

SAME Omaha Post Monthly Meeting – July 2, 2026

Date: 2 July 2026

Time: 12:00 PM Central Time (CT)

Future Post Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, July 14, 2026 – USAF - Modern Drone Application - *Change of Officers* and potential *Post Awards Presentation*
- Tuesday, August 11, 2026 – Crossroads Development Presentation, Sam Howe, Josh Gorczynski, MCL Construction Business Development
- 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- The meeting was called to order by Chris Artz at approximately 12:08 PM CT.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum- Chris Artz conducted the roll call and noted attendance was initially below quorum due to the upcoming holiday. Additional members joined the call, and quorum was confirmed.

☐ 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: 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 – The June 2026 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Kandi Srb and seconded by Don Fucik. The motion passed without objection.

Reports

President: COL Robert Newbauer: No report.

Secretary: Chris Artz: Reported that the annual SAME National leadership roster update is due at the end of July and requested updated contact information from incoming Board members. Noted that invitations for the 2026–2027 Board meetings will be distributed following the officer transition. Discussed coordinating an August presentation highlighting the Honolulu STEM Camp experience.

Treasurer: Brian Schuele: Reported that Industry Day financial results remain strong and currently exceed budget expectations. Noted approximately \$410,000 in revenue and \$234,000 in expenses recorded to date, with final reconciliation still underway. Stated that updated reports will be issued following the review and categorization of remaining transactions.

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

VP for IGE: Bobbi Jo Lang: Reported membership at 630 members, an increase of 17 since the beginning of the year. Noted that corporate membership stands at 107 organizations, an increase of six, placing the Post on track for distinction recognition. Discussed a transition meeting with Colonel Russell regarding his upcoming role as Post President and requested ideas for future Public Sector Event speakers and topics.

Stated that the annual Scotch Tasting event will be held December 8, 2026, in conjunction with the monthly meeting and regional commander presentations. Announced plans for a “We Survived the Fiscal Year” networking event on October 8, 2026, with venue selection underway. Added that organizational member updates will be forwarded for website posting and that an updated Young Member roster will be provided to support future outreach efforts.

VP for Resilience: Don Fucik: Reported plans to reengage the Resilience Committee following his retirement. Discussed coordination with committee members and Douglas County emergency management representatives to develop a resiliency survey for Post membership. Indicated that committee meetings and survey planning activities will resume in the coming months.

VP for Professional Development and Personal Growth: Kandi Srb: Reported that the Industry Day committee will meet next week to conduct a formal debrief and identify improvements for future events. Noted that most Industry Day expenses have been received and the financial review is nearing completion.

Provided an update on behalf of Ted Kocher that 40 members were registered for the July 14 luncheon featuring presentation on modern drone applications. Discussed planning for the 2027 meeting schedule, including maintaining second-Tuesday meetings where possible. Noted that Field Club construction may require alternate venues during portions of the year and that the Federal Building is being considered as a meeting location. Shared Ted’s interest in surveying members regarding future program topics and speaker recommendations.

VP for Leadership and Mentoring: Tom Svoboda: Reported that the Newcomers Orientation program is scheduled for July 16 at the Federal Building. Noted that scholarship awards have been distributed and camp participation activities continue.

Highlighted a June 16 presentation to approximately 19 Avenue Scholars students regarding SAME scholarships, camps, the Student Mentoring Program, and STEM career opportunities. Discussed efforts to maximize scholarship funding utilization and strengthen collaboration between Avenue Scholars and the Student Mentoring Program.

Past President: Stephanie Heibel: Reported participation in leadership transition discussions with Colonel

Russell. Noted that a Board planning session is being considered for August to establish goals and priorities for the coming year. Supported making the planning session a standing Board activity coordinated by the Secretary rather than solely by the incoming President.

Director for Communications: Jill Zehr: Reported that all Missouri River JETS presentations have been posted to the Post website. Highlighted publication of a Honolulu STEM Camp news article and confirmed that meeting minutes, PDHs, and website updates remain current. Requested submission of newsworthy content from Board members and committed to following up on obtaining USACE Public Affairs photographs for a future TME article.

Director for Awards and Recognition: Laurie Smithers: Reported through Chris Artz that award nominations have been received for Regional Vice President recognition programs. Noted that clarification is being sought regarding available RVP award categories and recognition items. Indicated that timing constraints may affect whether all awards can be presented during the July meeting.

