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Upcoming General Membership Meetings

June Meeting

Please join the Greater KC Post Young Members as they host our June 26th meeting. As in the past, our June meeting will include the installation of our newly elected Post Officers and Board Members. Our newly elected leaders are:

Officers

President: Mr. Juan Uribe, HNTB
Vice President: Mr. Rick Cunningham, HDR
Treasurer: Mr. William Koski, CDM
Secretary: Mr. Philip Dula

New Board Members

Director: Bill Zaner, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Director: George Hazel, J.E. Dunn
Director: Rich Johannes, URS Corporation

Returning Directors

Past President: LTC Gary Heer, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
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Director: Tom Poer, HNTB
Director: Connie Cook, EMR
Director: William Singleton, Burns & McDonnell
Director: Arl Altman, Pangea
Director: Bryant Kroutch, Arrowhead Contracting

In addition we will be recognizing our fifteen 2003 scholarship winners and their families.

Date: June 26, 2003

Time: 11:30 - Social/Registration • 12:00 - Lunch • Program to follow

Place: Buca di Beppo on the Plaza, 310 West 47th Street, Kansas City, MO 64112

Menu: Choice of Pizza Margherita & Caesar Salad, Chicken Parmigiana, or Manicotti; cheesecake w/raspberry sauce. Please identify entrée choice when RSVP'ing.

Cost: \$20.00

RSVP: Michelle Mahoney by 6/24/03, fx: 816-472-4086; ph: 816-527-2348;

mmahoney@hntb.com, or register via the Post web page at same.org/kansascity

Upcoming Meetings

Our remaining meeting locations and programs are in the planning process under the leadership of our Program Chair, LTC Gary Heer. Watch your mail and the Post web page for more details. The next two meetings are scheduled as:

- July 24 Luncheon Meeting: Speaker will be Dr. Robert Wolff, SAME National President. Meeting to be held at the Hereford House, 2 East 20th Street, Kansas City, MO.
- August 28 Luncheon Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park and Tour of the new Overland Park Convention Center. Leading the tour will be Robert Lowry, Director of Public Works, City of Overland Park.

Please reserve these 2003 dates as you will not want to miss any of these meetings.

Message from the President. . .

How fast time flies! This is my last column as your Post President and I can't even begin to describe what an honor it was to serve you during this exciting year. Together we achieved many successes. We had a fun and informative series of monthly programs, provided a record number of student scholarships, achieved record enrollment in our student post and our young members infused their energy into everything we did. Last month we received the S.A.M.E. Gold Medal, recognizing the Greater Kansas City Post as the top performer in 2002-2003. All of this is the result of many people working together towards a common end--**excellence!**

We are fortunate to be represented next year by Mr. Juan Uribe of HNTB. Juan served as our Vice President this year and we owe much of our success to his efforts in building and executing our strategic plan. Now he has the opportunity to lead us to new heights as Post President. Good luck Juan. Again, it's been a pleasure to serve you. Thank you for your support and interest in S.A.M.E.

Don Curtis, COL, Post President

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Don Curtis, COL
Post President

Greater Kansas City Post 2002 SAME Post of the Year

Our Post was acknowledged in Seattle at the 2003 SAME National Convention and was presented with a plaque acknowledging our honor of being selected the 2002 SAME Post of the Year. Our KU Student Post also received an

award as an outstanding student SAME organization. Awards presented to our Post representatives are pictured below.



Treasurer's Report

Following is a summary of the Post's funds and account statuses for the period of January 7, 2003 to February 13, 2003. *Note: this report has not been approved by the SAME KC Post Board*

Operating Fund:

Balance = \$2,709.13 UMB
Net Change = -\$3,384.23

Merrill Lynch Fund: (Scholarship & Future Operating Fund)

\$ 13,221.41 Principal
\$231,318.33 Accrued Earnings (Cash)
\$244,539.74

KC SAME Post Upcoming 2003 Meetings

Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the 4th Thursday, with the exception of those that conflict with holidays or guest speaker schedules. Mark your 2003 calendars now:

June 26	September 25
July 24	October 23
August 28	November 20
	December 18

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Aug/Sept Issue Deadline for Submittals: August 13, 2003
This newsletter is issued every other month. We are currently looking for a new editor and sustaining member to take on the newsletter starting with the August/September issue. If you are interested, please contact Phil Dula at pksrm@msn.com. Send article ideas to Tom Poer, HNTB until a new editor of our newsletter is selected (tpoer@hntb.com).

