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## THE PIKES PEAK POST OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME)

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### *BOARD MEETING*

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7 July 2020 – 8:00am  
Conference Call

### **ZOOM MEETING**

#### **Attendees**

	Patrick Albritton
X	Andrea Andrews
X	William Beary
X	Jim Brackett
	Brian Breck
	Todd Cartwright
X	Russ Cirillo
	Bob Fant
	Jared Geissler
X	Sarah Hodge
X	Cindy Lincicome
	Edie Fiske

	Merinda Lobato
X	Dianne McCarthy
	Mina McCullom
X	Zakary Payne
X	Scott Prosuch
	Megan Schultz
X	Joseph Schwarz
	Brian Truesdell
	Amy Umiamaka
X	Doug Wells
X	LCDR Wood
X	Robert Leverington



## **OPENING REMARKS**

- Jim Brackett opened the meeting by completing roll call and welcoming Board of Directors members to the call.
- Jim asked participants if there were any comments or concerns with the meeting minutes from June. Seeing no comment, Jim moved to approve the meeting minutes and Doug Wells seconded. A vote was taken, and all participants were in favor of approving the minutes.

## **PAST EVENT DISCUSSION**

- Jim requested feedback from the group on how the virtual meetings were going so far since we would likely remain in the virtual posture for a while longer. Zakary Payne stated that GoToMeeting worked very well, but that we need to put together questions in advance of future events to stimulate audience participation.

## **UPCOMING EVENT DISCUSSION**

- Jim stated that the latest guidance from SAME National would be that all events through the Small Business Conference in November would be completed virtually. This includes the Facilities Management Workshop, Post Leaders Workshop and Small Business Conference.
  - Jim stated that the Post Leaders Workshop would be free to all interested in attending. He suggested that members new to the Board of Directors should consider attending if their schedules allow it.
- Cindy Lincicome asked for feedback from the Board of Directors on when the Post should consider offering in-person events. She stated that some of the venues we worked with in the past were allowing in-person events, provided they follow specific guidelines regarding number of attendees, wear of masks, etc.
  - Jim stated that he would prefer taking a conservative approach, especially given the fact that SAME National has moved all their meetings to virtual for the remainder of 2020. Feedback from other members of the Board echoed Jim's concerns, especially due to the fluidity of the situation.
  - Cindy recommended that this topic be a discussion for all future Board of Directors meetings since the situation continues to change month over month. Jim agreed and stated that we will add it to future agendas.
- Cindy stated that Margo Waisanen has joined the Programs Team and would be helping with future event scheduling. Margo was not invited to the call but will participate in future Board of Directors meetings.
- Doug provided an update on upcoming meetings for the month of July and August.
  - July will include a presentation from Scott Prosuch on the Bahamas post-hurricane recovery. A second event sponsored by Eaton will also take place in July and we currently have participants RSVP'd from throughout the country.



- August will be our second industry engagement. Right now, representation from US Fish and Wildlife Service and the General Services Administration has been secured. Doug hopes to also include the US Army Corps of Engineers and University of Colorado Colorado Springs, but neither organization has confirmed their participation.
- Cindy stated that she was working with Anita Larsen and Jason Sweet on a joint regional event for the fall. A planning task force will be stood up and the event will include representation from the US Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District, Kansas City District and Tulsa District. The focus of the event will be on the B-21 beddown and it is tentatively scheduled for the week of 13-20 October.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **2020 Golf Tournament:** Andrea Andrews provided an update on the golf tournament currently scheduled for 28 August. She identified three main concerns:
  - Installation access is limited to DoD cardholders only. That means all participants not possessing the appropriate credentials will need to be vetted and added to an Entry Authorization Letter prior to the event. Formal gatherings are not currently authorized, so we will not be able to hold an awards ceremony or meal following the event. We will not be able to have a shotgun start which means tee times will need to be back-to-back from approximately 0800 to 1200. Andrea also stated that we are awaiting on official word from the golf course by the end of the week to verify if the event can take place.
  - Zakary stated that he thinks we could still pull off the tournament with a virtual event for awards taking place the following day. This would be unique, but he believes it would still be worthwhile. The proposed fee schedule will make money for the scholarship fund and there are still opportunities to sponsor with signage, golf carts, etc. Jim stated that we could seek a sponsor for hand sanitizers, masks and other PPE as well to make the event safe.
  - Jim asked that the golf committee provide the Board of Directors with our recommendation on how to move forward once we receive feedback from the golf course at the end of the week.
- **Run to 2020:** Jim provided an update on the run to 2020 event:
  - Jim stated that Todd Cartwright would be stepping down as the chairperson for the run to 2020 committee.
  - Jim stated that we are planning to partner with Denver Metro Post and Frontier Post to hold a joint event. There was no information solidified at this time, but he would bring that to the Board when the proposed Regional planning team has met and provides a recommendation to their respective BODs. Zakary stated that he believed this was a good approach, especially given the limited number of resources available to support planning and execution of the event.
- Jim asked if there was any feedback on going with a Small Business Spotlight or a reserving the SB Spotlight as a benefit of being a Sustaining member. Sarah Hodge stated that she liked it being a benefit to sustaining member firms. Zakary stated that he agreed, but that we shouldn't confine it to small business sustaining member firms only because that



reduces the pool of candidates significantly. The consensus was to move forward with this approach.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **SAME Virtual Camp:** Scott Prosuch provided an update about the virtual camps. He stated that they were able to find camp mentors from across the country and that virtual training was taking place this week. He said it will be difficult to replicate the benefits of in-person camps, but at least we are moving forward with something this year.
  - Scott also shared two success stories. The first was that he put a call out to SAME Fellows and received great feedback and support to serve as mentors for the virtual camp. Second, one of the camp mentors for the virtual camp is a Coast Guard Officer that went through the USAFA Engineering Camp a handful of years ago prior to attending the US Coast Guard Academy.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

- There were no closing comments. The meeting adjourned at 9:02am.