



**SAME OMAHA POST – BOARD MEETING**  
**March 13, 2014**

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	COL Cross	Kim Collins	Jodi Vaccaro	Kandi Srb	Jeanne LeBron	Chris Langan	Paula Wells
		Matt Harvey	Natasha Hartley	Gail Frame	Bob Rounph	Bill Glissman	Jim Wathen
		Dan Owens	Bryan Vulcan by phone				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was called to order at 10:40</li> <li>• Next meeting will be held April 22 at Scott Conf Center</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 11:30</li> </ul>					
	<b>COL Joel Cross</b> President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minutes of January meeting were approved with one change.</li> </ul>					
	<b>Paula Wells</b> Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a discussion about the Doug Plack scholarship. Paula has been paying the scholarship with the donations. Matt Harvey was present to give some advice and had spoken with Dennis Cleveland about the investment. Many questions: relooking investment strategy; fund not growing; generate income, etc. It was decided to discuss this topic in more detail and make this part of the Strategic Planning Sessions for implementation in the next year.</li> <li>• The Treasurer's report was approved.</li> <li>• The 2013 Form 990 has been filed with the IRS, and the 2013 Financial Report has been sent to National and acknowledged (deadline was April 1).</li> </ul>					
	<b>Bob Rounph/Mary Erwin</b> Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working nominations; need volunteers.</li> </ul>					
	<b>Dave Henney</b> Fellows Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Planning – in response to discussion at our last Fellows meeting, the Post has initiated an effort to develop a new strategic plan that will create goals and associated implementing actions for the Post leadership as we seek to establish our direction in a changing SAME environment. I appreciate the Board's timely response in approving funds for an independent facilitator to guide this important process. We hope to have a plan developed in advance of the nomination process for change of leadership in the Post. The first step in the process is a member survey, which has been developed and distributed to membership this week. The feedback will be used to structure at least one, and possibly two, as yet unscheduled facilitated planning sessions in the near future.</li> <li>• Omaha Post coin – A design competition for an Omaha Post coin was completed early this month. Six designs were submitted and one was unanimously selected by the Fellows as the design to use for the coin. On one side it features silhouettes of Lewis and Clark beside a map of their route through the upper Great Plains, and on the other side a colorful SAME crest (show the attached design unless its "unveiling" at Industry Day should be its first appearance). Once again, I appreciate the quick response from the Board in approving a 500 coin order from a Sustaining Member, Eye Popping Promotions. The order has been placed and the next step is to approve mock-up artwork before creating a mold for the coin. The coins are on schedule to be delivered prior to Industry Day.</li> </ul>					
	<b>Jim Wathen</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a follow-on to our discussion with Bryan Vulcan regarding Black Hills Field Chapter, discussed ways to get the chapter more involved with our Post. Going farther than just a charter between us but doing some outreach with them.</li> </ul>					
	<b>Ryan Buckley</b> Readiness & Homeland Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Omaha District is in the season of their Readiness preparedness. Annual State and Tribal visits have been completed for the upcoming flood season. The annual flood fight training for Omaha District employees and our external stakeholders was conducted on 27 Feb 14.</li> </ul>					



