



North Winds

VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

March 2010 Edition

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting 25 March 2010
Anchorage Moose Lodge
BOD Meeting 26 March 2010
0630 @ Country Kitchen Restaurant

ALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE EDITOR BY THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

This month's sponsor is:



This Month's Speaker:

Gordon Osgood

Gordon Osgood is a civil engineer working at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District. He worked in the environmental cleanup field in the Anchorage private sector from 1991 to 1999, and then worked as an Environmental Engineer for the Alaska District until 2008. During that time he developed an interest in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and their value in supporting engineering, and shifted to a GIS-focused position at the Alaska District in 2008. He is currently one of several Alaska District staff who prepare GIS products in support of projects and help develop GIS solutions

President's Column

"We are off to a great start for 2010. Following a very successful scholarship banquet and art raffle, Craig Lance conducted an educational outreach for us in the form of a CPM scheduling class. We had over eighty students in attendance and in addition to providing them a service, the Post benefitted as well in additional scholarship contributions. Next major

milestone will be our 11 June golf tournament at Eagle Glen with a seven a.m. start. With the sunshine and melt we are currently experiencing, now would be a great time to start working on our putts.

I also just updated and staffed with the board our 2010 goals. Much of the content in this document will remain the same. We would like to do better in execution of those goals. Two areas that we really need to do better in this coming year is in membership and readiness. I have asked the first VP Kelly McGovern to assist with membership and am still in need of someone to volunteer to assist with readiness. Managing our readiness program is not difficult, it is just another item to manage. So if you feel the calling please let me know. Until next month, have a great March."

Thanks for all you do for our post.
Tim Gallagher
Post President

Should you like to comment, please pass on your thoughts to our secretary, Jaci Mellot, at jaci.mellot@hdrinc.com

PROCEEDINGS:

The following were present:

Ms. Jaci Mellott, Col.(R) Pat Coullahan, Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Bruce Steely, Mr. Skip Koch, Ms. Irene Turletes, Ms. Kali Korach, Mr. Eric Rodgers, Mr. Jacob Mattie

Ms. Jaci Mellott—Secretary opened the meeting at 0643.

- Treasurer: Ms. Kathy Jacobson
 - Ms. Kathy Jacobson distributed the current ledger of activity for the

- Anchorage Post for review by the BOD members present
- Post financials were submitted to National prior to the 01 March 2010 deadline
- Newsletter: Mr. Andy Larson
 - Mr. Chris Turletes will provide camp information, scholarship thank you letters from students who received scholarship awards at the 2010 banquet, and revised scholarship results.
- Programs: Mr. Dave Bennett
 - No update
- Seminars:
 - The Construction Scheduling Seminar was very successful with 80 attendees. Final financial status will be presented at the March BOD meeting
- Membership:
 - Mr. Kelly McGovern is working with SAME to increase membership. Membership applications are now available at the SAME luncheons.
- Scholarships:
 - See Newsletter Topic
- Banquet:
 - No update.
- Talley Fund:
 - A special meeting in early February was held to interview to reevaluate our current funds management firm. Those interviewed included the Alaska Community Foundation and Raymond James. Wedbush-Morgan Securities changed and declined to make a presentation to the board at the last minute. A decision will be made regarding which company to use at the quarterly meeting in March. If the decision is to change from Raymond James the Talley Fund BOT will discuss this with the Post Board prior to making a change.
- Golf Tournament:
 - No update.
- Camp Event: Mr. Chris Turletes
 - Announcement regarding applying for one of the three SAME camps will be included in the March newsletter.
- Awards: Mr. Skip Koch
 - COL Pat Coullahan commented that the recognition program of work performed by designers and contractors under contract with the Alaska District has been continued. Discussion was heard regarding the Anchorage Post developing a recognition program of our sustaining members. COL Coullahan will contact the Seattle Post regarding their ongoing recognition efforts.
 - Fellow and Regional VP award recommendations were discussed
- Streamers:
 - Ms. Kathy Jacobson will distribute streamer scores to the BOD.
- After Action:
 - No update
- Other:
 - Mr. Skip Koch is coordinating the presentations to the UAA senior design course. Presentations will be on Preparing Plans, Specifications, and Cost Estimating by HDR on 05 March 2010, Working with Vendors by Granite Construction on 26 March, and on the Denali Pipeline Project by the Denali Team on 09 April.
- ❖ Mr. Chris Turletes introduced four members from the A/E Club from UAA (Irene

Turletes, Kali Korach, Eric Rodgers, and Jacob Mattie). The A/E Club requested support from the Anchorage Post. An initial motion to donate \$1,000 to the A/E Club was made and seconded. The motion was modified to increase the donation to \$1,500 as the A/E Club is raising funds to send 15 members to New Orleans to work with Habitat for Humanity in building homes. The motion was passed with very grateful thanks from the members of the A/E Club in attendance.

- Goals:
 - Ms. Jaci Mellott distributed draft 2010 goals to the BOD. Comments to be returned to Ms. Mellott by March 5.
- Ms. Jaci Mellott, Secretary, closed the BOD meeting at 0733.

Anchorage Post Hands out largest number of Scholarships at the Annual Banquet.

This year the SAME Anchorage Post and Sustaining Member firms awarded \$20,300 in College Scholarships. These scholarships are the fruit of the Post's efforts in fundraising. So thanks to the Endowment Fund, the Post sustaining and individual members and committees that through a variety of activities such as: the raffle, golf tournament, seminars, and Regional Conferences keep our scholarship program viable.

