



North Winds

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting

28 August 2008, 1130

Moose Lodge

Just North of Tudor on Arctic

Executive Board Meeting

29 August 2008, 0630

Country Kitchen

(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)



MWH

Monthly Meeting

Society of American Military Engineers August Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, August 28, 1130 to 1300 at the Anchorage Moose Lodge located just north of the corner of Arctic and Tudor. Please RSVP no later than August 22 to Andy Larson at: andy@discoverydrilling.com.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for August will be Jace Johnson. Jace has been in the pollution response field in Alaska for over 11 years. Currently he is the Base Manager at the Navy Supervisor of Salvage's (SUPSALV) Emergency Ship Salvage Materials (ESSM) Base located at Fort Richardson. Jace will discuss SUPSALV's mission worldwide and describe the roles SUPSALV plays in supporting Department of Defense entities in Alaska. Jace will

also describe equipment and response capabilities of ESSM Base Alaska.

President's Column

Believe it or not, summer is winding down. Kids are heading back to school and the state fair is right around the corner. For SAME, the end of summer means it's time to start thinking about the next major events for the Post. Two of these events are elections for the next Post officers and the annual banquet in January. Very shortly we'll be looking for volunteers for both. These are great opportunities to get to know others in our local engineering community and have a positive effect on the Post and the community in general.

The January banquet is the Post's largest annual event and sets the tone for the coming year. It's our opportunity to celebrate the scholarship and award winners and the banquet team always has a great time. And believe it or not, it's not as much work being on the banquet team as you'd think. There are lots of others to help carry the load, lots of experienced people to help guide the newcomers to the team, and some of the work has already been done. The banquet is set for January 24 at the Egan Center. While we are trying to get Fran Ulmer as the keynote speaker, this hasn't been cemented yet, so please forward any ideas on another speaker, or entertainment, to a board member in case Ms. Ulmer can't be scheduled.

Another great opportunity is serving as a board member. I know what you're thinking... "That's a bunch of old guys." Some, sure, but they've got a lot of experience and the board gets to do great things like providing financial assistance to worthy organizations on behalf of the Post, overseeing the mentoring program for UAA's senior design class, and charting the course of the Post.

If you've got ideas you think would make the Post stronger, being a board member is the place to be. If you're interested, please contact Pat Coullahan, John Magee, Ted Trueblood or any other board member.

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

Date/Time: 25 July 08/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Mr. Kevin Thomas, Mr. Bill Kontess, Mr. John Magee, Mr. Robert Wrentmore, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Mr. Alan Quesnel, Mr. Skip Koch, Capt Matthew Albers.

Not Present: Mr. Steve Schwicht, Mr. Bruce Steely, Mr. Tad Dean, Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Ms Kathy Gardner, Capt Matthew Anderson, Mr. George Herr, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. Everett Mabry, Ms. Karen Padgett, Mr. Jamie Spell, Ms. Andrea Soland, Mr. Chris Turlletes, Lt Col James Hodges, Maj Erik Sell, Capt Greg Mayer, Maj Bryan Erickson, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Mr. John Costello, Ms. Vivian Tokar, Mr. Patrick Coullahan, Mr. Craig Lance.

Proceedings:

- Mr. Kevin Thomas, Post President, opened the meeting at 0645.
- Treasurer:
 - No treasurer's report this month.
- Programs: Alan Quesnel
 - The August luncheon speaker was discussed. Mr. Quesnel indicated that US Navy SUPSALV (Supervisor of Salvage) personnel may speak or BP representatives.
- Other:
 - PDHs for Monthly Meetings
 - Mr. Skip Koch passed out a sample sign-in sheet to be used at the luncheons for the validation of PDHs. The sheet includes a summary of the topic, the presenter, all attendees and needs to be signed by an attending PE. The sheet also included a memo for formal documentation purposes.
 - The Board decided to store the completed sign-in sheets as PDF files on the Post webpage.

- The sign-in sheets need to be kept for a minimum of four years to allow review by auditors. A single Board member will be appointed to manage the sheets and track the PDH program.
- The sign-in sheet and memo will not be signed if the responsible PE at the luncheon does not believe the topic is applicable to professional development. The Board decided that this does not mean that PDH style presentations should be sought, rather the luncheons will continue to focus on what is relevant and interesting to SAME members and when a briefing meets the general PDH guidelines a PDH sign-in sheet will be used.
- It is the responsibility of individual members to verify the applicability of any PDHs received. The Post cannot provide verification.
- Golf Tournament:
 - Mr. Everett Mabry received a plaque and gift certificate at the monthly luncheon for his work on the tournaments over the years. He raised approximately \$100K in scholarship funds during his tenure.
 - The tournament raised approximately \$9,000 this year for scholarships; the final total is not yet complete.
 - The trophy will be presented to the Michael Foster Company at the August luncheon.
- o Mr. Kevin Thomas, Post President, closed the BOD meeting at 0720

Newsletter Sponsorship

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 North Winds 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 20th of each month.

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