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Upcoming General Membership Meetings

May Meeting -- See you at SAME National

We will not have a May meeting as our Post will be very involved as host of the SAME National Conference being held in our fair city May 20-24, 2002. We hope our membership will be heavily represented at the National Meeting.

June Meeting

Our next Post meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2002. We are trying to retain EPA Region VII Administrator, James Gulliford as our guest speaker.

KU Student Post Followup

By Sean McKee, KU Student Post President

On April 15, several of the Student Post members toured the new/under-construction US Detention Barracks (USDB) at Ft. Leavenworth. Capt. Dupont, project coordinator, gave us the same tour he has given to many important people, including the Chief of the Army and Chief of the Navy, since the USDB is for all military branches. The new barracks should be completed around August. We toured the green mile, the death chamber, the hospital and dentist office, the kitchen (all of which have top-of-the-line equipment), court-yard with baseball field, standard cells, and isolation cells. We also saw the warden's room, control rooms, and alarm fences lined with rolls of razor wire sensitive to just a few pounds of pressure. The barracks are for any military prisoner with a 5+-year sentence. We learned about how good the barracks will be, about their construction, problems encountered during construction, certain scenarios that could occur and be overcome, and more. It was a very informative, interesting, and fun trip. Thank you, Captain Dupont! The KU Student Post will be conducting its final meeting of the 2002 academic year on May 1, 6 pm at the Military Science Bldg, KU Lawrence, KS campus. Contact Connie Cook at 785-842-9013, ext. 123 for more information.

SAME Young Members

by Dave Smalling

The Young Member's had their first meeting of the year on February 20th at the 75th Street Brewery. The event was well attended; we got a chance to meet one another and discuss our involvement at the upcoming SAME National Conference. The Kansas City Post Young Members is sponsoring a mini-golf tournament at the conference, led by Matt Metcalf of HNTB. Each vendor will be encouraged to set up a putting green in front of their booth. Contact Dave Smalling at dsmalling@hntb.com for additional information on the mini-golf.

On Thursday, May 23, we will have a joint venture Young Members meeting with local engineering societies, when the Royals take on the Texas Rangers. Gametime is 7:05 pm; a tailgate party will begin at 5:00pm in Lot M. Cost is \$22/person and includes an upper level game ticket and dinner at the tailgate (BBQ chicken, hickory-smoked brisket, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, cookies, beer, pop). Mail or fax your reservations by May 7 and send a check to: Lesley Simmering, TranSystems Corporation, 2400 Pershing Rd., Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64108. Include your name, daytime phone number, address, and number of tickets you would like. Checks are payable to ASCE. For questions, contact Lesley Simmering at ph: 816/329-8600, fx: 816/329-8601, or lrsimmering@transystems.com.

Message from the President. . .

What a great privilege and pleasure it has been for me to be this year's Greater Kansas City SAME Post President. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support and confidence. It has been quite an experience that I will cherish for years to come!



I would like to remind you of the goals and objectives we set out to accomplish this last year: people, organization, and improving our profession. This included increasing/improving the youth/young member/student post programs.

I am proud to report we not only met, but often exceeded our goals and objectives. Recently, I received word that the Post won the Distinguished Post Award and is a Grand Slam Winner. This means the Post earned all nine streamers. Thanks to all the committee chairs, board contacts, and committee members.

Our KU student post is in the running for Distinguished Student Post. Thank you **Connie Cook** and **Captain Peter Dupont**.

Our program this year was simply OUTSTANDING! Thank you **Jerry Adams**, **Tom Poer**, and **Rusty Thomas**.

The August Small Business 2001 Partnership conference set the standard for years to come. It raised \$25K for our Education program.

The youth/young member program has really started to take off. We had several fun activities and we have started a professional registration program. Way to go, **Dave Smalling** and **Tom Poer**.

We are soon going to host the SAME National 2002 Conference here in Kansas City. What a GREAT event this is going to be! We still have sponsorship opportunities for our Sustaining Member firms; contact Terry Flanagan tflanagan@hntb.com, for the opportunities. There is still time to sign up for a booth and I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Many thanks to the key players working on the conference: Tri-chairs—**Colonel Curtis**, **Larry Myers** and **Rick Cunningham**; **Tapan Banerjee**—Small Business Event; **Bill Singleton**—Operations; **Bob Stude** and **Jerry Adams**—Program; **Chuck Madden**—Marketing; **Terry Flanagan** and **Juan Uribe**—Sustaining members; **Bob Skach**—Special Events; **Bill Thomasset** and **Randy Feaker**—Budget/Finance; and many, many others.

