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Upcoming General Membership Meetings

October Meeting

Our October 24th meeting will be conducted as a field trip and two-part educational session. Two hours of continuing education credit hours will be earned by attending this field trip.

Tour: 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Butler Research Center
 4:30 - 5:00 pm at the Butler World Headquarters
 5:00 - 6:00 pm Cocktail Reception at Butler World Headquarters

RSVP: Michele Mahoney by 10/21/02. Fx: 816/472-4086; Ph: 816/527-2348; mmahoney@hntb.com

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November Meeting

Our November meeting is a joint meeting with the ASCE and is being hosted by the Young Members Group. It will include an presentation by Michael Selves, CEM, CPM, Director of the Johnson County Department of Emergency Management. All members are encouraged to bring a young member to the meeting.

Date: November 21, 2002

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

Place: Californos, 4124 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO

Cost: \$16.00

RSVP: Michele Mahoney by 11/18/02. Fx: 816/472-4086; Ph: 816/527-2348; mmahoney@hntb.com

KU Student Post Followup



The KU Student Post kicked off the 2002-03 Academic Year with their October 3rd meeting. Interest was high with 29 students attending, many first timers. Connie Cook, EMR, introduced Sean McKee as the returning Student Post President. Brian Waltman was the guest speaker. Brian, a 1993 graduate of West Point and employed by Crowley, Wade, Milstead, Inc., shared his experience as an Army Officer and his transition from military life to the civilian sector. Brian also presented the history of the SAME Organization and the benefit of joining SAME as student members. The next Student Post meeting is scheduled for November 7, 6:00 pm at the Military Science Building on the university campus.

(Go Jayhawks!)



SAME Young Members

See the post web site for future updates and planned social events or contact Matt Metcalf or Ann Riedel via email at mmetcalc@hntb.com or Ann.Riedel@nwk02.usace.army.mil. See page 4 for photos and bios on our new leaders of the SAME Young Members Group.

Message from the President. . .

The last couple of months have been busy. In September, under the able leadership of Juan Uribe, HNTB, the SAME Greater Kansas City Post Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs reevaluated our strategic plan, finding ways to posture our Post for the future. Our strategic planning effort is a dynamic process that was first initiated



Don Curtis, COL
Post President

approximately one year ago and has proven to be of tremendous value to our Post and its future. In addition since the end of the Summer 2002 we have:

- Provided a series of wonderful monthly programs, including a field trip to the Liberty Memorial.
- Were well represented at the Small Business Conferences held in St. Louis, MO and co-sponsored by the USACE Kansas City, St. Louis, and Rock Island Districts.
- We were fortunate to have James Guilliford, Director of EPA Region VII, speak to our membership at the September luncheon meeting.
- Our young members, led by Matt Metcalf of HNTB and Ann Riedel of the USACE, had a get together to rekindle interest in SAME among our under 35 crowd and;
- The Student Post at KU in Lawrence, KS got off to a great start with strong attendance at the first 2002-2003 school year meeting.

Our focus this year is on recruiting young members and ensuring we have quality programs that give our members solid Professional Development Hours (PDU) or CEUs. With the recent success in getting folks to sign up for our Professional Engineering Exam classes and quality monthly programs to date, we're on our way to achieving success in both focus areas.

My challenge to you is to get involved in SAME! We have many stalwarts who participate in every event but for the Post to thrive we need everyone to participate. Look at our website and newsletter in the coming weeks and vote on proposed revisions to our by-laws and constitution. We're attempting to make those few changes needed ensure the Post keeps pace with change and stays relevant to our member needs.

Don Curtis, COL, Post President

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Check It Out!

Thanks to the efforts of Tom Poer and Juan Uribe of HNTB, our Post website is updated and continually growing. We now have a 'hit counter' to monitor web page activity. Please check the site frequently for updates: www.same.org/kansascity

Treasurer's Report

Following is a summary of the Post's funds and account statuses for the period of August 12, 2002 to October 2, 2002.

Operating Fund:

\$4,961.78 UMB
Net Change = \$1,174.66

Merrill Lynch Fund: (Scholarship & Future Operating Fund)

\$42,130.11 Principal
\$ 9,479.00 Accrued Earnings (Cash)
\$51,609.11

2002/03 Deadlines for KC SAME Post Newsletter

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submit Materials by:</u>
December/ January	12/6/02
February/ March	2/12/03
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October/November	10/15/03
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This newsletter is issued every other month. Send articles or ideas to Phil Dula (ph: 913/663-2915 or phild@baywest.com) or Lori Hintz (ph: 651/291-3436 or lorih@baywest.com).

