



Seattle Post Board Meeting April 1, 2021 | Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, April 1, 2021, 8:00 am – 9:30 am

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

** voting member*

Scott Adamek	Ryan Peterson*
Manny Bautista*	Faith Powell
Scott Blount	John Souza
CAPT Jed Boba*	Ray Spees*
Ginette Chin	April Sweet
Jackie Corley*	Larry Toimil
Dave Newkirk	Nick Vlahovich
Tom Nichols*	LT Bo Wowtschuk*
Mark Ohlstrom*	Nancy Yee*
Wendy Oresik*	

Welcome and Announcements

1. Roll call
2. Declare quorum – Quorum Called
3. Approve April 1, 2021 Agenda – Agenda Approved
4. Approve March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Minutes Approved
5. Announcements
 - Mount Tacoma post will have a ball to celebrate the centennial of SAME on July 23rd at the Tacoma Marriott. Will be at the outdoor event center and Manny's band will play at the event. (Two Bands!)
 - If people have not yet voted for the national board of directors, the voting ends April 15th. Make sure you voted and encourage others to vote. FYI: Dave Newkirk is up for election.

Standing Reports

TREASURER (Ryan Peterson)

- The transactions that occurred during the month of March: primarily we received income from the Meet the Agencies session 3 meeting and our quarterly payment of membership dues from SAME National.
- In other news: Faith Powell completed annual report to SAME National which includes information gatherings from committee chairs and different aspects of our post.



- We also completed the annual financial audit: Steve Woolery and Allen Wycoff were on the audit review committee.
 - o No significant negative findings but provided great recommendations to implement moving forward.

MEMBERSHIP (Scott Blount)

- Had a pretty flat month, were up a little last month and down a little this month.
- Good news: Amidst the pandemic, we are holding barely steady.

PROGRAMS (Nick Vlahovich)

- Post Leaders workshop in August was going to be in person but will now be virtual.
- SIOP Event in April – David Sweet is giving his brief.
- Agenda and Pricing: we been on the MTA model for the last three months. Now that we are going back to traditional noon programs – how do we want to do pricing?
 - o \$10 members/\$20 members like MTA or go back to what has been the typical noon programs.
 - o Manny/Mark – recommends stick with the same \$10/\$20 pricing. And keep a donation option for scholarships.
- Thinking about going to original agenda model – Introduction/Committee Announcements/Sustainers/Program Announcements/Guest Speaker.
 - o Want to encourage committee chairs to continue to make announcements on our agenda/new programs. There are a lot of members still joining, we should share the information from the board/committee chairs.
- Moved May program date to Thursday the 13th - only date convenient for the speaker.
- Thanks to Manny – got the City of Seattle booked for September.
- Still looking for a November speaker, hoping to get Bob Parker speaking about the AECOM elements.
 - o Mark can help get ahold of Bob.

Annual Event Updates *(in calendar order)*

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

- Absent; No Update.

APRIL 2021 | TECHNOBOWL (LT Bo Wowtschuk)

- Not much of an update, have not heard any additional responses from the high schools or anyone looking to donate merchandise for the event.
- Last meeting wanted to discuss a date, would like to do in May because April is too soon.
 - o May 15 or May 22 proposed.



- Only have one high school, it was suggested we cancel this year and we postpone to next year since we do not have a lot of participation.
 - o Bo agrees – think it will be really tough to get more interest and we should regroup for next year.
 - o Think high schools are focusing on other things like getting kids back, etc.
 - o We have sent out multiple emails to ask for high schools to participate and little to no response.
- Board motion to delay until next year: Approved.

APRIL 2021 | SMALL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM (SBS) (TBD)

- Will not be held this year.
- Need a replacement for Sam, Caroline had volunteered in the interim.
- SIOP presentation by the Navy in place of this event. It will be a lunch meeting presentation.
- We need to come up with a date to get the information out.
- Idea for the board: Do we want to move this conference to the fall?
 - o The issue is trying to cram it into another month with the other events.
- In terms of small business, with the end of the FY and Small Business National Conference in November, there are concerns with trying to add this in.
- The consensus was to keep Small Business Conference for until next spring.
- On the Seattle website, it says the event is on April 27th. Need to be cancelled/updated on the website.

JUNE 2021 | MEET THE CHIEFS (Allen Wycoff)

- We are moving forward with a virtual one-day event, the agenda is currently being drafted.
- Decided on June 16th date. The event is up on Eventbrite already; link has been sent to Melissa.
- All posts are involved and there is a note out to get sponsors for three different categories.
- FYI: Online Save the Date/Website is showing June 15th start date.
- Have been having standing meetings, same pricing, already have sponsorships going on. At this point we need to promote it.

AUGUST 2021 | GOLF TOURNAMENT (Mark Corcoran)

- Absent.
- Mount Tacoma is leading this, date is set – August 12th.
- Registration has not been put out yet. Still fine tuning details with the course.
- Will be at Eagles Pride in Dupont.



Fall 2021 | PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE (John Hickey/Ralph Field)

- Absent.
- We did not do Projects of Excellence last year.
- Think it is reasonable to open up to projects completed in the last two years.
- We're trying to possibly combine it with the celebration.
- May even want to expand what the numbers are required/should be a lot of cool things and want to recognize all those projects if we can.
- Maybe want to postpone another year? Need to get more information.

