

SAME – Charleston Post
Board Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2010

The board meeting started at 10:30 am and was held at the North Towne Grill.

Attendees:

Len Dillinger, President
Lt Col. Rich Sanders, 2nd Vice President
Ben Morgan, Professional Development Director
Barry Lewis, Programs Director
Russell Patterson, Past Post President/Readiness and Homeland Security Chair
Blair Goodman, Young Member Chair
Brian Davis, NCO Liaison
Nicole Randazzo, Scholarship Director
Ethan Walter, Fundraising Co-Chair
Anna Lucas, Membership
Matt Laws, Readiness & Homeland Security
Paul Mills, Secretary

1. Len Dillinger stated that Mike Blount would not be able to make it to the meeting. Len will do the inductions.
2. The bylaws were signed in 1996. They need to be updated to make current. Anna Lucas will review rules and responsibilities of the board of directors.
3. Len Dillinger signed the scholarship awards. Most of the students and parents will be attending today's lunch.
4. S&ME is sponsoring the first raffle.
5. After the scholarships are awarded, pictures and information will be sent to the local newspapers and SAME.
6. Len Dillinger would like a report of plans on how the Post is going to achieve the streamers from the committee members so it can be tracked. Credit for the recognition streamer will be achieved today.
7. Matt Laws mentioned a table top hurricane preparedness training session on May 24th. The Post should be able to attend as observers. There is also a dam safety seismic event later in the year that would count towards the preparedness streamer. We can also check with the National Guard to see if there are opportunities to partner.
8. Streamer status:
 - a. Membership - Anna Lucas reported that we have 235 members. 250 members makes us a large post and requires more streamers.
 - b. The Post president will have a challenging schedule next year and the VP may be deployed. It was suggested that an executive VP be added fir when they are gone to coordinate activities. This will need to be added to the bylaws.
 - c. Education and Training - Anna Lucas said we are on track for this streamer. She will check to see if anything is coming up.
 - d. Readiness & Homeland Security - Russell Patterson and an AF base representative will attend the hurricane table top Matt Laws discussed.
 - e. At the next meeting, we should have an outline for how to write up events, possibilities, remaining goals, and how to identify who has training.

- f. Col Lee was awarded the Wheeler medal from the Army Corp. He is a past post president.
 - g. Outreach & Communication - Blair Goodman said this needs to be the next focus. Nicolle Randazzo is doing a stellar job with the scholarships. We need to start working on helping deployed troops for the Outreach streamer.
 - h. There is a change of officer's form on the website Paul Mills needs to be able to access.
 - i. Relationships & Reconnection - Len Dillinger stated the Post will be in good shape for this streamer. We need to put news of Jeff Messick's medal in the newspaper. Also anything a Post member does, if their company is acquired or acquires someone or anything else of note.
9. Committee reports.
- a. Scholarship - Jeff Messick will send the scholarship checks directly to the student's school.
 - b. Investment - Russell Patterson stated that he and Jeff Messick needed to discuss it a little more. They will provide the board with an overall budget so they can decide what to do.
There is approximately \$220,000 available. The suggestion is to invest 180,000. This would leave enough for mentoring, camps, conferences and other needs. In a few years, the fund will hopefully be large enough to never have to touch the principal. A proposal for the direction of the investments is also needed so we know what type of investments are ok.
 - c. The Southeast region may be changing to the Carolinas & Southeast regions because it is getting too big. It currently has 13 active posts and may add a 14th. The split would make us the smallest post.
 - d. Fundraising - Ethan asked if we should set a minimum for the raffle. It will probably be set by past raffle values. Marketing the raffle to the upcoming speakers may be a good source of raffles.
 - e. We may be able to partner with SRS for speakers for the one day golf conference. We need to start working on the golf conference ASAP. Where to have the conference was discussed. It may be a good idea to include the Midlands Post to bring in more participants. How do we split the responsibilities and income? Sponsorship for the conference needs to be worked on.
 - f. Programs – Barry Lewis stated that they are covered until the end of the year.
 - g. Professional Development – Ben Morgan has sent some of the PDH forms but needs the attendee list from April. We need to ensure that people check the box for PDH credit when they sign in.
 - h. Student Chapter – Matt Laws met with Col Fallen. The Col is very excited about having a student chapter. There are opportunities for education and mentoring with this. We may have one of our monthly Post meetings at the Citadel. The way they do their lunch,

we may be able to charge a set fee of \$15 and make a few dollars on it. Anna Lucas stated that two students joined SAME last month.

- i. Young Members – Blair Goodman said the second meeting was a success. Nine young members attending the walking tour. There will not be a May social but they may set up a summer social.

The Board Meeting adjourned around 11:30 am in time for the Post luncheon.