The last note I have is to encourage you to attend our 27 June Luncheon for the swearing in of our new President and Board Members and distribution of our SAME scholarships to students and their parents. Hope to see you there!

I want to conclude my last Message as current President by saying this: you as individual members and as sustaining member firms are the heart and soul of the Greater Kansas City Post. You **DID** make a **DIFFERENCE** this past year! Good luck in the your future endeavors. Essayons!

Gary L. Heer, LTC, Post President
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Treasurer's Report

Following is a summary of the Post's funds and account statuses for the period of February 6 to April 3, 2002.

(Note, this report has not yet been approved by the Board.)

Operating Fund:

\$1,645.70 UMB
Net Change = \$ 528.26

Merrill Lynch Fund: *(Scholarship & Future Operating Fund)*

\$47,132.11 Principal
\$30,325.00 Accrued Earnings (Cash)
\$77,457.11

KC SAME Post 2002 Remaining Meetings Dates

SAME National	June 27	October 24
May 20-24	July 25	November 28
Hosted by KC Post	August 22	December 19
	September 26	

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Please submit any changes in your address information to David Smalling, dsmalling@hntb.com, to help us maintain current membership information. You can also update your contact information via the Post website at www.same.org/kansascity/

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General Membership Meeting Followups

by Phil Dula, Bay West, Inc.

February Meeting Highlights

Our February Meeting was held at the Golden Ox restaurant. Our guest speaker was Colonel (retired) Tim Daniel, the newly appointed Missouri Director of Homeland Defense. Colonel Daniel addressed our current state of affairs with respect to terrorism and homeland security and informed our membership that our greatest threats are (in order of risk): bioterrorism, cyber-terrorism, and nuclear-terrorism. Our greatest weapons against these threats are redeveloping a sense of community. As Colonel Daniel stated, "nosey neighbors are a good thing."



We all need to be aware of our surroundings and be cognizant of any anomalies that are manifested in our communities. If something appears to be amiss or out of the norm, we should contact the appropriate authorities and have the situation checked out. Colonel Daniel stressed that our world has changed since 9/11 and we must now all be active in homeland security. We are fortunate to have Colonel Daniel in this vital position.

March Meeting Highlights

Cascone's restaurant hosted our March 28th meeting. Our guest speaker was Brad Scott, General Services Administration (GSA) Heartland Regional Administrator. Mr. Scott has more than 12 years of public service during which he has displayed a relentless commitment to strengthening the bond between the American people and the political and government institutions that guide and support our country. Mr. Scott provided an overview of the mission of the GSA and the areas GSA supports that include information technology, federal supply, logistics to the DOD, as well as GSA's role as the government's hardware superstore.

Mr. Scott is currently focusing his efforts as our regional GSA Director on increasing the efficiency of GSA support services with respect to the equation: Inputs + Outputs = Outcomes. By measuring and assessing outcomes, Mr. Scott will implement the necessary actions to ensure GSA can improve efficiencies. The Heartland GSA Region has a 2002 budget of \$760M, which Mr. Scott will maximize by providing best value to America.

Mr. Scott provided a forecast of GSA Capital and Leased Project needs for 2002, and sources for investigating GSA procurement needs. FedBizOpps is the single government point-of-entry for Federal government procurement opportunities over \$25,000.

Commercial vendors seeking Federal markets for their products or services can reach, monitor, and retrieve opportunities solicited by the entire Federal contracting community via www.fedbizopps.gov.



April Meeting Highlights

by Bill Koski, CDM Federal

Our Annual Joint Meeting with the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) and the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) was conducted on April 11, 2002 and was held at Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbecue-Freight House. The featured speaker was Mr. Michael Ingardia, P.E, President of Systems Management Consultants, Inc.

Mr. Ingardia delivered a timely, thought-provoking presentation on how management can regain control of e-mail. Mr. Ingardia is currently Vice Chairman of ACEC's Management Practices Committee and is an expert on the Business E-Mail Model. He stressed the insecurity of the electronic record, the fact that every PC is a copy machine, and that there is no good way to confirm you had the original electronic version of the document. He made specific recommendations on policies and practices the engineering community should implement in the management and security of the electronic office in particular that involving e-mail. He recommended risk avoidance policies and measures necessary to manage e-mail and other electronic documents. He also presented tips on how the engineer manager can gain control of the flood of e-mail that one receives via their PC each day. His talk was persuasive and well received by all attendees.



