



## SAME OMAHA POST – BOARD MEETING Minutes May 2, 2024

### Attendees

<b>Board Members</b>		10 elected board officers present for whole meeting, quorum sustained (14 total)	
Role/Directors	Goal/Vice Presidents	Role/Directors	
P Ryan Watzke	1 <del>John Hudson(F)</del>	A&R Stephanie Heibel	
PP Natasha Gromak(F)	2 <del>Tony Lang</del>	YM&C Stephanie Ling	
T Brian Schuele	3 Kandi Srb	Comm Chris Artz	
S Brec Wilshusen(F)	4 Tom Svoboda	Rel Bobbi Jo Lang	
	5 <del>Rob Hufford</del>		
<b>Other Attending Post Members</b>			
Flw	Phil Deakin(F)	Veronica Doga	
Pgm	Jake Batenhorst	Anne Peterson(F)	

Future Meeting Dates				
Board Meetings		General Meetings		Speaker
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Field Club	<i>ANC Small Nuclear Reactors</i>
Thursday, June 6, 2024	Teams	Thursday, June 13, 2024	Charles on the Lake	Awards, Officer transition
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, July 9, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, August 1, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, August 6, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, September 5, 2024	Teams	Thursday, September 12, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, October 3, 2024	Teams	Thursday, October 10, 2024	<i>Field Club</i>	
Thursday, November 7, 2024	Teams	Thursday, November 14, 2024	Field Club	
Thursday, December 5, 2024	Teams	Thursday, December 12, 2024	Field Club	<i>USACE Omaha Update?</i>
<b>Important Regional/National Events</b>				
Joint Engineer Training Conference		13-16 May 2024	Kissimmee FL	Gaylord Palms
Omaha Industry Days		29-31 May 2024	Omaha	CHI Center
Kansas City Industry Days		11-13 Jun 2024	Kansas City MO	
Post Leaders Workshop		4-6 Aug 2024	Scottsdale AZ	
Small Business Conference		20-22 Nov 2024	New Orleans	Marlal Conv Ctr
See the Missouri River region Newsletter for further events <i>(projected items in italics)</i>				

Ryan Watzke called our meeting to order at 12:00pm, with Brec Wilshusen announcing a quorum had also assembled.

### President's remarks:

Ryan deferred consideration of the April meeting minutes until the next meeting.

Ryan reminded us that comments on bylaws are due today. Ryan will incorporate these, then finalize the document, and with appropriate signatures, forward to National.



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**Minutes**  
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If you have any nominations for next year’s board, please reach out to Ryan.

Chris Artz briefed our electronic storage plan for Google Workspace, and use existing Communications budget authority. We have 5 terabytes, plan to set up office emails with “@sameomaha.org” suffixes.

**Treasurer:** Brian Schuele expects to file our tax return by 15 May 2024.

**Relationships:** Bobbi Jo Lang reported we have 658 individual and 114 corporate members. She (with Veronica Doga) also lauded the “full house” Meet the Buyer (MTB) event held on 24 March 2024 in Lincoln. Bobbi hinted at a “member appreciation event” coming in July.

**Young Member & College Outreach:** Bobbi remarked that Jake Lang in meeting with the ROTC commanders about student chapters on Monday (6 May 2024). Stephanie Ling forecast student chapter elections in June, with a social planned Friday (3 May) to plan.

**Awards and Recognition:** NSTR

**Communications:** Chris Artz wants to add Project Healing Waters (PHW) to our website. Chris also requested photos from the SMP event. Stephanie Ling remarked she has several to share.

**Industry Day:** Kandi Srb reports 446 registrants and over \$80K in sponsorships.

**Programs:** Jake Batenhorst remarked that he has confirmed our speaker for next week.

**Leadership & Mentoring:** Tom Svoboda reports that all the scholarship renewal checks have been disbursed. Anne Peterson reported that Gross HS won the Post award; Papillion and Gretna’s Team1 and Team2 were runners up. The next SMP awards competition event is scheduled for 10 Apr 2025...mark your calendars. The steering committee meeting is tbd.

**Resilience:** NSTR

**IGE:** NSTR

**Small Business:** Veronica remarked the MTB event had more than 100 attendees and says “thank you” to the SAME Post for our sponsorship. USACE, APEX, & SBA will hold training on 29 May 2024, discussing SF330 reviews, “how to sell to the government”, and the Mentor-Protégé program.

**Fellows:** Phil Deakin reminded us of the “Fellows call” planned for next week (10 May 2024). He is planning to deliver the Fellows’ “three-year operational plan” to Ryan via email today .

**Past President:** NSTR

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

R. BREC WILSHUSEN, P.E., F. SAME  
Post Secretary