

SAME Omaha Post Monthly Meeting – August 6, 2026

Date: 6 August 2026

Time: 12:00 PM Central Time (CT)

Future Post Meeting Dates

- 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 COL Mark Russell at approximately 12:02 PM CT.

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

☒ President: COL Mark Russell

☒ Secretary: Chris Artz

☒ Treasurer: Brian Schuele

☒ VP for Service Members and Veterans: Aaron Wilt

☒ 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 Rep: Stephanie Heibel

☒ Director for Communications: Jill Zehr

☐ Director for Awards and Recognition: Laurie Smithers

☒ Director for Student Chapters: Matt Coan

☐ 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: Ryan Watke

☐ Scholarships & Camps: Sean Bayer

☐ Small Business: Veronica Doga

☐ Roger Wozny

☒ Brec Wilshusen

☐ Chris Langan

Approval of Minutes – The July 2026 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Jill Zehr and seconded by Stephanie Heibel. The motion passed without objection.

Reports

President: COL Mark Russell: No report was provided.

Secretary: Chris Artz: The Board discussed the possible use of a corporate resolution of authority (CRA) for the Programs Committee chair. The CRA could potentially authorize the chair to sign contracts for monthly Post meetings on behalf of the Omaha Post, reducing the possibility that the individual signing a contract could be exposed to personal liability.

The discussion included an example Roger Wozny shared during an Industry Day meeting. According to the example, an individual from another Post was reportedly sued after a person overindulged at a Post event and subsequently caused a vehicle accident. The injured party pursued the individual who had signed the event contract.

The Board also discussed the need to limit an individual's authority to enter into contracts involving large financial commitments without prior Board approval.

Chris Artz will research the intended purpose and appropriate use of a CRA, including whether it can provide the authority and protections discussed. He will also review SAME National's practices and determine whether any applicable rules or requirements must be followed.

Treasurer: Brian Schuele: Brian Schuele presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that the Post received a large scholarship donation from TLI and thanked Cindy for her assistance.

Brian is determining whether any physical checks related to SMP are expected and will discuss the matter with Bill outside the meeting.

Industry Day income is coming in slightly ahead of plan. The Post's investments also had a strong quarter, and the total investment balance could soon exceed \$1 million.

VP for Service Members and Veterans: Aaron Wilt: Aaron Wilt is working with Rob to transition responsibilities for the position. He is also sharing information received from organizations with which the Post has previously worked.

VP for IGE: Bobbi Jo Lang: Bobbi Jo Lang reported that both individual and organizational memberships have increased. Monthly letters are being sent to members.

She has identified a contact who can help highlight organizational members through member spotlights. She also discussed the USACE Omaha District command transition from COL Robert Newbauer to the District's new commander, COL Joe Sahl. The Omaha District is expected to continue supporting Omaha Post meetings and events.

Bobbi Jo is seeking updated Post letterhead. She also reported the following upcoming activities:

- An October event at Big Grove Brewery on Saddle Creek Road.
- Résumé workshops and other events being organized at UNO and UNL.
- A December Post meeting involving multiple USACE districts.
- A Scotch tasting at The Berry & Rye on December 8.

VP for Resilience: Don Fucik: No report was provided.

VP for Professional Development and Personal Growth: Kandi Srb: Kandi Srb reported on the Industry Day debrief. Contracts with the CHI Health Center and Hilton are in place, and the Industry Day committees are being filled. Additional planning meetings are upcoming.

She also provided updates regarding Career Transition Program options, a laptop purchase, and the development of the Industry Day budget.

The 2027 Industry Day event is scheduled for Wednesday through Friday, June 2–4, 2027.

VP for Leadership and Mentoring: Tom Svoboda: Tom Svoboda reported that scholarship checks are being distributed. College scholarship applications are due at the end of October.

He also discussed newcomer welcome activities and events. Rick Wice gave a shout-out at PLW for the Battle Buddy Program.

Avenue Scholars representatives will attend the August 11 Post meeting.

Past President Representative – Stephanie Heibel: Stephanie Heibel is completing the Industry Day financial reconciliation and the memorandum of understanding with the Greater Kansas City Post. She will work with Christina to confirm the details.

She also reported on a 50-mile march fundraiser to be held at Ashland Brewing Company.

Director for Communications: Jill Zehr: Jill Zehr reported that the Post program schedule has been updated through December. She is seeking additional information regarding the November meeting.

A news article providing Board of Directors updates is planned, and the President's message is forthcoming.

Director for Awards and Recognition: Laurie Smithers: No report was provided.

