



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



**Date:** Monday January 10, 2011  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** Triumph Brewery  
117 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA

## Attendance List

Mike Wagner, Jeremy Chrzan, Chris Gray, Kazi Hassan, Ben Bruening, Stephen Maakestad, Katie Berrillo, Jon Miller, Jen Reigle, Adrienne Nikolic, Chris Renfro, Lindsey Glavin, