

Meet the Academy of Fellows Class of 2020....

I will create opportunities to further promote a public/private membership balance at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Post that will allow us to build a leadership pipeline of future engineers by engaging with my local high schools' STEM teachers to promote the engineering profession and promote SAME construction camps and STEM activities to the students.

Mark A. Angelo, P.E., F.SAME

I commit to the success of the Central Virginia Post with the continued promotion of the Society's Enduring Purpose in order to facilitate Post membership growth of 5 percent per year and foster leadership development by mentoring five students and young members, while participating as a member of the Credentialing and National Leader Development Communities of Interest.

Col. Charles A. Boaz Jr., F.SAME, USA (Ret.)

I will continue to seek out new talent from local active, guard and reserve servicemembers and coach those who wish to grow – adding a new member to Post leadership every year while striving to be a deserving role-model and mentor for our next generation of leaders.

Col. Jim Brackett, P.E., PMP, F.SAME, USAF (Ret.)

I will lead, facilitate, and support engagement activities in our Post that will highlight the capabilities of our small business members to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Naval Facilities Command Southeast.

Lt. Col. Jose A. Buitrago Jr., P.E., PMP, F.SAME, USA (Ret.)

I am passionate about relationships; collaboration is what makes SAME unique. I commit to continue to work to sustain and grow engagement with the A/E/C disciplines through relationships with military, public, private, and academic professionals.

Karen L. Buniak, F.SAME

I will recruit, develop, and mentor our next generation of STEM professionals and engineers for the nation and for the Society.

Todd A. Cartwright, P.E., CPM, LEED AP, F.SAME

I commit to make a focused effort on increasing active duty military Young Member involvement and recognition for participation in leadership roles to increase junior officer enthusiasm, involvement, and opportunity for the future leaders of the Society.

Capt. Daniel W. Cook, RA, NCARB, F.SAME, CEC, USN

I will ensure the SAME Engineering and Construction Camp remains relevant through improved collaboration with ERDC to optimize camper engineering and construction experiences, and I will also foster the Student Chapter at the University of Mississippi.

Col. Jeffrey R. Eckstein, P.E., PMP, F.SAME, USA (Ret.)

Through the use of technology, I will work with the University of Guam Student Chapter to implement a communication process before the end of 2020 to share successes and lessons learned to support their engineering program and ensure that the Guam Post STEM Camp will take place during the summer of 2021, in spite of COVID-19 or other challenges, to allow the programs to continue, expand, and be successful in supporting our future engineering leaders.

Capt. Noel M. Enriquez, F.SAME, USN (Ret.)

I commit to enthusiastic support and expansion of STEM initiatives through my Post, including increased prize sponsorship and category judging for the Northeast Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair and development of new opportunities such as the ACE Mentor Program at local high schools.

Lt. Col. Brian K. Files, P.E., PMP, F.SAME, USAFR (Ret.)

As one of the founding members in the newly formed Leader Development COI, I will support my passion of leader development by developing tools at the National level and sharing resources available to Posts in the South Atlantic region and beyond. I will encourage, support, and find opportunities for Young Professionals as Post, Regional, and National leaders, with the goal of having at least one Young Professional active on each Post's Board, serving as Deputy RVPs, and active in National COIs and other National leadership positions.

Angela M. Goral, P.E., F.SAME

I will engage with the UAA Student Chapter members over the coming year to establish a program of meetings and a rhythm of collaboration with the Anchorage Post, as well as work to create an Anchorage Post Board position for our Student Chapter President and establish an Anchorage Post budget to support the Student Chapter activities.

Timothy F. Gould, P.E., F.SAME

I commit to providing continued leadership at the Post and National levels in delivering current, meaningful, and impactful support to our combatant command engineers and military engineer units and organizations locally and around the world by directly assisting the JECO committee in developing and executing Table Top Exercises at the JETC Conferences, and connecting directly with the military engineering units in the NOVA Post area to increase and improve their awareness of and participation in SAME activities.

Col. William H. Haight III, P.E., F.SAME, USA (Ret.)

I commit to transfer leadership of the Atlanta Post's biennial event that offers industry-government engagement opportunities with federal, state, and local government officials to our Young Professionals, and I will mentor our young leaders through this process, ensuring they have a good understanding of industry-government engagement and the value it provides to our Post and city.

Elizabeth M. Harris, FSMPS, CPSM, F.SAME

I commit to mentoring young members from military, government, and industry at the Kaiserslautern Post while encouraging them to assume progressive leadership positions in the Society, and I will assist the next Europe Regional Vice President as the Regional Fellow, if given the opportunity.

Col. Anthony Higdon, P.E., F.SAME, USAF

I commit to producing the next generation of engineers who will deliver solutions to our nation's infrastructure-related challenges by enhancing the mentoring programs established within USACE and SAME and personally engaging students each year to pursue STEM classes and STEM degrees.

Stacey K. Hirata, P.E., F.SAME, SES

I will fulfill my passion for the Society by continuing to create valuable government-industry events throughout the Europe Region; delivering relevant, timely, and knowledge-building content through the International Community of Interest; and forging partnerships with the UK Institution of Royal Engineers and the Military Engineer Centre of Excellence.

