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APRIL MEETING: Joint Meeting with ASCE

The April Meeting will be conducted as our annual joint meeting with the American Society of Civil Engineers. They have done an excellent job of selecting William Stoermer and Shelly DeVore as this month's speakers. These representatives from Exelon Corp. will provide an overview of the nuclear power industry with the specific focus on the Quad Cities Generating Station in Cordova, IL. Today, 20% of the electricity used in the United States is produced by the 104 nuclear power plants in operation. Exelon Nuclear is the largest producer of commercial nuclear energy in the United States with 17 operating reactors in Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Presentation topics include discussions on how nuclear plants produce electricity, current and future electrical usage worldwide, future growth and opportunities in the nuclear power industry and the various Engineering responsibilities at a power plant.

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2009

LOCATION: Quad City Botanical Center
2525 4th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

AGENDA:

1100-1130	Board Meeting
1130-1200	Social Hour
1200-1230	Business Brief- Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), Inc.
1230-1330	Lunch and Speaker
1330-	National Security Committee Meeting

MENU:

- Baked Cod
- Peas w/ Mushrooms or Pearl Onions and Wild Rice Mix
- Assorted Salads
- Dinner Rolls and Beverage

COST: \$10 for Public Sector and Retirees, Per Person
\$15 For Private Sector, Per Person. All are Payable at the Door

RESERVATIONS: RSVP By COB, Tuesday, 7 April 2009 to:
Bryan Snook at- Bryan.M.Snook@usace.army.mil
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MARCH MEETING SUMMARY: Project Lead the Way® Overview

Last month's meeting featured an interesting presentation on the success and achievements of a local Project Lead the Way® chapter. In general, Project Lead The Way® was created as a special series of courses that are incorporated into the middle school and high school curriculums. These courses complement math and science college preparatory programs to establish a solid background in engineering and technology. The structured yet flexible high school program offers students an in-depth, hands-on knowledge of engineering and technology-based careers while gaining valuable college credit. The three-tiered approach to learning flows from foundation courses to specialization courses to a capstone course.

Mr. Jason Franzenburg and 3 of his high school students outlined the focal point and goals of Project Lead the Way's high school engineering program which features several Civil Engineering and Architecture classes. They discussed the hands-on projects and in depth engineering problems they encountered in the program which added rigor to their traditional technical programs and relevance to their traditional academics. When they were finished with their presentation, the students even held their ground in an impressive Q&A session with several inquisitive SAME members.

Rock Island Post Receives Awards

Once again, the Rock Island Post has continued its standard of excellence and has been selected as the SAME Top Medium Post for 2008. Our Post President, Matthew Clark has been asked to receive the Top Post award at the Honors Luncheon on 13 May 2009, at this year's Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo held in Salt Lake City, UT.

Congratulations to all of the SAME Members here on the Rock Island Post who made this award possible!!! I'd also like to extend a special thank you to all of the individuals behind the scenes whose hard work and planning over the last year were critical in winning this award.

Besides winning the Top Medium Post Award, the Rock Island Post will also be recognized as being a member of the SAME Top Region for 2008 as well. The Great Lakes Region was selected as this Year's SAME Top Region. The Top Region award will be presented to SK Nanda and Matthew Clark at the Post Awards Breakfast on May 14, 2009, at the Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo, Salt Lake City, UT.

Secretary Corner:

We are now accepting Business Brief sign-ups. We have openings for Jun 10, Jul 9, Sep 10, Nov 12, and Dec 17. This is a great opportunity for Sustaining Member firms to showcase their company and let our membership know more about what they do. Business briefs last approximately 10 minutes. Presenters are asked to bring their laptop and projector. Dean Cerny is scheduling these on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Dean by email at: Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.Army.mil

Planning for Boy Scout Engineering Day:

As part of our program planning for 2009, we will be hosting an event with the local Boy Scout troop to support their efforts in obtaining an engineering badge. The event is scheduled for this Saturday (April 4th) at The Clock Tower Complex on Arsenal Island. Volunteer support is still welcomed for any individuals wishing to participate or help out this weekend. Please contact Sarah Babcock, BabcockS@AyresAssociates.com, if you are interested in volunteering or would like to have more information about the schedule of events for the day.

Note: see the attached flyer for more information on this event.

Young Members Corner:

One hot area for Young Members is social media. SAME is looking for ways to maximize current professional and social networks such as LinkedIn, Flickr, Twitter, Facebook and Wikipedia to connect SAME members, promote professional development, and develop mentor/protégée relationships. Suggestions are always welcome...please send recommendations to Capt. Tim Scheffler, USAF, YM Council Secretary.

Upcoming SAME Training:

The Annual Commanders Briefing and Small Business Conference is expanding this year. We are combining forces with the IA-II Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association and the North Central Regional Council for Small Business Education and Advocacy (NCRC) Spring Meeting. Scheduled speakers include Congressmen Bruce Braley and Phil Hare; current Commanding General, US Army Material Command, General Ann Dunwoody; and the USACE District Commanders from the entire Mississippi Valley Division and the Louisville, Kansas City, and Omaha Districts.

Please keep 7-8 May open on your calendar to attend the Small Business Symposium. Registration is currently open at <https://www.regonline.com/RGSBS> or the attached registration form. For more information please contact Cory Haberman at (309) 794-5129.

Sponsorships and Booth spaces are available. For more information please contact Ms. Kupresin at (563) 505-4393 or Mr. John Masengarb at (563) 650-3252.

April Meeting Location: Quad Cities Botanical Center



Quad Cities Botanical Center
 2525 4th Ave
 Rock Island, IL 61201

Upcoming SAME Events:

Date	Post Event Description	Event Information
4-Apr-09	Boy Scout Merit Badge Day	Sarah Babcock, Ph. 608-443-1228 email: BabcockS@AyresAssociates.com
9-Apr-09	Joint Meeting with ASCE	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
May 6-8, 2009	Commanders /Small Business Conference	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
May 12-15, 2009	National Conference- Salt Lake City, UT	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
June 10 (Wed), 2009	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
9-Jul-09	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
Aug 11-13, 2009	Joint Regional Meeting- Detroit, MI	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
21-Aug-09	Scholarship Golf Outing	Heather Cross, Ph. 563-264-6779 email: CrossHeather@stanleygroup.com
Aug-09	X-Stream River Clean Up Event with ASCE	David Bequeaith, Ph. 309-794-5270 email: David.A.Bequeaith@usace.army.mil
10-Sep-09	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
21-Oct-09	Training Conference	Mike Ryan, Ph. 319-841-4391 email: mryan@hrgreen.com
12-Nov-09	National Security Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
17-Dec-09	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil

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