



American Society of Civil Engineers  
Philadelphia Section  
Younger Member Forum  
**Board Meeting Minutes**



**Date:** Monday, January 14, 2013  
**Time:** 5:40 PM  
**Location:** Pennoni Associates, Inc.  
3001 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Attendance List:

Zach Suralik, Amanda Kessler, Jesse Gormley, Scott Cepietz, Kolleen Backlund, Jeremy Chrzan, Jen Reigle, Allie Sedor, Kazi Hassan, Chris Gray, Cathy Farrell, Niki Eno, Marc Preim, Chris Renfro, Jeremy Colello, Jon Miller, Drew Sirianni

Via telephone: Adrienne Nikolic, Eammon Farley

Responsibility for action items is indicated by **bold type**

- 1) Meeting minutes from November board meeting were approved with noted changes. Minutes are to be posted in the eRoom (**Sirianni**), and published to website (**Renfro**).
- 2) Meeting minutes from December board conference call were approved. Minutes are to be posted in the eRoom (**Sirianni**) and published to website (**Renfro**).
- 3) Committee on Younger Members (CYM)
  - a. Award Applications
    - i. **Hassan** to vote for our younger member group at ERYMC
    - ii. Hassan announced that our younger member group won the community service award. Announcement to be posted to website "News" page (**Renfro**)
  - b. ERYMC
    - i. Sending 6 delegates from our younger member group
    - ii. See eRoom for additional information
- 4) Section
  - a. Joint dinner meeting with American Society of Highway Engineers – Delaware Valley Section on 1/16/13 at Radisson, Valley Forge, PA. Reservations are being accepted by ASHE via fax machine only.
  - b. 100<sup>th</sup> year scavenger hunt. Need to contact colleges and advertise event for the Section. Contact Steve if you have any questions. Need to post on website and social media (**Renfro, Allie, and Adrienne**). Notify colleges - (**Brown/ Montague**)
- 5) Past Event Recap
  - a. Wissahickon Trail Restoration with Friends of the Wissahickon (Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012)
    - i. Worked on a new trail alignment
    - ii. Constructed erosion and sedimentation control measures
    - iii. See webpage and Facebook for additional information
  - b. Suburban Happy Hour at Rock Bottom Brewery (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012)
    - i. 50-60 in attendance
    - ii. Sign in sheet captured 15 additional email addresses for YMF email list
    - iii. Good planning played major part in the success of this event
    - iv. Good turnout of PennDOT employees too
  - c. Outreach for FNC students (Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012)
    - i. A dozen 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, and 2 teacher-mentors
    - ii. Presentation on civil engineering in general
    - iii. Students asked lots of questions
  - d. SEPTA trolley tour (Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

