



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



**Date:** Monday September 13, 2010  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** STV Inc.  
1818 Market St., Suite 1410  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-361

## Attendance List

Mike Wagner, Chris Gray, Kazi Hassan, James Graham, Angelo Waters, Stephen Maakestad, Jon Miller, Jen Reigle, Adrienne Nikolic, Chris Renfro, Amin Ramli, Marc Preim, Alex Sopin, Guy DiMartino, Drew Sirianni  
By Phone: Bradley Sands, Martin Zimany

- 1) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting on July 15th were discussed and approved.
- 2) Activities Updates
  - a) Recap of Past Events
    - i) Phillies Tailgate & Game (8/10/2010): Great turnout. It was mentioned that Paypal really helped the process and allowed YMF to gather money up front.
    - ii) Riversharks Game with South Jersey: Not a large turnout. It was mentioned that including whiffle ball in the future may help bolster attendance.
- 3) Upcoming Events
  - a) Villanova College visit (Kazi/Katie) (9/22/2010): Kazi to present I-95 CPR starting at 6:30PM. Jon is looking for interest from board to speak to other colleges.
  - b) Bowling (9/29/2010): Strikes was much more expensive than North Bowl. Board to pass the word along to their companies to help bolster RSVP/attendees.
  - c) ASCE Philadelphia Union Game (10/2/2010): Currently the Section has low RSVP's and needs to spread the word to bolster attendance.
  - d) ASCE Dinner Meeting (10/14/2010): Location in King of Prussia, Chris Gray to include as part of next email announcements
  - e) Gustine Lake Construction Tour (10/6/2010): Chris Renfro to send flyer to Chris Gray to include as part of next email announcement. Chris Renfro noted that extra hard hats, safety vests, & eyewear would be needed and requested Board to assist.
  - f) Boeing Facility Construction Tour (11/2/2010): Amin noted that Boeing has security requirements that must be verified by Boeing prior to the tour. Each attendee must provide proof of US citizenship, over 18 years old, drivers license, etc. Amin to follow-up with more details later this week.
  - g) Construction: Chris Gray noted for any interested members of the Board to email him.
  - h) Potential Events
    - i) ASCE Conference at Drexel (4/15/2010 - 4/17/2010)
      - (1) Drexel is looking for judges for the Student Chapter Competitions to be held at Cooper River Park in NJ.
      - (2) Drexel noted a potential Career Fair to occur on Saturday through Sunday
      - (3) Drexel looking to host a social on Friday night prior to the Career Fair at the Field House and has requested the YMF to organize.
      - (4) The event hotel is the Holiday Inn Express at 13th and Walnut.
      - (5) Email Chris Renfro with interest in judging or involvement with planning.
    - ii) Red Goes Green (9/22/2010): Tickets are \$10; goal is to collect cans at the game; Marc to send flyer with RSVP by 9/17.
    - iii) Tri-Venture Happy Hour: Martin noted that he is hoping to piggy-back this with the YES social to be organized by ECP as part of Engineers Week.
    - iv) Construction Tour at 40th Street Bridge (by the zoo). Chris Renfro targeting for around February 2011.
- 4) Misc/Open Discussion
  - a) It was noted that the board is looking for approval of the Bylaws at the Bowling event.

- b) Outreach: Angelo looking to set-up a winter event to possibly assist with mentoring at local schools.
  - c) Community Service: Stephen noted that he is looking for volunteers to help with Philly Cares Day (10/16/2010). Stephen to provide flyer to Drew & Chris to include as part of email announcements. Chris noted that he would like to include as part of the bylaws that each board member participate in at least 1 community service event during their term. Marc mentioned that STV participates in [weekly] community service events in the City and the YMF could possibly piggy-back.
  - d) College Visits: Jon has contacts for local colleges; including Drexel. The visit to Villanova is set; thanks Kazi & Katie. Jon noted that the visits are very interactive and students tend to ask more questions about the company you work for and your day-to-day work. Jon is looking for speakers at Drexel, Temple, Widener, & Swarthmore; email him if you are interested in speaking at any of these schools.
  - e) Professional Development:
    - i) Alex noted potential joint event with NSBE. Alex is attending the first calendar NSBE meeting on 9/18/2010.
    - ii) There may be interest in an earthquake response topic
    - iii) Another potential topic is the interview process (i.e. hold mock-interviews). Mike referenced ASCE.
    - iv) ASHE is talking about Act 44 funding (PennDOT district 6)
    - v) Lunch/Dinner etiquette classes - potentially a good networking opportunity. Chris Gray to follow-up with Cathy for potential contact info.
    - vi) Potential Construction Tour
  - f) Guy noted that the Philadelphia ASCE YMF facebook page has been set-up; encouraged board members to join.
  - g) The ASCE E-Room was discussed; Drew to set up a run-through for the process.
  - h) Drew & Martin encouraged everyone to send them updated bios & pictures to update the website.
  - i) It was agreed to make the Winter Social a priority for next meeting's discussions. The Board to consider venue locations (McGillan's vs. City Taphouse) and brace for letter distribution for donations.
- 5) Schedule Next Meeting
- a) Early November