



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



Date: Monday, February 25, 2013
Time: 5:40 PM
Location: RK&K
680 American Avenue, Suite 300
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Attendance List:

Kevin Brown, Amanda Kessler, Scott Cepietz, Jeremy Chrzan, Jen Reigle, Allie Sedor, Kazi Hassan, Chris Gray, Marc Preim, Jeremy Colello, Eammon Farley, Drew Sirianni

Via telephone: Adrienne Nikolic, Jon Miller, Niki Eno, Steve Maakestad

Guests: Chrissy Katz (Temple University), David Bryor (The Burns Group), Andrew Bechtel (Prof, TCNJ)

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

- 1) Meeting minutes from the January board meeting were approved. Minutes are to be posted in the eRoom (**Sirianni**), and published to website (**Renfro**).
- 2) Committee on Younger Members (CYM)
 - a. Philly YMF won the 2013 Outstanding Community Service Project Award
 - b. Pittsburgh YMF won the 2013 Peers Group Award
 - c. 2013 Outstanding Younger Member Group (Nationals) application was submitted on time and is under review
 - d. 2013 Winter Report is available in the eRoom
- 3) Section Update
 - a. Next dinner meeting is on March 14th at the Loews Hotel, the presentation topic is the airport expansion project; Guest speaker is Mark Gale (CEO-PHL)
 - b. 100th year scavenger hunt is set for April 27th. \$300 budget from Section. Need to contact colleges and advertise event for the Section. (**Brown/ Montague/ Maakestad**)
 - c. Habitat for Humanity, May 18th in Camden. Jon is helping with the flyer. Details to be announced soon. (**Miller**)
 - d. Camden Riversharks game, June 8th. Section is working on a flyer to advertise.
- 4) Past Event Recap
 - a. Future City Competition
 - i. Various Younger Members participated as well as other civil engineers from the area. Recap posted in eRoom and our website.
 - ii. The YMF awarded the *Ingenious Civil Engineering* award
 - b. Winter Social
 - i. 168 attendees
 - ii. \$1761 raised for donation to charities (\$250 to Future City, \$500 to Habitat for Humanity, \$1011 to Philabundance)
 - iii. Facebook raffle was a good idea, recommended for next year.
 - c. Chester A. Arthur School
 - i. Gormley has been coordinating with the school. See additional information in Upcoming Events section below.
 - d. ERYMC
 - i. Notes have been uploaded to the eRoom
 - ii. Next year @ Indianapolis, 2015 @ Miami
 - iii. Region 2 Jamboree, likely to be hosted by the Central PA Section/Branch

- iv. Other Idea for Regional event: Punkin' Chunkin'.
 - v. Possibility of a Six Flags trip with Central Jersey Branch
 - vi. Some background: ERYMC is one part of the annual Multi-regional Leadership Conference (MRLC). The other parts are the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders (WSCL) and the Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders (WSBL). They are all hosted at the same location and several of the events/seminars mix the three different groups together.
 - e. Widener visit by Brown and Montague
 - i. General informational presentation about the YMF.
 - f. Drexel visit by Montague, Eno, Chrzan and Farley
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 - ii. Joint meeting with ASCE student chapter and Architectural Engineering Institute student chapter.
 - g. Villanova visit is in the works.
 - h. Temple has requested another visit this semester.
 - i. Widener Engineering Girls Camp
 - i. 200 female high school students
 - ii. February 9th at the University
 - iii. Backlund gave the geotech presentation
 - iv. If you want to help out next year, please email Backlund. **(All, as needed)**
- 5) Upcoming Events
- a. Chester A. Arther Middle School (Philadelphia School District), Ongoing
 - i. We have started up a Civil Engineering Club pilot program with the school
 - ii. Meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm-5pm
 - iii. Looking for younger engineers to volunteer **(All, as needed)**
 - iv. Current students include 6th-8th graders
 - v. Mr. Franklin (teacher) has obtained a \$1000 grant for the pilot program
 - vi. Topic for each session have been set by Gormley
 - vii. Backlund is doing the geotech presentation
 - b. Boeing Tour, 3/6/13
 - i. Security clearance is pending. We are operating under the assumption that if we're not denied the tour that everything went okay with the background checks.
 - c. Federation of Neighborhood Center (FNC), 3/6/13
 - i. SEPTA tour
 - ii. Tour was set up just for the students to help with FNC's STEM program; About a dozen students expected
 - d. Professional development with PSPE, 3/21/13
 - i. Irish Bar Sligo, Media, PA
 - ii. Social hour from 5pm-6pm
 - iii. Project presentations from 6pm-7pm
 - iv. Social hour from 7pm-8pm
 - v. Flyer needs to be revised and finalized **(Farley)**
 - vi. Get email out later this week to membership to advertise the event **(Sirianni)**
 - e. Woman's Career Day, 3/18/13
 - i. Backlund and Farrell participating
 - f. Critical Issues Seminar, 4/25/13 [tentative]
 - i. *Congestion 2030: Planning for the Future*
 - ii. Panel will offer ideas and "solutions"

