

JANUARY, 2018

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WAHID ALBERT PE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF ENGINEER, NYSDOT TO ADDRESS POST AT FEBRUARY 21, 2018 MEETING

In June 2016, Wahid Albert was named the Assistant Commissioner and Chief Engineer for the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). He is directly responsible for overseeing more than \$4.6 billion in annual on-going design and construction projects, and assuring the safety of the over 17,000 publicly owned bridges in New York State.

Some notable projects and recent accomplishments include improved access to Hunts Point Peninsula, JFK Access/Van Wyck Expressway and Kew Garden Interchange, Phase II of the Kosciuszko Bridge Replacement, Sheridan Boulevard, Nassau Expressway, Woodbury Commons, I-81 Viaduct Replacement, new Buffalo and Schenectady Train Stations, four Upstate Airports, and the Bridge NY Program.

Mr. Albert has been working for NYSDOT for 34 years, starting in 1984 as a Junior Engineer. Since then he has held a number of key positions from Supervisor of a Structures Design Unit, to Director of Structures Design and then Assistant Deputy Chief Engineer of Structures.

Wahid Albert has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is a licensed Professional Engineer registered in the State of New York.

**SEE PAGE 2 FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON
REGISTERING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

SAVE THE DATE
*For the 78th Annual
Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance
Saturday, November 3rd, 2018*

The Grand Hyatt at Grand Central

<http://www.same-nyc.org/DD/ddindex.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<http://www.same-nyc.org/nytt.htm>

or <http://www.same-nyc.org>

**NEW YORK CITY POST OFFICERS,
DIRECTORS, SPECIAL ADVISORS, AND
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN SEE:**

<http://www.same-nyc.org/officers.htm>

CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE AT THE HARVARD CLUB

The Harvard Club has graciously requested that we observe their policy that

**NO CELL PHONES CALLS BE MADE INSIDE OF ANY
OCCUPIED AREAS OF THE CLUB.**

We appreciate your cooperation.



The Post will be collecting donations as part of this meeting to benefit Wounded Warriors initiatives. Please consider donating any amount you can!

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DATE: (Wed) February 21, 2018

TIME: NOTE TIME CHANGE >>> 5:30 PM <<< Cash Bar, Dinner Meeting to follow

LOCATION: Harvard Club—27 West 44th St (between 5th & 6th Aves) - take elevators to 3rd Floor North Biddle Room

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION IN THREE EASY STEPS

1. Click [HERE](#) or http://www.same-nyc.org/Post_EveMtgResForm-w-Don_180221_distributed.pdf and fill out all reservation information.
2. Click on the “Submit” button or e-mail your reservation form to TheSecretary@same-nyc.org (You may also FAX to (718) 504-4281)
3. Mail payment as promptly as possible to: The Secretary, NYC Post SAME, 26 Ray Street, Staten Island, NY 10312-3704 or bring payment with you to the meeting.

NOTES:

1. If sending via Express Mail or Messenger, be sure to instruct deliverer to leave package if no one is there.
2. E-MAILED or FAXED Reservations are accepted on a definite basis. Unpaid no-shows will be billed and not allowed to make FAX or E-MAIL Reservations in the future. DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN SEND YOUR PAYMENT SEPARATELY LATER (PLEASE BE AS PROMPT AS POSSIBLE)
3. EARLY BIRD MEETING RESERVATION DEADLINE: Thursday, February 15, 2018
4. LATE RESERVATIONS (\$180) in effect Friday, February 16, 2018—Noon Saturday, February 17, 2018
5. No Reservations Taken after 12 Noon Saturday, Feb 17, 2018—**PLEASE AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT—RESERVE EARLY**
6. **AT THE DOOR (\$200 on a Space Available Basis) CHECK THE WEBSITE at <http://www.same-nyc.org> WE WILL POST IF SOLD OUT. If not sold out, e-mail scaranom@same-nyc.org before arriving at the door.**
7. Please do not call to “confirm reservations.”
8. Unless we have a problem, NO FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of your RESERVATION will be made.

May we suggest that you make a copy of this notice so that you will have it handy for future reference?

MEETING COST

(INCLUDING BUFFET DINNER AND DESSERT)

NOTE UPDATED PRICING IN EFFECT

The post does not make a profit on our evening meetings. We will continue to strive for a comfortable and enjoyable venue for our meetings.

NO	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	COST
1	Regular Non-Member Reservation	\$165
2	Regular Member Reservation	\$135
3	Young Member (Not yet 36 Years Old) Reservation	\$95
4	Full time Military or Government Member/ Fully Retired Member Reservation	\$70
5	Student Member Reservation	\$40
6	Late Reservation	\$180
7	At Door without Reservation (Space Available Basis) Check www.same-nyc.org first for space availability.	\$200
8	Staff or Guest Speaker	N/A

