

# SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS SEATTLE POST BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 7, 2011

MERCURY ROOM, SEATTLE DISTRICT CORPS

## MEETING OBJECTIVE: PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF POST OPERATIONS

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### 1.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Review and approval of March Meeting Minutes – motion to approve March Board Meeting Minutes as posted – approved.
- Visitors: Dave Harrison – Skanska; Phil Goodman – Skanska. Invited by Larry to observe the meeting and possibly assume a role in the Post.

### 2.0 Updates by Programs/Committee Chairs (briefs, actions items only)

#### 2.1 PROGRAMS – (Nick Vlahovich)

- Allison filling in for Nick
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Federal Sustainability Initiatives Program. Location: USACE Seattle. There will be a professional development session preceding the lunch.
- April announcement is posted on the web site; Michael Young to get email announcement out.
- April format – will have two sustainer member presenters (Sealaska and Shaw).
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Highway 520 Program. Location: Swedish Club. There will be a professional development session preceding the lunch.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Meet the Chiefs. Location: Bellevue Red Lion. Allison working on contacting speakers.
- Portland Post had a MTC event in February (COL Wright attended). The Post may need to be cautious about how much is being asked of Commanders.
- Alison to provide announcement to Mary Ann.
- COL Wright – will be out of town April and May for luncheons. Rick can cover April 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2.2 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Ed Kilduff)

*(Submitted by Ed via email)*

- For April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have Theresa Stroisch from “Sustaining Structures” give an overview of LEED and the Executive Orders related to sustainability (13423 and 13514).
- For May, I have a speaker lined up to talk about wetlands and storm water management.
- For June, I have a speaker lined up to discuss sediments and sediment remediation.
- June is Meet the Chiefs – there should be no PD session scheduled.

### 2.3 TREASURER (Mike Reynolds)

- Distributed cash flow statement
- Regional Conference checks sent to Rick and they were mailed on 4/1/11 to each of the Region's Post Presidents.
- Filed non-corporate renewal statement.
- Distributed draft 2011 budget.
- Joy – might need additional funding for Technobowl and updating the buzzers – estimate of \$500. Also not sure about first prize funding for this year. Might need an additional \$350.
- Review of the budget indicated that there was some funds carried over from last year for Technobowl – this should be enough to cover additional needs.
- Mike reporting for Marty regarding Design Excellence – keep the place holders – estimate a \$6,000 profit from Design Excellence. Committee will be meeting next week to review budget.
- COL Wright – we need to lock in budget as soon as possible and then make any future necessary adjustments thereafter.
- Motion to approve budget as presented and will make future adjustments as necessary – motion approved.

### 2.4 CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (Rob Leet)

- Rob not in attendance.

### 2.5 NEW AND SUSTAINER MEMBERSHIP (Jim Shellooe)

*(Submitted by Jim via email)*

- Will be testing the viability of having two Sustainer speakers (Sealaska Constructors, LLC and Shaw Group) at the April 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

2011 Seattle Post Luncheons and Meetings	Location	Sustainer Firm Presentation
Tuesday, April 19	USACE Seattle, Federal Sustainability Initiatives	Sealaska and Shaw Group
Tuesday, May 17	Swedish Club, Highway 520 Program	TBD

### 2.6 YOUNG MEMBERS (Joy Chen )

#### **Technobowl**

- 14 teams signed up.
- Paperwork for rooms at UW is still pending, but confident we'll get the room – will be in two separate buildings and will have 6 rooms in total.
- Questions – we have a team to do QA.
- Volunteers – need approximately 15 volunteers, now only have 7 (need 8 more).
- Need help talking to local Starbucks around the UW to possibly get some donations – Larry will address it.
- Still need gift bags (approximately 48) – Phil Goodman (Skanska) will work with Joy to take care of it.
- Prizes – everything covered except for finalizing first prizes. Joy is working with WalMart on possibilities (maybe computers).
- Joy - need to form a committee next year for Technobowl.
- Microsoft no longer providing support ]which has resulted in a lot more “leg work” for donations - called 80 stores around town to get prizes.
- Consider fundraising throughout the year as an option – particularly restaurants.
- John C – don't want to lose sight of looking to our SAME sustainers/members to contribute – need to remind them this is a SAME Post sponsored event – we may be need to expand the internal outreach

- COL Wright – this is a big event and it takes more than just a single person – agree that we need a committee.
- **Motion to approve establishment of a Technobowl Committee – approved**
- Larry – may be something for a Director to take on to ensure committee is stood up and functions.
- COL Wright – agrees with recommendation.

