



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



**Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 2013  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** Pennoni Associates, Inc.  
3001 Market Street, Suite 200  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Attendance List:

Chris Gray, Drew Sirianni, Jen Reigle, Scott Cepietz, Niki Eno, Marc Preim, Eammon Farley, Kolleen Backlund, Colette Montague, Jon Miller, Zach Suralik, Stephen Maakestad, Amanda Kessler, Allie Sedor, Chris Renfro, Jeremy Chrzan, Jeremy Colello

Via telephone: Adrienne Nikolic

Guests: Michael Zettlemyer (Powell Trachtman), Meredith Lis (Pennoni Associates), Jeremy Pampuch (RK&K), Nha Troung (PWD), Cheau-Erl Lam (Drexel)

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

- 1) A few words from Colello:
  - a. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala is on Saturday night, from 6pm to 10pm
  - b. YMF did a great job this year, exceeded expectations.
- 2) Civil Engineering Club Balsa Wood Bridge Testing will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. All board members are invited to participate.
- 3) Update from Nikolic
  - a. ASCE Legislative Fly-In Event Recap
    - i. 2 day meeting in Washington, DC
    - ii. Met with elected officials
    - iii. Discussed 2013 ASCE infrastructure report card, highway funding issues, and dams.
    - iv. Recap to be posted to website (**Renfro**).
- 4) Meeting minutes from the March board meeting were approved. Minutes are to be posted in the eRoom (**Sirianni**), and published to website (**Renfro**).
- 5) Committee on Younger Members (CYM)
  - a. Board members are reminded to submit for the ASCE CYM Employer Recognition Award (**All, as needed**)
- 6) Section Update
  - a. Gala is on Saturday.
  - b. Habitat for Humanity, Camden (5/18/2013) needs 13 more volunteers, to-date 2 individuals have RSVP'd.
  - c. Camden Riversharks Game (6/8/2013), details forthcoming
  - d. Habitat for Humanity, Philadelphia (6/15/2013), details forthcoming
- 7) Past Event Recap
  - a. Chester A. Arthur School
    - i. Volunteers from the board are still needed to help, time commitment is generally from 3pm to 5pm Tuesday and Thursday
    - ii. Teacher made a test bridge. It was completed and tested.
    - iii. May 14<sup>th</sup> is the awards event and balsa bridge testing. It would be nice if some extra board members could make it out on this day.
  - b. I-95 Sec. GR1 construction project tour (Richmond Street relocation)
    - i. Kevin Brown ran the tour
    - ii. About 30 people in attendance, a lot of widener students included.

- c. CANstruction
    - i. 2,300 lbs of food acquired
    - ii. 14 teams competed
    - iii. No awards for the YMF, but it was a successful event
    - iv. The design was in the shape of a boxing glove
    - v. Several volunteers helped
    - vi. There was one “Can-tastrophe” at the event
  - d. Critical Issues Seminar
    - i. 45 attendees
    - ii. Overall very positive event, great location, found to be more desirable than past years at Elephant and Castle
    - iii. Recap to be written and sent out for website and social media (**Farley**)
    - iv. Website to be updated (**Renfro**)
  - e. Villanova University Visit
    - i. 27 students attended the YMFs informational session, mostly sophomores.
    - ii. Kevin Brown, Backlund, Gray, and Maakestad attended
  - f. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scavenger Hunt
    - i. Drexel, The College of New Jersey, and Temple competed. Drexel was this year’s winner.
    - ii. Great feedback from the students. Consider the event for upcoming year.
  - g. Philabundance Big Check Photo-op
    - i. YMF members were provided with a tour of the Philabundance Facility
    - ii. Miller reminded the Board that if we want to volunteer for Philabundance next year that planning needs to begin about 3-4 months before the desired date.
    - iii. Pictures will be uploaded to eRoom (**Hassan**)
  - h. Philadelphia Science Carnival (4/20/2013)
    - i. Various tents were setup for demonstrations in the areas of chemistry, general science, and engineering.
    - ii. Helicopter tour by others was a big draw for kids
    - iii. The Engineers Club of Philadelphia rotated a staff all day long
    - iv. Pictures to be uploaded with a recap to the eRoom (**Reigle**)
    - v. Website to be updated (**Renfro**)
  - i. Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference (4/20/2013)
    - i. Event was held at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
    - ii. Farley, Backlund, Renfro, and Chrzan attended and served as judges for concrete canoe and steel bridge.
    - iii. Recap is to be written up and uploaded to the eRoom (**Chrzan**)
    - iv. Website to be updated (**Renfro**)
- 8) Upcoming Events
- a. Engineers Club of Philadelphia Affiliate Society Leadership Summit (5/7/2013)
    - i. Being held at Pennoni’s office
    - ii. Hassan is attending on behalf of the YMF
    - iii. Any board member that would like to attend should contact Hassan (**All, as needed**)
  - b. STEM night at the McCall School (5/8/2013 5pm – 7pm)
    - i. Need one more volunteer, contact Backlund if you would like to participate (**All**). **Kessler** volunteered to assist.
    - ii. Doing a Balsa Wood bridge demonstration.
  - c. Election Happy Hour (5/22/2013)
    - i. Tavern on Broad in a private party room
    - ii. Half-priced drinks and free appetizers

