

Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)
and
Western Dredging Association (WEDA)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and the Western Dredging Association (WEDA) seek by means of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen cooperation and collaboration between the National Society of American Military Engineers and the Western Dredging Association (WEDA) and its members on issues of national defense and national security as it pertains to government outreach in educational information sharing, conference participation, and in-person skills-based training.

The Parties:

SAME, founded in 1920, leads collaborative efforts to identify and resolve national security infrastructure-related challenges. SAME unites public and private sector individuals and organizations from across the architecture, engineering, construction, environmental and facility management, cyber security, project planning, contracting and acquisition, and related disciplines.

WEDA is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit scientific, technical and educational professional organization devoted to the exchange of knowledge in fields related to dredging, navigation, marine engineering and construction. WEDA is governed by eighteen voting Board of Directors with the day-to-day operations managed by an Executive Director. WEDA is a member of The World Organization of Dredging Associations (WODA). The Western Dredging Association (WEDA) region covers North, Central and South America. The Central Dredging Association (CEDA) covers most of Europe, Africa, and the Mid and Near East. The Eastern Dredging Association (EADA) covers the Far East and Pacific region. The three organizations constitute the World Organization of Dredging Association (WODA) with equal representation on the WODA Board of Directors. The goals and objectives are common for each of the three organizations, however operations to attain these are independently carried out.

Both organizations share a common mission to promote the interests of their members, through government outreach and engagement, skills-based training, and networking.

Purpose:

The Parties agree to facilitate cooperation by:

- Exchanging attendance at conferences should be voluntary and if possible, as requested by either organization.
- Exchanging virtual education offerings to its members by request.
- Collaborate on industry-government issue solutions.
- Encouraging and promoting participation at each other's programs, including conferences, webinars, and training courses and where applicable, facilitating representation on relevant committees and communities.
- Co-brand in-person skills-based training, with WEDA taking the lead on instruction, and collaborating between SAME and WEDA for funding as needed.

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Duration: SAME and WEDA both agree that this agreement is effective as of the date of signing by each organization and shall continue for one year at which time one party must initiate renewal and both parties agree to revise and update the MOU for another term. Any amendments to the MOU shall be incorporated into a revised agreement and signed by both parties.



Signature

MICHAEL C. WEHR

Printed Name (SAME)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Title

13 OCT '23

Date



Signature

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Executive Director

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10/05/2023

Date