Committee Updates

COMMUNICATIONS (Melissa Grasso)

- Absent; No Update.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Scott Adamek)

- We coordinated with ASCE in Seattle and program chair and president are okay with joint program in Sept of 2022.
- Next step is to bring to their BOD meeting next week.
- Concept would be an in person lunch meeting in downtown Seattle.
- Idea would have some government speakers and would be a joint meeting.
- Nick has been updated and will carry on from there.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Chair TBD)

- No Update.

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY (Wendy Oresik)

- Still working on getting the committee together.
- Been challenging, hopefully will have more news next month's report.
- Still on for February of 2022 for Sustainability forum, relying on being able to pull the committee together.
- Looking for the environment part of it, sustainability with buildings and such.
- If something is interested in that arena – that would be great. Trying to find the person that is the sustainability lead for the Corp of Engineers, not sure if anyone has a relationship with that person but Wendy would like the contact.
 - o Mark will talk to his contacts to see what he can find out for Wendy.

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMPS (Terry McCann)

- Absent.
- Update from Terry: he has been in touch with SAME National and they have received no applications from our area. Some are up in the air about the camps, want to hold in person but right now there is no involvement from us needed.



- Today is Terry's last day of employment, he is retiring today. He does intend to stay involved with SAME and Seattle Post.

FIELD TRIPS (Chair TBD)

- No Update.

KITSAP CHAPTER (Manny Bautista)

- Caroline working on SIOP presentation at the end of the month.
- Trying to catch Sam before he leaves to get a joint meeting between him and his replacement.
- Want them to know we will support them.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Stacie Anderson, CAPT Jed Boba)

- Last month, we did our leadership development day on the 18th and jumped onto the SAME National leadership luncheon discussion.
- Trying to come up with a new speaker for April to talk about working with teams and how to effectively do that.
- If you know anyone who is interested, give Jed a call.
- Trying to set up a meeting with national so they can see what we are doing out here and do the annual report.
- Nick requests to be kept up to date with the dates so calendar reflects current dates.

MENTORING (Ginette Chin)

- Faith did some review/feedback from her perspective on the survey. Will be sent to Caroline to distribute for other people to give any feedback.
- A lot of areas where we can add additional mentoring.

MEMBERSHIP – RETENTION AND NEW (Scott Blount)

- Big push has been to contact people that have left but really just trying to get the word out.
- Until things get back to normal, high centered on that.

MEMBERSHIP – SUSTAINER FIRMS (Jim Shellooe)

- Absent; No Update.

MEMBERSHIP - YOUNG MEMBERS (April Sweet)

- April Sweet is with us this morning to volunteer as the young member VP role for this coming year.
 - o April is with OCMI, has been in Seattle area just over a year. Moved up from San Diego, was part of SMPS, SAME OC and San Diego post.
- Let her know how to get started and who her point of contact would be.



- Leadership workshop with national will be a virtual conference the second week of August (9th-11th).

NOMINATIONS (Larry Toimil)

- Have a full slate and will get the proposed slate to the board to review and discuss, can finalize at the board meeting and will be a virtual vote.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Wendy Oresik)

- Nothing new other than if there is a way to send out PDH's after the meeting.
 - o Faith can help as she has everyone's email address who attend these meetings. Nick can also add to the announcements how many Professional Development credits are available for the meeting.
- Easiest solution – send out to everybody who attended to see if they want to use or not.
- Need the list of attendees not the registrants.
 - o GoTo meeting can pull that information.
- Can do on this month SIOP program. Let Nick know how many PDH credits to put into the announcements. Luncheons are always one PDH.
 - o Nick will add to the announcements for April program. Announcement is going out today 04/01.

SCHOLARSHIPS (John Souza)

- We got the campaign underway for all scholarships. Have a few on both sides – joint SAME Seattle post and sponsored scholarships by companies and sustainer firms.
- As always, we typically see a mad rush of apps submitted in the last weeks.
- Deadline is Friday April 30th at midnight.
- John will get an email to the post about 3 weeks out giving another reminder.
- Over \$60,000 in scholarships. Program is growing despite COVID times, want to keep steady to upward trend.
- We will have the first set of scholarships (usually post member group and sponsored scholarship group) reviewed first & that review will occur in early to mid-May, will have award winner list 3rd – 4th week of May.
- Typically, the joint funded scholarships which are for high schools, applications get reviewed last towards the end of May with announcing early June – this is the worst/latest case scenario. End of May for announcements is more likely.
- Mount Tacoma/Portland post would like to have a better understanding of how we handle our scholarship funds. Mark will get the names to John for a discussion with him and Ryan.

SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE (SBS) (TBD)

- Mark will work with Caroline on who is taking this over.



STEM / UW STUDENT CHAPTER (LT Bo Wowtschuk)

- Ray has found a replacement committee chair – a former Marine he works with now.
- New intern from Ray's company, he has volunteered for UW Student Chapter President. Name is Jimmy Boh and will work to get the UW Student Chapter up and running.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND STREAMER AWARDS (Terry McCann)

- Absent; No Update.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE (Karl Himes)

- Absent; No Update.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Bo would like to talk about transitions for leadership positions with Caroline, Jed, etc. for next year's positions.

END OF AGENDA