- i. 24 attendees
      - ii. New Equipment/ software coming soon to be in compliance with government regulations
    - e. Outreach - Great Valley High School (Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013)
      - i. Backlund and her husband presented general civil engineering as well a special portion on geotechnical engineering that included a hands on demonstration
- 6) Upcoming Events
  - a. Future City Competition, 1/26/13
    - i. Volunteers for the event so far are Chrzan, Hassan, Gray, and Sirianni.
    - ii. Additional volunteers are still needed. Visit Future City Competition website for additional information and to register.
  - b. Winter Social 2013, 1/28/13
    - i. Board member sign-up sheet for tasks during the event
    - ii. So far have raised \$1,500 worth of prizes, last year \$2,700 was raised in prizes so the board members are asked to check in with the companies they are soliciting **(All, as needed)**
    - iii. RSVPs are at 90 as of this morning. Continue to get the word out to coworkers and friends **(All)**
    - iv. Banner is needed for the event **(Eno)**
    - v. Keep raffle money and entry fee money separate.
    - vi. Keep very close track of wrist bands, each wrist band is worth \$25.
    - vii. Obtain company logos from sponsors **(All)**
    - viii. Food selection will be the same as last year
    - ix. Put flyers on tables for YES **(Gray)**
    - x. Put flyers on tables for the Section's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala **(Steve to prepare/have flyer prepared and forward to Gray)**
    - xi. ¼ size list of prizes to be placed on tables **(Gray to prepare lists)**
    - xii. Donation of at least \$250 to Habitat for Humanity, remainder likely to go to Philabundance. More discussion on remainder portion at next board meeting.
  - c. Outreach, dates TBD
    - i. Chester A. Arther School (Philadelphia School District)
      - 1. Gormley to meet with teacher on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013
      - 2. Looking to start up a Civil Engineering Club
      - 3. Would meet twice a week from 3:30pm to 6:00pm
      - 4. Looking for younger engineers to volunteer **(All, as needed)**
      - 5. Will need clearance from Philadelphia police and there is a cost associated with obtaining clearance
      - 6. Prepare blurb for Section newsletter **(Gormley to submit to Kessler)**
  - d. Phillies Game, 8/21/13
    - i. 125 tickets secured together for the 300 level
    - ii. Try to make contact to the South Jersey and Delaware Young Member Groups
      - 1. Look for contact persons at ERYMC
    - iii. Add a save-the-date to the website **(Renfro)**, and to the secretary emails **(Sirianni)**
    - iv. Add \$1 to cost of all tickets to cover Paypal processing fees
- 7) Potential Events
  - a. Construction tour
    - i. Schedule tour at Boeing relatively soon, next month or so **(Suralik)**
    - ii. SR 95 Sec. GR1 tour in the spring – Contact Kevin Brown **(Suralik/Maakestad)**

- b. Critical Issues Seminar
    - i. **Preim** to setup a phone conference soon to discuss topics
    - ii. Current ideas on the table include disaster preparedness, disaster relief
    - iii. Send more ideas to Preim and Farley (**All**)
  - c. Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC) Joint Social Event
    - i. Joint social with the emerging professionals committee, maybe in March
    - ii. Mostly architects and interior designers
    - iii. Hassan is going to their board meeting tomorrow
  - d. Construction
    - i. New event director
    - ii. Likely that the new registration info will be sent out later this week
    - iii. Event takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April
    - iv. Email Maakestad if you would like to participate (**All**)
    - v. Campbell's Soup donation is needed again, it was key last year.
  - e. Event Planning in General
    - i. Has been very smooth, recaps have been done well and completed in a timely manner, try to remember to take pictures at the event
- 8) Officer Reports
- a. Reigle: New option to use Paypal for expense reimbursements. The section prefers this method. (**All, as needed**)
  - b. Backlund: 5/8/2013: Outreach – STEM night at the George McCall School in Center City. Teacher is looking for corporate sponsors to offset cost for the event. If we participate, we need to have a better demonstration than last year On 3/25/13: McCall School is having Women's Career Day. **Farrell** has volunteered to attend with **Backlund**.  
2/9/13: Widener's Women in Engineering Camp, **Backlund** will be volunteering.
  - c. Brown: New semesters starting at most local colleges. Looking for engineers to go into schools for presentations. Think of a project you might be able to present. Email Kevin and Collette if you are interested. (**All, as needed**)
  - d. Miller: Potentially more Friends of the Wissahickon trail work, maybe some Food Bank work at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sansom
  - e. Kessler: Send in items for award for National Conference (**All, as needed**)
  - f. Nikolic: Thanks to the board members for sending photos
  - g. Sedor: Send any interesting civil engineering related articles for posting to Facebook (**All, as needed**)
  - h. Farrell: Outreach has been exceptional this year. Reminder to pay ASCE dues, dues are past due now that the new year started. (**All, as needed**)
  - i. Colello: Accolades to student outreach and the YMF board in general.
  - j. Gray/Sedor/Reigle: Free admission to the Winter Social is being given to 2 people based on liking our Facebook page. Pick the 2 winners and contact them through Facebook (**Sedor and Nikolic**). Chris to make an announcement during the event to highlight the winners and encourage everyone to join our page (**Gray**).

The next board meeting will be set for February. **Hassan** will send out the Doodle Scheduling invitation over the next couple weeks indicating the exact date options. Need a location for the meeting. Contact Hassan if your office can host the next meeting. (**All**)

-The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm-