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Results of the 2005-2006 Post Elections!

Thanks to all of you who took time to vote in this year’s elections for our 2005—2006 Post Officers and Directors. Ballots were distributed via e-mail, and the voting period ended June 2nd, 2005. The results of the elections are as follows:

OFFICERS

President
Col. Ron N. Light
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

1st Vice President
Pat Persi
Jones & Stokes

2nd Vice President
Mike O’Hagan
Stantec

Secretary
Lisa Micheletti Cope
Arcadis

Treasurer
Dave Cook
Kleinfelder

DIRECTORS
(total of six open positions, 5 up for re-election, 1 vacated to transition to 1st VP)
(in Alphabetical Order)

Cheryl Bly Chester
Rosewood Environmental Engineering

Nadia Burleson
Burleson Consulting

Alan Driscoll
Forsgren Associates

Carl Lang
USACE, Ret.

Linda Ngim
USACE, Sacramento District

Graham Sharpe
CH2M

PDH Credit Now Awarded by Post, by Graham Sharpe

PDH credit is now being awarded by the Post - A new feature of the Sacramento Post Programs Committee was instituted at the April General Meeting. Professional Development Hours, or PDH, credit is now being issued by the Post in accordance with guidance established by SAME National HQ as a benefit to Post members. Many professional certification and registration programs and employers either require or encourage individuals to demonstrate that professional education is being maintained by earning PDH or Continuing Education Units (CEU) credits. PDH credit is appropriate for technical presentations by organizations such as SAME and the Society has established guidelines for Posts to institute this program. This benefit is encouraged by SAME National by including the PDH credit program as a Streamer element under the Education and Training Streamer. Consequently, your Post has created a Continuing Professional Development Program subcommittee within the Programs Committee to oversee the PDH process. A PDH Plan has been developed to describe the administration of the PDH system and a database created to track PDH credit awarded to Post Members. Certificates are forwarded to all members who signup for credit at the applicable technical meetings to enable members to document their attendance at PDH credited events and an annual report summarizing annual credit received by Post members will be prepared. Be sure to watch for PDH signup sheets at each Post meeting with a technical presentation subject.

Further information on SAME National’s guidelines can be found at http://www.same.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4163

Further information on the Sacramento Post’s program can be received from Alan Driscoll at adriscoll@forsgren.com or Graham Sharpe at graham.sharpe@ch2m.com .

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Committee Reports:

**Welcoming**

*Pat Persi*

Sustaining Member Firms can elect to become a sponsor for the SAME General Meetings. In exchange for donating raffle prizes, the Sponsor is allowed five minutes to speak about their firm. Money collected from raffle ticket sales supplements the Post’s scholarship fund. Sponsors have included SCS Engineers, Parsons, Jacobs, Earth Tech, Versar, e²M, HDR Engineering, Kleinfelder, Tetra Tech, URS, Air Toxics, CH2M Hill, Geocon, Harding ESE. Please contact Pat Persi at (916) 737-3000, ext. 3120, or ppersi@jsanet.com if interested.

**Young Members Affairs**

*Lind Ngim*

Please be sure that if you are a Sustaining Member, that you have a young member representative—the benefits are invaluable! Contact Linda Ngim for more information at (916) 557-7267 or Linda.f.ngim@usace.army.mil.

**Membership**

*Mitch Langlois*

Please be sure to keep your membership information up to date. Frequently Sustaining Members do not have 5 representatives listed under their membership. To update membership information at www.samesacramento.org. New members can also sign up electronically on the website. Please contact Mitch Langlois, at (916) 355-8444 or mlanglois@emassist.com with questions.

**Community Service**

*Carl Lang*

The Post’s Community Service Committee is accepting donations for hotel-type toiletries (soaps, shampoos, etc.) to provide them to the St. John’s Shelter for Women & Children. Donations are accepted continually. If you would like to donate small toiletries or larger items, please contact Carl Lang at carllang@mindspring.com

**Awards and Scholarships**

*Scholarship Committee*

Please refer to p 3 for the committee status report.

**Programs**

*Alan Driscoll*

Please refer to p 3 for the committee status report.

**Communications**

*Patrick Luzuriaga*

This newsletter has been prepared by your Communications Committee. Distribution is electronically via email, and the website www.samesacramento.org. If you have any comments, improvements, or recommendations regarding this newsletter, please contact the new Communications Committee Chair, Mr. Nick Steinke, e2M at info@samesacramento.org.

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**Sustaining Members Forum**

*Ad Hoc Committee*

- What did you like about last year’s Sustaining Members Forum?
- What didn’t you like?
- What would you like to see or hear about this year?

We are in the early stages of putting together the topics, speakers and general content of this year’s Sustaining Members Forum. Now is your chance to provide input and to help formulate the content and presentation of information at this year’s Sustaining Members Forum. Please contact Mike O’Hagan for more information:

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Stantec
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Awards and Scholarships
by Scholarship Committee

In 2005, the SAME Sacramento Post Scholarship Committee recommended and SAME Board of Directors approved a $5,000 contribution to the Capitol Center Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program, which is the largest of the twenty-four California MESA Pre-College programs. It serves more than 5000 students at the high school, junior high/middle school, and elementary school levels. MESA serves educationally disadvantaged students and, to the extent possible by law, emphasizes participation by students from groups with low eligibility rates at four-year colleges. These are students who are interested in preparing for and majoring in math-based careers such as engineering, computer science, chemistry research, astrophysics, robotics, biomedical engineering, mathematics, teaching, petroleum engineering, and space science. MESA’s goal: to make sure these students graduate from high school academically prepared to major in scientific and technical fields. Margie Namba, the Sacramento SAME Post President, participated in the Capitol Center MESA Scholarship Award Brunch, held at California State University, Sacramento on Saturday, May 21st. The Scholarship Committee selected nine successful recipients of scholarships in four categories in 2004. The categories included College, Junior College, College Freshmen and High School with awards totaling over $9,000 in varying amounts for the first, second and third place awards. The Sacramento Post awards scholarships to eligible high school, junior college and college students studying engineering or related technical disciplines. Scholarships vary from $500 to $2000 for currently enrolled high school, junior college or college students. Applications for the 2005 awards have been received and are being reviewed by the scholarship committee. The selection criteria include 1) academic performance, 2) essay and references, 3) community service, 4) extracurricular activities, and 5) active/past military experience. The SAME Sacramento Post activities that support this scholarship fund include the annual Golf Tournament (June 2005) and the Sustaining Members Forum (September 2005). Thanks to those committees and contributors for the success of this scholarship program! We are looking for enthusiastic and talented applicants, so...
How many Scholarships, totaling how much, were awarded by the post in 2004?

2, $5,000
4, $8,000
9, $9,000
10, $6,500

Answer, then read through this Newsletter for the answer!

Answer to Last Quarter’s Trivia Question:

How many new Sustaining Members join our Post last Semester? 12