Director for Student Chapters: Matt Coan: Matt Coan is coordinating with Stephanie Ling to transition student chapter contacts. He is also seeking additional information related to the position and its responsibilities.

Director for Young Members: Devin Mueller: Nothing significant was reported this month.

Director for Fellows: Natasha Gromak: Natasha Gromak announced the "Journey to Fellow" webinar scheduled for August 26. Members who are interested in becoming an SAME Fellow, or who know someone who may be interested, are encouraged to share the webinar information. Omaha Post members may contact Natasha for additional information.

The Fellows would also like to spearhead the development of information describing officer roles and responsibilities to assist with transitions for new Board members.

Directors for Student Mentoring: Anne Peterson with Bill Glismann: No report was provided.

Committee Reports

Industry Day: Ryan Watke and/or Kandi Srb: The Industry Day report was included in Kandi Srb's earlier report.

Programs: Ted Kocher: The Programs Committee is working to establish a contract with the Field Club of Omaha (FCO) for most of the Post's 2027 meetings.

The January, February, and March 2027 meetings will be held at other locations. The committee is coordinating with NeSPE for the January meeting. Potential locations for the February and March meetings include the Omaha Public Library, DoubleTree by Hilton Omaha Downtown, and Kiewit Luminarium. Fees for these locations are considerably higher than those charged by FCO.

The August 11 meeting will feature a presentation on the Crossroads development by MCL Construction. Avenue Scholars will also attend. As of August 6, 47 people had registered.

The September 8 meeting will feature a presentation by HRP Associates on PFAS soil remediation.

The October 13 meeting will feature a presentation by Conti Federal on secure construction.

Scholarships & Camps: Sean Bayer: The Scholarships and Camps report was included in Tom Svoboda's earlier report.

Small Business: Veronica Doga: Planning is underway for a free matchmaking conference scheduled for October 15. Veronica Doga will distribute the registration link when it becomes available.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM CT.

Minutes prepared by Chris Artz on August 20, 2026.



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

July 2026

Category	7/1/2026- 7/31/2026	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Treasurer	105.74	105.74
VP for Development and Growth		
Monthly Meeting Registrations	833.06	833.06
Scholarships - Donations	7,725.00	7,725.00
TOTAL VP for Development and Gro...	8,558.06	8,558.06
VP for Relationships		
Annual Membership Dues	1,639.25	1,639.25
TOTAL VP for Relationships	1,639.25	1,639.25
TOTAL INCOME	10,303.05	10,303.05
EXPENSES		
VP for Development and Growth_		
Industry Day	8,040.15	8,040.15
Monthly Programs	279.21	279.21
Scholarships and Camps	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL VP for Development and Gro...	10,319.36	10,319.36
VP for Relationships_		
National SAME Event Support	800.00	800.00
TOTAL VP for Relationships_	800.00	800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,119.36	11,119.36
OVERALL TOTAL	-816.31	-816.31

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$120.151.33
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$988,918.00
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	\$553,000.00

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

As of 08/05/26

Category	Actual	2026 Budget	Difference
INCOME	428,403.25	372,100.00	56,303.25
Treasurer	946.56	100.00	846.56
VP for Development and Growth	419,238.94	360,000.00	59,238.94
Industry Day	406,867.38	315,000.00	91,867.38
Monthly Meeting Registrations	4,229.04	12,000.00	-7,770.96
Scholarships - Donations	8,092.52	1,000.00	7,092.52
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 Growth	0.00	0.00	0.00
VP for Leadership and Mentoring	2,916.00	5,000.00	-2,084.00
Fellows Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00
SMP Steering Committee	2,916.00	5,000.00	-2,084.00
Other VP for Leadership and Mentori...	0.00	0.00	0.00
VP for Relationships	5,301.75	7,000.00	-1,698.25
Annual Membership Dues	5,301.75	7,000.00	-1,698.25
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	341,529.64	371,145.00	29,615.36
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_	288,373.60	269,200.00	-19,173.60
Industry Day	242,690.36	200,000.00	-42,690.36
Monthly Meeting Registrations	94.85	100.00	5.15
Monthly Programs	8,662.49	21,000.00	12,337.51
PDHs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scholarships and Camps	36,925.90	48,100.00	11,174.10
Other VP for Development and Grow...	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 Mentori...	0.00	0.00	0.00
VP for Relationships_	1,074.19	19,920.00	18,845.81
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	800.00	9,550.00	8,750.00
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
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

SAME Budget (YTD) - 2026

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Category	Actual	2026 Budget	Difference
Young Members	235.74	2,500.00	2,264.26
Other VP for Young Members and St...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Difference:	86,873.61	955.00	85,918.61