



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



Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2006
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: DMJM Harris
260 South Broad Street, Suite 1500, Philadelphia

ATTENDEES

Jeremy Colello
John Federico
Vincent Chin
Jeremy Chrzan
Tze-wei Choo
Steve Gault
Christopher Shaeffer
Shivani Mahajan
Fred Vesce
Cathy Golata (via Phone Conference)

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- 1) Meeting Minutes from the October 26, 2006 Meeting were approved.
 - 2) Activities Updates
 - a) YMF
 - i) Scavenger Hunt Recap - Tze-Wei said that the event was a great success, with over 30 students attending. She and John recommended that this become an annual event.
 - ii) Newsletter Info – Fred provided an overview of the contents (Volunteer Event, Kildare’s Happy Hour, announcement of Winter Social, and Tze-Wei’s bio for the YMF Spot Light). John reminded the board to keep announcements brief, as there are space limitations in the newsletter. John also noted that Bob Wright is now working for Urban Engineers.
ACTION: John to forward Bob Wright’s new email to Fred
 - iii) College Student Chapter Meetings
 - (a) Temple (completed) - approximately 25 students attended this event.
 - (b) Villanova – *To be held at 305 Tolentine Hall at 6PM on December 12th*
Attendees will include Sherri or J. Colello, Mike Kissinger, and Cathy Golata
 - (c) Widener – *Joe (tentatively scheduled for Spring)*
 - (d) Temple – *Christa B., Sherri or J. Colell, John*
 - (e) Drexel – *Don, Chris, Jeremy Chrzan*
 - (f) Rowan – *Mike Wagner will get in touch with the SJ President (after getting contact info from Chris) to discuss whether or not the Philly YMF should be pursuing Rowan.*
 - (g) Swarthmore – *(TBD)*
 - b) Section
 - i) John informed the board that the next Section Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13 with SAME at the Philadelphia Airport Hilton. He encouraged anyone that is available that night to attend.

- 3) Upcoming Events/Programming
 - a) Volunteer Event with WRV: Saturday, December 2

At the time of meeting, Steve indicated that about 5-6 people have volunteered.
 - b) Happy Hour @ Kildare's: Wednesday, December 6

Cathy has arranged the 2nd floor of Kildare's and has already received over 20 RSVP's. She suggested that food choices include a vegetable platter, buffalo wings and chicken satay. The board agreed that this is a good selection.
 - c) Joint ECP/YMF Technical Meeting: January 10th and 24th

John informed the board about two meetings. The first one is on January 10th, topic is Engineering Aviation Arresting System. The second one is on January 24th, topic is the Proposed Development at the USPS Site at 30th St.
ACTION: Sharon to advertise these events to the YMF membership
 - d) NERYMC – Attendees, Skit: January 26/27

Board members attending are John, Mike, Don, Jeremy Colello, Dave and Vince. John informed the board that the Philly YMF will be conducting a short skit (Jeremy Colello will be impersonating a teapot). John informed attendees that they need to book rooms by the end of December.
ACTION: Attendees to inform John when they book rooms (including the price)
 - e) Winter Social Committee Update: Wednesday, January 31

The Winter Social will be held at Independence Brew Pub on January 31st. Joe Platt will set up a conference call in the upcoming week to distribute responsibility for the donation letters.
ACTION: Joe to set up conference call
 - f) Critical Issues Seminar Committee Update: March TBD

Chris informed the board that possible topics include Politics in Engineering (potential speaker - Eric Flicker of Pennoni), Environmental Sustainability (DVRPC and Spencer Finch of PEC), and Design/Build. Chris said that the next step will be to pursue speakers for these topics.
- 4) Potential Events
 - a) Construction Site Tour next Spring

There were no updates at this time, as Sheri was not present.
 - b) Habitat for Humanity in the Spring

Steve indicated that Habitat does NOT charge volunteers anymore. The deadline for volunteer applications is in mid-January.
ACTION: Steve will complete the application and pursue a date in the Spring. He will also ask about the maximum number of attendees – if the number is low, the YMF may want to schedule two weekends.
- 5) Officer Reports
 - a) Secretary (Vincent Chin / Mike Wagner)

Vincent indicated that all secretarial work is in place.
 - b) College Contacts Chair (Tze-wei Choo / Shivani Mahajan)

Shivani indicated that she will be on vacation through February and early March.
 - c) IT Chair (Jeremy Chrzan)

Jeremy recommended taking more pictures at all events and setting up a separate photo gallery on the YMF website. Tze-Wei and John also suggested adding a "Student Section," which would highlight student chapter presidents, list upcoming university activities, and post any other relevant student information.
ACTION: As time permits, Jeremy Chrzan should pursue adding a "Photo Gallery" and "Student Section" to the website
- 6) Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for **January 11, 2007** at HNTB's offices at **6 PM**.