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A Monthly Newsletter For The Houston/Galveston Post

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2017

September 28

General Membership Meeting

Rescheduled

Ethics Presentation organized
by Houston-Galveston Post
Young Members

October 2017

October 18

Joint General Membership
Meeting with APWA

CIP Presentations

November 2017

November 13

SAME Scholarship Golf
Tournament

SAVE THE DATE!

November 15-17

Federal Small Business
Conference



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- ★ **July 31, 2017**
Young Member Skeeters Baseball Game
Post Young Members attended the Skeeters baseball game.
- ★ **August 2, 2017**
General Membership Meeting
Keynote Speaker Mark Vincent, PE of Port Houston and Camper Presentations
- ★ **August 10, 2017**
Young Members Technical Session with ASCE
SAME and ASCE held a technical session on understanding wetland mitigation
- ★ **August 17, 2017**
Public Agency Committee Meeting
Hosted by the City of Pearland with Speaker Robert Upton, PE
- ★ **August 18, 2017**
Sustaining Member Breakfast
Appreciation Breakfast for all the Post Sponsor firms and Sustaining Member Firms with Speaker Carol Haddock, PE

August General Membership Meeting & Campers Presentations

By: Mike Fitzgerald

On August 2, 2017 Mark Vincent, PE, F.SAME, who serves as Director of Channel Development with Port Houston spoke about the history of the Port, funding of current Port Houston projects and about upcoming programs the Port has planned for 2018 and beyond. He also discussed how challenging it is for the Houston Pilots to navigate the tight spaces of the ship channel on a daily basis. Port Houston is busier than ever and is a huge economic engine for our region and the State of Texas!

Following Mr. Vincent's presentation, summer construction campers gave highlights from their recent SAME summer camps. SAME Houston-Galveston Post sponsored four campers and two camp mentors for Summer 2017. Sarah Beason (Army), Noah Layne (Air Force) and Avery Griner (Marine) shared their experiences and how they learned about problem solving and the importance of teamwork. The campers learned about problem solving and the importance of working as a team. Patrick Montgomery and Sarah Snell served as camp mentors at the Air Force Camp.



Young Member Events

By: Adam White and Alene Efaw

SAME Young Member Skeeters Baseball Game

On Monday, July 31st, SAME Young Members headed out to Constellation Field to show our support for the local Sugar Land Skeeters as they took on the Somerset Patriots. We cheered the team to a decisive 8-5 victory over the Patriots, who could not rally to overcome the Skeeters early 5-1 lead.



SAME Young Member Technical Session with ASCE



On August 10, 2017, Terracon hosted a technical session on understanding wetland mitigation and tips to save your project time and money. Patrick Korn, with Terracon, gave an in-depth presentation on steps involved with developing property with wetlands. He reviewed the options mitigation bank credits and reviewed the options of permittee-responsible mitigation procedures. He recommended prior to purchasing property to know where the wetlands are located on the property and what type of wetlands are on the property.

Public Agency Committee Meeting

By: Yvonne Rivera



On August 17, 2017, SAME held its second Public Agency Committee meeting of the year. It took place at the office of Costello, Inc. in Houston, Texas. The speaker was Robert Upton, Director of Engineering and City Engineer for the City of Pearland. At the meeting, Mr. Upton started with some tidbits about the history of the City. Did you know that the staple crop of Pearland is the fig? He also described the structure of his department, which includes over 20 City staff who are responsible for managing the Capital Improvement Program planning and construction activities in the City. The 5-year CIP will provide improvements in transportation, facilities, drainage, and utilities.

Sustaining Member Breakfast

By: Mike Fitzgerald



On August 18, 2017 the Post held its annual Sustaining Member Breakfast. This event is an appreciation breakfast for all the Post Sponsor firms and Sustaining Member firms. Our speaker was Ms. Carol Haddock, PE for the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department. Carol gave a great talk and updated our members on the latest changes at the City. She announced that she has been named Acting Director of Public Works and Engineering and that Joe Myers, PE (a past president of our Houston Post) has been named the Director of the Capital Projects group. Congratulations to Carol and to Joe! Carol also announced that the City is implementing changes to more efficiently manage their project selection cycle. Their goal is to reduce the cycle down to a 3 year period from solicitation to start of construction. Thanks again to all the sponsors and member firms of SAME. We appreciate all your support!

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September 2017

★ September 28th General Membership Meeting

The September General Membership meeting will be hosted by the Houston/Galveston Post Young Members and will feature an Ethics Presentation by Mr. George Hartmann, P.E., Licensing Project Manager for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

October 2017

★ October 18th Joint General Membership Meeting with APWA

A joint General Membership Meeting will be held with APWA and will feature CIP Presentations by multiple local agencies. [Click here](#) for the detailed information about the event and to RSVP.

November 2017

★ November 13th 11th Annual Kenneth J. Haveman Scholarship Golf Tournament

The 11th Annual Kenneth J. Haveman Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held at Longwood Golf Club in Cypress, Texas. [Click here](#) for more information about team participation and reservations. For more information, contact Patrick Korn at Patrick.Korn@terracon.com

★ November 15th – 17th Federal Small Business Conference

Held in Pittsburgh, PA, the annual conference features small business education sessions, briefings from federal agencies on small business procurement, networking round tables, and more! For more information about the conference and sponsorship, visit: www.same.org/SBC

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>