Hello, Dallas Post! I hope this note finds everyone thriving and have enjoyed the summer of 2022. As we continue to provide you with the best industry practices and connect you with public and private sectors through our robust programs, we look forward to more participations from our memberships. 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 we would not be able to fund our scholarships and send young students, such as Daniel Shaffer, to the AFA STEM Camp.

In support of SAME Strategic Plan, The Dallas Post is participating in a program to develop Leaders for the (AEC) Profession. Leadership Development Program (LDP) applications are due on October 30. I am reaching out to you to ask you to participate in this program as we are looking for mentors and mentees. See more information on this program on page 3.

PAST MEETINGS
Dallas Post offered great speakers and programs in the past four months. We are proud of our Board and the effort Colonel Aaron Barta, PMP and Josh McClure, PhD, PE, CFM, PMP have put into planning and conducting successful programs, such as the resiliency and water resources forums.

June 21st: Brandi Bird with Bird Advocacy and Consulting presented a 2022 Texas Legislative update.

July 18th: Tammy Huddleston, PE, Vice President, Design, Code and Construction at DFW Airport presented all the accomplishments and upcoming projects at the airport.

August 15th: Colonel Aaron Barta, PMP led the Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency Workshop. We had a mix of speakers from public and private sectors, including FEMA Region VI, Southwest Power Administration, NCTCOG, STV, and Freese and Nichols.

September 19th: Josh McClure, PhD, PE, CFM, PMP conducted the Water Resources Forum: Flooded with Funding, with great speakers from FEMA, TWDB, USACE, TDEM, NCTCOG, GLO and the American Flood coalition.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS
You are highly encouraged to attend the following future meetings or events before the end of the year:

November 14: Dallas Post/ACEC Joint Meeting. Details and registration to come.

December 2: 22nd Annual Infrastructure Forum – Delivering Our Framework for the Future; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm at The University of Texas at Arlington, 701 South Nedderman Drive.

Featured speakers from public agencies include DART, TxDOT, DFW airport, City of Dallas, USACE, NTMWD, Dallas County, NCTCOG and others. Click on the following link to register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/22nd-annual-same-infrastructure-forum-tickets-404158197047?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

December 13: Dallas Post Holiday Lunch, 11:30 a.m. at Maggiano’s Dallas NorthPark.

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President’s Message - continued

We will be celebrating our Post’s accomplishments this year, recognizing members, and installing the 2023 Post Officers. Please bring a toy for our toy drive to benefit Operation Once In a Lifetime Toy Drive.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to our Dallas Board Members for your contribution. On that note, I want to make a pitch for your participation on one of our appointed committees. We still need volunteers willing and able to help our Board for the year 2023. 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 President elect, at the email addresses located here: samedallaspost@gmail.com. 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! Hope you enjoy the rest of 2022.

Noelle Ibrahim, PE
Dallas Post President

SAME National Notes

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.
SAME Leadership Development Program
SAME Dallas Post Looking for Participants

Established in 2019, the SAME Leader Development Program serves to identify and cultivate talent from within the Society’s membership to develop leaders for the future of the A/E/C profession and to address the nation’s grand challenges. Participants explore individual strengths and team dynamics as they build leadership experience alongside their peers in a joint environment.

The curriculum will consist of 12 sessions over the course of 12 months. Typical monthly sessions will be one hour in duration, using an online platform. Topics will include self-analysis, team dynamics and team leadership, and planning your future. The program will include a few in-person opportunities to meet participants from across Texas throughout the year. Mentors are experienced professionals, recent graduates of the SAME National LDP, C-Suite Executives and/or senior leaders in the industry.

The SAME Dallas Post is looking for three members to participate in the program and three mentors to support the participants. Contact Fabian Mendoza at fmendoza@cpyi.com with questions. Applications are due October 30. To sign up, click on the following link: https://bit.ly/SAMEDallasLDP.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Meetings & Events

Dallas Post/ACEC Joint Meeting
Monday, November 14
Stay tuned for details.

22nd Annual Infrastructure Forum
Infrastructure: Delivering Our Framework for the Future
Friday, December 2 at The University of Texas at Arlington, 701 South Nedderman Drive; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm

Click on this link to purchase tickets: 22nd Annual Infrastructure Forum

Dallas Post Holiday Luncheon and Toy Drive
Tuesday, December 13 at Maggiano’s Dallas NorthPark; 11:30 am
Cost: $30.00 members/non-members
$27.00 young professionals

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Details will be posted soon on our Post’s LinkedIn and Facebook page.
Highlights from Dallas Post Meetings

Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency Workshop
August 15

Featured speakers: Colonel Dale Snider, Defense Coordinating Officer, Region VI, FEMA; Tyler Gipson, PE, Division of Resources & Rates, Southwestern Power Administration; Breanna Gribble, CHMM, ENV SP, WEDG, WELL AP, Fitwel Ambassador/Senior Resilience Manager, STV, Inc.; Jeff Neal, Senior Program Manager, NCTCOG, and Micah Hargrave, PE, Geotechnical Engineer, Freese and Nichols.

Water Resources Forum: Flooded With Funding
September 19

Featured speakers: Reem Zoun, Director of Flood Planning, TWD; Maria Wegner and Tammy Washington, USACE; Margaret Adams, MPA, Community Development & Revitalization Liaison, GLO; Mike Garcia, HMA Specialist, FEMA; Andrea Sanders, Regional Section Chief, Region I, TDEM; Edith Marvin, Director of ENV & Development, NCTCOG and Chase Kronzer, Texas Director, American Flood Coalition.