



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



**Date:** Monday November 11, 2010  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** Pennoni Assoc.  
3001 Market St., Second Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

## Attendance List

Mike Wagner, Jeremy Chrzan, Chris Gray, Kazi Hassan, Katie Berrillo, Jon Miller, Chris Renfro, Amin Ramli, Marc Preim, Alex Sopin, Scott Cepietz, Guy DiMartino, Bradley Sands, Drew Sirianni, Martin Zimany, Cathy Farrell

By Phone: Jen Reigle, Lindsey Glavin

Guest: Marie LaPosta (Drexel Student Chapter), Alex Stadel (Drexel Student Chapter), and Robert Belardi (Drexel Student Chapter)

- 1) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting on September 13th were discussed and approved.
- 2) Activities Updates
  - a) Recap of Past Events
    - i) Villanova College Visit (Kazi/Katie) 9/22/10: Great turnout with lots of questions. Katie noted that Kazi did a good job keeping the topic entertaining/interesting for the students.
    - ii) Bowling Event @ North Bowl 9/29/10: Over 30 people in attendance with only 6 students. The organizers are looking for creative ways to entice more students in future years. Event information was uploaded to the E-room.
    - iii) ASCE - Philadelphia Union Game 10/2/10: Alex, Chris R., & Cathy attended but noted that the event did not attract a large turnout, especially for those over 35 years old. Perhaps this was due to the event being on a Saturday.
    - iv) Gustine Lake Tour 10/6/10: About 20~25 people attended, about half of which went to the happy hour at Manayunk Brew Pub. Chris R. uploaded pictures to the E-room.
    - v) Greater Philadelphia Cares Day 10/16/10: Not a large turnout from the YMF (Stephen, Chris G., and member Richard Burrell). The group painted doors and door frames at an elementary school in University City. The event was for a good cause and the YMF should look to drum up more interest in future years.
- 3) Upcoming Events
  - a) YMF Events
    - i) Winter Social: The date has been selected for 1/24/11. Jeremy noted that Ladder 15 cost about \$15/person more than McGillan's. While Jeremy is still exploring other venues, he does not believe McGillan's pricing can be beat. Jeremy will be sending an email to the YMF board with responsibilities for board members to solicit donations.
    - ii) Boeing Facility Construction Tour: New target date for 2/2/11. Amin will follow-up with more details for the next meeting.
    - iii) Mid-Atlantic Student Conference Planning: The event will be held on Drexel's campus from 4/15-4/17. The student chapter is looking for head judges for Steel Bridge and Concrete Canoe competitions. The student chapter is looking for sponsorship to host the event; they are looking to have a networking social and creative ideas for funding the event. Drexel is looking to the YMF to help with advertising.
    - iv) Construction: Chris G. noted for any interested members of the Board to email him. Alex offered to help again. Likewise, the Drexel student chapter noted that they may be able to assist provided it does not conflict with the Mid-Atlantic Student Conference. Chris G. to reach out to Marc for possible contact information for where STV solicits sponsorship/donations for the event.
  - b) Section Events
    - i) Section Happy Hour at Great American Pub 11/18/10: ASCE looking to get the word out about this event. YMF Board to pass along to their respective companies.
    - ii) ASCE/SAME Dinner Meeting 12/1/10: Joint event at the Downtown Club. The event will host a topic on the Panama Canal.
  - c) Potential Events

- i) Swarthmore Visit: Katie is looking for a speaker. Topics are flexible, but interest seems to stem from Sustainable/Green discussions and/or Innovative/Unusual Architecture. Typical start time for presentation is 6:30~7:00pm. Email Katie if interested in speaking.
- ii) Temple COE Alumni/NSBE joint event: Possible joint event in March or May.
- iii) Construction Tour: Katie noted potential construction tour of SEPTA command center for early/mid December. Katie to send contact information to Chris R. and Amin R. to set up the event.

#### 4) Misc/Open Discussion

- a) Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year Election Representatives needed 11/18/10: TimHaahs was nominated for EOY. ASCE looking to get support from members for Tim.
- b) ASCE Scholarship Deadline is 1/31/11. ASCE looking to YMF to help get the word out about this opportunity.
- c) Future City Donation: The YMF donated \$250 last year and is looking to continue with donating to this event. The board agreed to discuss further at the next board meeting.
- d) Bylaws: No update at this time.
- e) Professional Development: Several ideas for professional development topics were noted including:
  - i) Natural Disaster Response w/ panel discussion (gov't sector vs. design professional vs. environmental, etc.). The board noted this could be better served as a Technical Meeting/Section Meeting topic.
  - ii) Mock-interviews
  - iii) Future Funding
  - iv) NY/NJ Tunnel project
- f) Guy noted that the Philadelphia ASCE YMF facebook page has attracted several followers. Also, the Twitter account of "Philly\_YMF" has been set up.
- g) Cathy to send Chris G. contact information for new Section members under 35 years old to include them on the YMF email list.

#### 5) Officer Reports

- a) Treasurer: Kazi noted that \$3,710 is the current budget after the last happy hour. The board has been approved for a \$3,850 budget.
- b) College Contacts: Katie's chair was messed up.

#### 6) Schedule Next Meeting

- a) Early January