General Membership Meeting Followups

April Meeting Followup

Our April meeting was held as a joint meeting with the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) and the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) on April 17, 2003. The meeting was held as a dinner meeting at the Hereford House. Our featured speaker was from the Ft. Leavenworth Speakers Bureau/Command and General Staff College and addressed current world events.

May Meeting Followup

Our May meeting was held early to take advantage of a visit to Kansas City from Lieutenant General Robert Flowers. The meeting was conducted at the Royals Crown Club, Kauffman Stadium on April 30, 2003. We were honored to receive a briefing from General Flowers regarding the tremendous effort, we would not expect anything less, from our armed forces in the liberation of Iraq. The USACE was heavily involved in building the infrastructure required to make this a successful campaign.



Colonel Curtis presents our Certificate of Appreciation to General Flowers.



Colonel Curtis presents Sustaining Member Certificate to FMSM Engineers. Accepting the award for FMSM are Johnathan Keeling (R) and Evan Mossbarger (C).

General Flowers addresses the Greater Kansas City Post membership.



From the Editor:

by Phil Dula. Bay West, Inc.

It has been an honor and a great source of enjoyment serving as Editor of the Greater Kansas City Post Newsletter for the past several years. Bay West and I accepted this responsibility in February 2000 and since then have published 21 issues. I believe we have added some interesting features and improved the format of the newsletter over this period. Noteworthy milestones have been:

- February/March 2000 First issue generated by Bay West.
- Newsletter first distributed to our membership electronically saving the Post approximately \$3,500 per year in printing and mailing cost (I believe credit is due to Steve Whitfield of Burns and McDonnell for proposing this change).
- April/ May 2001 initiation of our feature article "News from the Glades," an entertaining update and synopsis of the adventures of Steve Whitfield on location from the Florida Everglades.
- June/July 2002 introduction of advertising in the Newsletter, resulting in the generation of funds to support Post mailings. Thanks to Bay West, Pangea, Haz-Mat Response Disposal, Inc., HDR, HydroGeologic, GBR, URS, E&E, and Tetra Tech for their support.

- August/September 2001 introduction of "Members in the News" feature.
- Greater use of photographs to capture important Post milestones and events including the 2002 National Convention Hosted by our Post and our many marvelous field trips (e.g., trips to the Liberty Memorial and NASCAR Speedway).

Due to my new duties as Secretary of our Post, I believe it is in the best interest of the newsletter to solicit our membership for a new Editor and Sustaining Member Firm to take on this important Post function. We will to make this transition for the August /September newsletter issue. Please contact me at pksrm@msn.com if you are interested.

Special thanks to Lori Hintz, Bay West, for performing such a great job in formatting our newsletter and having it ready in a timely manner for 21 consecutive issues.

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Thank You LTC Gary Heer

By Colonel Donald Curtis

For the past four years, the Greater Kansas City Post has greatly benefited from the enthusiasm, hard work and dedication of LTC Gary Heer, Deputy Commander, Kansas City District. LTC Heer served in several important positions, excelling in all of them. His biggest accomplishments came as Post President where he led the Post to receive the prestigious "Grand Slam Award" during the same year it hosted the National Convention here in Kansas City. We will greatly miss his leadership and team spirit as he heads for Kuwait where he'll serve as, Director of Installation and Support. Good luck LTC Heer!



