

SAME Omaha Post Monthly Meeting – April 2, 2026

Date: 2 April 2026

Time: 12:00 PM Central Time (CT)

Future Post Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – Synthetic Turf Revetment Systems on the Mississippi River and *SMP Award Winner Presentation*
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – Nebraska Task Force 1 – Ashley Engler
- Tuesday, July 14, 2026 – USAF - Modern Drone Application - *Change of Officers* and potential *Post Awards Presentation*
- Tuesday, August 11, 2026 – Crossroads Development Presentation - Jen Perez, MCL Construction
- Tuesday, September 8, 2026- PFAS soil remediation strategy - Rapid Leaching Technology (RLT) and its applicability to MILCON - Shaun Malin – Principal & Director of Strategic Development at HRP Associates Inc.
- Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - Secure Construction (ICD 705, SCIFs), Laurie Smithers- Conti Federal
- Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – Placeholder for Public Sector Event
- Tuesday, December 8, 2026 – Placeholder for USACE Omaha District Program Update

Call to Order- Chris Artz calls the meeting to order at 12:00 PM CT.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum- Chris Artz conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum was not present. Only 8 members were present at the start of the meeting.

President: COL Robert Newbauer

Secretary: Chris Artz

Treasurer: Brian Schuele

VP for Service Members and Veterans: Rob Hufford

VP for IGE: Bobbi Jo Lang

VP for Resilience: Don Fucik

VP for Professional Development and Personal Growth: Kandi Srb

VP for Leadership and Mentoring: Tom Svoboda

Past President: Stephanie Heibel

Director for Communications: Jill Zehr

Director for Awards and Recognition: Laurie Smithers

Director for Student Chapters: Stephanie Ling

Director for Young Members: Devin Mueller

Director for Fellows: Natasha Gromak

Co-Director for Student Mentoring: Anne Peterson

Co-Director for Student Mentoring: Bill Glismann

Members at Large in attendance (not counted toward quorum):

Programs: Jake Batenhorst

Programs: Ted Kocher

Industry Day: Cindy Lincicome

Industry Day: Jackie Olsommer

Scholarships & Camps: Sean Bayer

Scholarships & Camps: Lannae Long

Small Business: Veronica Doga

- Roger Wozny
- Brec Wilshusen
- Chris Langan
- Ryan Watzke
- Matt Coan

Approval of Minutes – Approval of prior meeting minutes was deferred due to lack of quorum.

Reports

President: COL Robert Newbauer: No Report.

Secretary: Chris Artz: No formal report. Noted that no actions requiring approval would occur due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer: Brian Schuele: Reported that Industry Day revenues are being received and processing of Student Mentoring Program (SMP) expenses is ongoing. The annual report has been submitted. The next focus will be compiling and submitting documentation to the accountant for tax preparation.

VP for Service Members and Veterans: Rob Hufford: No Report.

VP for IGE: Bobbi Jo Lang Reported that individual membership has increased by 27 members since the beginning of the year, while corporate memberships have decreased by three, consistent with national trends. Planning continues for Industry Day outreach and agency engagement. A First-Time Industry Day Attendee webinar is scheduled for May 14. Planning is underway for a fall Matchmaker event, and budget implications may need to be considered.

VP for Resilience: Don Fucik: Reported that a committee meeting will be scheduled to assess priorities. Provided updates on the upcoming base tour, including coordination of access requirements, transportation logistics, and background check processing. Estimated attendance is 12–15 participants.

VP for Professional Development and Personal Growth: Kandi Srb: Reported that Industry Day planning is progressing well with strong registration activity. The next committee meeting is scheduled for late April. Programming is robust, with additional sessions being developed, including a potential GSA presentation on OASIS+.

VP for Leadership and Mentoring: Tom Svoboda: Reported continued coordination of the base tour, including engagement with base leadership and development of the program agenda. Noted that Fellows have assigned mentors to newly selected scholarship recipients.

Past President: Stephanie Heibel: No report.

Director for Communications: Jill Zehr: No report.

Director for Awards and Recognition: Laurie Smithers: Reported that Golden Eagle Award nominations are due April 17. Additional annual awards will be coordinated for presentation in July.

Director for Student Chapters: Stephanie Ling: Reported on transition planning for the Student Chapter Director role, with Matt Coan attending as a prospective replacement. Noted ongoing challenges and coordination with student chapters, as well as a successful recent student bowling event.

Director for Young Members: Devin Mueller: Reported an upcoming Young Member event at Smash Park with expected attendance of 5–10 participants. Results will be shared at the next meeting.

Director for Fellows: Natasha Gromak: No report.

