President’s Message
Noelle Ibrahim, PE

Hello, Dallas Post! I hope this note finds everyone thriving and living their best lives in 2022. I am humbled and honored to serve as the president of SAME Dallas post in 2022 and I look forward to providing you with the best industry practices. As always, your contributions to SAME at national, regional, and post level are what give the society value. Without all of you, there would be no opportunities for networking or relationship building between industry and government, and your “demand signal” also lets SAME know what professional and technical licensing, credentialing and general industry knowledge are most important to our ability to adapt to future challenges.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
The Dallas Post has a great line up of monthly events in 2022, held the third Monday of each month at Maggiano’s Little Italy in North Park in Dallas.

Here are upcoming meetings and other Dallas Post events:

**August 11:** Denison Dam Tour with TSPE, 3 p.m., Denison, Texas

**August 15:** Resiliency Forum, Maggiano’s Little Italy North Park, 8 a.m. Speakers include Col. Dale Snider, Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO) with FEMA Region 6; Breanna Gribble, CHMM, ENV SP, WEDG, WELL AP, Resiliency Manager with STV; and representatives from NCTCOG and Power companies. Freese and Nichols will also discuss lessons learned regarding the Dallas Emergency Management.

**September 16:** Clay shoot, Elm Fort Shooting Sports, 10751 Luna Road, Dallas, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**September 19:** Water Resources Forum, Maggiano’s Little Italy, 205 North Park Center, Dallas, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**October 20:** SAME Dallas Post joint meeting with the CMAA North Texas Chapter at UT Dallas.

**TSPE ENGINEERS WEEK**
During the February 22 TSPE Awards Luncheon, the following Dallas Post members were recognized for their work and dedication to the Dallas Post:

- **Julie Fisher** - 2020 Member of the Year Award
- **George Cisneros, PE, CFM** - 2020 Young Professional of the Year Award
- **Noelle Ibrahim, PE** - 2021 Member of the Year Award
- **Jennifer M. Vilbig Lawson, PE** - 2021 Young Professional of the Year Award

Congratulations to all SAME award recipients!

On March 21st through 23rd, I attended the Capital Week conference in MD. Most of the discussion focused on upcoming opportunities and programs and the challenges facing us as a nation to execute those contracts. With material prices soaring through the roof and the shortage in labor, we are faced with a difficult task to execute projects on time and within budget. Inflation is outpacing programs, and we need to act now!

Our responsibility as engineers would be to look for innovative and collaborative ideas to execute those programs. There is no better time to implement creative thinking and alternative design methods and design concepts.

In May, I attended the JETC conference in Colorado. There were multiple educational sessions ranging from hands on engineering, environmental and architectural solutions to cyber security implementations. JETC is a great platform for engineers to learn new technical practices while catching up with colleagues.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to our Dallas Board Members for your contribution. On that note, I desire to make a pitch for your participation on one of our appointed committees. **We still need volunteers** willing and able to help plan our Resiliency Forum and Water Resources Summit this year, and indeed this is where the Post leadership has decided to focus its attention to add value for our members. If you are interested in serving on a committee or have a desire to become an elected officer or director, please send a note to myself and/or our Past President, at the email addresses located here: same.org/Dallas/Board. Likewise, we welcome your input on what you’d like to see in terms of luncheons, events, networking opportunities and professional development going forward. Don’t be shy – we want to hear from you! I look forward to providing a meaningful contribution to the SAME post and impact lives of our members and young individuals.

