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NOVEMBER MEETING: National Security Meeting

Ms. Joyce Flinn is an Operations Officer with the Readiness and Response Bureau, for the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

The Readiness and Response Bureau is responsible for the readiness and initial staffing of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). Because a timely, coordinated response is the first crucial step in getting help to citizens impacted by disaster events, this is the Bureau's key mission through coordination with county emergency management coordinators. The Readiness and Response Bureau coordinates local, state, federal, and private partner resources under a Governor's Proclamation based on identified needs through the Unified/Incident Command structure which includes the local county emergency management coordinator.

Ms. Flinn's presentation will provide information about her organization and give an overview of how Iowa responds to disaster events.

Following the luncheon meeting, the National Security Committee will convene to further the integration of our Post and its capabilities into disaster planning, response, and recovery at all levels of government. If you have a particular interest in these topics, please join our discussion from 1330 to 1415.

MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 8, 2007

LOCATION: The Quad Cities Botanical Center
2525 4th Ave.
Rock Island, IL 61201

AGENDA:	11:00	Board Meeting
	11:30	Social Hour
	12:00	Lunch & Program
	13:30	National Security Committee Mtg.

MENU: Swiss Steak
Sicilian Blend Vegetables
Baked Potatoes
Assorted salads, Dinner rolls, and Beverages

COST: \$10 per person

RESERVATIONS: Contact Scott Bullock at scott.a.bullock@usace.army.mil or 309.794.5579. Cost is \$10 and is payable at the door. Please sign up by COB Monday, November 5.

BUSINESS BRIEF: Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer and Associates, Inc

October Meeting Summary – Engineering & Project Management Conference

In October we held a joint conference with ASCE on Engineering and Project Management. The conference was held at the Clarion Hotel in Davenport, IA. There were two engineering tracks and one project management track members could choose from and earn Professional Development Hours. The luncheon guest speaker, Mr. Pete DeKock, District Director, Congressman Bruce Braley's Office, Davenport, IA, discussed Infrastructure Priorities in the First Congressional District, Relating to Highway, Rail and Mississippi River Infrastructure.

2008 NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

The following is a list of the officers nominated for 2008. Other nominations can be submitted to S.K. Nanda at S.K.Nanda@usace.army.mil.

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SAME 2008 National Conference Update

Sustaining Member firms in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post and the Rock Island Post can now make reservations for Exhibit Booths. Registration flyers are available for downloading at the 2008 Conference Website: http://www.same-2008.org/Exhibitor_Sponsor_Info.htm

If you want to get a booth or sponsorship while you still have choices, please follow the link above, or contact Heather Cross at CrossHeather@stanleygroup.com.

Volunteers are needed to help execute the 2008 conference. Please look ahead and prepare to help pull off this event. Post members who are willing to help, please send your contact information to Chuck Spitzack at charles.p.spitzack@mvr02.usace.army.mil. Also, tell Chuck if you have a particular type of activity for which you want to volunteer. If you are available to help wherever needed, just tell Chuck to put you down as a general volunteer looking for an assignment.

Awards Information

Each year, the Society presents 35 awards to individuals and organizations from the uniformed services and the private sector to recognize their achievements in support of The Society's Strategic Plan, the engineering profession and the nation's national security objectives.

Nominations are due annually to SAME HQ by January 31 unless otherwise noted on the SAME HQ website. If you have any questions regarding the awards and the nomination process, please contact Kim Rupkalvis, SAME Executive Assistant, at 703-549-3800, ext. 111 or, you may contact S.K. Nanda, Rock Island Post Relationships and Recognition – Awards, at 309-794-5310. For more information please visit the SAME HQ's Awards Committee website at <http://www.same.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3393>.

Membership Update

As stated in The Military Engineer, September – October 2007 magazine, the transition to a new Association Management System (AMS) for Individual Members is up and running. By now, every Individual Member should have received a new SAME Member ID Number. Please log in to verify your login username and password works correctly, and renew or update your member profile. If you have trouble logging in, please contact Individual Member Specialist Christine Gruskowski at christine@same.org, 703-549-3800, ext. 123, or Membership Support Specialist Heather Alexander at halexander@same.org, or 703-549-3800, ext. 122.

SAME has converted all Sustaining Members to its new Association Management System (AMS) and is now doing a final quality assurance check on the data. We appreciate our members' patience through this challenging process.

With this conversion, the new Sustaining Membership dues structure is now in place. The new Sustaining Membership application is available online at www.same.org/join. Additionally, due to the delay in transitioning to the new AMS, we have extended the August Sustaining Members renewal date to Sept. 30, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact Sustaining Member Specialist Jackie Porter at jporter@same.org, or 703-549-3800, ext.121. You may also e-mail your comments or concerns to the SAME membership department at member@same.org.