RESERVATION POLICIES

- Please.... No Telephone Reservations Accepted.
- E-Mailed or FAXED Reservations are accepted on a definite basis. Unpaid no-shows will be billed and not allowed to make E-mailed or FAXED Reservations in the future. FAX to (718) 504-4281 (use 10 digit dialing from all areas). Email to scaranom@same-nyc.org. Bring payment to meeting or mail to Post Secretary at address shown above.
- Make Checks or Money Orders payable to NYC Post SAME
- ALL Early Bird Reservations MUST BE E-MAILED, FAXED, or received by close of business **5 Days before Meeting Date—Late Reservations in effect thereafter on space available basis—\$180. At door—\$200.** Don't worry, you can send your payment separately later (please be as prompt as possible).
- Refunds given for cancellations e-mailed or FAXed by 10 am, 3 days before meeting.
- The Harvard Club prohibits use of cell phones in public areas of the facility.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NEED HELP

Awards Committee: [Vincent Antes](#), Louis Berger Group

Dinner Dance: [COL John R. Boulé, USA \(Ret\)](#), Dewberry... (646) 760-0273

Emergency Preparedness and Infrastructure Resilience: [Suzanne DiGeronimo](#), DiGeronimo PC... (201) 670-9200

Environmental Affairs and Advanced Technologies: [LTC Joseph Porrovecchio, USAR \(Ret\)](#), Carbon-Key Inc.... (914) 659-3400

Meetings and Programs: [Howard Chynsky](#), SIMCO PC ... (212) 385-8100 x1623 and [LTC Kenneth W. McDonald, USA \(Ret\)](#), USMA ... (845) 938-5522 (Co-Chairs)

Membership: [Al Bast](#), URS Corporation... (212) 827-1209

Mentoring and Education: [Frank Darconte \(DeMatteis Group\)](#) and [Andrew Bates \(Blanchard\)](#)

Publicity and Development: [Karen Armfield](#), AECOM... (212) 701-2808

The NYC Post, SAME Scholarship Fund, Inc: [COL F.H. "Bud" Griffis, USA \(Ret\)](#), NYU Tandon School of Engineering... (917) 797-3723

Small Business: Vacant

Student Activities: [Judith DeScenza Cooper](#) ... (917) 331-2590

West Point Affairs: [LTC Benjamin Wallen, USA, USMA](#)... (845) 938-4658

Young Members: [Jeffrey I. Messinger](#), STV... (212) 614-7612

Click on the name above or you may visit <http://www.same-nyc.org/officers.htm> and click on name to e-mail the chairman.

2017-2018 SLATE OF NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A Nominating Committee was convened by Col (Ret) F. H. 'Bud' Griffis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Charged with the responsibility of reviewing the duties of the various offices and directorships of the Post in accordance with our Constitution and determining the qualifications needed to be eligible for each position, it considered names from the active membership who, in the committee's judgment, will be able to carry on the business of the Society of American Military Engineers, New York City Post. Following its deliberations, the Nominating Committee prepared this slate of Officers, to be elected to a 1 year term; and Directors, to be elected to a 3 year term.

ELECTED

OFFICERS (1 Year Term)

PRESIDENT..... COL Thomas D. Asbery, USA
VICE PRES (MIL) LTC Rich Gussenhoven, USA
VICE PRESIDENT (CIV) Husam Ahmad
JR. VICE PRESIDENT Jeffrey I. Messinger
SECRETARY Michael Scarano
TREASURER (Acting) Michael Scarano

FOR DIRECTOR (3 Year Term)

LTC Ronald Katen, USAR (Ret) Maqsood Malik
Stuart Piken Steven Pressler
Edward Schmeltz

ROOM FOR YOU!

Our expanded electronic format has plenty of room for Committee News, Sustaining Member features, membership highlights etc. If you would like to contribute, contact Michael Scarano, Post Secretary.



c/o The Secretary
26 Ray Street
Staten Island, NY 10312-3704

FIRST CLASS MAIL

New York City Post Officers (2017—2018)

President: COL Thomas L. Asbery, USA (USACE NY District)

Vice President (Mil): LTC Rich Gussenhoven, USA (USACE NY District)

Vice President (Civ): Husam Ahmad (HAKS)

Jr. Vice President: Jeffrey I. Messinger (STV)

Secretary and Acting Treasurer: Michael Scarano (AECOM)

Directors

Andrew Bates	2015—2018	LTC Ronald Katen, USAR (Ret)	2017—2020
Denise Berger	2016—2019	Maqsood Malik (M&J Engineering)	2017—2020
Susan Boone	2016—2019	Vincent Mangiere*	2015—2018
COL John R. Boulé, USA (Ret)*	2016—2019	Matt Nolty	2016—2019
Francis X. Darconte	2015—2018	Stuart Piken (TetraTech)	2017—2020
Judith DeScenza Cooper*	2013—2016	Steven Pressler (STV)*	2017—2020
Suzanne DiGeronimo	2015—2018	Joseph Puzio	2015—2018
Eric Hirani	2016—2019	Edward J. Schmeltz*	2017—2020
Robert G. Hoffmann*	2015—2018	Ehab Shehata	2015—2018

* *President Emeritus*

**Our Thanks To
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**A NYC Post Sustaining Member for Hosting the
*September, 2017 Board of Directors' Meeting***

If you or your firm would like to host a future Board of Directors' Meeting, and are located in the midtown Manhattan area, please contact:
Michael Scarano, Post Secretary, at
TheSecretary@same-nyc.org