Noelle Ibrahim, PE
Dallas Post President

SAME National Notes

Recap of 2022 JETC

The 2022 JETC in Aurora, Colorado, was a reunion for members of the military engineering community and A/E/C industry after three years of the conference being held virtually. More than 2,000 attendees came together in May for three days of education and training, premier tabletop exercises, forums, demonstrations and a celebration of SAME achievements. Click on the following link to for a conference recap: https://samenews.org/recapping-2022-jetc/

Mark Your Calendar for SAME’s Small Business Conference 2022

SAME’s 2022 Federal Small Business Conference (SBC) is headed to Nashville, TN, November 2-4, 2022. This is your opportunity to connect with a community of leading experts, decision-makers, solution providers, business partners and federal contracting officers. For more information, including registration, click on the following link: https://www.samesbc.org/reg_info.cfm. Hotel information is also available on the SAME SBC website: https://www.samesbc.org/travel_and_lodging.cfm

We need YOU to help make the SAME Dallas Post successful. If you are interested in volunteering, email samedallaspost@gmail.com
SAME Dallas Post Scholarship Recipients
The Dallas Post selected five high school graduating seniors and three college students for our 2022 scholarship program. Congratulations to all the recipients. We wish you all the best in the future!

**High School Graduating Seniors**
Helena Aranda – W. T. White High School – Dallas ISD
Everett Early – Hillcrest High School – Dallas ISD
Victoria Fasakin - Townview School for the Talented & Gifted – Dallas ISD
Chole Serna – Woodrow Wilson High School – Dallas ISD
Rashad Daniel - Irving High School – Irving ISD

**College Students**
Caroline Reynal – Texas A&M University - Construction Science
Ella Stone – Southern New Hampshire University – Mathematics
Mary Chen – University of Notre Dame - Biological Science

Additionally, the graduating senior scholarship of $2,500 is paid in two installments. The recipients from last year receiving renewals are:
Allison Chen – University of Texas at Austin
Genevie Dutra – Texas A&M University
Carly Greig – Lousiana State University
Natalia Houle – University of Texas at Arlington

**Scholarship Recipients - High School**

Helena Aranda
Everett Early
Chole Serna
Rashad Daniel

Not pictured: Victoria Fasakin

**Scholarship Recipients - College Students**

Caroline Reynal
Ella Stone
Mary Chen

Highlights from Dallas Post Meetings

- **Nadine Lee, President & CEO, Dallas Area Rapid Transit**, our featured speaker for April, gave attendees an overview of initiatives DART is putting in place for riders, technology being leveraged to transform DART and capital expansion. Noelle Ibrahim, PE, Dallas Post President, presents Nadine with the SAME Dallas Post coin.

- **Brandi Bird, President of Bird Advocacy & Consulting**, our featured speaker for June, gave attendees an informative update on what Texas state legislators are currently doing in interim committees before the 2023 session begins in January. Jack Otteson, PE, Dallas Post President-Elect, presented Brandi with the SAME Dallas Post coin.

- Our featured speaker for July, Tammy Huddleston, Vice President of Design, Code & Construction at DFW International Airport, gave attendees an informative presentation on current and future construction programs at the airport, including modular construction. Noelle Ibrahim, PE, Dallas Post President, presents Tammy with the SAME Dallas Post coin.

The Dallas Post was honored to host one of our scholarship winners, Caroline Reynal, along with her parents, at our July luncheon. Caroline is majoring in Construction Science at Texas A&M University (Gig ‘Em!). Noelle Ibrahim, PE, Dallas Post President, presents Caroline with the SAME Dallas Post coin.
SAME Dallas Post members honored during Engineers Week

Members of the SAME Dallas Post were recognized and honored during the Dallas & Preston Trail Chapter’s 2022 Engineers Week luncheon in February. Since the event was cancelled last year, 2020 and 2021 award recipients were celebrated this year.

2020 Member of the Year - Julie Fisher, F.SAME, Farnsworth Group

2020 Young Professional of the Year - George Cisneros, PE, CFM, HNTB Corporation

2021 Member of the Year - Noelle Ibrahim, PE, VRX, Inc.

2021 Young Member of the Year - Jennifer Vilbig Lawson, PE, Vilbig & Associates, PLLC

(left to right) Julie Fisher, F.SAME; Noelle Ibrahim, PE; Jennifer Vilbig Lawson, PE; and George Cisneros, PE

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Thank you to our Sustaining Members for your engagement and support!

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