Lt. Col. Christian J. Knutson, P.E., CEng, PgMP, F.SAME, USAF (Ret.)

I commit to establishing an annual industry roundtable in the Atlantic and Pacific regions with the objectives being squarely aimed on leveraging industry experience to improve the performance execution on government construction projects; adopt best practices into contracting strategies and field-level project management; strengthen the implementation of resiliency into government projects; and expand the networks of partners within the military engineer communities.

Rear Adm. John W. Korka, P.E., F.SAME, CEC, USN

I will leverage my existing relationships to form a stronger alliance between S-A-M-E and the Construction Management Association of America within Florida and the Southeast to create new opportunities for members of both organizations, including the formation of new Student Chapters throughout the region.

Douglas E. McCutchen, CCM, F.SAME

I will advance industry-government engagement by bringing the University of Houston College of Technology in as a strategic partner to offer construction management credentialing for Society members.

Maj. Edward T. Mears, PG, F.SAME, USAR (Ret.)

Within a year of investiture, I will start the process to create an affiliate Post to the Denver Metro Post on the western slope of Colorado to serve the high concentration of federal engineers and our private sector counterparts who need access to high quality professional development without having to travel to Denver or Salt Lake City.

Elizabeth Y. Meyer, P.E., F.SAME

I will continue working with my Post's leadership in developing and providing Business Development Management training materials based on related workshops currently offered within the competitive defense industry and adapted for our SAME membership.

Maj. J. Michael Nash, Ph.D., P.E., F.SAME, USAR (Ret.)

I will continue to help develop engaging environments for both industry and government partners through my leadership and planning of the Mount Tacoma and Seattle Post's annual events such as the Veterans Transition Seminar, Northwest Small Business Conference, Scholarship Golf Tournament, and monthly Post newsletter.

Dave G. Newkirk, F.SAME

I commit to use every opportunity within our Society to promote and mentor proactive, positive, and collaborative attitudes and communications in the execution of national security construction requirements to meet the operational needs set forth by our nation's leaders.

The Honorable Lucian L. Niemeyer, F.SAME

I commit to providing leadership and mentorship to the Houston-Galveston Post Young Professionals leadership development program and assisting with the Texas A&M University student chapter.

Elizabeth O. Parent, P.E., CFM, F.SAME

I plan to provide servant leadership at the Vice-President level by guiding and shaping the Communities of Interest and regions as I prioritize industry-government engagement at every opportunity and ensure the National Leadership Team remains focused on this core principle.

Col. Charles D. Perham, F.SAME, USAF (Ret.)

I am committed to the advancement of membership engagement and will establish a Kittyhawk Post Past Presidents Committee to analyze, among other Post-wide issues, ways to influence positive change to increase our Post member participation in all Kittyhawk Post events.

David A. Perkins, P.E., F.SAME

Within a year of investiture, I will complete outreach to at least 3 public organizations to discuss the benefits of SAME and connect with young working professionals within their organizations. I will also work with our Membership Committee to approach existing member companies to identify Young Members to participate in a Baltimore Post committee, and work with the Young Member Director to organize accessible and inclusive events specifically geared at drawing Young Member engagement in the Baltimore Region.

Heather L. Polinsky, PMP, F.SAME

I commit to mentoring our Young Members by my continued support of the San Diego Post's Young Member Program, as well as enhancing industry government relationships by taking an active role in planning and assisting with the San Diego Post's Small Business outreach and other Post events.

Phil S. Rosenberg, PG, F.SAME

Starting in calendar year 2020, I commit to founding an annual industry-government engagement summit bringing together federal and local government officials with members of the South Florida A/E/C communities to identify resiliency issues, derive solutions, and share lessons learned across the region.

Maj. Kristina J. Selstrom, F.SAME, USAF (Ret.)

I plan to build a peer leadership mentoring program that will provide guidance to the next generation of SAME leadership.

Daniel Soto, P.E., F.SAME

I commit to increasing military and government participation in SAME and collaboration with industry at the Post level through implementation of an annual procurement forum featuring leaders from local government agencies.

Kathryn A. Stewart, P.E., F.SAME

I will lead collaborative discussions with the US Green Building Council and American Society of Civil Engineers to help establish formal strategic partnerships with both organizations, bringing value to our members and potential new SAME members via exposure.

Stephen B. Thomas, P.E., LEED AP, F.SAME

I commit to keeping the Savannah Post focused on partnering with schools, colleges, and universities and to mentoring students, sponsoring STEM programs, and encouraging STEM education by actively participating on boards, councils, and committees and promoting ideas and programs for the Savannah Post's involvement with those organizations.

Maureen T. Warren, P.E., F.SAME

I will demonstrate the value of Society membership to our young professionals by providing greater direct professional development opportunities and increasing the Post's Young Members' Group as well as proactively assisting the Post in opening up leadership of our sustaining members' forum and other industry engagement events entirely to our Young Members in order to facilitate the increase of young member engagement through their ownership of the direction and organization of these events.

Phil D. Welker, P.E., PMP, F.SAME

I commit to building collaborative efforts between Maryland's three SAME posts and the federal, state, and local agencies in our region to develop programming and workshops that provide opportunity for the exchange of ideas and development of solutions.

Carrie Ann Williams, CPSM, F.SAME