We had eighteen eligible applicants for the General Benjamin B. Talley scholarships this year and we had the opportunity to award all 18 with scholarships. One UAA Engineering Graduate Student award, 11 awards to UAA students, 2 to UAF students, 1 to a University of Colorado student, 1 to a BYU student, 1 to a Creighton student and 1 to a University of Hawaii student. There are 5 women and 13 men applicants; 11 Engineering students, 1 physics student, 1 chemistry student, 1 petroleum engineer student, 2 in Construction Management, 1 Marine Science, 1 Geological Sciences student. Three are either serving in the Guard or Reserve or are veterans. Seven are repeat winners.

This years Scholarship Selection Committee was comprised of:

- Ms Nicole Knox—R&M Consultants Inc.
- Mr. Bruce Steely—US Air Force staff engineer
- Mr. Pat Coullahan—US Army Corps of Engineers
- Mr. John Magee—R&M Consultants Inc.

Sustaining Firms directly sponsoring scholarships include:

Watterson Construction --\$2,000

- R&M Consultants Inc. the Ralph Migliaccio Memorial Scholarship--\$1,800
- CH2MHILL--\$1000
- Weston Solutions--\$1000
- Enterprise Engineering --\$500
- Marsh Creek--\$500
- Rise Alaska--\$500
- USKH—Gordon Unwin Endowment \$500
- WH Pacific--\$500
- Talley Fund --\$12,000

Mr. Alex J. P. Bergeron

Mr. Bergeron received a \$2,000 scholarship. He is a BSE-Mechanical Engineering Student at the University of Alaska Anchorage. His scholarship came from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment.

Mr. Gary Ellis

Mr. Ellis received a \$750 scholarship. He is a Civil Engineering Major and a Math minor at UAA. His scholarship came from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment.

Mr. Aaron Gallagher

Mr. Gallagher received a \$1,000 scholarship. He is a Physics Major at the University of Colorado at Boulder. His scholarship came from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment.

Ms. Audrey Gallagher

Ms. Gallagher received a \$1,250 scholarship. She is a Chemistry Major at Creighton University. Her scholarship came from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment \$1000 and WH Pacific \$250.

Mr. Phillip Hearn

Mr. Hearn received a \$750 scholarship. He is Civil Engineering student at UAA with a minor in French. His scholarship came from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment.

Mr. Joseph Heimerl

Mr. Heimerl received a \$1,250 scholarship. He is a Petroleum Engineering student at UAF. His scholarship came from CH2MHill \$1,000 and WH Pacific \$250.

Mr. Nathan Henshey

Mr. Henshey \$1,500 received scholarship. He is Construction Management student at UAA with a Minor in Business Administration. His scholarship came from Watterson Construction \$1000 and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment \$500.

Ms. Kali Korach

Ms Korach received a \$1,000 scholarship. She is a ME student at UAA with a minor in mathematics. Her scholarship came from Rise AK \$500 and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment \$500.

Mr. Jacob Mathiesen

Mr. Mathiesen received a \$1,000 scholarship. He is a Construction Management student at UAA. His scholarship came from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment.

Mr. Bjorn Olsen

Mr. Olsen received \$1,000 scholarship. He is Mechanical Engineering Student at UAA with a minor in mathematics. His scholarship came from and Weston Solutions.

Ms. Talisa Rodrigues

Ms. Rodrigues received a \$750 scholarship. She is a Mechanical Engineering Student at UAA with a minor in Electrical Engineering. Her scholarship came from and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$750)

Mr. Jeffrey Schwicht

Mr. Schwicht received a \$1,000 scholarship. He is a Civil Engineering student at BYU with a minor in Spanish. His scholarship came from and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment.

Mr. Dustin Smith

Mr. Smith received a \$1,000 scholarship. He is a Mechanical Engineering student at UAA with a minor in Mathematics. His scholarship came from Enterprise Engineering \$500 and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment \$500.

Mr. Nicholas Straka

Mr. Straka received the Graduate Student Scholarship for \$1,000. He is obtaining a degree in Civil Engineering from UAA. His scholarship came from and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment.

Ms. Irene Turletes

Ms. Turletes received a \$1,800 scholarship. She is a Civil Engineering Major with a Minor in Spanish and Mathematics at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Her scholarship came from the Ralph Migliaccio Memorial Scholarship Fund of R&M Consultants Inc.

Mr. Steven Walsh

Mr. Walsh received a \$750 scholarship. He is a student at UAA studying Geological Science. His scholarship came from Marsh Creek \$500 and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment \$250.

Colin Zimmermann

Mr. Zimmerman received a \$1,500 scholarship. He is a student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo studying Marine Science. His scholarship came from USKH \$500 and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment \$1,000.

Thank you all for you continued support.

Engineer Week at UAA Moatable Floatable





2010 Engineering and Construction Campers Wanted:

Anchorage Post is looking for 3 High School students interested in a week long adventure learning about Military Engineering and Construction at one of the three SAME sponsored Engineering and Construction Camps
<http://posts.same.org/camps/>

Interested students should check out the web site <http://posts.same.org/camps/> and then call Chris Turletes at 244-8063 to discuss the application process and to set up an interview. The Army camp application is due to the Anchorage Post by March 17th. The AF camp application is due to the Anchorage Post April 21st. The Navy Camp application is due to the Anchorage Post May 19th. The Post will sponsor one student for each camp. Campers must apply thru the Anchorage Post and the Post pays the camp registration and provides a transportation stipend. Deadlines are coming up quick. Don't miss this great opportunity. Please send a pdf version of you application to Chris Turletes at cturletes@gci.net or call Chris at 244-8063 to set up time to drop off your application.

Newsletter Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the 2010 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. For 2010, we will continue our practice of allowing sponsors 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 10th of each month.

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