

SAME Omaha Post Monthly Meeting – March 2025

Date: 6 March 2025

Time: 12:00 PM Central Time (CT)

Future Post Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – B21 Program Update, Andy Temeyer, USACE Omaha District, Larry Bolton KC District
- Tuesday, April 9, 2025 – Mutual of Omaha Tower Team
- Tuesday, May 6, 2025 –
- Tuesday, July 8, 2025 –
- Tuesday, August 12, 2025 –
- Tuesday, September 9, 2025 –
- Tuesday, October 14, 2025 –
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025 –
- Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – USACE Omaha District Update

Call to Order- President: Stephanie Heibel called the meeting to order.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum- Secretary: Chris Artz conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

☒ President: Stephanie Heibel

☒ Secretary: Chris Artz

☒ Treasurer: Brian Schuele

☐ Vice President for Service Members and Veterans: Rob Hufford

☐ Vice President for IGE: Bobbi Jo Lang

☒ Vice President for Resilience: Don Fucik

☒ Vice President for Professional Development and Personal Growth: Kandi Srb

☒ Vice President for Leadership and Mentoring: Tom Svoboda

☒ Director for Communications: Jill Zehr

☐ Director for Awards and Recognition: Christina McManis

☐ Director for Young Members and Student Outreach: Stephanie Ling

☒ Director for Fellows: Natasha Gromak

☒ Past President: Ryan Watzke

Members at Large in attendance:

☐ Programs: Jake Batenhorst

☐ Scholarships & Camps: Joe Shields

☒ SMP – Anne Peterson

☐ SMP – Bill Glismann

☒ Small Business: Veronica Doga

☐ Roger Wozny

☒ Brec Wilshusen

☐ Chris Langan

Approval of Minutes – The Annual Planning Meeting and February 2025 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Jill Zehr and seconded by Tom Svoboda. The minutes were approved

without objections.

Reports

President's Report: Stephanie Heibel- National SAME President-Elect Mike Huffstetler would like to meet with board members before Industry Day. Suggested meeting times are breakfast on Monday or Tuesday, or after the reception on Wednesday. The meeting would include the RVP and Black Hills if available. Interested attendees are Stephanie, Chris, Tom, and Bobbi Jo.

The annual report to National is due by March 31, 2025. The board will explore obtaining non-profit status for the post; Brian will consult with the accountant about this process. State Forms 13 and 15 need to be addressed for property tax and sales tax exceptions.

The Omaha Chamber membership is coming due, renewal not necessary.

For the SMP Awards, Chris Artz will follow up with Bill for the 2025 Awards link. Ann and Bill will send out requests for SMP Award sponsorships, offering payment options via square link or check.

A meeting is being scheduled with Stephanie Ling and Tom Svoboda to discuss a new Young Member position, separate from the Student Member position.

Per the RVP, a bond is not required for the Treasurer position.

Roger Wozny will receive the National Golden Eagle award at JETC. He is using vouchers for registration, allowing for budget flexibility to send another attendee. Devin Mueller will be asked about attending

Treasurer's Report: Brian Schuele- Provided an updated budget that was sent out to the board and noted that it was included in the February minutes. He reported that income from Industry Day is coming in and reminded the board that the annual report is due in March, with taxes due in April. Brian stated that he will schedule an audit after these items are completed.

Vice President for Service Members and Veterans: Rob Hufford- Stephanie H : Healing Waters event will take place at Halleck Park on March 22. Rob is currently waiting to receive more feedback from Healing Waters.

Additionally, it was mentioned that veteran organizations, including VRE and Team Red/White/Blue, will have a table at Industry Day.

Vice President for IGE Report: Bobbi Jo Lang- No report

Vice President for Resilience: Don Fucik- He is receiving responses for the resilience workshop scheduled for March 21. He confirmed that invites will be sent to the membership.

Vice President for Professional Development and Personal Growth Report: Kandi Srb- Kandi will provide updates in the committee reports section. She also requested that everyone send historical information from the Omaha Post to Anne Peterson for the anniversary celebration, including any SAME events such as Healing Waters, Veterans Events, Small Business events, and the 50-mile march.

Vice President for Leadership and Mentoring Report: Tom Svoboda- There are nine scholarship applications for the SMP, one for the Doug Plack Scholarship, and one for the Mary M Scholarship. He reminded the board that camp applications are due by March 12 and mentioned that he will work with Devin regarding the Young Member Director position.

Director for Communications Report: Jill Zehr- Requested updates to the website and noted that Cary-Ann Williams, the PR chair for Industry Day, is working on a strategy for promoting the event..

Director for Awards and Recognition: Christina McManis- Stephanie H: Streamers should be announced at the end of March.

Director for Young Members and Student Outreach Report: Stephanie Ling- No report.

Director for Fellows Report: Natasha Gromak – Engage community will need some work to join. She confirmed that Paul Owens will be recognized as a fellow and mentioned that Kandi Srb and Tom Svoboda are

being considered for next year. Natasha asked for an update on the fellows luncheon registration. Chris will send a list of fellows and those registered for the luncheon.

Past President: Ryan Watzke- No Report

Secretary: Chris Artz- Chris Artz reported on the establishment of an Omaha Post Board of Directors Community page on the SAME Engage platform. He emphasized the need for administrative rights to manage the page effectively, ensuring that all board members can access and contribute to it. Chris confirmed that all board meeting minutes have been uploaded to the community page for transparency and easy access.

Committee Reports

Industry Day: Kandi Srb- Registration for Industry Day is up and running, with over 50% of sponsorships already sold. She confirmed that the Omaha Post will have an exhibit booth and mentioned that Don Fucik has volunteered to take a shift. Kandi also stated that Anne Peterson will ask Nicole Hunter if she would like to take a shift.

Programs: Jake Batenhorst- Kandi will work with registration committee to arrive by 11.

Scholarships & Camps: Joe Shields- The quarterly National SAME meeting on camps is scheduled for next Friday, March 14, and he will be attending.

SMP – Anne Peterson/Bill Glismann- Corps event in Elkhorn took place on February 13 and that they would like to hold the event again next year. She mentioned that a sponsorship request will be sent out, and Jill Zehr will reach out to the Russell Middle School contact for STEM and SMP for next year. Don Fucik will reach out to Millard West regarding special STEM activities.

Small Business: Veronica Doga- Inquired if there is a contingency plan in case government agencies pull out of the event. She mentioned that the National Small Business COI has a list of best practices for the Small Business Conference, which will also be used for the Industry Day session. Veronica reported that a virtual matchmaking session was held last year at a cost of \$800 and noted that the APEX accelerator recently conducted a similar event for the Midwest, resulting in over 1,000 meetings. She proposed a regional matchmaking session with other posts in the region and stated that she will get a quote and make a motion next month.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Open Discussion

None

Adjournment by Stephanie Heibel

****Minutes Prepared By: Chris Artz, Secretary on 3/6/2025**