EVERYONE can benefit from the articles listed below extracted from the Young Member Action Flyer

YM Career Advisory Network using

As a way to stimulate interaction between Young Members and potential mentors, the YM Council is using LinkedIn as an innovative networking tool. LinkedIn was rated the #4 best Web site in Time.com's 2007 rankings. LinkedIn allows users to keep track of their own contacts as well as share contacts with others to improve information flow. Another key feature of LinkedIn is that it allows you to see the contact's professional profile and interests. This is how the Young Member Career Advisory Network plans to use LinkedIn as a tool. It is important to note that since e-mails are only visible to your direct contacts, spamming should not occur.

All SAME members are encouraged to sign up to the SAME group and build their profile at the following link: <https://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/2633/363BDB4528E2/>. The Career Advisory Network is only useful if people sign up to join the group.

Once mentors sign up on LinkedIn, they will fill out the "interests" section of their profile so that Young Members can do a search and find people with relevant experience, and the willingness to share information. For example, they may note "PE Exam Prep" in the "interests" section. When a YM does a search for that category, they will get a list of LinkedIn members in the SAME group that have indicated this as an area of expertise. They can review the list to see who is the best fit. They may know someone on the list, or find someone in their region or same career field, and then send a LinkedIn message to them asking for help. If for some reason, the search doesn't provide any names, or the YM's interest is not covered, they can send an email to the moderator and get assistance. Note that YM's can also be mentors.

Here are the recommended keyword categories, which can be added to and improved as needed:

<u>Career Development</u>	<u>Private Sector Engineering/Architecture</u>
<u>Military to Private Sector Transition</u>	<u>Public Sector Engineering/Architecture</u>
<u>PE/FE Exam</u>	<u>Overseas assignments</u>
<u>Licensing</u>	<u>Deployments</u>
<u>Graduate School/MBA</u>	<u>Short tours</u>
<u>SAME Post Leadership</u>	<u>Project Management Professional (PMP)</u>
<u>Job Interviews and Contract Negotiations</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
<u>Resume writing</u>	<u>Followership</u>
<u>Opportunities for Minorities</u>	<u>Reserves</u>
<u>Opportunities for Women</u>	<u>National Guard</u>
<u>US Air Force Engineers</u>	
<u>US Army Engineers</u>	
<u>US Coast Guard Engineers</u>	
<u>US Navy Engineers</u>	
<u>US Public Health Service</u>	

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to share and grow!

If you have questions, or ideas on what else to add, please email doug.brown@woolpert.com.

Message from the Mentoring and Recognition Committee

Recognition. If you or another YM you know recently received a promotion, passed a licensing exam, or received an award please tell us about it. The YM Council is here to assist in the cross communication between the Posts, Regional Vice Presidents and other SAME councils and committees. SAME has two publications that carry "People" announcements: *The Military Engineer* magazine and *Government & Industry e-News*. Submit your announcements to editor@same.org or to Jack Nank, Associate Editor, at jnank@same.org. The accomplishments of SAME YMs should be shared with other SAME members so let us hear from you.

Awards. We recently learned of an award sponsored by Engineer Week (EWeek) and the National Society of Professional Engineers. EWeek's New Faces of Engineering program promotes engineering as an exciting profession open to everyone. By highlighting young, diverse, talented engineers, their achievements, and the impact of those achievements on society, EWeek aims to put a face on the "stealth" profession. To learn more about this award visit www.nspe.org/awards/aw1-newfaces.asp. The deadline for award submissions is Nov. 9, 2007.

Mentoring tip of the month. Starting this month we are including a mentoring tip of the month. In future *YM Action Flyers* you will learn about successful mentoring programs and relationships from SAME members including members of the Academy of Fellows. This month we will start with definitions.

What is a mentor? A wise trusted counselor or teacher or influential senior sponsor or supporter. AKA adviser, master, guide, preceptor
(source: dictionary.com)

What is a mentee? A student, protégé, apprentice and eager learner.

What is mentorship? A relationship formed between a mentor and mentee with the goal of sharing knowledge and expertise between the mentor and the mentee. It can be a formal relationship with written goals and scheduled meeting times or it can be as informal as an occasional chat or email exchange.

Upcoming SAME Events:

To add events to the calendar, email Dean Cerny at Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.army.mil

Date	Post Event Description	Event Information
November 8th	National Security Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
December 13th	Construction Management Association of America	Perry Hubert, Ph. 309-794-5480 email: perry.a.hubert@usace.army.mil
January 18th	Installation of Officers	Chris Trefry, Ph 309-794-5790 Email: Christopher.M.Trefry@usace.army.mil

Date	Other Events	Event Information
November 5-7	USACE Small Business Conf., St. Louis, MO.	http://www.usacesbconf.org/2007/

