



American Society of Civil Engineers Younger Member Forum YMF Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Thursday, January 23, 2012
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Pennoni and Associates
3001 Market Street
Second Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Attendance List

Jeremy Chrzan, Kazi Hassan, Drew Sirianni, Chris Gray, Stephen Maakestad, Jen Reigle, Colette Montague, Marc Preim, Adrienne Nikolic, Jon Miller, Eammon Farley, Chris Renfro, Bradley Sands; By Phone: Cathy Farrell, Marc Preim, Scott Cepitz, Ben Bruening

- 1) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting on December 5, 2011 were approved.
- 2) Previous Action Items
 - a) Alex to upload write ups for two community service events including the trail work with Friends of the Wissahickon and the Philly Cares Day Cleanup.
 - b) Note to all event organizers: please upload short summaries and photos once the event is completed.
- 3) Activities Updates
 - a) ERYMC (1/20 to 1/21 in Nashville) was attended by Chrzan, Reigle, Sopin, Miller, and Hassan. The group plans on organizing all of their notes for review and generating ideas. A few updates from the event include:
 - i) MyASCE will potentially replace the E-room for document storage.
 - ii) ASCE is backing the "Raise the Bar" program which would require a Masters Degree or the equivalent post-graduate credits in order to apply for a PE license.
 - iii) The National ASCE Conference is in Montreal on October 18th of 2012.
 - iv) The ERYMC attendees had the opportunity to meet with College Students and received good feedback on event ideas.
 - v) New event ideas include: wine tasting, miniature golf/ golf etiquette, soft skill seminars such as planning and public speaking, ASCE family day, toys for tots, and community service event ideas.
 - vi) Jeremy is attending a regional round table meeting in Reston, VA on March 3rd which will include regions 1, 2, 4 and 5.
 - vii) It was apparent that the ASCE- Philadelphia YMF is one of the more involved YMF sections in the region. The YMF received the "Best Website" award thanks to the efforts of Drew Sirianni and Martin Zimany.
- 4) Upcoming Events
 - a) The Winter Social will be held at McGillin's on Monday 1/30/12.
 - i) So far the YMF has received 119 RSVP's and \$2,200 in raffle donations.
 - ii) Volunteer sign up sheet was passed around the table to solicit help setting up, working at the sign-in table, and raffle ticket sales.
 - iii) Jen Reigle will bring the ASCE Banner and nametags.
 - b) Outreach
 - i) Future Cities Competition on 1/28/12 is still looking for volunteers.
 - ii) There will be an Engineering Girl's Camp at Widener on February 4th. It will run from 9am to 4pm. Adrienne will attend and run the lab.
 - iii) Chris Gray will give a 30-minute presentation at Conestoga High School in Berwyn on March 1st.
 - iv) Adrienne will present at McCall Women's Career Day on 3/26.
 - v) Adrienne will do another classroom visit at McCall School sometime in February or March.
 - vi) Adrienne and Jeremy are spearheading Engineers Club Student Outreach Effort. \$1000 donation from the Section for the YMF to spearhead newsletter to 6~12 year olds. Chris Gray offered to review draft newsletter developed by Jeremy.

- c) The board discussed having a happy hour in the suburbs (Conshohocken) during the first or second week of March, possibly following a construction tour.
 - d) Collette is working on rescheduling the Drexel Student talk.
 - e) Alex will coordinate a CanStruction meeting on Wednesday, February 8th.
 - i) The build night is May 4th and breakdown is May 12th.
 - ii) Alex will look into the deadline for submitting the application.
 - f) Engineers Week is from 2/17 to 2/25. There are four events run by the Engineers Club.
 - i) Young Engineers Social at Yards Brewery on 2/21. Note that past President Cathy Farrell has been selected as Young Engineer of the Year.
 - ii) Celebration of Engineering Banquet on 2/23
 - iii) The golf outing is in the Fall.
- 5) Potential Events
- a) The Board must come up with an idea for the Technical Groups Seminar PDHs will be available for this event. One idea might be "Intelligent Infrastructure Systems" spearheaded by Pennoni w/ assistance by Marc.
 - b) The Boeing tour will be run sometime in the Spring, Jeremy to follow-up with Marc sometime in March. One PDH provided.
- 6) Misc/Open Discussion
- a) Currently the section donates to the Delaware Valley Engineers week events. The board voted and approved a \$50 donation from the YMF.
 - b) Jeremy inquired about interest in a day-long joint event involving multiple sections in the region. Ideas discussed include softball, volleyball, camping, hiking, kayaking, & pie-eating contest.
 - c) There is a PSPE meeting in Media at the Townhouse Restaurant on Tuesday, February 16th.
 - d) The ASCE Mid-Atlantic Student Conference will be held at Lafayette College from April 27th to the 29th. They are looking for judges for the concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions. Eammon and Chris Renfro expressed interest in judging the steel bridge construction loading. Contact Steve Kurtz at kurtzs@lafayette.edu if interested.
- 7) Officer Reports
- a) Vice President: Kazi reminded everyone to tell coworkers and friends about the Winter Social as well as following up on raffle donations.
 - b) **Secretary: None.**
 - c) Treasurer: Drew mentioned that there is a budget surplus (\$4633 vs. \$4500)
 - d) Assistant Secretary: Steve inquired about using funds raised from the Winter Social Raffle towards CanStruction (assuming we can obtain cans at warehouse cost).
 - e) Outreach Coordinator: Brad will take the lead on organizing a PE Review Course.
 - f) Community Services Chair: Alex will look into organizing another FOW community service event.
 - g) College Contacts: Local colleges have Jeremy as a contact. The YMF will consider opening up the Board meetings to presidents of the student sections.
 - h) Social Chair: Jen booked the Phillies game for August 8th against the Atlanta Braves. Tickets will be \$17.
 - i) Social Media: ASCE has the largest LinkedIn following of any organization. Jon will develop a LinkedIn account for the Philly YMF.
- 8) Schedule Next Meeting
- a) Jeremy to send email invite via "Doodle".