



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



Date: Thursday, August 29, 2007
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: The Irish Pub (20th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia)

ATTENDEES

Joe Platt
Don Gusic
Jeremy Chrzan
Mike Wagner
Kazi Hassan
Cathy Golata
Guy DiMartino
Krista Pohl
Dave Petrucci
Drew Sirianni
Jennifer Pesch
Jeremy Colello

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- 1) Meeting Minutes of the July 11, 2007 meeting were approved.
 - 2) Activities Updates
 - a) YMF
 - i) M.Wagner presented an updated letter to the Board for the requested budget. This letter was similar to last year's letter. He also announced that we had paid this year's internet from the current budget, the critical issues budget was increased, and additional money was requested to send more people to ERYMC this year.
 - ii) YMF Spotlights – **ACTION:** K.Pohl agreed to send an email out listing those not yet featured in the spotlight.
 - b) Section
 - i) The Section held a retreat that J.Colello attended. 4 or 5 main goals for the section were outlined including an education program (with ECU's paid by ASCE), the 5-year plan, more student interaction, a self-sustaining YMF, and to continue the scavenger hunt. Dave Hanly may be moving to NY, so the YMF might take over the planning of this event with the budget coming entirely from the Section.
 - 3) Upcoming Events/Programming
 - a) Bowling event – at the time of the meeting, 14 people had RSVP'ed. **ACTION:** J.Chrzan agreed to send out another email.
 - b) Speaker for Joint Section / YMF Dinner – J.Chrzan had emailed a number of suggestions including Michael Nutter (J.Platt indicated the section was already attempting to get him as a speaker), John Matheussen (PATCO), Faye More (Septa), Dave Perry, Les Toaso (PennDOT), Clayton Lane (Philly Car Share). K.Hassan suggested his teacher from this EIT review course. Joe Synic was also mentioned.
 - i) **ACTION:** D.Gusic agreed to look for a contact for PATCO to pursue that avenue for a speaker. If that doesn't work out, we agreed to look into a Philly Car Share speaker.
 - 4) Potential Events
 - a) Professional Development – the PSPE wants to hold a joint meeting in Nov/Dec to build their membership. The topic would be "What it is to be an expert witness as a PE and what to expect". They wanted to do it in the evening out in King of Prussia. We discussed that this at least needs to be a happy

hour but no dinner would be served. We also discussed advertising this as a critical issues seminar and that if the event doesn't go well, we can still hold another critical issues seminar in March as planned.

- b) College Visits – WTS and EWC want to do some college trips. **ACTION:** J.Platt will forward information to College Contacts
- 5) ERYMC 2009
- a) Looks like the conference will be the 6th and 7th of February 2009. It was pointed out that this is likely Super Bowl weekend.
 - b) National wants to move the conference outside the city because they feel that the prices are too high in the city to obtain the necessary meeting space. They're thinking of holding it at the airport. Many Board members expressed concerns with this idea as it will make planning a nightmare. The Board suggested further research to make it happen in center city.
 - c) Fund Raising: J.Platt indicated that we'd need to do some fund raising to get enough money to hold the social events and ice breaker. Indicated that it could be in the ballpark of \$10-15,000 that we'd need to raise. Corporate sponsors will be important; National will forward a list of previous corporate sponsors as the event nears.
- 6) Open Discussion
- a) The Board was informed that the Independence Brew Pub has closed and as such we'll need to look for a new location for the Winter Social. J.Platt looked at McFadden's at the Stadium and said that it was reasonably priced but we still need to look at locations within the city that are close to public transit.
- 7) Officer Reports
- a) C.Golata – Come to the bowling event!
 - b) D.Sirianni – three people still have yet to send their photo/bio. **ACTION:** if you have not send in your bio and a photo, please do that ASAP.