## 2.7 COMMUNICATIONS (Mary Ann Carlson)

- Spring newsletter articles due from the committee chairs are highlighted below.
- Newsletter deadline is the end of April – Mary Jo Juarez will be helping. Will be highlighting the golf tournament

Committee	Chairperson	Issue
Awards/Design Excellence	Marty Boivin	Winter, Fall
Scholarships	John Souza	Winter, Summer
House	Francis Brito	None
Industry Affairs	John Butts	
Outreach	Bob Parker	Winter, <b>Spring</b> , Summer, Fall
Constitution/By Laws	John Callahan	Winter
Membership	Rob Leet	Winter, <b>Spring</b> , Summer, Fall
Nominations	Bob Sundin	<b>Spring</b>
Readiness	Pam Cobley	<b>Spring</b> , Fall
Professional Development	Ed Kilduff	Winter, <b>Spring</b> , Summer, Fall
Programs	Nick Vlahovich	Winter, <b>Spring</b> , Summer, Fall
Strategic Planning	Jim Boone	Winter
Sustainers	Jim Shellooe	Winter, <b>Spring</b> , Summer, Fall
<b>Submission Deadlines:</b>		
Winter: 30 January		
<b>Spring: 30 April</b>		
Summer: 30 July		
Fall: 30 October		

## 2.8 OUTREACH (Bob Parker)

- Bob not in attendance – nothing new to report via email.

## 2.9 INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS (John Butts)

- John not in attendance.

## 2.10 SCHOLARSHIP REPORT (John Souza)

- In the process of reviewing – by the May Board meeting, the committee should have made the selection of awardees.
- Received a record number of applications – 110-120 applications total for both Post and HS. Approximately 80% came through the web-tool.

## 2.11 NOMINATIONS (Bob Sundin)

- Bob not in attendance - sent proposed nominations for 2011-2012 via email.
- Distributed nominations.
- Manny – do we need to approve this?
- Larry – yes, it needs to go out to the general membership.
- COL Wright – COL Estock will most likely be an Appointed Director
- **Motion to approve nomination list as presented – approved.**

## 2.12 READINESS (Pam Cobley/Rob Frazier)

(Submitted by Pam via email)

- **Budget Request:** The Readiness and Homeland Security Committee would like to request a budget allocation of \$2,000. This would be for attendance at the TISP Conference that is held every year in December to help off-set the cost of registration, travel, lodging and other related expenses. TISP conference attendance is a new requirement for the Streamer criteria. Registration for 2011 will be paid for by National but it's unclear how long that will continue.
- COL Wright – is it in the budget we just approved? No it is not.
- Larry – this is now a streamer requirement.
- COL Wright – National wants us involved in TISP

Motion to amend budget to approve budget request – approved.

## 2.13 AWARDS/DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDS (Marty Boivin)

(Submitted by Marty via email)

- The Design Excellence committee is meeting April 14th. The design nomination brochure is on the web site. Looking for suggestions for featured speaker at the Oct 14th Banquet.

## 2.14 STRATEGIC PLANNING (Jim Boone / Terry McCann)

- Meeting scheduled for end of April/early May – will be working with Rick.
- Expect a report for May meeting.

## 2.15 FIELD TRIPS (Susan Selby)

- Howard Hanson Dam scheduled for 5/26.
- Need to take a bus – meet at COE lot?
- Limited to a total of 30 people – limit will be two per firm on a first come, first serve basis.
- COL Wright has numerous conflicts that day. Susan will work with COL Wright's secretary to establish a new date.
- Another field trip opportunity for Snohomish Wetland Mitigation Bank.
- May/June – a lot of water, good time; Aug/Sept – Phase 3 construction going on during that time.
- COL Wright – recommended the Aug/Sept time frame as there might be more interesting things occurring during construction (e.g., can discuss hydraulic design of the site).
- Manny – can we use some kind of survey to get the pulse of the Post to see what might be interesting and scheduling?
- Susan – will develop and send out a survey with a few options for trips and scheduling.
- Harry Ehlers – would be interested in helping with field trips if Susan moves to secretary

## 2.17 OTHER

### **2011 Golf Tournament Update**

- Will open up for registration and sponsorship on May 1<sup>st</sup> – Michelle pulling together info to get posted on the web site.
- Looking into expanding sponsorship options at holes.

### **Engineering Camp**

(Submitted by Terry via email)

- For the Air Force Engineering & Construction Camp, our selection committee has identified a preferred candidate and an alternate. Application materials for the preferred candidate will be

submitted to National this week along with information that we do have an alternate (in the event that our preferred candidate cannot attend or another post is willing to sponsor). I will be letting all the applicants know of the results of our evaluation process.

- Next up in the process is the Engineering & Construction Camp for the Navy Seabees and there may be some interest from those not selected to the Air Force Camp to submit for the Navy camp. The Post's deadline for applications to attend the Navy's camp is Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>; I will contact Mary Ann to see if we can post another notice regarding the Navy's camp.

***Other Business***

- Larry – has there been any final decision regarding distribution of proceeds (within the Post) from the Regional Conference? No there has not.
- **This topic should be on the agenda for the May Board Meeting.**
- Geoff Compeau cannot fix the Technobowl buzzers – may require additional costs to repair/replace.

### 3.0 CLOSE BOARD MEETING – Bold Those in Attendance

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