- iii. Check budget with Reigle to make sure we don't go over (**Cepietz**)
    - iv. Add QR code to the flyer (**Cepietz**)
  - d. STEM Awards Night (5/29/2013)
    - i. KYW Studios
    - ii. 2 hour social, awards and tour.
    - iii. Trying to get teacher from Chester A. Arthur School nominated for award.
    - iv. Contact Hassan if you are interested in attending (**All**)
  - e. Phillies Game (8/21/13)
    - i. 23 RSVPs
    - ii. Tailgate details to be advertised after RSVPs closeout
    - iii. Remind the Delaware and South Jersey Section YMFs (**Eno**)
- 9) Potential Events
  - a. Central Jersey is planning a regional event at Six Flags
    - i. Cost will roughly be \$28 per person and \$15 per person for lunch
    - ii. Everyone is in agreement to participate.
  - b. Friends of the Wissahickon
    - i. Hoping for a late June event, shooting for 6/22/2013 or 6/29/2013. Coordinate with FOW (**Miller**).
  - c. Joint Happy Hour with South Jersey
    - i. At a bar near PATCO's Westmont Station, targeting end of June
    - ii. Coordinate with Vito of South Jersey Branch (**Eno**)
  - d. Amtrak Presentation
    - i. Lunchtime seminar, possibly on Amtrak Sustainability, check with Richard Lebron's availability. (**Kessler**)
    - ii. This event could fall under technical seminar budget (\$50 for lunch)
    - iii. Maybe at 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station or the Municipal Services Building
    - iv. Also considering lumping it in with a construction tour of 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station
  - e. Temple ASCE and ASHE event
    - i. Intelligent Infrastructure Systems (IIS) for bridge monitoring
    - ii. Pennoni's office is a possible venue
    - iii. Advertise to students only
- 10) Miscellaneous/ Open Discussion
  - a. Federation of Neighborhood Centers SEPTA Tour was cancelled by the Federation.
  - b. ASHE YMC Happy Hour at Rock Bottom on May 28<sup>th</sup>, rsvp by emailing Alexa Harper directly
  - c. 2013-2014 YMF Board Elections (5/22/2013 5:30-7:30pm at Tavern on Broad)
    - i. 8 new board member nominees
    - ii. 3 existing board members not returning next year
    - iii. Hassan thanked the current board for a great year and encouraged everyone to stay involved.
- 11) Officer Reports
  - a. Gray – ASCE national website recognized Chrzan
  - b. Sirianni – Constant Contact ® is a work in progress. ASCE Nationals is setting up our account. **Chrzan** to coordinate with **Sirianni** and **incoming 2013-2014 YMF Secretary**.
  - c. Reigle – Budget surplus is due in part to the great sponsorship we received for many of our events this year. Noted that fiscal year for YMF budget is from Oct-Sept which is offset from YMF board year which is June-May.
  - d. Cepietz – advertise the election happy hour (**All, as needed**)
  - e. Eno – nothing additional
  - f. Preim – nothing additional
  - g. Farley – nothing additional

- h. Backlund – nothing additional
- i. Montague – nothing additional; Forward college contacts list from Section to Montague for update (**Hassan/Gray**)
- j. Miller – Announced that he will not be running for a board position next year.
- k. Suralik – nothing additional
- l. Maakestad – Thanked all the folks that volunteered their time to help with CANstruction and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scavenger Hunt
- m. Kessler – Thanks everyone for being so responsive to her emails relative to newsletter write-ups.
- n. Sedor – Recommended that we try to expand our Twitter following next year. YMF Facebook page has 114 “likes”.
- o. Renfro – Announced that he will post revised officer descriptions to the website once **Chrzan** reviews **Hassan**’s draft.
- p. Chrzan – nothing additional

This is the last board meeting of the 2012-2013 Section calendar year; as such the next meeting will be set by the incoming YMF president.

-The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm-