SAM Affiliate Presidents Selective Delegates for SAM Delegate Assembly 2019

Hi SAM Affiliate Presidents,

Now is the time to begin preparing for the SAM Delegate Assembly 2019 scheduled for June 13-14 in Helena at the SAM Office. The first part of the process is to select Delegates to represent the affiliates. Presidents of the affiliates have the responsibility to assure that the Delegates of your affiliate have been selected. See the SAM Bylaws (updated October 19, 2018), Article VI Delegate Assembly (pp. 4-5) – for a full explanation.

I'm asking each of you to use the process established by your affiliate and select the number of Delegates allowed for your affiliate, and forward those names (and region they represent) to me (at samkm@sammt.org) by Friday, May 17, 2019!

Reminder: your Delegate Assembly Steering Committee member should serve as one of the delegates from your affiliate. Delegates allowed by affiliate are: MASS - 10, MASSP - 10, MAEMSP - 10, MCASE - 5, MACSS - 5, META - 5. The SAM Bylaws require regional representation for these slots (see the <u>SAM Regional Map</u> to review the five SAM regions – note these are different than your affiliate regions). MASS, MASSP, and MAEMSP should work to get 2 delegates from each of the five regions. MCASE, MACSS, and META should work to get 1 delegate from each of the five regions. You may want to get this selection process out to your affiliate regional directors (presidents) so they can place this request on the agenda for May regional meetings so they are able to report their selections to you (this is the process used by most affiliates).

The SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee will be meeting later in May to review the Delegate Assembly process and their role to assist their affiliate with Positions and Resolutions review prior to the 2019 Delegate Assembly. A review of the 2019 Legislative Session and the work of SAM on our advocacy priorities will also be a part of this discussion for Delegate Assembly.

Thanks for your attention to this important function of your leadership for advocacy in SAM. Contact me if you have questions.

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