



Seattle Post Board Meeting July 1, 2021 | Meeting Minutes

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

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Attended (*alphabetical order*)

** voting member*

Scott Adamek	John Souza
Jackie Corley*	Ray Spees*
Ralph Field*	April Sweet*
Melissa Grasso	Larry Toimil
Terry McCann*	Nick Vlahovich
Tom Nichols*	Allen Wycoff*
Mark Ohlstrom	Nany Yee*
Ryan Peterson*	
Caroline Roberts*	

Welcome and Announcements

1. Roll call
2. Declare quorum – Quorum Called
3. Approve July 1, 2021 Agenda – Agenda Approved
4. Approve June 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Minutes Approved
5. Announcements
 - Centennial Ball – Friday July 23rd.
 - Still spots open.
 - Encourage the board to attend and get the word out.

Standing Reports

TREASURER (Ryan Peterson)

- Absent.

MEMBERSHIP (Scott Blount)

- Absent.
- He sent out a summary of the month.
- Want to get people involved to increase membership: Fellows (challenge the fellows to find one young member and bring on board) | Sustaining members



PROGRAMS (Nick Vlahovich)

- September Program: commitment from HNTB will provide a construction manager to co-present at that program: Scott Basin and Matt Donohue. HNTB is doing studies for the city and one of those is on the bridge.
- Would love to have the September program to be in person.
- Nick will get with Ray to figure out what the veteran's program will be in October.
- Hoping to get Bob Parker speaking to SIOP for November program.
- Andy Chandler: programs manager for Tacoma post
 - o Hoping Andy and Nick to touch base/partner up. Andy was part of Seattle but now on Tacoma post.
- Looking to get Nick someone to support him/help with the programs.

Annual Event Updates *(in calendar order)*

AUGUST 2021 | GOLF TOURNAMENT (Mark Corcoran)

- Being set up and run by the Tacoma post.

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

- Ray's update: John is not interested in taking the lead on this.
- Things are opening up across the board.
- Would like to see projects of excellence go on. Just need someone to drive it.
- John Hickey is retiring.
- Ralph does not have the time to run it.
- Need to get information from John, Ralph will reach out to John.
- Will need to get Ralph a partner for next year.

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

- No Update.

December 2021 | HOLIDAY SOCIAL/ SAME SEATTLE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (Nick Vlahovich)

- Still have the coins – Caroline has close to 1,000.
- Maybe we can turn our holiday party into a centennial celebration.
- Caroline will ping John and Nick and Caroline to have a meeting with Julie Erickson.
- Nick to get support.



Committee Updates

COMMUNICATIONS (Melissa Grasso)

- Website needs to be updated with new Leadership Group.
- Need to let Melissa know if the committee chairs are still up to date – see email from Melissa.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Scott Adamek)

- Planning in progress for the September 2022 joint event with SAME and ASCE Seattle.
- TBD for where and exact date.
- Scott to connect with April on debrief and recruiting young members.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Chair TBD)

- This committee is part of the strategic plan goal to building resilient communities.
- In the past we have had Rob Fraiser at the Corp and Andy Hough heavily involved in emergency preparedness with the City of Seattle, etc.
 - o This has not happened in quite a few years, lack of being someone's passion.
- Resilience is a streaming requirement. And that person who mans this committee fills in the streamer.
- Nick was thinking November would a good time to have speakers discuss this topic.
 - o Would like to have a standing month to call Emergency Preparedness.
- Need someone to step up, meet quarterly and put together one program a year.
- Andy Hough now at GLY: andy.hough@gly.com
 - o Larry will reach out to see if Andy is interested in picking this up.
- Geoff Compteu with Westin has the regional EPA contract. They may have someone that has been involved in clearance study down in OR and are well versed in wildfire emergency response.
 - o Larry will reach out to Geoff as well.
- Look for someone from FEMA or USACE to support the position.
 - o Good group to speak at a luncheon.

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY (Wendy Oresik)

- Absent.
- This works into a streamer (not a specific streamer).
 - o Since we create involvement from other organizations.
- Event scheduled every two years.
- Coast Guard based, one time at the UW.
 - o Half day seminar. Major event.
 - o Planning on one in 2022. Wendy is currently planning it and may be at the UW.
- LT Bohdon Wowtschuk to reach out to Wendy.



ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMPS (Terry McCann)

- Two campers are at camps right now.
- The evolution begins again in February.
- Once campers return, they will send expense travel items to Terry who will then send to Ryan.

