

SAME – Charleston Post
Board Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2010

The board meeting started at 10:00 am and was held at the North Towne Grill.

Attendees:

Len Dillinger, 2nd Vice President, Past Post President, RVP Carolinas Region
Blair Goodman, Young Member Director
2nd Lt. Daniel Hamilton, Junior Vice President
Al Hitchcock, Small Business Director
LTC Jason Kirk, President
Matt Laws, Readiness & Homeland Security Committee Member
Barry Lewis, Programs Director
Anna Lucas, Membership Director
Russell Patterson, Readiness and Homeland Security Chair
Nicole Randazzo, Scholarship Director
LTC Rich Sanders, 1st Vice President
Visitor from West Point

1. LTC Colonel Kirk welcomed everyone, shared his excitement of taking over the position of President, and began the meeting with Streamer Status Reports.
2. Streamer status:
 - a. Membership - Anna Lucas reported that the sign in sheets were updated. Anna committed to tracking and updating each month. Len Dillinger requested that Anna attend the Individual Membership POC Workshop to be held in Alexandria, VA in August. The Post would need to pay the airfare. This was voted on and approved by the board.
 - b. Education and Training - Anna Lucas said we are on track for this streamer. She will send a request with the next meeting notice to ask for information about articles that have been published by the membership. Blair Goodman and Matt Laws mentioned that they had presented papers and were speakers at recent conferences. They agreed to document this information.
 - c. Readiness & Homeland Security - Russell Patterson and an AF base representative attended the hurricane exercise. Matt discussed the National Guard tour. Daniel Hamilton shared that he would soon be deployed.
 - d. Outreach & Communication – There was discussion concerning getting assistance for Bill to update the website with the current officers 'information and upcoming events. Blair and Nicole Randazzo made suggestions for several opportunities to assist in outreach to grades K-12 including Math Counts, presentations to local schools which could include Stratford or Wando, involvement with Garrett Academy, the Mad Science Afterschool and Summer Programs. SAME National has requested that we get involved with younger students and share our Engineering knowledge. Another outreach suggestion was to help support the deployed families.

- e. Nicolle Randazzo spoke about mentoring and communicating with the scholarship recipients and Board Member volunteers will be informed by an email from Nicole of who they will be assisting.
 - f. Relationships & Reconnection - Len Dillinger submitted articles to the *Post and Courier* in reference to Nicole and Jeff Messick's awards. Len is going through the process to fill out the paperwork for nomination as a SAME Fellow. Len asked Anna to provide a list of those members that have 10 years of service or more. Len suggested that we nominate Charleston Post members for the National Awards. A suggestion was made to discuss subsidizing meals at monthly meetings for the Active Duty and Young Members.
 - g. Len shared with the Board that SAME National has created the Carolinas Region and he will be the new Regional Vice President. This region will include five posts.
3. Committee reports.
- a. Scholarship – Nicole has already discussed communication.
 - b. Investment - Russell Patterson stated that he and Jeff Messick met with Edward Jones and have several more meetings scheduled with financial investors. They will provide the board with an update in July.
 - c. Fundraising – The decision was made to wait until Spring of 2011 to hold a Conference and Golf Tournament until the co-chair, Ethan Walter is able to assist. A status report of Ethan's condition was provided by Russell.
 - d. Programs – Barry Lewis stated that they are covered until the end of the year. He will try to reschedule the Red Horse presentation for later this year.
 - e. Publicity/Newsletter/Website– No committee report
 - f. Professional Development –No committee report
 - g. Young Members – Blair said that they might have a social event, possibly at Drayton Hall. She mentioned the possibility of community service, maybe for Habitat or the Lowcountry Community gardens.
 - h. Student Chapter – According to Matt, Ben Morgan met with Col Fallen.
 - i. Charleston Joint Engineering Council-Len attended the meeting. Suggested that we attend each month and become active in the organization. One of the main purposes of the group is to coordinate the Engineering Week Banquet. Russell volunteered to attend the next meeting.
 - j. Other Business-LTC Kirk mentioned that on June 29 there would be a Small Business Conference in Atlanta, GA hosted by USACE.

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

Minutes recorded by Anna Lucas.