



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



Date: February 23, 2010
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Triumph Brewery - Philadelphia

- 1) In attendance: Cathy Farrell, Mike Wagner, Jeremy Chrzan, Chris Gray, Adrienne Nikolic, Angelo Waters, Stephen Maakestad, Jon Miller, Kazi Hassan, Chris Renfro, & Alex Sopin
- 2) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- 3) Winter Social was recapped. Raffle money was discussed. It was agreed to give \$250 to the Future City competition. The remainder of money raised is to be determined at next board meeting to go to either Philabundance as in prior years or to help Haiti relief given events earlier this year.
- 4) Several college visits were recapped including Drexel, Villanova, and Widener.
- 5) ERYMC was recapped; several ideas/suggestions to improve our section were provided from those who attended. A separate handout is included as part of these minutes.
- 6) Upcoming Professional Society events were reviewed. Update your calendars!
- 7) Cathy mentioned ski trip with North Jersey & Lehigh Valley sections on Feb. 27. While this is short notice, RSVPs are still being accepted.
- 8) A Temple visit is scheduled for 3/3/10 at 1PM. Cathy encouraged those working in the city to go during lunch.
- 9) Critical Issues event on Green Streets was discussed. Emphasis was placed on finalizing a date and location in order to advertise the event.
- 10) Canstruction was discussed. Chris Gray will provide Cathy with an update after 3/2/10 meeting with Canstruction team members.
- 11) The Phillies game was discussed and possible dates and rates were reviewed. Kazi outlined 4 options which he thought were the best options available. The board agreed to further pursue these options with preference towards the Dodgers game on 8/10/10. Coordination is needed with South Jersey and Delaware YMF to verify date and plan tailgate.
- 12) Potential Outreach events were discussed including the following:
 - a) School visits: St. Peters School; possible technical society visit to middle school (Future City); promote sciences to local schools (through UPenn); Conshohocken schools eliminated because they want frequent visits; Mathcounts participants
 - b) PWD - Storm Drain Marking Project to inform public "No Dumping, Drained to Rivers".
 - c) Habitat for Humanity: Build a House...Build a Dream. A donation is required similar to future cities and will be discussed at next board meeting.
- 13) Chris Renfro will investigate possible tour of Post Office Renovation or Cira South since High Steel is too far. Jeremy and Chris Gray may have contact info to assist in coordination.
- 14) There is a possible trail day with Friends of the Wissahickon in April since this event was well received in 2009. It was mentioned to try to coordinate date with student interest and avoiding finals week.
- 15) Alex mentioned that he is working with South Jersey to coordinate the "Red Goes Green" event. Details are forthcoming.
- 16) Lindsey noted to get articles to her for the newsletter. Young Engineer Social event and Canstruction blurb should be sent to Lindsey.

- 17) Social Networking was mentioned as a possible new board position/responsibility. This would include monitoring a Facebook page as another avenue for coordinating future events; also LinkedIn offers a group/association to further advocate our professional society.
- 18) During Open Discussion the following items were mentioned:
 - a) Create flyers for planned events! Dates need to be set ASAP. Coordinate flyers with Chris Gray, Jeremy, & Drew in order for adequate advertising/distribution.
 - b) Coordinate Happy Hour with construction Tour for March or April
 - c) A possible event for next year is a Dinner Etiquette event - Cathy will track down contact info from a past Villanova event
- 19) Next meeting is scheduled for 5:30PM, March 29 at Pennoni's Office (30th & Market Street, Philadelphia).