- iii. **Kessler** to check with some folks at Amtrak to see if they would like to participate as a panelist.
 - iv. **Gray** to reach out to Tim Haahs as a possible speaker and to assist Marc with possible venues for the event.
 - v. Marc and Eammon will send out a blurb to invite panelist (**Preim, Farley**)
 - g. STEM Night at McCalls School, 5/8/2013
 - i. Contact Backlund if you would like to participate (**All, as needed**)
 - h. Phillies Game, 8/21/13
 - i. South Jersey Branch YMF will be participating this year
 - ii. Mention in the secretary emails to the membership (**Sirianni**)
- 6) Potential Events
- a. Senior Internship Program with Conestoga High School, 5/6 – 5/31/13
 - i. Gray received an email today requesting his volunteer services to have a high school student shadow him between May 6th and May 31st. He cannot do this because he won't be in the area that week. Gray is asking if anyone else on the board would like volunteer to contact him. (**All, as needed**)
 - b. CANstruction 2013, Ongoing and build date is 4/12/13
 - i. Need corporate sponsorship, see if you companies can donate (**All**)
 - ii. Goal of about \$2,200
 - iii. Renfro is helping with the structural design
 - c. Construction tour, early to mid April, after 4pm on a Monday or Tuesday (TBD)
 - i. SR 95 Sec. GR1 tour (**Brown and Maakestad**)
 - d. South Jersey YMF Happy Hour, date TBD
 - i. Eno has ongoing coordination with Vito from the South Jersey Branch
 - ii. Location is set, in Haddonfield, NJ near PATCO station
 - e. Delaware Valley Science Fair, Wednesday, April 3rd
 - i. Looking for judges (see email from Jesse)
 - ii. Contact Jesse or Kazi if interested. (**All, as needed**)
 - f. Hassan brought the Facebook job posting discussion item to the table. The recommendation to allow our sponsors to advertise jobs on our Facebook page passed without dissent from any of the board members
 - i. Colello advised to handle the matter delicately. If job posting goes well, every company will want to participate and that will result in YMF constantly updating the facebook page.
 - g. Election Happy Hour, date TBD
 - i. Hassan asked Niki and Scott to start looking at potential dates and venue (**Eno, Cepietz**)
 - h. Section Board for next year
 - i. If interested contact Colello
 - ii. Timeline is as follows:
 1. March: Requests for consideration by the general membership are heard by the Section board
 2. April: The Section board makes recommendations
 3. May: Installation of new board members
- 7) Open Discussion
- a. Preim mentioned that the next Section dinner meeting is being hosted solely by the Section. He encouraged all the board members to attend.
- 8) Officer Reports
- a. Gray – nothing additional

- b. Sirianni – nothing additional
- c. Reigle – Money left over from the WS, good amount remaining for HHs, student outreach budget is over due to extra involvement this year.
- d. Cepietz – nothing additional
- e. Eno – nothing additional
- f. Preim – Need venue recommendations for CIS, contact him if you have any. **(All, as needed)**
- g. Brown – College trip → if you want to go let Brown know.
- h. Miller – Philabundance work day is going to happen. Probably Kensington location, they can handle groups of up to 50 at a time. Packing and moving food around, probably from 10:45am to 3:00pm, on a Saturday sometime in late March. Check Engineers Club Calendar **(Miller)**
- i. Maakestad – nothing additional
- j. Kessler – Created a list of awards that we can apply for and it will be uploaded to the eRoom **(Kessler)**
- k. Sedor – Send any WS pictures that you might have taken the night of the event. **Gray** to forward formal recap to Sedor.
- l. Nikolic – The FB page is up to 96 likes.
- m. Chrzan – nothing additional
- n. Colello – Thanks to the YMF for supporting HFH. May 4th is Gala at Franklin Institute. March Section meeting – get out there. April Section meeting will be at the Villanova Conference Center and will feature some of the technical groups. May not have Legislative Affairs Day this year because of the Governor's budget is where it should be.

The next board meeting will be set for late March. **Hassan** will send out the Doodle Scheduling invitation over the next couple weeks indicating the exact date options.

-The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm-