - Jamie to connect with April.

- 3. MEMBERSHIP – YOUNG MEMBERS (April Sweet)
 - Commitment from a firm downtown (P2s) to host event next month (either Sept. 16th or 23rd).
 - Intent: opportunity for individuals to mingle and a brief presentation.
 - Want to get leadership development committee involved.
 - Questions about resources: banners or signage for in-person events.
 - Ray has SWAG that Caroline passed on.
 - Fellows will participate as mentors/encouragement.
 - i. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Stacie Anderson/CAPT Jed Boba)
 - Absent. No update.
 - ii. MENTORING (Ginette Chin)
 - Absent. No update.
 - iii. STEM/UW STUDENT CHAPTER (LT Bo Wowtschuk)
 - Absent. No update.

NOMINATIONS (Larry Toimil)

- NW Region has filled in two letters of intent for fellows' nominations.
 - o Julie Erickson of the Seattle post and Tony Reyes of the Portland post.
 - o Need to fill out packages by October 1st.
- Larry is trying to recruit some of the fellows to review these packages.
- Nancy Yee was able to convince our parent company, Sounder Strategies to join as a sustainer member. Will bring five of their principals as members.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Wendy Oresik)

- No Update.
- Any thoughts about merging it in with the Membership group.



- Seems to be separate.
- Or move to combine Leadership Development, Mentoring and Professional Development as one group.

SCHOLARSHIPS (John Souza)

- Starting to plan for 2022 campaign.
- Get an email earlier this week from LT Bo Wowtschuk and John will provide him requested information about past awardees and if they sync up with membership list.
- Currently communicating with sustaining members and other who have provided scholarships in the past years to see if they are on-board for next year.
 - o Program seems to be growing.
 - o Want to increase year to year.

SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE (Lori Revely)

- Looking for volunteers.
- Around 200 people usually attend the symposium – around 200 members.
 - o Work with PTAC & other organizations.

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

- In August, Terry will put together a list of where we stand.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE (Karl Himes)

- Absent. No update.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Template for go-no-go process, Manny to send to Ray.
- T-shirts leftover from Centennial Ball, Manny will bring to the golf tournament to hand them out.
- Important goal for Ray is to recruit new members.

END OF MINUTES