



Sacramento Post Newsletter

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Margie Namba

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Col. Ron N. Light

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Elected Directors

Alan Driscoll (03-05)
Kelly Heidecker (03-05)
Mike O'Hagan (03-05)
Pat Persi (04-06)
Graham Sharpe (03-05)

Appointed Directors

Cheryl Bly Chester (04-05)
Carl Lang (04-05)
Mitch Langlois (04-05)
Russ Nygaard (04-05)

Committee Chairs

Programs Alan Driscoll
Welcoming Pat Persi
Membership Mitch Langlois
Community Service Carl Lang
Awards/Schlrshps Margie Namba
Readiness Kelly Heidecker
Young Members Linda Ngim
Communications Nick Steinke

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	CH2MHill

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 sign up 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 sign up 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.

FUTURE Post Meetings

June 6th	Golf Tournament	August 25th	General Meeting
June 23rd	General Meeting	September	Sustaining Members Forum
July 28th	General Meeting	October	General Meeting

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.

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.

Readiness

Kelly Heidecker

No report this period.

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:

Michael O'Hagan, P.E.
Managing Principal, Urban Land
Stantec

Phone (916) 569-2500, Direct (916) 569-2521

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.

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.

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, emphasizing 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

MATHCOUNTS

by *Sue Goss*

Volunteers from the Sacramento Post assisted with registration, proctoring and exam correcting for the Sacramento Valley and Northern California State **Math Counts** Competition. **Math Counts** is a team math competition for junior/intermediate school age students. The Sacramento Post participated in two State competitions held in Sacramento in March. Team winners from those two regional competitions will represent the state in the National **Math Counts** Competition in Washington D.C. SAME supports Math Counts in our K-12 National Program as a way to encourage students to major in the sciences and engineering and to support these math-athletes. Sacramento Post volunteers for the Sacramento State University competition included Linda Ngim (Young Members Committee Chair) of USACE; Wellington Yee of Brown and Caldwell; Wesley Yee; and Lori Namba of State of California. Sacramento Post volunteers for the University of California-Davis competition included Margie Namba (Post President) of Brown and Caldwell; Graham Sharpe (Director) and Marjorie Eisert of CH2MHill; Susan Goss (Post Secretary) of State of California; Pat Persi (Director) and Vic Persi of Jones and Stokes. Thanks to all who support the next generation of mathematicians and engineers!

Leadership Workshops—Post Involvement

by *Margie Namba*

ASCE-SAME Leadership Workshops. Sacramento Post President, Margie Namba and Post 1st Vice President, Colonel Ronald Light, attended the ASCE-SAME Leadership Workshop in Phoenix, AZ, February 18th-19th. The purpose of the workshop was to have National and Regional leaders and SAME HQ staff meet with incoming Post leaders to provide an opportunity for the new Post leaders to develop a vision consistent with the Society's strategic plan and the needs of the local Post. The workshop provided an excellent forum for the different Post leaders to discuss critical issues affecting all of the Posts, such as membership, fundraising, Young Members, and sustainability.

The Society of American Military Engineers

General Meeting Costs:

(unless otherwise posted)

Younger members (< 35 y.o.)	\$15
Military or public servant	\$15
Members	\$25
Non-Members	\$30

Meeting sponsors for this semester were:

January—Geocon

February— Brown & Caldwell

March—Jones & Stokes

April—HDR

May—Aerotek

June— multiple Golf Tournament Sponsors

This Quarter's Trivia Question

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 joint our Post last Semester? 12

e-mail updates:

To update your e-mail address with the post, please send your request to info@samesacramento.org or visit our website to request an update.

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ON THE WEB!
WWW.SAMESACRAMENTO.ORG

Our Sustaining Members

Please contact Mitch Langlois at mlanglois@emassist.com to inquire about Sustaining Membership and its benefits!

3D/Int'l. Western Region
Acropolis Development and Management Inc
AHTNA Government Services Corp
Air Toxics LTD
Alpha Analytical
AMEC Earth & Environmental Inc.
American Integrated Services Inc.
ARCADIS
Blaine Tech Services Inc.
Brown and Caldwell
Burleson Consulting Inc
CDM Federal Programs Corp.
CH2M Hill
Chung and Associates Inc.
CKY Incorporated
Data Chem Laboratories Inc.
DMJM Design
Earth Tech Inc.
EDAW Inc.
EM-Assist
engineering-environmental Management
Environmental Chemical Corp.
Forsgren Associates Inc.
Geocon Consultants Inc
Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Harris & Associates
HDR

HydroGeoLogic Inc
Innovative Tech. Solution
JACOBS
Jones & Stokes
Kennedy/Jenks Consultants
Kleinfelder Inc
LFR-Levine Fricke
Luster National Inc.
MACTEC Engineering and Consulting
Mass Ex Construction Company
Mead & Hunt
Mendoza & Associates
Michael Baker Corporation/Michael Baker Jr. Inc.
MKM Engineers
MWH
Navy Public Works Center
Parsons
Raito Inc.
SAIC
Sequoia Environmental Corporation
Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure
Stantec Consulting
Syblon Reid General Engineering Contractors
Synectics
Tetra Tech EM Inc.
Tetra Tech Inc.
The Dutra Group

URS Corporation
US Army Corps of Engrs. Sac. Dist.
USPHS/HIS/CAO Office of EH & E
Vanir Construction Mgmt. Inc.
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Versar Inc.
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