

SAME Omaha Post Monthly Meeting – May 1, 2025

Date: 1 May 2025

Time: 12:00 PM Central Time (CT)

Future Post Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – SAME Omaha SMP, and SAME LDP Utilization Project Presentations
- 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 calls the meeting to order.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum- Stephanie Heibel conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present (7 or more from this list).

☒ 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 (not counted toward quorum):

☐ Programs: Jake Batenhorst

☐ Scholarships & Camps: Joe Shields

☒ SMP – Anne Peterson

☐ SMP – Bill Glismann

☒ Small Business: Veronica Doga

☐ Roger Wozny

☒ Brec Wilshusen

☐ Chris Langan

Reports

President's Report: Stephanie Heibel- Stephanie Heibel expressed concern that Omaha Corp District employees must take leave to attend Industry Day, which may affect participation. She has been collaborating with Chad Zimmerman, Director of Activities and External Relationships, who works with Russell Middle School

and Upchurch Elementary School, and suggested inviting him to a future meeting. Stephanie confirmed that adding new board roles, such as splitting student outreach and young membership, is at the president's discretion. Due to quorum loss and budget considerations, a motion on the small business budget will be postponed to next month.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Schuele-Brian reported that the tax return was filed and the checking account balance is about \$219,000, boosted by Industry Day funds. He still needs to enter the 2025 budget into QuickBooks for a detailed report. Brian confirmed payment to Avenue of Scholars was completed and will circulate their thank-you note and event invitation.

Vice President for Service Members and Veterans: Rob Hufford-No report was given.

Vice President for IGE Report: Bobbi Jo Lang- Bobbi Jo and Chris are preparing presentations for the membership. She clarified some voting decisions may fall under the president's authority. The small business budget currently has \$500 remaining.

Vice President for Resilience: Don Fucik- No report was given.

Vice President for Professional Development and Personal Growth Report: Kandi Srb-No report was given. She helped close the meeting.

Vice President for Leadership and Mentoring Report: Tom Svoboda-Tom emphasized the importance of industry engagement this year regarding solicitation and FAR updates. He confirmed the Avenue of Scholars payment and encouraged members to observe their boot camp activities.

Director for Communications Report: Jill Zehr- No report was given.

Director for Awards and Recognition: Christina McManis- No report was given.

Director for Young Members and Student Outreach Report: Stephanie Ling- Stephanie noted that additional requirements for Omaha Corp employees attending Industry Day have been in place for some time. She confirmed the president's discretion over board role adjustments and discussed ballot and voting procedures.

Director for Fellows Report: Natasha Gromak – No report was given.

Past President: Ryan Watzke- No report was given.

Secretary: Chris Artz- The previous SAME website for Omaha Post (previous format on SAME National page) has been removed. Photos from that website are no accessible. Had planned to send them to Anne.

Committee Reports

Industry Day: Kandi Srb- No new updates beyond the president's attendance concerns.

Programs: Jake Batenhorst-No updates.

Scholarships & Camps: Joe Shields- No updates.

SMP – Anne Peterson/Bill Glismann- Anne Peterson reported Nicole will present next week about the program, with Bobbi Jo and Chris also preparing presentations.

Small Business: Veronica Doga- The budget has \$500 remaining; related motions postponed due to lack of quorum.

Adjournment by Stephanie Heibel

**Minutes Prepared By Chris Artz from recording on May 5, 2025.