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A Monthly Newsletter For The Houston/Galveston Post

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USACE Galveston Small Business & Industry Day

By: Liz Parent

On June 20th, the SAME Small Business Committee helped host the USACE Small Business/ Industry Day at the Galveston District. 200 attendees signed up, and there was a wait list! The Post gave Continuing Education Certificates to 127 people. The program included an overview of the Galveston District, and presentations on Operations, Maintenance and Construction and Project Management: Architecture and Engineering; Contracting. After lunch, matchmaking sessions were held in addition to a presentation by the SBA about the Mentor / Protege Program. The USACE Deputy for Small Business Programs gave a presentation on How/ When to Respond to a Sources Sought. There is much anticipation from the engineering and construction community about the upcoming contracts coming out of the Galveston District. The event was a great success! If you attended, please watch for a survey in your email. We'd like feedback on the event!

YMI Professional Development Event Leadership Throughout Your Career Seminar

By: Pacey Bean

SAME Young Members are part of the City Wide Initiative that combines other professional societies to host events together. The last event was the "Leadership Throughout Your Career" Panel. Eric Potts, Mike Talbott, and Jason Poppen that spoke about their experiences with leadership. The panel answered questions from the audience dealing with leadership styles, most important skills and how to handle personality issues.



City of Katy Public Agency Meeting

By: Javier Infante



The Public Agency Committee held its second quarter presentation with our guest speaker from the City of Katy, Mayor Chuck Brawner. The meeting was held at the City of Katy's new City Hall building where over 20 SAME members were in attendance. Mayor Brawner discussed some of the challenges the City faced during and after Hurricane Harvey as well as its CIP program. Items he discussed included:

- Over 600 homes flooded
- Proposed third reservoir with Federal funds for Cypress Creek Watershed
- Street and drainage improvements along
 1. Cane Island Parkway,
 2. FM 1463 South,
 3. Franz Road extension,
 4. Morton Road,
 5. Cane Island to Pitts Road,
 6. 1st Street (Road and Bridge)
- Potential Katy Hockley Reservoir

He also discussed the City's economic development and mentioned several large companies that are making the move to the Katy area which include: Hines, American Furniture Warehouse, Buc-ee's and Amazon.

Thank you to City of Katy Mayor Chuck Brawner and all in attendance!

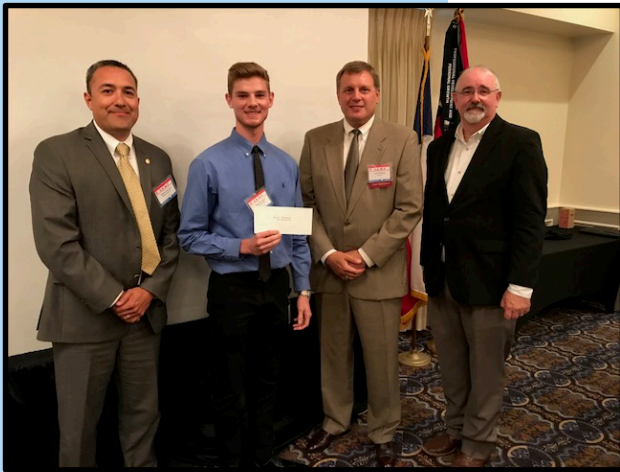




General Membership Meeting Joint Meeting with APWA

By: Pacey Bean

On July 11th, SAME and APWA held a joint membership meeting with Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle as the guest speaker. Commissioner Cagle discussed how even one person can stand up against all odds to help their society. Even an average person can make a difference. SAME raised \$19,000 in scholarships for 13 college recipients. Recipients and their families were presented their scholarships at this meeting.



Resilience – Redevelopment and Drainage Task Force Update

By: Daniel Menendez

Earlier this year we shared the progress and inputs of the City of Houston's Redevelopment and Drainage Task Force's Final Report to the Mayor, which included your comments and input. The Redevelopment and Drainage Task Force, under the leadership of the City of Houston Chief Resilience Officer Steve Costello, has reconvened to review the Proposed Changes to COH Design Standards. The Society of American Military Engineers has representation from its Resilience Committee on the Task Force. The following proposed changes were initiated by the Task Force and have all been accepted by the City within the Draft Changes to Chapter 9 and 13. These changes are scheduled to be memorialized in the Infrastructure Design Manual later this year. Houston Public Works will still be performing its routine comprehensive review of Chapters 9 and 13 next year (2018-2019) as part of the Standard Review Schedule handled by the Office of the City Engineer. If you have inputs or questions please get with the Co-Chairs of the Resilience Committee (Greg Olinger, James Kisiel, or Daniel Menendez).

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★ **July 26th**
Environmental Committee Luncheon

Harris County Engineering Nick Russo and Austin Appleton will be our speakers. They will provide an overview of environmental challenges following Hurricane Harvey. Their discussion will include an outlook on the types of future projects for various Harvey related recovery projects as an addition to the typical capital projects our organization expects to manage, and some information on the County's Regional General Permit with the USACE. The meeting will be held from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the HESS Club.

★ **July 26th**
SAME Bowling Night

Join SAME Members at Bowlmor Lanes, 925 Bunker Hill Road, starting at 6:00 PM

August 2018

★ **August 1st**
General Membership Meeting

Guest speaker Carrin Patman is chair of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County. She is METRO's first woman chair, appointed in 2016 by Mayor Sylvester Turner. She previously served on the board from 2010 to 2013. The luncheon will be from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at HESS Club.

★ **August 17th**
Sustaining Member Breakfast

Please save the date for our annual breakfast exclusive to sustaining member firms, annual sponsor firms, and public agency guests. The breakfast will be on August 17 and our Post President, Tom Martens, will be sending personal invitations shortly. All sustaining member/sponsor firms will have one invitee to the breakfast, except for Platinum Sponsor firms who will have two invitees.

National Events

For More information on upcoming National events such as elections, scholarship applications, and STEM camps, please visit the SAME National's calendar: <http://www.same.org/calendar>