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<b>Christie Murray/Cybil Boss</b> Programs/Industry Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COL Cross asked Jeanne to look at giving LTG (Ret) Van Antwerp more time at the conference on Wed morning.</li> </ul>
<b>Ed Bishop/Dan Owens</b> Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programs are booked thru August 2014.</li> <li>• April's meeting will be a joint meeting with NSPE at the Scott Conference Center on Tues, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The speaker will be Brian Schuele, Olsson Associates, Omaha National Cemetery: Update on new VA Cemetery in Eastern Nebraska.</li> <li>• The Board will hold their meeting at the Scott Conference Center at 10:30 the same day.</li> </ul>
<b>Anne Peterson/Gail Frame</b> Student Mentoring Program (SMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Workshops: We had a total of 37 attendees at both the January and February workshops. Feedback from the instructors and students was very positive - some students reported they had changed their career targets as a result of attending.</li> <li>• Proposals were turned in last week and the competition is less than a month away (April 3). Competing this year are 34 teams of 345 students (25% more teams than last year). Sadly, Roncalli has determined they won't compete this year due to over-committed student schedules.</li> <li>• One of the SMP teams has already won big. They submitted their SMP project to the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition and won \$55,000 in Samsung technology and went to Austin, TX, last week to compete for an additional \$140,000. They are eagerly awaiting the final results.</li> <li>• Judge orientations tonight and Tuesday.</li> </ul>
<b>Chris Langan</b> Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had a committee meeting. Sending out monthly email reminders to expired members or soon to expired members. Sending new member list to the President each month. The President is sending out welcome letters to new members.</li> <li>• Tracking guest members and thinking of hosting a non-member event to encourage membership.</li> </ul>
<b>John Popelka</b> Sustaining Member Spotlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Bob Roumph</b> Education/Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Bill Glismann</b> E-Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had a successful event this year. A good turn-out.</li> </ul>
<b>Cybil Boss</b> Young Members & College Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cybil sent a proposal to be reviewed and discussed by the board (attached). The proposal is for the creation of a JETC Stipend Program for Omaha Post Young Members, initial period of 5 years. The board did not discuss an evaluation committee to review the applications.</li> <li>• A motion was made to approve the process for this year and support up to 2 YM to attend 2014 JETC. The board will revisit the program after the Strategic Planning sessions later this spring. The board approved this motion.</li> </ul>
<b>Kandi Srb</b> Director for Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have cleaned up the website.</li> <li>• Working with the Industry Day committee on communications for the upcoming conference.</li> <li>• The Spring Newsletter will be out the first part of April.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Dave Packard</b> Awards and Recognition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAME POST LEADER'S WORKSHOP: I want to thank the Board for their support of my attendance to the recent SAME Post Leader's Workshop. I have written a short article outlining the experience for the next issue of the Omaha Post Newsletter (attached). I look forward to the strategic planning effort we will undertake soon and will be happy to share some of the information I brought back from the event. The office has a few new faces and Dr. Bob Wolff will be retiring this year, bringing another major change to the organization. I am always impressed by the amount of information the National office presents in a very short period of time.</li> <li>• AWARDS AND RECOGNITION: Current focus is on award of scholarships, so I will let Natasha present the status of that process. Post President's Awards were presented to Kim Collins and Jeanne LeBron at the E-Week Banquet last month. Both very deserving recipients and we will elaborate on their accomplishments in the next newsletter. Otherwise, all Board members and Committee Chairs need to be aware of Streamer requirements as we approach the strategic planning session and transition to the new Board.</li> <li>• JETC: As a reminder, I have made reservations to attend JETC in May. You may recall that I requested support from the Board (and I believe the request was approved) to attend this event as a Speaker for the Architectural Practice Committee (APC). Please advise if I need to take any additional action. I have also been sitting in as the APC POC while Robert Hadley is deployed. I met with the President of the Lincoln Chapter of the AIA to discuss some ideas for the Student Mentoring Program (SMP) and/or the Student Post. I will discuss those separately with Gail Frame, Anne Peterson, and Cybil Boss.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Curtis Miller/Jodi Vaccaro</b> Distinguished Post</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jodi reported the following on streamers:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Membership – No streamer.</li> <li>▪ Education and Training – Streamer with Distinction.</li> <li>▪ Relationships &amp; Recognition – Streamer (we will only get Distinction if they count the Fellows nominees for "Nominate a Post member for a RVP Medal, National Award, National Board of Direction.")</li> <li>▪ Leadership &amp; Mentoring – No streamer.</li> <li>▪ Emergency Preparedness – Streamer (we will not get Distinction as we did not meet desired element, "January 2013, send a Post Emergency Preparedness Committee member to a TISP sponsored conference.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Natasha Hartley</b> Scholarships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have 9 scholarship applicants this year, more than we've had in the last 3 years; need volunteers to evaluate scholarships.</li> <li>• Need upperclassmen or graduate students to apply for the Doug Plack Scholarship.</li> <li>• Need applicants for SAME Engineering and Construction Summer Camps, Have one applicant from the Black Hills Field Chapter, usually sponsor two campers each year.</li> <li>• If the Post wants to expand its scholarship/support to future engineers, it might consider offering a scholarship to support a student or multiple students to attend the summer seminars offered by the various Service Academies, West Point, USAFA, Coast Guard, etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jeanne LeBron</b> Small Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bryan Vulcan</b> Director for Black Hills Chapter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryan called in to discuss the message we received from National regarding Field Chapters. Over the next few weeks SAME HQ staff will remove Field Chapters from the SAME website and Field Chapters will no longer be recognized as separate entities in our membership database.</li> <li>• The Board discussed a charter between Black Hills Field Chapter and the Omaha Post. Bryan and COL Cross will review the one on National's website and come up with some ideas and have more discussion on this topic at the next board meeting.</li> </ul>