



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



Date: November 5, 2008
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Pennoni Associates Office (30th and Market Streets, Philadelphia)

ATTENDEES

Don Gusic
Cathy Golata (phone)
Jeremy Chrzan
Mike Wagner
Katie Sohnly / Alex Sopin
Guy DiMartino / Kazi Hassan
Lindsey Glavin (phone)
Drew Sirianni
Jennifer Pesch
Chris Gray

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- 1) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting were not approved because Don Gusic did not compile them. He will endeavor to ensure that action items are addressed in the future.
 - 2) Motion was seconded and approved to write a letter on behalf of the YMF supporting past-president Joe Platt for a Young Engineer of the Year award.
 - 3) Discussed the potential of having a financial advisor come in to meet with our organization. Decided against this idea on the grounds that it would be better to pursue these issues on an individual basis. Given that there are an infinite number of financial advisors available to all of us, we were opposed to endorsing one person.
 - 4) FYI – The section meeting is November 18th... attend if you can.
 - 5) Wissahickon Clean-Up Recap: The event, held Oct. 25th, was a lot of fun and a big success. Six (6) Drexel students attended as well as five (5) officers. They focused their efforts on trail maintenance in conjunction with the Mountain Biking organization. Chris typed up a summary of the event for inclusion in the Section Newsletter.
 - 6) The Friend's School tour was not well attended; only five (5) people showed up. This was largely due to a collapse in advertising and simply not getting the word out to our members. The Friend's School has offered to lead another tour if we'd like, but we'll need to confirm that at least ten (10) people will attend. This will be considered for the future.
 - 7) Discussion of Potential and Upcoming Events:
 - a) Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC) – will hold a joint event / lunchtime seminar on December 9th. **Planning for this to occur in the MSB, but will hold at Pennoni Associates if rooms are unavailable at the MSB. Forward info to Drew and Jeremy ASAP for inclusion on website and in next email announcement.**
 - b) Adopt-A-Highway – Still no word from PennDOT
 - c) Philadelphia Spring Clean-up – **Will begin organizing for this now.** Planning for this to be our next service event of the year.
 - d) CanStruction – Chris is still following up on information for this event and will report more as he receives it.

- e) ASCE/EWB Joint Happy Hour – Our next happy hour will be planned as a joint event with EWB. **To be planned for the week of December 4th at a location within the city. Details forthcoming.**
 - f) DVGI Event – this is a construction competition which sounded relevant and of interest. **The college contacts agreed to pursue this as it is a student-based competition.** More info to come.
 - g) Winter Social
 - i) January 12, 2009, 5:30PM – 8:30PM, same food and beverage costs as last year.
 - ii) Will charge \$20 w/ RSVP and \$25 at the door. \$5/\$10 from each ticket will be earmarked as funding for ERYMC
 - iii) Raffle format will be 3 tickets for \$5 and an arm's length for \$10. We'll need to get tickets
 - iv) We will once again ask for gift cards and restaurant gift certificates, but we'll hold-off on sending letters until December 1st to avoid conflicts with our request for funding for ERYMC
 - v) **We'll advertise this event at the December 10th ASCE meeting**
 - vi) RSVP and donation tracking will be handled by Jeremy again this year.
 - vii) **Jeremy will email the flyer template and donation volunteer spreadsheet to Cathy**
 - viii) **Don will ask if we can put flyers on the table at the ASHE event**
 - ix) Request has been made to reword the flyer to indicate that the "Price includes alcohol, food, etc." rather than stating an open bar.
 - h) ERYMC
 - i) 11 People have expressed interest in going
 - ii) **Don will check if we can sell 50/50 tickets at the remaining ASCE meetings to raise funds**
 - iii) Cathy and Mike attended the Joint Jersey Meeting and identified roundtable discussion topics (marketing engineering services, EWB, etc.)
 - iv) Discussed the Friday night social event... will have a cocktail hour at the hotel and then bus people to D&B from 7-10.
 - v) Four (4) busses will be provided until midnight.
 - vi) We'll provide those over 21 with a list of local bars worth visiting
 - vii) Need to raise \$15,000 to help fund the event
 - (1) Section is donating some funds
 - (2) Have send out requests for donations from corporations
 - (3) Winter Social should raise approximately \$1000 in ticket sales for the event
 - (4) 50/50 raffles at ASCE dinners
 - (5) Looks like we're actually on-track with this and may not need to accept all of the funding that the Section could provide us. TBD.
 - viii) Questions still remain if we're going to have to hold an awards banquet. Everyone voted no on this but Nationals wanted to have it anyway. A survey sent out to perspective attendees indicated no interest in having this banquet.
- 8) Officer Reports
- a) Chrzan – Please get Drew and I announcements as early as possible and remind us if you don't see an email and web posting in a reasonable amount of time.
 - b) Wagner – Passed out budget report... we're on-track
 - c) Reigle – Went to the NKOTB concert.
 - d) College Contacts – currently setting up college visits. Widener University visit scheduled for Dec. 1st – Joe Platt and Guy will attend.
 - e) Drew – Needs event photos for web postings. Also requested that you write-up a brief event recap after events that you have planned for inclusion on the website.

Next meeting to be scheduled for the week of January 5th. **Don will request available dates from everyone shortly.**