



SAME OMAHA POST – BOARD MEETING Minutes Jul 2, 2024

Attendees

Board Members	10 elected board officers present, 9 for whole meeting; quorum sustained (14 total)	
Role/Directors	Goal/Vice Presidents	Role/Directors
P Ryan Watzke	1 John Hudson(F)	A&R Stephanie Heibel
PP Natasha Gromak(F)	2 Tony Lang	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 Rob Hufford	

Other Attending Post Members			
Pgm	Jake Batenhorst	Chris Langan(F)	Don Fucik
		Bill Glismann(F)	

Future Meeting Dates				
Board Meetings		General Meetings		Speaker
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Teams	Tuesday, July 9, 2024	Field Club	Officer Transition
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	(public sector event)
Thursday, December 5, 2024	Teams	Thursday, December 12, 2024	Field Club	<i>USACE Omaha Update?</i>
Important Regional/National Events				
Post Leaders Workshop		4-6 Aug 2024	Scottsdale AZ	
Small Business Conference		20-22 Nov 2024	New Orleans	Marlal Conv Ctr
Engineer's Week		17-21 Feb 2025		
Capital Week		24-26 Mar 2025	Rockville MD	
Joint Engineer Training Conference		13-15 May 2025	Louisville KY	
Omaha Industry Days		27-29 May 2025	Omaha	CHI Center
Kansas City Industry Days			Kansas City MO	
Post Leaders Workshop		3-5 Aug 2025	Scottsdale AZ	
See the Missouri River region Newsletter for futher 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 (as of 11:56am).

President's remarks:

Ryan requested members consider the April and May meeting minutes, and if no comments are received in three days, will be accepted as presented.

Ryan briefly recounted that the By-Law update was filed with National.

Ryan asked for a board member to chair the general meeting in his stead next week. John Hudson was appointed.

Treasurer: Brian Schuele presented June 2024 Income summary and YTD budget income vs expense reports.



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Relationships: Bobbi Jo Lang reported we have 683 individual and 123 corporate members.

Young Member & College Outreach: Stephanie Ling reported the MCC student chapter tried to elect new officers in June. Discussion ensued if it were *constitutional* IAW our by-laws to appoint vice casting ballots.

IGE: NSTR

Veterans Outreach: Rob Hufford reported he was contacted by another organization—Moving Veterans Forward (supporting homeless veterans)—for a exploratory meeting. No Project Healing Waters events pending.

Awards and Recognition: NSTR.

Communications: Chris Artz reported he placed an article in “Post Notes” in The Military Engineer.

Industry Day: Kandi Srb emailed three items for the Board from the last Industry Day meeting (with much discussion following):

- Next year will be the 85th Anniversary of the Omaha Post. As you may recall, we had planned an event for the 80th Anniversary during Industry Day in 2000, but Covid cancelled everything. So it is in the works to do a celebration of the 85th during next year’s Industry Day. This is just at the beginning stages, but potential locations, timing, sponsorships, etc. are all being considered.
- Related to that – a suggestion was made that we should design and produce a special coin to commemorate and give away at Industry Day. The committee requested input from the Board on this idea.
- The overwhelming feedback on the keynote speaker was outstanding, so the committee’s intention is to pay for a speaker again next year (in a similar price range of this year’s speaker).

Programs: Jake Batenhorst remarked that he has confirmed our speaker for next week, and are “good for the rest of the year”. We have 35 reservations for July.

Leadership & Mentoring: Tom Svoboda reports, and Bill Glismann supported, adding a recurring consideration for a the SMP coordinator line item that increases pay each year. Bill further reported the steering committee meeting is still tbd.

Resilience: N/R

Small Business: Virtual Matchmaking is August 28th.

Fellows: We are working with 3 nominees for Fellows this year, Joe Shields, Paul Owen and Rob Hufford. I will be setting up the first Council of Fellows meeting after the change of officers next week

Past President: NSTR

Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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