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On Station in the Everglades

by Steve Whitfield

(Steve is a Resident Representative for Burns & McDonnell on a project to restore the Florida Everglades, and transferred from Burns & McDonnell's Kansas City Office to Florida. As a former Kansas City Post President and active Board member, Steve has been keeping us updated on his new endeavors.)



I love this stuff! Yesterday the bridge contractor placed the first span of the northbound highway bridge double tees. Watching the operator place those 67,000-lb. lifts using a 125-ton American Crane was like experiencing Christmas as a little boy. Great skill and a surgeon's touch by the operator are required to align the members exactly together, on the bearing pads, and flush against the end bent walls. I have watched this guy pre-drill, set, and drive the bent piles, move forms and steel around a very tight job site, operate a clamshell bucket to excavate the canal section under the bridge to grade before placing superstructure because the earthwork sub did a poor job, and now set the tees. I envy his skill. He does not hurry anything and always plans every action beforehand. The outriggers must be on proper bearing and leveled. Material is within reach and all safety precautions are taken. Watching an expert at what they do is inspiring to me.

This all occurs on a bypassed section of a high speed, 4-lane highway. Normal speed limit is 65 mph (read 85 mph here in Florida), and we try to slow them down to 45 mph. On many days, we pay a Belle Glade Deputy Sheriff to sit on the highway, aiming his radar up and down the road. He writes a lot of speeding tickets. The Bridge job is going very well.

I get the same charge out of the big concrete pours at the two pump stations. The 4-bay 4-each 970-cfs pumps, with 2000-hp engines, is located 18 miles out in the Everglades, along shell rock farm roads. The concrete necessarily includes retardant to allow for the long, slow travel time to the site. The first base slab pour was done several weeks ago. The plant cranked off at 5:00 am. The area was well lighted and 21 brand new, 10-yard concrete trucks were lined up and ready. It was like a military operation and just as exciting. From 5 o'clock in the morning, until 2 o'clock the following morning, we placed 1,388 cubic yards of concrete. Only two loads were rejected. It was necessary to hand-shovel out the bin corners to get enough material for the last two truckloads. A complete change of drivers was required during the period, for obvious reasons. It went very well and set the standard for the following pours at both stations.

And finally, the blasting is always exciting. When one sees, and feels, more than 15,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate/fuel oil mix (ANFO) detonated over a quarter mile stretch, it is hard not experience some emotion. Such a shot would include about 300 holes with 50 pounds of explosive per hole, all detonated sequentially at 25 thousandths of a second apart. That emotion is usually a thump in the gut as you feel the ground acceleration and then a whack on the eardrums as the overpressure arrives, all of which usually generates a WOW!

Need to think about making my reservations for the annual conference. Hope to see you all there.

Post Notes

Advertising in the Newsletter. . . We Need Your Feedback

by Phil Dula, Editor

As Editor of our newsletter, I'm soliciting interest among our member firms to advertise in the newsletter. Your business card-size advertisement could be included at nominal cost of \$30/issue. Please provide me with your feedback in our newsletter as a marketing/advertising vehicle. The fees collected for any advertisements would be used to supplement the scholarship fund and offset our Post costs for mailings and management of our web page. It is planned to have advertising space for 18 firms/issue. This would net the SAME post and additional \$3,240/year. Your feedback to: phild@baywest.com, or call me at 913/663-2915.

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Career Opportunities

Did you know that our sustaining member firms are linked to our Post web page? By accessing these company links you can search for personnel resource needs at these firms. In addition, Federal job openings can be searched at the following sites: www.usajobs.opm.gov and www.kchasjobs.com. These openings include opportunities at the USACE, EPA, GSA, etc. As a Post member firm, you can also utilize this Newsletter to list your current employment opportunities. Please contact Phil Dula to have your career opportunities included in the newsletter.

For those receiving hard copies, please note that this Post Newsletter is now available online at our Greater Kansas City Post homepage. You can view it, along with other current announcements and Post news at www.same.org/kansascity

Member News

HydroGeoLogic Receives Nunn-Perry Award for Mentor-Protégé Performance

HydroGeoLogic, Inc., was honored by the Department of Defense (DoD) today when it received the Nunn-Perry Award for successfully advancing the technical, business development, and infrastructure capabilities of its protégé, MicroPact Engineering, Inc. HydroGeoLogic is the first graduate of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) Program under U.S. Air Force sponsorship to be selected as a Nunn-Perry Award winner and is among but a few such recipients DoD-wide.