Please Help Us Maintain the Post Database

Please submit address changes to Bill Koski at koskiwa@cdm.com to help us maintain current membership information. You can also update your personal information on the Post's website at www.same.org/kansascity/

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Dec/Jan Issue Deadline for Submittals: December 6, 2002

This newsletter is issued every other month. We are currently accepting project writeups, members in the news, and job opportunities for our next publication. Please email your entry to Phil Dula (see information above) or Lori Hintz (ph: 651/291-3436 or lorih@baywest.com).

General Membership Meeting Followups

by Phil Dula, Bay West, Inc.

August Meeting Followup

Our August Meeting was superceded by the **Partnership 2002 Industry Day and Small Business Training Conference** held in St Louis, MO from August 27-29, 2002. Thanks to the USACE St. Louis, Kansas City, Rock Island Districts and the SAME St. Louis Post for organizing and executing this outstanding event. The event lived up to its billing and was well attended by our Post. The theme of this year's symposium was "Gateway to Opportunities" and succeeded in providing training dedicated to business networking and partnership opportunities.

P.E. Refresher Course Followup

by Tom Poer, HNTB

The KC Post again sponsored the P.E. Refresher Course that is available to all members of the local engineering community taking the NCEES Professional Engineering Exam. This Fall, the refresher course had 23 participants, of which, 16 chose to participate in the University of Missouri online course for civil engineers. Others received textbook reimbursements or attended the kick-off meeting. This program encouraged 16 individuals to join the Greater KC Post.

Thank you to the Board of Directors for approving \$5,500 for the Fall session. SAME is continuing its legacy to support youth education in the Kansas City community. The refresher course participants for the Fall course are listed below. Please wish them good luck on the test! For information on the spring 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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September Meeting Followup

James B. Guilliford, EPA Region VII Administrator, was the featured speaker at our September 26th meeting at Cascone's Restaurant. Mr. Guilliford gave us a candid presentation interlaced with personnel experiences as well as his vision and goals for EPA Region VII. He expressed his overall philosophy as Region VII's Administrator as "*Problems are best solved at home,*" meaning that the States should have primacy over solving their environmental problems with oversight by the EPA.

His primary emphasis (as well as EPA's) is the protection of air, water, and our natural resources. Over his 30-year career in environmental protection, he has seen tremendous improvements in our water quality and land use, moving away from their use as waste repositories. It has been a long time since we have had a Lake Cayuga, which 30 years ago actually caught fire. Mr. Guilliford stated that, as a nation, we have solved most of the obvious environmental problems but now must focus on the more complicated problems, such as non-point source pollution of aquifers and waterways. These will require the collective resources of all Federal and State agencies in a reasonable and responsive manner; no one agency can solely address these problems in a timely and cost effective manner.



Colonel Curtis (right) presenting Certificate of Appreciation to EPA Region VII Director, **James Guilliford** at the September General Membership meeting.

October Meeting

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Directions:

Take Bruce R. Watkins Expressway (which becomes 71 Hwy) south to Grandview-Main Street Exit. Follow the exit straight onto the frontage road. Turn right on 135th Street. Go approximately 1 mile west to where 135th Street curves south onto Botts Road. Butler Research is on the southwest corner.

Butler World Headquarters Tour 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Hosted Cocktail Reception 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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KC District Hosts New Madrid Earthquake Response Seminar

The Kansas City District Corps of Engineers is hosting a New Madrid Earthquake Response Seminar on November 20, 2002. The New Madrid fault is located in southeast Missouri and a significant earthquake event would have a major impact on Missouri and the neighboring states. Participating in the seminar will be State and Federal agencies who would respond to such an event. The purpose of the conference will be to share information and ideas, as well as identify any shortfalls that may hamper the recovery mission. As part of our SAME Readiness Program, individuals from the Kansas City District who are also members of the Kansas City Post will be participating in the conference. If there is any interest amongst the general SAME Post membership in attending a portion of this conference to learn more about the response activities, you may contact Bill Zaner, Kansas City District Corps of Engineers at 816-983-3178 for details. The Conference will be held at the Sheraton Suites Hotel, 770 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. There is no fee for SAME members who would like to shadow this event. However, seating is limited.