Our Post members are invited to attend the following events and "stuff":

Open House and Award Ceremony:

When: Friday, 27 June 2003

Where: Federal Bldg, 601 E. 12th St.,
Kansas City, MO - 7th Floor
(in front of the castle)

Time: 1:00 pm

Farewell Dinner:

When: Friday, 27 June 2003

Where: Finnigan's Hall, 503 East Eighteenth
Avenue,

North Kansas City, MO

Social Hour: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Cost: \$20.00 for BBQ Buffet (tax & gratuity included)

RSVP: Theresa Matthys (816) 983-3207 by 23 June 2003



SAME Young Members

By Ann Riedel, USACE

The Young Members Committee of S.A.M.E. has been very busy making plans for the future. We will be having a number of exciting events over the next year and will keep you posted via email, the newsletter, and at meetings. Also, feel free to contact either of the YM chairs, Ann Riedel (USACE) (816) 983-3863 or Matt Metcalf (HNTB) (816) 527-2195 for any further information about the Young Members group.

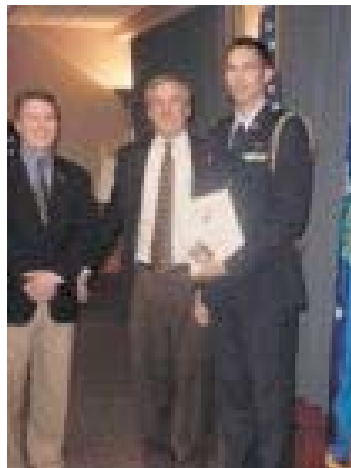
The committee is in the process of updating the current roster of Young Members. You may be getting an email or phone call in the next couple of months regarding this. The intent is to make sure we have an enthusiastic group that represents the widest possible range of organizations. Something new the Young Members group is trying out is a fundraiser. More information will be on the way this summer regarding the stylish Kansas City Post shirts that will be for sale to all members. We are also planning a couple more social events, some partnered with other professional organizations, as well as a brown-bag presentation. So as you can see, we're busy and will continue to be....we hope to see you at some of our upcoming events.



KU Student Post Update

Our industrious and scholarly members of the KU Student SAME Post are currently on a well deserved summer break Student Post meetings will reconvene in September for the 2003/2004 scholastic year. Meetings will continue to be held at 6:00 PM at the Military Science Building, Room 105, on the campus of the University of Kansas. (*Go Jayhawks!*)

Congratulations to Sean McKee, Student Post President, on receiving our award recognizing his dedication and leadership of our Student Post for the past two years. The award was presented to Sean in May 2003 and was presented by Matt Metcalf and Terry Flanagan of HNTB.



Pictured from Left to right Matt Metcalf, HNTB, Terry Flanagan, HNTB, and Sean McKee, KU.

Congratulations to Matt and Cathy Metcalf on the birth of their first child and daughter Heather Marie. Heather became our youngest young member on June 5, 2003. Start that college fund now!



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Fall 2003 P.E. Refresher Course

by Tom Poer, HNTB

To promote Youth Education in the Kansas City community, the Greater Kansas City Post is sponsoring the P.E. Refresher Course available to all members of the Greater Kansas City engineering community taking the NCEES Professional Engineering Exam. Space in the program is limited and slots in the program will be assigned as follows:

Current SAME Member Registration Period – Opens 1 July 2003 to members of Greater KC post of SAME prior to 1 June 2003. Slots will be assigned on first come—first served basis.

Note: Individuals without Greater KC Post memberships prior to 1 June 2003 can get their name on the list prior to the Open Registration Period, however an open slot can not be guaranteed. To get your name on the list, contact Tom Poer at tpoer@hntb.com or 816-527-2357.

Open Registration Period - Open to ALL members of the Greater Kansas City area taking the NCEES Professional Engineering Exam. Any remaining slots will be assigned on first come—first served basis. Following confirmation of available slot for you in the SAME sponsored program, you will be required to complete SAME membership form.

TIMETABLE

1 Jul. 2003 - Fall Registration Begins

24 Oct. 2003 - Fall Exam

Member Interest and Needs Survey

Bill Koski, CDM has created a survey to assess the interests and needs of our membership.

The purpose of the survey is to identify the factors that will increase the value of the Greater Kansas City Post to our current membership and continue the growth of the Post.

Please take a moment to complete the survey via the Post web page at www.same.org/kansascity.