Directors for Student Mentoring: Anne Peterson with Bill Glismann: No Report

Committee Reports

Industry Day: Cindy Lincicome and Jackie Olsommer: Report provided by Kandi Srb and Chris Artz. Industry Day planning continues with strong registrations and ongoing coordination. Volunteer support is still needed, particularly for registration activities, and members are encouraged to promote participation.

Programs: Ted Kocher: Monthly meeting is on April 14th with a presentation on Synthetic Turf Revetment Systems. Registration is currently low but expected to increase as the meeting date approaches.

Scholarships & Camps: Lannae Long (interim)– SMP competition included 14 middle schools and 17 high schools. Winning teams were La Vista Middle School Team #1 and Gross Catholic High School. Letters to scholarship winners are being drafted to document mentoring expectations and provide instruction on becoming a SAME Student Member.

Small Business: Veronica Doga – Report provided by Bobbi Jo Lang. A Matchmaker event is planned for October/November. A First-Time Industry Day Attendee webinar is scheduled for May 14 to support outreach and engagement.

Meeting adjourned by Chris Artz at 12:51 PM CT.

Minutes prepared by Chris Artz on May 7, 2026.



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INCOME STATEMENT

March 2026

Category	3/1/2026- 3/31/2026	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Treasurer	149.35	149.35
VP for Development and Growth		
Industry Day	110,790.42	110,790.42
Monthly Meeting Registrations	150.00	150.00
TOTAL VP for Development and Gr...	110,940.42	110,940.42
VP for Leadership and Mentoring		
SMP Steering Committee	500.00	500.00
TOTAL VP for Leadership and Men...	500.00	500.00
VP for Relationships		
Annual Membership Dues	1,583.25	1,583.25
TOTAL VP for Relationships	1,583.25	1,583.25
TOTAL INCOME	113,173.02	113,173.02
EXPENSES		
Treasurer_		
Misc. Expenses	30.00	30.00
TOTAL Treasurer_	30.00	30.00
VP for Development and Growth_		
Industry Day	363.45	363.45
Monthly Programs	1,305.83	1,305.83
Scholarships and Camps	1,441.10	1,441.10
TOTAL VP for Development and Gr...	3,110.38	3,110.38
VP for Leadership and Mentoring_		
SMP Steering Committee	6,820.59	6,820.59
TOTAL VP for Leadership and Men...	6,820.59	6,820.59
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,960.97	9,960.97
OVERALL TOTAL	103,212.05	103,212.05

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$216,079.33
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$893,685.00
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	\$553,000.00



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2026 BUDGET

As of 04/02/26

Category	Actual	2026 Budget	Difference
INCOME	224,483.04	372,100.00	-147,616.96
Treasurer	182.33	100.00	82.33
VP for Development and Growth	222,217.46	360,000.00	-137,782.54
Industry Day	220,550.86	315,000.00	-94,449.14
Monthly Meeting Registrations	1,274.08	12,000.00	-10,725.92
Scholarships - Donations	367.52	1,000.00	-632.48
Scholarships - Interest Income	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00
Scholarships - Split Kitty Sales	25.00	2,000.00	-1,975.00
VP for Leadership and Mentoring	500.00	5,000.00	-4,500.00
Fellows Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00
SMP Steering Committee	500.00	5,000.00	-4,500.00
VP for Relationships	1,583.25	7,000.00	-5,416.75
Annual Membership Dues	1,583.25	7,000.00	-5,416.75
Small Business Liason	0.00	0.00	0.00
Veterans Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	34,589.81	371,145.00	336,555.19
Treasurer_	325.30	3,600.00	3,274.70
Misc. Expenses	325.30	3,600.00	3,274.70
VP for Development and Growth_	13,225.04	269,200.00	255,974.96
Industry Day	863.45	200,000.00	199,136.55
Monthly Meeting Registrations	94.85	100.00	5.15
Monthly Programs	4,825.64	21,000.00	16,174.36
PDHs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scholarships and Camps	7,441.10	48,100.00	40,658.90
VP for Leadership and Mentoring_	20,866.34	66,625.00	45,758.66
Fellows Coordinator	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
SMP Steering Committee	20,866.34	65,125.00	44,258.66
VP for Relationships_	24.19	19,920.00	19,895.81
Community Donations	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Director for Awards and Recognition	0.00	970.00	970.00
Director for Black Hills Chapter	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Director for Communications	24.19	200.00	175.81
Engineering Roundtable and E-Week	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
National SAME Event Support	0.00	9,550.00	9,550.00
Public Agency Partnerships	0.00	500.00	500.00
Small Business Liason	0.00	500.00	500.00
Veteran Outreach - Comm. Involvem...	0.00	700.00	700.00
VP for Resilience	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Resiliency Expenses	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
VP for Young Members and Students	148.94	10,000.00	9,851.06
Student Chapter	0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Young Members	148.94	2,500.00	2,351.06
Net Difference:	189,893.23	955.00	188,938.23