



North Winds

VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

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This month's sponsor is:



President's Column

One of the things the Board of Directors has strived for over the last few years is keeping the Post relevant to its members. As a result we're trying to provide members opportunities for continuing education. Sign in sheets when appropriate at monthly meetings is one way and in December SAME will sponsor a seminar on cost estimating. The seminar was selected based on an informal poll of sustaining firms asking what training they would like to see offered. With the new requirement for continuing education to renew engineering licenses we hope to offer more seminars in the future. Tim Gallagher and HDR have graciously donated many hours to setting up the training and a training room to help keep costs down. This is an excellent opportunity for members to complete part of their continuing education requirement and for firms to get relevant training at a great price. Please continue to give the Board feedback on how we're doing. Be it training seminars or other activities.

Also, I know everyone is tired of election campaigns by now, but it's that time of year for SAME as well. Pat Coullahan, John Magee and Bob Wrentmore are heading the search committee for next year's Post officers. If you'd like to nominate someone, owe someone pay back or want

to volunteer to take an active role in the Post, then please contact Pat, John or Bob and give them some ideas. It's very rewarding, you get to work with some great folks, and it doesn't take as much time as you think

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

Date/Time: 26 September 08/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Mr. Patrick Coullahan, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Bill Kontess, Mr. Kevin Thomas, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Robert Wetmore, Col Kevin Wilson, Maj Bryan Erickson, Capt Michael Scullion, Capt Matthew Albers.

Not Present: Mr. Alan Quesnel, Mr. Bruce Steely, Ms. Vivian Tokar, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Mr. Tom York, Mr. Steve Schwicht, Mr. Tad Dean, Ms Kathy Gardner, Mr. George Herr, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. Everett Mabry, Ms. Karen Padgett, Mr. Jamie Spell, Ms. Andrea Soland, Mr. John Costello, Mr. John Magee, Mr. Craig Lance.

Proceedings:

- Mr. Kevin Thomas, Post President, opened the meeting at 0640.
- Treasurer: Kathy Jacobson
 - Sponsorship for the Newsletter has been set up through December and invoices have been sent out
 - Once member dues are confirmed to be finished the Board can begin working on the 2009 projected budget
- Programs:

- The PDH program was started for the 25 September Luncheon and the sign-in documents will be posted on the Anchorage SAME website
- PDH files will stay on the website for a minimum of three years
- The Board decided that Mr. Alan Quesnel will be responsible for the management of the PDH program
- Banquet:
 - Capt Chris Mercer has volunteered to lead the banquet committee
 - Fran Ulmer has been confirmed as the banquet speaker
- Scholarships: Chris Turletes
 - The scholarship application for college students is currently online
- Seminar: Tim Gallagher
 - Cost Estimating is the most requested seminar subject
 - The course will be two days and SAME will charge \$500
 - Dates in November and currently being explored
 - It is proposed that SAME will provide the lunches as part of the cost
 - The proposed site for the training is an HDR conference room to save on costs
- President's Report:
 - The Board needs to elect five new board members for 2009
 - The SAME Pacific Region is looking for nominations for Regional VP
 - The Board did not have any nominations to submit
 - Annual awards are coming up so the local military units are being solicited for awards packages
 - The SAME National Conference will be in Salt Lake City for 2009

- Other:
 - Capt Mike Scullion is filling in for Maj Sell as the Sustaining Members POC; he is updating the membership list and contacting lapsed sustaining members
 - A suggestion was made to find a luncheon speaker on the subject of Hydroelectric Dams
- Mr. Kevin Thomas, Post President, closed the BOD meeting at 0725

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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