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- University of Kansas Live Civil Course - Partial sponsorship available.
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- Text Reimbursement - \$100 paid to individual for their purchase of text.
- Kick-off Meeting (open to anyone - membership in SAME not required).

For more information on the fall course contact Tom Poer at (816) 527-2357, tpoer@hntb.com, or see the Post Web Site at www.same.org/kansascity/PEFrame.htm



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Doing Business with the Corps Part I

The Kansas City Chapter of the American Public Works Association and the Kansas City Post for the Society of American Military Engineers have teamed up to present a half day training seminar. The seminar will be dedicated exclusively to issues related to working with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The course will be of value to both public and private sector representatives.

COST: \$10.00
LOCATION: University Center, Room 106, UMKC Campus
Free Parking (Map and directions will be provided.)
DATE: Tuesday, July 29
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to noon
Registration begins at 8:00 am.
Lunch will not be provided.

Seminar Topics:

- Overview of Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program - Source of Authority and Jurisdiction
- Types of Permits: General Permits (Nationwide NWP and Regional RGP) vs. Individual Permits
- Permit Process: General and Individual
- Mitigation Regulatory Guidance Letter (RGL)
- Administrative Appeals

Enrollment:

To sign up for the seminar, send a check made payable to APWA to Andrea Bunch at the address below by July 22. Seating is limited, so sign up now!

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Sustaining Member Companies In The News

Pangea, Inc. continues rapid growth with storm water and sanitary sewer construction. In March 2002 Pangea was awarded its first major sanitary sewer design/build project for the USACE. At project completion the Pangea Team will have replaced or reconstructed over 80,000 lineal feet of pipe and 300 manholes in the active sanitary sewer system at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAP) in Burlington, Iowa.

The existing sewer system at the IAAP was installed in the early 1940s and has deteriorated significantly since its construction and has been plagued by groundwater infiltration. The USACE faced strict deadlines for bringing the system into compliance from regulatory agencies. Pangea successfully completed Phase 1 of the project one month ahead of contracted and regulatory deadlines. Pangea continues to perform months ahead of schedule on Phase 2 site activities. Pangea and design subcontractor Lamp, Rynearson, and Associates value engineered a sewer re-alignment that eliminated over 5,000 linear feet of pipe and 15 manholes from the project. This re-alignment also avoided the need to perform excavation and construction activities through one of the most environmentally sensitive areas of the IAAP.

It was under a previous USACE contract that Pangea got its initiation in sewer construction. On November 2001 Pangea completed the installation of 6,000 lineal feet of storm water sewer at the Unaccompanied Enlisted Persons Holding Complex at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. The storm sewer pipes were installed in runs of various lengths and to various ends including the tie-ins to existing storm water area inlets.

Most recently Pangea has been contracted to install various elements of a storm water sewer package for the Lindbergh Boulevard Corridor Package # 2 and Natural Bridge Corridor Package # 3 segments of the Lambert – St Louis Airport International Airport Expansion Program. The storm water sewer system is comprised of over 3,000 linear feet of reinforced concrete pipe ranging in diameter from 18-inches to 54-inches and multiple pre-cast concrete manholes and poured in place concrete structures. Construction activities will be performed at depths up to 45 feet below surface grade.

Additionally, Pangea has recently received a Metropolitan Sewer District certification to perform Building Construction (Over \$500,000), pipe and manhole rehabilitation (over \$500,000) and excavating, grading, erosion control, and channel bio-stabilization (over \$500,000). Pangea plans to continue expanding sewer construction capabilities and bidding efforts in the future.

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Advertise in the Newsletter

Thank you **Pangea, Haz-Mat Response Disposal, Inc., HDR, HydroGeologic, GBR, URS, Ecology & Environment and Tetra Tech** for your support of the Post newsletter. Your advertising fee of \$30 per issue is used to support our web page development and meeting announcement mailing costs.

We still have available advertising space for upcoming issues so please show your support and sign up for the August/September issue or next six issues. Your business card type advertisement will be included at nominal cost of \$30 per issue or at a discounted price of \$150 if your firm signs up for 6 issues.

Contact Tom Poer (tpoer@hmtb.com) if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.



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