Director for Student Chapters: Stephanie Ling: No report.

Director for Young Members: Devin Mueller: Reported plans to organize one or two Young Member events before the end of the year utilizing updated membership information. Shared that he is scheduled to enlist in the Air Force on July 10, 2026, with basic training anticipated within the next four to five months

Director for Fellows: Natasha Gromak: Reported that Fellows ballots are currently being tabulated. Discussed preparing Omaha Post promotional materials for display at the upcoming Post Leaders Workshop. Suggested highlighting the Student Mentoring Program as a best-practice initiative for other Posts.

Directors for Student Mentoring: Anne Peterson with Bill Glismann: Reported completion of an end-of-year planning session and review of program performance. Noted commitments from returning schools as well as interest from additional districts for the upcoming competition cycle. Stated that current facilities at Scott Conference Center should accommodate projected participation levels for the 2027 competition.

Discussed preparation for the April 2027 Student Mentoring Program competition and upcoming coordination with teachers as they return for the school year. Added that planning for orientation activities will begin in early fall.

Committee Reports

Industry Day: Kandi Srb: Reported that a formal debrief meeting is scheduled to review lessons learned, organizational transitions, and improvement opportunities. Noted that final financial reconciliation remains underway, including separation of golf tournament revenues and expenses. Discussed ongoing coordination with the Kansas City Post to finalize cost-sharing arrangements.

Programs: Ted Kocher: Reported through Kandi Srb that registration remains strong for the July monthly meeting. Discussed development of the 2027 meeting calendar and evaluation of alternate venues during periods when the Field Club is unavailable. Indicated an interest in polling membership to identify desired topics and speakers.

Scholarships & Camps: Sean Bayer and Lannae Long: Reported successful participation in the Hawaii STEM Camp with all Omaha-sponsored campers attending. Noted that scholarship funding utilization will continue to be reviewed to maximize student opportunities in STEM programs. Discussed continued coordination with Avenue Scholars and Student Mentoring Program leadership to identify prospective scholarship and camp participants.

Small Business: Veronica Doga: No report.

Other Items: Discussion was held regarding participation in the SAME Post Leaders Workshop. Board members reviewed current registrations and encouraged attendance by additional incoming leaders if schedules permit.

The Board also discussed development of promotional materials showcasing the Student Mentoring Program, including participation statistics, program accomplishments, and contact information for use during the workshop.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Svoboda. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05 PM CT.

Minutes prepared by Chris Artz on July 2, 2026.



S.A.M.E. OMAHA POST INCOME STATEMENT

April 2026

Category	4/1/2026- 4/30/2026	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Treasurer	226.22	226.22
VP for Development and Growth		
Industry Day	88,858.55	88,858.55
Monthly Meeting Registrations	35.00	35.00
Scholarships - Split Kitty Sales	15.00	15.00
TOTAL VP for Development and Gro...	88,908.55	88,908.55
VP for Relationships		
Annual Membership Dues	-125.00	-125.00
TOTAL VP for Relationships	-125.00	-125.00
TOTAL INCOME	89,009.77	89,009.77
EXPENSES		
VP for Development and Growth_		
Industry Day	1,741.08	1,741.08
Monthly Programs	979.37	979.37
TOTAL VP for Development and Gro...	2,720.45	2,720.45
VP for Leadership and Mentoring_		
SMP Steering Committee	18,997.33	18,997.33
TOTAL VP for Leadership and Ment...	18,997.33	18,997.33
VP for Relationships_		
Community Donations	250.00	250.00
TOTAL VP for Relationships_	250.00	250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,967.78	21,967.78
OVERALL TOTAL	67,041.99	67,041.99



S.A.M.E. OMAHA POST INCOME STATEMENT

May 2026

Category	5/1/2026- 5/31/2026	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Treasurer	290.93	290.93
VP for Development and Growth		
Industry Day	107,458.00	107,458.00
Monthly Meeting Registrations	70.00	70.00
Scholarships - Split Kitty Sales	10.00	10.00
TOTAL VP for Development and Gro...	107,538.00	107,538.00
VP for Relationships		
Annual Membership Dues	2,204.25	2,204.25
TOTAL VP for Relationships	2,204.25	2,204.25
TOTAL INCOME	110,033.18	110,033.18
EXPENSES		
VP for Development and Growth_		
Industry Day	176,533.99	176,533.99
Monthly Programs	2,578.27	2,578.27
Scholarships and Camps	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL VP for Development and Gro...	181,612.26	181,612.26
VP for Leadership and Mentoring_		
SMP Steering Committee	2,705.50	2,705.50
TOTAL VP for Leadership and Ment...	2,705.50	2,705.50
VP for Young Members and Students		
Student Chapter	346.40	346.40
TOTAL VP for Young Members and ...	346.40	346.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	184,664.16	184,664.16
OVERALL TOTAL	-74,630.98	-74,630.98



