



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Meeting

26 January 2008, 1800  
Egan Center  
524 W. Fourth Avenue

#### Executive Board Meeting

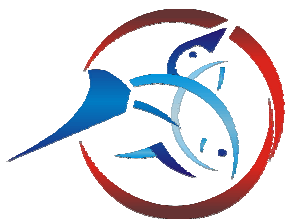
29 February 2008, 0630  
Country Kitchen  
346 E. Fifth Avenue

*(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)*

Talley Scholarships. Entertainment will be provided by Magician Don Russell and Vivian Tokar (vtokar@ch2m.com) is taking names for which "audience members" should participate in his short show (anyone want to be sawed in half?).

The Annual Banquet is also time for everyone to try their luck during the Scholarship Fund Raffle. Kathy Gardner does a fantastic job all year finding great pieces of art to raffle off during the evening. All proceeds from the raffle go into the Benjamin Talley Scholarship Fund.

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### 2008 Annual Banquet

Get ready to enjoy a pleasant evening with the Anchorage SAME Post on 26 Jan 08 at 1800 (6pm) at the Egan Center.

Our annual event is a time to reflect on a great year and recognize our SAME Post Engineer of the Year nominee, Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year nominee, the Major General Lupia Award nominee, and the recipients of the 2008 Benjamin

### President's Column

Happy New Year everyone! I'd like to thank everyone for their confidence to allow me to be your Post president for 2008. With Lt Col Hodges already deployed and the e-mails from the Pacific Region and National rolling in, I'm already wondering what I got myself into. I know with the great support we have in the Anchorage Post you'll make it easy for me though.

Included in that great support is Vivian Tokar and the banquet committee. Vivian stepped up in November and took on the role of organizing the banquet. She's got a great meal planned, and although Governor Palin won't be able to join us as the speaker, Vivian has lined up some interesting entertainment. We'll also be awarding \$15,000 in scholarships to deserving students. I hope you can join us.

For the next year, if you have any suggestions for making the Post better, are looking for a volunteer opportunity within in the Post, or just want to pass on ideas for meeting speakers, please feel free to give me or any of the board members a call.

## **Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes SAME, Anchorage Post**

**Date/Time:** 11 Jan 2008/0630

**Location:** Country Kitchen Restaurant

**Attendees:** Mr. Pat Coullahan, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Kevin Thomas, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Ms. Kathy Gardner, Ms. Vivian Tokar, Mr. Bill Kontess, Mr. Robert Wrentmore, Mr. Everett Mabry, Mr. John Magee, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Mr. Jamie Spell, Maj Bryan Erickson, Maj Erik Sell, Capt Matthew Anderson, Capt Matthew Albers, Mr. Andy Larson

**Not Present:** Col Kevin Wilson, Ms. Andrea Soland, Ms. Karen Padgett, Mr. George Herr, Mr. Tad Dean, Col Stu Hartford, Lt Col James Hodges, Capt Greg Mayer, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Steve Schwicht, Mr. Bruce Steely, Mr. John Costello

### **Proceedings:**

- Mr. Tim Gallagher , Post 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, opened the BOD meeting at 0638.
- President Report. No report this month.
- Banquet: Vivian Tokar
  - Discussed banquet status; booths, tables, food all arranged
  - Discussed serving wine at the banquet; motion to put \$1000 towards wine served by wine stewards approved
  - The program for the evening was reviewed
  - The governor declined to attend
  - There will be a magic show for entertainment
  - Award presentations to be made were reviewed
  - Award plaques are complete
  - Seating at the head table was discussed
  - Two photographers will be attending the event
- Scholarships: Mr. Chris Turletes
  - Seven candidates selected this year
  - Working on \$1000 scholarship for qualified H.S. student interested in engineering
- Treasurer: Kathy Jacobson
  - Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. provided matching funds for scholarships
  - Marsh Creek LLC provided matching funds for scholarships
  - Discussed sponsoring junior officers for the banquet

- The treasury budget will be audited
- Board approved \$1000 for Engineers Week
- Board approved \$1000 for robotics
- Board approved \$500 for MATHCOUNTS
- Discussion on putting three previous items under the heading “Educational Commitments” in budget

## **Anchorage Post Supporting UAA Engineering’s Senior Design Course**

Our Post will be supporting the University of Alaska, Anchorage Engineering Department’s Senior Design Course again this spring as we have for the past four years. The Senior Design Course is the capstone senior design class. The goal of this course is to learn how to work as a member of a design team on an engineered project culminating in preparation of construction plans, specifications, and contractual requirements. Bart Quimby, PhD, will be the instructor this year. He is currently deciding what project the class will be working on this spring.

The individual students in this class are formed into design teams that all compete with each other to prepare the best design, specifications, and cost estimate for the selected project. As they have for the past four years, UAA is looking for experienced engineers to help mentor the teams as they work their way through this “real world” design. An outline for the course and the dates and topics for the lectures can be found at:

<http://soe.uaa.alaska.edu/soe/courses/ce438/2008/08lecture.htm>. Lecture topics include: Design Codes and Permitting – Working with Regulators, Environmental Considerations in Civil Design, Project Management, Legal Considerations in Civil Design, Ethics in Engineering, Professional Registration and Career Planning (panel discussion), and Presenting to the Public.

You can help by becoming a mentor to one of the five working groups that Bart will establish, or by presenting one of the lecture topics above. All previous Post participants have found helping the teams to be a worthwhile and rewarding experience. This is an opportunity for you to work closely with the engineers who will graduate this spring. Please

begin thinking of how you individually, or your firm can help support this effort to help the next generation of engineers. Please contact the Post's POC for this class at:

[Skip.Koch@westonsolutions.com](mailto:Skip.Koch@westonsolutions.com).

### From the Editor

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the North Winds monthly newsletter. All sponsors will have their name and logo on the front page of the Newsletter and up to a two page flyer attached to the North Winds. New for 2008 all sponsors will be given five minutes at the monthly luncheon to pitch their firm.

The SAME Newsletter welcomes articles of interest and photos for the Newsletter. Please submit articles and photos with captions concerning SAME activities to the editor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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Thank you very much to our 2007 officer for your dedication to the SAME, Anchorage Post

The 2008 Officers will be announced at the annual banquet 26 January 2008

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*Ms. Virginia Talley, Director Emeritus*

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