HydroGeoLogic Senior Director of Operations Dr. Bruce Rappaport and MicroPact President Mr. Kristoffer Collo accepted the award from The Honorable Michael W. Wynne, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and Frank M. Ramos, Director-Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization, at the DoD Mentor-Protégé Conference in Arlington, VA. "We are extremely proud to be recognized by the DoD and U.S. Air Force for our successful Mentor-Protégé partnership," said Rappaport. "It is particularly gratifying given that HydroGeoLogic initially participated in the Mentor-Protégé Program as a protégé from 1997 until 1999. The Program was very beneficial to HydroGeoLogic during our years as a protégé firm, and we are now dedicated to supporting other small businesses such as MicroPact to help them gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace."

A mentor since May 2000, HydroGeoLogic has assisted MicroPact in broadening its corporate qualifications and business opportunities. As a result, MicroPact has experienced an 800 percent growth in its business base; a 300 percent increase in staffing; and a 600 percent increase in revenue.

The DoD's Mentor-Protégé Program, which began in 1991, is a national initiative to encourage DoD prime contractors to develop the technical capabilities of small disadvantaged businesses and to increase their participation as subcontractors and suppliers under DoD and other contracts. The Nunn-Perry Award was named in honor of former Senator Sam Nunn, who sponsored the legislation that created the Mentor-Protégé Program, and former Secretary of Defense William Perry for his commitment to the program's implementation.

Formed in 1997, MicroPact Engineering, Inc., is a specialized information technology and environmental services consulting firm, certified by the SBA under the 8(a) Program. The company's services include information

technology, systems integration, environmental



investigations, geographic information systems (GIS), and program management support. MicroPact is headquartered in Herndon, VA, with regional offices in Georgia, California, and Kansas. For more information, visit the company's web site at www.micropact.com.

HydroGeoLogic, Inc., a small disadvantaged business, is an innovative environmental engineering and technology company. Founded in 1987, the firm provides the most advanced technical consulting services for subsurface contamination assessment and remediation; water resources investigations; environmental modeling; program management support; environmental forensics; litigation support; and environmental information technology. The recipient of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Administrator's Award for Outstanding Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (2000), HydroGeoLogic was also the sole environmental firm to receive the FastTrack '99 Award recognizing Washington, D.C.'s 50 fastest growing companies and was honored as an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year finalist in 1999. With headquarters in Herndon, VA, and 10 satellite offices around the country, the company employs a staff of 200. For additional information, visit the company's web site at www.hgl.com.

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Bay West, Inc. Nominated for SBA Small Business Subcontractor of the Year Award

Bay West, Inc., an environmental and marine services company, has been nominated for the 2001 U.S. Small Business Administration



(SBA) Small Business Subcontractor of the Year Award. Small Businesses are nominated by large federal government prime contractors for this award. Bay West was nominated by Stone & Webster, Inc., A Shaw Group Company for its work as a subcontractor to Stone & Webster on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Total Environmental Restoration Contract 5.

Bay West provides environmental, marine, industrial, ecosystem restoration, and emergency services to commercial and government customers nationally. Bay West has offices in St. Paul, MN, Omaha, NE, and Kansas City, KS, Lafayette, LA, St. Louis, MO, and project offices in Kellogg, ID, Herring Bay, MD, Kalamazoo, MI, Bozeman, MT, Hastings, NE, Seattle, WA, and Baraboo, WI. For additional information, visit the company's web site at www.baywest.com



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Conference highlights include a dynamic Opening Ceremony, an inspiring Keynote Address featuring Congressman Ike Skelton, informative technical tours and training tracks, numerous special events and activities, and a massive Expo floor.

And it all takes place at the intersection of the Kansas and Missouri rivers... If you have experienced Kansas City, then you already know about the spectacular fountains, beautifully landscaped parks and boulevards, fine dining (including outstanding barbecue, of course), world-class sporting events, the legendary 18th and Vine Historic District, and shopping at the Country Club Plaza. If you haven't been to Kansas City lately, then you'll also enjoy recent additions like Science City at Union Station and the expanded Kansas City Zoo. Make a vacation out of it!

To learn more about the 2002 S.A.M.E. National Education/Training Conference & Expo, call 800-792-9333. If calling from outside the U.S., call 913-327-1336.



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