S.A.M.E. OMAHA POST INCOME STATEMENT

June 2026

Category	6/1/2026- 6/30/2026	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Treasurer	141.34	141.34
VP for Development and Growth		
Industry Day	1,667.46	1,667.46
Monthly Meeting Registrations	357.03	357.03
TOTAL VP for Development and Gro...	2,024.49	2,024.49
TOTAL INCOME	2,165.83	2,165.83
EXPENSES		
Treasurer_		
Misc. Expenses	64.56	64.56
TOTAL Treasurer_	64.56	64.56
VP for Development and Growth_		
Industry Day	55,511.69	55,511.69
Scholarships and Camps	24,984.80	24,984.80
TOTAL VP for Development and Gro...	80,496.49	80,496.49
VP for Leadership and Mentoring_		
Fellows Coordinator	1,311.68	1,311.68
SMP Steering Committee	7,126.53	7,126.53
TOTAL VP for Leadership and Ment...	8,438.21	8,438.21
VP for Young Members and Students		
Student Chapter	602.47	602.47
Young Members	86.80	86.80
TOTAL VP for Young Members and ...	689.27	689.27
TOTAL EXPENSES	89,688.53	89,688.53
OVERALL TOTAL	-87,522.70	-87,522.70

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$120,967.64
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$894,562.00
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	\$553,000.00

S.A.M.E. OMAHA POST 2026 BUDGET

As of 07/02/26

Category	Actual	2026 Budget	Difference
INCOME	417,938.08	372,100.00	45,838.08
Treasurer	840.82	100.00	740.82
VP for Development and Growth	412,934.76	360,000.00	52,934.76
Industry Day	410,683.38	315,000.00	95,683.38
Monthly Meeting Registrations	1,833.86	12,000.00	-10,166.14
Scholarships - Donations	367.52	1,000.00	-632.48
Scholarships - Interest Income	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00
Scholarships - Split Kitty Sales	50.00	2,000.00	-1,950.00
Other VP for Development and Gro...	0.00	0.00	0.00
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
Other VP for Leadership and Mentor...	0.00	0.00	0.00
VP for Relationships	3,662.50	7,000.00	-3,337.50
Annual Membership Dues	3,662.50	7,000.00	-3,337.50
Small Business Liason	0.00	0.00	0.00
Veterans Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other VP for Relationships	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	330,410.28	371,145.00	40,734.72
Treasurer_	389.86	3,600.00	3,210.14
Misc. Expenses	389.86	3,600.00	3,210.14
Other Treasurer_	0.00	0.00	0.00
VP for Development and Growth_	278,054.24	269,200.00	-8,854.24
Industry Day	234,650.21	200,000.00	-34,650.21
Monthly Meeting Registrations	94.85	100.00	5.15
Monthly Programs	8,383.28	21,000.00	12,616.72
PDHs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scholarships and Camps	34,925.90	48,100.00	13,174.10
Other VP for Development and Gro...	0.00	0.00	0.00
VP for Leadership and Mentoring_	50,507.38	66,625.00	16,117.62
Fellows Coordinator	1,311.68	1,500.00	188.32
SMP Steering Committee	49,195.70	65,125.00	15,929.30
Other VP for Leadership and Mentor...	0.00	0.00	0.00
VP for Relationships_	274.19	19,920.00	19,645.81
Community Donations	250.00	3,500.00	3,250.00
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. Involve...	0.00	700.00	700.00
Other VP for Relationships_	0.00	0.00	0.00
VP for Resilience	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Resiliency Expenses	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Other VP for Resilience	0.00	0.00	0.00
VP for Young Members and Students	1,184.61	10,000.00	8,815.39
Student Chapter	948.87	7,500.00	6,551.13
Young Members	235.74	2,500.00	2,264.26
Other VP for Young Members and S...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Difference:	87,527.80	955.00	86,572.80