

SAME – Charleston Post
Board Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2010

The board meeting started at 10 am, prior to the monthly post luncheon meeting at 11:30.

Attendees:

Len Dillinger, President
Anna S. Lucas, Membership Director
Barry Lewis, Programs Director
Blair Goodman, Young Member Chair
Bill Easley, Publicity Director
Nicole Randazzo, Scholarship Director
Matt Laws
Melvin Williams
Paul Mills, Secretary

We need to review the responsibilities for the board members to determine if they need to be updated.

Readiness and Fund Raiser board members are still needed. Melvin Williams was mentioned as a chair for fund raising. He later stated he would be willing to co-chair.

Len is going to discuss the 2010-2011 presidency with Col. Kirk.

The post received the Education and Training Streamer for 2009.

New committees were discussed. Is it necessary to create new committees to assist with tasks such as scholarship, investment, and audit?

Scholarship Committee Chair Nicolle Randazzo would like assistance on the scholarship selection from someone who has done it before. Len agreed to recognize her at the Monthly Meeting so she could request participation from the membership.

With approximately \$200,000 in the POST account, an investment committee of four members has been identified, Russell Patterson (Chair), Jeff Messick (Post Treasurer), Ben Morgan and Melvin Williams. If one or two additional can be found with investment experience it would be helpful. The amount to invest so we can establish a fund to pay for scholarships and workshops needs to be determined. An annual budget for all expenditures and incomes should also be created.

The post is now over 200 members strong. A large post is 251 members. What will the differences be when we reach that number? It needs to be determined how will it affect the streamers.

Anna Lucas can provide a member roster. It is only available to a few people in the post. This would assist us in finding assistance in building relationships and sponsors. We can start with the sponsors for the regional conference.

The newsletter was discussed. It would be a good place to thank the sponsors again. Items like promotions and other interesting information could also be included. Bill Easley suggested it be a quarterly publication rather than monthly. It was decided that the monthly would include meetings and other announcements and a quarterly could be more comprehensive. It would be emailed rather than mailed to save costs.

The student workshop was discussed. Is it scholarship or education? It could be considered both for a streamer. Having Daniel Dukes attend a SAME meeting to give a summary of his experience at the workshop would be nice. Ben Morgan will coordinate.

The JETC was discussed. Blair Goodman and Len Dillinger can represent both their employers and the Post. It is important to have board members attend.

The 2009 reports/closeout was discussed. Jeff has put the Financial Report together but it should be audited by a committee of three. Since there is approximately \$200,000 in the account, it is more important than it was before to protect the Post and Jeff. With the audit, it will relieve Jeff of some of the burden. Bill Easley and Barry Lewis volunteered to assist with it next Thursday.

Len will give a short report to the Post at the annual meeting which will be May 13th.

The scholarship program was discussed.

It is a competitive and is not awarded just because an applicant may have met the minimum requirements.

Nicolle Randazzo needs assistance reviewing the applications.

The scholarship will be advertised to the local high schools, Clemson, USC and the Citadel.

The revised application was reviewed. It was decided that the question regarding whether the applicant had been awarded a previous SAME scholarship would be revised to include the year and POST. This would not necessarily preclude someone from receiving an award.

The number and amount of scholarships will remain open at this time. They may vary depending on the quantity and quality of applications received. A total dollar amount should be decided on for the budget.

The awards will be announced at the annual meeting on May 13th.

The application information will be e-mailed to everyone on the Post roster.

Golf Tournament: Melvin Williams said he would be able to help as a co-chair but not as chair of the Fundraising Committee. One tournament a year is adequate and it should be held in the fall.

50/50 Raffle: Melvin thinks we would need at least 50 people per meeting to make it worth it. It was the general consensus to try it to see how it goes.

Corporate citizenship was initially brought up by Col Kirk. It would be a way for the Post to provide outreach to the community. Things like tutoring or Matt's meeting with 7th graders to talk about engineering would be good. This could represent the Post and private firms.

Including Citadel students in SAME would be nice but it could be difficult since they cannot leave campus easily. The ASCE meetings were changed to Friday to include the students. Joint meetings between SAME and ASCE was discussed but there is concern that the two organizations would lose identity. Melvin Williams will check to see if there is interest from the students and then it can be discussed further.

A young member function was discussed. Blair Goodman has found that some young members do not come because they are worried they will not know anyone. A social would let them meet each other in a more casual atmosphere.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.