Introducing This Year's SAME Young Members Group Leaders

by Tom Poer, HNTB

Matt Metcalf of HNTB and Ann Riedel of the USACE KC District, have volunteered their energy and time to lead this year's SAME Young Members Group. It is our goal this year to boost membership and participation in the Young Members Group. See the post web site for future updates and planned social events or contact Matt Metcalf or Ann Riedel via e-mail at mmetcalf@hntb.com or Ann.Riedel@nwk02.usace.army.mil.

Matt Metcalf, a native of Overland Park, KS, graduated from Purdue University in 1994 with a BS in civil engineering. Following graduation, Matt served as an officer in the US Navy, and completed tours aboard the USS Curts and the USS Cleveland with deployments to the Western Pacific and the Arabian Gulf. In 1999, he returned to Kansas City and is employed with HNTB as a design engineer. He is currently working on the design of several ranges for the Pennsylvania National Guard. Matt is also an active member of the American Public Works Association and the American Legion, Post 71. His wife Cathy is a high school math teacher and is the youth leader for Broadway United Methodist Church.

Ann Riedel is a new employee with the USACE Kansas City District working in the Engineering and Construction Division, Environmental Branch. After finishing a construction training rotation at Ft. Riley this winter, Ann's main focus will be the Formerly Used Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). Ann is from Salina and attended school at Kansas State University (*Go Wildcats!*). Ann graduated in May 2002 with a BS in Chemical Engineering. Within the community, Ann is involved in her church and also volunteers as a club leader for the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club. In this leadership role, Ann helps young 4-H members with projects in Citizenship, Leadership, and Public Speaking.



Matt Metcalf and Ann Riedel, volunteer leaders of this year's SAME Young Members Group.

Greater Kansas City Post Continues Strategic Planning

Our Post Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs have been busy over the past year developing a strategic plan for our Post to insure we meet our present and future needs as an active viable Post and continue the tradition we have established as one of the finest SAME Posts worldwide. Our goal has been to review and revise as needed the roles and responsibilities of each committee and committee member. We have also set goals for these committees. Primary tasks assigned have been:

- Establishing clearly defined, realistic, objectives and goals that are aligned with SAME Headquarters;
- Defining parameters within which to accomplish defined goals;
- Communication of these goals to our Post membership; and
- Determination of the personnel resources and materials needed to accomplish established goals.

The Strategic Planning Committee has performed an invaluable service to our Post in evaluating our past experiences and history, reviewing guidelines defined by our National Society, reviewing reporting responsibilities, and reviewing what our members want from our Post. The planning performed over the past year has been important with respect to the recent accomplishments of our Post, such as the successful hosting of the 2002 SAME National Conference, attainment of the Grand Slam Post Award, and this year's record number of SAME Scholarships awarded.



Strategic planning for the SAME KC Post. Left to right, Col. Curtis, LTC Heer, and Juan Uribe, HNTB, Post Vice President.

Revisions to Post Constitution and By-laws Proposed

Over the past year, our post has been conducting a series of strategic planning meetings to help our leadership focus our efforts and better serve our membership and National Society. Continuing from a very successful 2002 National Education/Training Conference in Kansas City, we want to leverage our momentum forward and ensure that our years ahead hold great benefits and successes for our membership. As a result of these planning efforts, we are proposing to revise our Post Constitution and By-laws, which were last revised in 1992. Our Constitution and By-laws are our Post's foundation guidelines, and these revisions will ensure that we can continue more efficiently with our planned growth.

As is currently identified within our Constitution, amendments can be adopted at a membership meeting while being announced for that purpose. The changes must pass by an affirmative 2/3 vote by members of the Post voting in person, or by written proxy, or by letter ballot. The revisions will be read by the secretary on our first meeting and voted on at the next scheduled membership meeting. Our current plan is for the secretary to read the proposed revisions during our November meeting and to vote on them in our December Membership.

A summary of the proposed Constitution revisions include:

- Article III-Membership: Simplify the membership classifications to coincide with the National Society.
- Article IV-Government: Changes accommodate term limits for Vice Presidents and revisions to our Board of Directors structure to include one Young Member.

