



Robins Post  
Society of American Military Engineers  
Board Meeting  
7 March 2007

Board Members:

President	Mark MacEwan	Present
Vice President	Col Piekarczyk	Absent
Treasurer	Becky McCoy	Present
Secretary	Bill Nagel	Present
Asst Secretary	2Lt Grant Harwell	Present
Executive Directors		
National Liaison	Ric Powers	Present
Membership	Nancy Manley	Absent
Directors		
Programs	Ken Branton	Present
Young Member	Mike Coats	Present
Financial/Events	Kevin Long	Present
National Security	Judah Bradley	Absent
Readiness	Col Steven Zander	Absent
Others	Lt. Col. Ballard	Absent

Programs:

- March - The March 2007 SAME Post General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Two potential topics and speakers include (i) GA Licensing - Darren Mickler and (ii) Force Protection – Reserve Command Judah Bradley. K. Branton is currently working these two potential speakers. Darren Mickler may not be available; K. Branton will continue to pursue and lock in a featured speaker. K. Branton will not be able to attend the March meeting; 2d Lt Harwell will reserve and set-up the computer projector and screen for the presentation. The sustaining member firm, Weston, also cancelled for the ‘sustaining member spotlight’. K. Branton is currently lining up an alternate firm.
- April - April Earth Day activities include the SAME Golf Tournament on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at RAFB. The SAME general meeting will not be conducted in April.

Upcoming events:

- ✚ Tour of ALC – in May (Air Logistics Command)
- ✚ Golf Tournament in April
- ✚ Tour – TBD in September. B. McCoy to send e-mail to people and set up tour.

If anyone has suggestions for future meetings please forward them to Ken Branton.

Readiness Plan:

No discussion on this topic.

Streamer Awards:

Of the three (3) streamer award packages were previously submitted to SAME National, the Robins SAME Post was awarded the Membership Streamer recognition. The purpose of streamers is basically to encourage posts to focus on the important things, keep the posts active and moving in the right direction.

Post Organization:

The program guest/featured speaker for this month for RAFB SAME Post General Meeting on 21 March 2007 remains to be determined. K. Branton will confirm. Additionally, the 'spotlight on sustaining member firms' for March 2007 remains to be confirmed after a firm cancelled-out.

SAME Earth Day activities include RAFB Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, 20 April 2007. As such, there will be no SAME general meeting scheduled for April 2007 and an April 2007 newsletter/flyer will not be generated nor distributed.

An update was provided on Col. Pie. He is currently in the hospital for pre-operation procedures and will undergo colon surgery on 9 March.

March 2007 SAME General Meeting:

The General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2007. The presentation featured speaker and sustaining member spotlight firm both have yet to be finalized. K. Branton indicated he will resolve at the earliest opportunity.

Finance:

B. McCoy provided financial information to K. Long, and K. Long was tasked with working with Paul to conduct a rebalance of the investment account, usually performed at the beginning of each calendar year. B. McCoy estimated that the investment accounts current value is approximately \$35K.

B. McCoy indicated that the Post is nearing 'self-sustaining' status. As a result, the Post may elect to either bolster scholarship award amounts or increase the number of scholarships provided. One possible issue is that awards that exceed \$600 may necessitate that a 10-99 tax form be filed and used for tax reporting purposes by scholarship recipients.

Membership:

K. Long was tasked with pursuing firms that can be targeted as future sustaining member firms, starting with active firms that should become a sustaining member, such as SAIC, AEM, Windamir, Doug Glover [Saber Contract], etc.

### Scholarships and Summer Camps:

SAME Scholarship Packages have been sent out to local high schools. SAME will award two \$1,000.00 scholarships again this year. The deadline for scholarship applications is approaching; with an application due date of April 20<sup>th</sup>. Information and an application form is available on the local SAME website.

#### Deadline:

- 1) SAME Scholarships – April 20<sup>th</sup>

US Air Force and US Army Summer Camps, a week-long engineering program camp for high school students who have completed their sophomore or junior year and plan to explore an engineering curriculum, allows interaction with other students interested in this discipline. The RAFB SAME Post desires to sponsor a local student for this program. Applications are currently available on the local SAME website. The Post is willing to pay for camp registration and travel reimbursement.

#### Deadlines:

- 2) SAME/US Army Summer Camp – March 14<sup>th</sup>
- 3) SAME/US Air Force Academy Summer Camp – April 16<sup>th</sup>

These programs will be advertised in the March 2007 Newsletter/Flyer and are available on the SAME website.

All three packages are on the SAME Robins Post website. A special e-mail will be distributed to the SAME distribution with information and a link to the website.

### General Topics:

The Earth Day Golf Tournament has been scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>; and is being Co-sponsored by SAME and Engineering Management (CEV). The event made \$1,000 for SAME last year, however the event is not typically a money-maker for the Post.

SAME will cover the costs associated with the deployed Spouse Support Program meeting and dinner. 2Lt Grant Harwell will expense and submit receipts to SAME and a check will be provided to reimburse. The cost is not expected to exceed \$300, and will come out of the \$800 SAME savings account.

M. MacEwan then encouraged the Board to continue to try to get good attendance for the general SAME meetings.

**Bold** = Board decisions

*Italics* = Tasked actions to be taken