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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear SAME teammates,

I hope this email finds everyone well and healthy. It seems we've added dealing with supply chain issues, higher fuel costs, and just overall inflation to the ongoing up and down responses to the continuing COVID pandemic. I'm so glad we are trending back to meeting face to face on a regular basis. It's the relationships that matter. We are in a time of transition for us as a chapter as this is the season where our board nominates and selects new leadership for our chapter.

As with any USACE District Commander, my three years are, unfortunately, up and so it is time for me to not only pass command to the next colonel, but also to pass the mantle of President of our chapter. It has been an honor to serve with and for you over the last three years, first as vice president and then, for the last two incredibly turbulent years, as chapter President. Colonel Cullen Jones, the incoming Commander for the District, is no stranger to SAME, as he not only followed me in command of the USACE Nashville District, but also followed me in serving as the president of the Nashville SAME chapter back in 2017.

Take a moment to consider where we've been over the last three years. We've worked through the initial outbreak of COVID where New Orleans for a period was an international hotspot for positive cases, followed by two major COVID resurgences (Delta and Omicron). We adapted our meetings to virtual for over a year and all of us now work in a hybrid environment that combines virtual/digital engagements with traditional face to face work in ways never seen before. At the same time, we also worked through the third busiest Atlantic Hurricane season on record last year (2021) that was preceded by busiest Atlantic Hurricane season in recorded history (2020). We've also seen two record-breaking flood fights on the Lower Mississippi River and their associated impacts. While these events all resulted in tragedy and hardship, they also yielded incredible opportunities. There are more federal investments through USACE in south Louisiana than we've seen since after Hurricane Katrina, which means incredible opportunities abound for partnering between USACE and organizations like SAME and its members. This investment couldn't have come at a better time, as the official completion of construction of the entire HSDRRS system around New Orleans in May 2022 validated that federal and state investment in flood risk reduction pays for itself ten times over. Many of you and your firms played critical roles in helping the Corps realize this achievement and SAME has been a close partner the entire time.

I wish all of you the best and will fondly remember my time serving with and for you as your president. I want to say a personal thank you to my VP, Jenny Snape, and our esteemed board members for their continued and faithful service. I would also like to thank Richard Entwisle, who like with so many organizations, is the man behind the scenes making so many things happen that keep us running. Thank you, Richard.

Sincerely,

COL Murphy

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers to serve the next business year, starting in September, was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors & Post President, and an official election by the membership will be held to ratify the Board's decision at our August 10 monthly luncheon. Following is the list of candidates:

- Jennifer M. Snape, P.E. -----President
- COL Cullen A. Jones, USA -----1st Vice-President
- Luan Nguyen, E.I. -----Jr. Vice-President
- Richard C. Entwisle, P.E. -----Vice-President & CAO
- Taylor Daigle Chassignac, P.E. -----Treasurer
- Scott P. Smith, P.E. -----Secretary

The new slate of officers will be installed at the upcoming monthly luncheon on September 14, 2022.

We cordially invite you and encourage your attendance to join us in this event and celebrate a very successful year in furthering your professional development.

Troy Jeanfreau, PE
Chairman, Nominating Committee

HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION

We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm's experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let's continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND NEWS

MEMBER INFORMATION

LOUISIANA POST MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022

SOCIAL – 11:30 A.M.

POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: JEFFERSON ORLEANS SOUTH
2536 EDENBORN AVE.
METAIRIE, LA 70002

GUEST SPEAKER: GARRET GRAVES, LOUISIANA CONGRESSMAN

TOPIC: IIJA/UPDATE FROM WASHINGTON

MENU: SALAD, STUFFED BELL PEPPER, RICE, GLAZED
BELGIAN CARROTS, DESSERT, ICED TEA & COFFEE

COST: \$30.00 MEMBERS; \$35.00 NON-MEMBERS; \$5.00 STUDENTS

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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY, AUGUST 9th

THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH

DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.

SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

Biography



Congressman Garret Graves is a Republican Member of Congress representing [Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District](#) – 13 parishes stretching north of Baton Rouge through the Capital Region down to Louisiana's Bayou country. Graves sits on the House Committees on [Transportation and Infrastructure](#) and [Natural Resources](#).

At the start of the 115th Congress, Garret was named Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure [Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment](#), which oversees water resources development and regulatory programs administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), along with other agencies and water-related programs. As Chairman, Graves will play an expanded role in shaping legislation to limit the scope and economic damages of agency regulations, shorten the time it takes for projects to be completed and bring efficiency to how the government works.

In his position of leadership, Garret will play an important role translating the Trump Administration's proposed Infrastructure Package into legislation in the coming years, particularly with respect to bridges, flood protection, ports, waterways and coastal restoration.

Graves, who recently finished his second year serving in the House of Representatives, has more than 20 years of experience working on energy, infrastructure, fisheries, maritime and water resources issues.

In addition to his policy expertise and years of private sector work, Graves served as Louisiana's Chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) where he managed for the state one of America's largest civil works programs in history and successfully streamlined government while boosting its productivity. Under Graves' tenure, Louisiana constructed more flood protection infrastructure and restored more miles of coastline than at any other period of time in the State's history.

Garret is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he still resides with his wife Carissa and their three children.