Similarly, our current Post By-laws state that amendments to the By-laws may be made at any regularly scheduled Board

meeting by an affirmative vote in person of six members of the Board of Directors. Our current plan is to present the proposed amendments in writing, with the Secretary reading them at the November board meeting. The changes will be reread and voted upon at the December board meeting. A general summary of the proposed revisions to the post By-laws are as follows:

- Article I-Membership, Admissions and Separations: Eliminate Section 5 which tasks are currently handled by the National Society.
- Article II-Officers: Amendments to our committee structure to coincide with our National Society and reflect suggested changes resulting from our strategic planning efforts.
- Article III-Committees: Reorganization of our committees resulting from our strategic planning efforts and the addition of a Strategic Planning Committee. Also, revision to our nominating committee to align with our National Society By-laws.
- Article IV-Finances: Clarifications to life member dues and refinements to the post budgeting process.
- Article V-Meetings and Elections: Clarifications of functions for certain Post meetings and utilization of the Post newsletter as a form of communication. Also, adoption of a strategic planning meeting for the purposes of identifying Post goals and objectives for that year.

I invite you to attend the upcoming meetings and participate in establishing the future of our Post. Once the Constitution and By-Laws changes are accepted and approved, they will be posted in on the website www.same.org/kansascity.

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by Phil Dula, Bay West, Inc.

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Members News

EMR Receives SBA Award

The Small Business Administration has honored Environmental Management Resources, Inc. (EMR) of Lawrence, KS with its National Minority Small Business Firm of the Year Award for superior achievement. Connie Cook founded the company in 1988 with her husband Michael Cook and Tom Patnode. It is now a leading provider of environmental consulting, remediation, engineering and construction services. The company has 8 full service offices in 7 states along with 11 project offices. EMR has 100 employees. "Personal Service at the Speed of Need" is the company's slogan. EMR is a sustaining member of the Greater Kansas City Post. Connie also is actively involved with our Post, serving as a Director and Board Contact for the Education Committee. Congratulations to Connie and EMR.

Midwest Environmental Consultants Awarded GSA Contract

Midwest Environmental Consultants (MEC) has been awarded a contract with the General Services Administration (GSA) to provide environmental services to federal agencies nationwide. The multi-year contract has a potential value of \$4 million. The contract scope of services includes environmental planning, compliance, and remediation services

MEC is also pleased to announce the following recent additions to its staff: Michele Boussad, Project Engineer; Anika Careaga, Staff Engineer; and Rick Elgin, PG, Senior Geologist. Ms. Boussad and Ms. Careaga will provide solid waste and air quality services. Mr. Elgin will manage and support hydrogeologic investigations and remediation projects. For more information contact Rob Kravitz of MEC at 573-636-9454.

Midwest Environmental Consultants, with offices in Jefferson City, Columbia, and Springfield, Missouri, specializes in air quality, waste management, water resources, and environmental regulatory compliance.

Tetra Tech Wins EPA and GSA Homeland Security Contracts

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) was awarded a new contract on October 1, 2002, to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (EPA) with technical support services for emergency response to nuclear, biological, or chemical (NBC) weapons attacks and incidents. Under the 3-year contract, Tetra Tech will help EPA to ensure its readiness to respond to NBC incidents throughout Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. Tetra Tech was also awarded a similar contract in EPA Region 4, covering 9 southeastern states.

Also on October 1, Tetra Tech was awarded a new task order under an existing contract to continue homeland security services for the Heartland Region of the General Services Administration. Under this contract, Tetra Tech is providing threat and vulnerability assessments at federal buildings throughout the Midwest.

Tetra Tech is ranked 11th overall on the *Engineering News-Record* (ENR) list of the largest engineering firms in the U.S. The company provides services in environmental management, infrastructure engineering, and telecommunications. Tetra Tech has a Kansas City-based staff of approximately 120 engineers and scientists, and the Kansas City office is rapidly developing as a center of expertise within the firm for homeland security services. For additional information about Tetra Tech's homeland security or other services, contact Ed Hubert,

Kansas City Operations Manager for the firm's resource management group, or Bob Fortin, Federal Services Coordinator, at (913) 894-2600, or by email at ed.hubert@ttemi.com or robert.fortin@ttemi.com.

Bay West Opens Marine Services Office in Lafayette, Louisiana

Bay West, Inc., an environmental and marine services company, has opened a regional office in Lafayette, Louisiana. The office is managed by Roland Maturin, marine engineer with 26 years of experience managing contaminated sediment and maintenance dredging projects around the country. Mr. Maturin will be working with federal and commercial customers throughout the US to provide dredging, underwater construction, and habitat restoration services.

Since launching its marine services division more than 3 years ago, Bay West has expanded its geography to include dredging and habitat restoration projects on both the east and west coasts, as well as major inland rivers and lakes. Recent work has included several navigation dredging projects around Chesapeake Bay for the US Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District and commercial customers, and dredging/dewatering contaminated sediments near Badger AAP in Wisconsin for the US Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District.

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