



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



Date: November 16, 2009
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Urban Engineers – Philadelphia

- 1) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- 2) Chris, Kazi and Mike agreed to provide write-ups for the previous construction tour, happy hour, and networking event respectively. These are to be submitted to the Newsletter by 11/20.
- 3) Bowling event was recapped. Lots of Temple students showed up. The attendance list was lost; we need to be sure to keep track of that for all future events. Additionally, it was noted that we should no longer accept multiple rsvp's for people; everyone should have to rsvp individually. Based on this, we agreed to adopt the online rsvp system that Jeremy developed for the Section website; we agreed to eliminate the number of attendees section of that system.
- 4) Philly Cares event was recapped. 20 people attended for the YMF and were sent to the Wissahickon boy's and girls club where they did a lot of painting. The weather was less than desirable, but those that attended had a good time and were glad to help out.
- 5) Construction tour was recapped. The rain let-up and the tour was pretty well attended. They broke us into three groups for the tour and everyone agreed that \$5 was reasonable given the insurance requirements. We should keep that in mind for future events.
- 6) Happy Hour was recapped. 23 people attended. It was agreed that the location they provided for us was desirable because it's separated from the rest of the crowds, TV's are provided, and we had our own servers. Additional tables or stools would have been nice.
- 7) Effective Networking was recapped. We agreed that this event was beneficial for those who attended; however, a night-version should be offered to allow suburban employees to attend.
- 8) Section Dinner – We failed to bring the gift for the speaker for the previous dinner. We need to remember to ask the Section for the gift PRIOR to the meeting next year.
- 9) The PSPE, ASCE December and ASHE/ASCE January dinner meeting dates were mentioned to avoid conflicts and to notify members that they should attend.
- 10) It was agreed that we will advertise for the upcoming Engineer's Week events.
- 11) Adrienne attended the Engineer Your Life event on 11/15. She gave out all of the 300 flyers that had and said that it was a great event because so many students were interested in engineering. Approximately 13,000 people attended, so it's certainly something we should consider doing again.
- 12) Winter Social - Mike passed out the list of companies and asked for volunteers to get donations. We agreed to have a conference call the following week to sort it all out. We also noted that the cost per person increased \$1; however, we will not change our rates that we charge for the event. Date is set for January 25th.
- 13) Jeremy agreed to check with District 6-0 to setup the Traffic Management Center tour. It was agreed that he should check for Thursdays to coincide with thirsty Thursday happy hours.
- 14) College visits: These will begin after the start of term, i.e. anytime after January.
- 15) Outreach: Adrienne talked to some elementary schools about getting in to talk with them. More information to come.
- 16) Critical Issues topics are due. If you have any, please forward them to Dave.

- 17) CANstruction: three people have signed-up. We agreed to ask the general membership in our next email announcement. People should be coming up with ideas for a design so that we can figure out colors/number of cans at our next meeting. We also need to contact non-engineering companies for donations. Keep this in mind as you're out and about over the holidays.
- 18) Agreed to have a meeting in early January; send available dates to Cathy.
- 19) Please send your phone number to Cathy so that we can maintain an accurate phone list.