



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



Date: Thursday, January 11, 2007
Time: 6:00PM
Location: HNTB
8 Penn Center, 7th Floor 1628 JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia

ATTENDEES

Jeremy Colello
John Federico
Don Gusic
Vincent Chin
Jeremy Chrzan
Cathy Golata
Steve Gault
Christopher Shaeffer
Shivani Mahajan
Sharon Perez-Suarez
Fred Vesci
Mike Wagner

REPRESENTING

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Outreach Coordinator/Community Service Chair
Professional Development Chair
College Contact Chair
Technical Groups Chair
Newsletter Editor
Assistant Secretary

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- 1) Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2006 meeting were approved.
 - 2) Activities Updates
 - a) YMF
 - i) Kildare's Happy Hour – John explained that the happy hour in Manayunk was a great success, with nearly 40 members attending, and did not exceed the budget.
 - ii) Technical Meeting Recap – Sharon shared information from the Airport Arresting System lunch and explained that there is another meeting being held on January 24th on Penn Connects: The University Plans for the Postal Service Lands. John encouraged YMF board members to attend.
 - iii) Newsletter Info – Fred said that the deadline for the February Newsletter is on January 19th. Content will include a member spotlight for Chris Shaeffer, recaps for NERYMC and the Technical Group meetings, and an update for the Critical Issues Seminar. It was also agreed that large events such as the Winter Social should be recapped after they actually occur to fully capture attendance, even if the recap has to wait until the next newsletter. **ACTION: FRED**
 - iv) CYM Awards – John described the available awards and said that the deadline is February 1st. Jeremy Chrzan thought that the website might be ready in time to submit that for the Best Website Award. **ACTION: JEREMY CHRZAN**

v) College Student Chapter Meetings – Tze-Wei was not at the meeting to discuss the progress but John spoke of the possibility of having the one at Widener in late February/early March.

b) Section

i) The next Section meeting is on Wednesday, January 17th at the Radisson Hotel in Valley Forge. Don said he would print out Winter Social fliers for the meeting and the sponsors who have already committed would be mentioned. **ACTION: DON**

3) Upcoming Events/Programming

a) Technical Meetings

i) Joint ECP/YMF Technical Meeting: January 24th, as discussed above.

ii) Sharon also expressed the interest in organizing a meeting on Brownfields and the board thought it would be a great topic. Sharon is going to ask the speaker about her availability and it was decided that it should be sometime around February 13th. The location will most likely be at the Municipal Services Building at 15th & JFK and cost approximately \$10 per head. Jeremy Colello will investigate the room's availability and look into food arrangements. **ACTION: SHARON & JEREMY COLELLO**

b) Future Cities: John explained the Future Cities Competition to the board and asked for volunteers for judging the day of the competition. The NERYMC conference is the same day, taking away a few available volunteers. Jeremy Chrzan tentatively volunteered. **ACTION: VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

c) NERYMC – John explained how this year's conference will be held in Princeton, NJ. Attending this year will be John Federico, Jeremy Colello, Joe Platt, Don Gusic, Vince Chin, and Mike Wagner. John, Jeremy and Mike will be doing a skit at the beginning on Ethics.

d) Winter Social Committee Update:

i) Don to get the flier to be ready by Monday, \$15 with RSVP or \$25 at the door. **ACTION: DON**

ii) Vince to get the e-mail out by Tuesday. **ACTION: VINCE**

iii) A conference call will be held shortly to finalize the menu. **ACTION: JOE**

iv) Assignments of the duties for the board members will be finalized. **ACTION: JOE**

v) Sheri will be responsible for coordinating the banner with logos. **ACTION: SHERI**

e) Critical Issues Seminar:

i) Chris talked about the idea of having the topic be "Politics in Engineering." Possible speakers include Eric Flicker of Pennoni and Richard Bickel of DVRPC. Chris has been looking into possible locations and explained that the two best options are the Public House and Drexel's campus. Drexel has several rooms available. Chris is going to look into different possibilities and share them with the YMF board. John also suggested Maggiano's and will look into their pricing. **ACTION: CHRIS & JOHN**

ii) ECP said that they would contribute money to this event. John said that he was going to ask for \$300 and see what their response will be. **ACTION: JOHN**

4) Potential Events

- a) Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Tour – Sheri was able to line up a tour of this construction project. The date is to be finalized but it will be sometime in April after 3:30pm when the workers are done. It was agreed that the week of April 17, 18 or 19th would work well. Fred suggested having a Happy Hour in the area directly following the tour, and it was agreed that this is a great idea. Suggested locations included World Café and New Deck Tavern. Sheri to finalize the details. **ACTION: SHERI**
- b) Outreach, Community Service –
 - i) John explained that Habitat for Humanity is out because they now require a \$2,500 donation for groups to volunteer their services.
 - ii) John suggested arranging another event with the Friends of the Wissahickon or WRV were in the Spring.
 - iii) Don brought up the possibility of working with Rebuilding Together. He asked if Steve ever looked into this group, and John wasn't sure. **ACTION: STEVE**
- c) Social Events in the Spring –
 - i) John suggested waiting until after the Winter Social before planning the Election Happy Hour or other events in the Spring so that we have a better sense of the remaining budget.
 - ii) Cathy suggested a Phillies game as a possible outing. It is easy to get tickets and there would be no cost to the YMF since each attendee would buy their own ticket. Cathy also suggested a tour of the Yard's Brewery in Philadelphia, which will be considered for future events.

5) Officer Reports

- a) College Contacts Chair – Shivani will distribute the Winter Social e-mail to the colleges. **ACTION: SHIVANI**
 - b) IT Chair – Jeremy Chrzan will post the Technical Group Meeting Flier and the Winter Social Flier on the website. He also mentioned that he has been monitoring website hits and will distribute the data to the YMF board. **ACTION: JEREMY CHRZAN**
- 6) Next Meeting date to be decided. It will most likely be held in late February at a local bar or restaurant.