FIELD TRIPS (Chair TBD)

- Can we combine this with another group?
- Compliments what Nick does – part of programs and a lot of work to coordinate.
- Have had some very effective Field Trip chairs in the past.
 - o Have to find the right people. Have had some turnover.
- Part of growing Nick's team to have someone work on Field Trips.
- Need someone assigned to this because it is a lot of work.
- Will roll this into Nick's group for now.
- If someone does want to lead something, then anyone can step up to lead a Field Trip.
- Ginette is working on a Field Trip at the moment.

KITSAP CHAPTER (Manny Bautista/Mark Swink)

- Absent. No Update.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Stacie Anderson, CAPT Jed Boba)

- Absent.
- Should we combine Leadership Development and Mentoring? And then have Young Membership involved as well.
- Want to connect Stacie, CAPT Jed, Ginette and April to discuss ways to create synergy within these groups.

MENTORING (Ginette Chin)

- Not a whole lot to report.
- Ginette put out a survey – got some good responses.
- Want to get the group together who work with the same people to meet.
- Ginette to connect with April.

MEMBERSHIP – RETENTION AND NEW (Scott Blount)

- Absent, No Update.



MEMBERSHIP – SUSTAINER FIRMS (Jamie Fleek)

- Absent. No Update.

MEMBERSHIP - YOUNG MEMBERS (April Sweet)

- April to connect with Ginette, Stacie and CAPT Boba.
 - o Will coordinate with the team.
- She is currently working on coordination with Sustaining Members and doing own outreach.
- Soliciting interest to get younger members involved is key now.
- Need development on the perks and reward sustaining members.
- Want to schedule a young member happy hour in August after golf tournament, a veteran owned brewery and maybe a guest speaker.
 - o Goal is to get 20 people – would get a beer for each person.
 - o Nick and April to meet to get this going/resources.
 - o Open to everyone with a young members focus, free beer for young members.
 - o Focus on getting young members to join as well & get the fellows involved.
- April has Kim Baker helping with the committee.
- \$200 budget motion approved for April to get started on the happy hour.
- For more content on the website – April will connect with Melissa. Want to get content in the Young Members tab.
 - o We do have some website limitations for format.
- Social media: Nancy can post for Facebook.
- LinkedIn: A few of the board members have access and Melissa will look into getting April editing access/help with posting.

NOMINATIONS (Larry Toimil)

- Involved with candidates for fellow nominations.
 - o One from the Portland post and one is from the Seattle post.
- We will need endorsement letter & Larry will reach out to Ray for Seattle post candidate.
- Mark Ohlstrom will need to provide an endorsement as Regional VP.
- Four letters necessary to go with the package.
- For next year, need to think about who is going to fill in these board positions.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Wendy Oresik)

- Absent. No Update.

SCHOLARSHIPS (John Souza)

- Had a great scholarship campaign.
- We were able to allocate more than \$60,000 in scholarships. Great support from SAME Seattle and from Puget Sound Engineering Fund.



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- Now we are in planning mode for planning for next campaign to kick off in January 2022.
- Great partnership with sustaining members who sponsor individual scholarships and the post scholarship partnered with Puget Sound for the high school students.
- Continue to move on with scholarship awards. 12/13 scholarships allocated.
- John will collect notes to post on website possibly. Owe Michelle an awards list. Tying up loose ends and campaign is over for 2021.
- John has data maintaining back to 2013 (his involvement) in regard to applicants and past winners of scholarships. We look at distribution for schools and colleges. John will pass on the award list to Ray, April and Bo.

SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE (Lori Revely)

- Ray has nominated Lori to help with this Committee.

STEM / UW STUDENT CHAPTER (LT Bo Wowtschuk)

- Bo invite Jimmie to the next board meeting for an update.

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

- Reports due in January.
- Format is easier and can be submitted quarterly or monthly basis online.
- Terry is going to work with Scott to respond and will submit reports as soon as we can.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE (Karl Himes)

- Potentially roll this under programs.
- Ray wants to potentially consolidate this with another agenda item.
- No updates in a while. No past success stories shared either.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Review and Update of Post By-Laws.
 - o John Callahan & Marty are retiring from the board.
 - o John Souza will reach out to John Callahan for his plans/recommendations.
- For Golf Tournament funds, the last one we did – Tacoma did not feel like they got a fair shake out of it which is their major way of funding. Seattle has more ways of funding. We are not sharing any money with Tacoma on the golf tournament.
 - o Last year we got the share of the sponsors we got for the tournament.
- We need to look at funding resources since we are not participating in the tournament.

END OF MINUTES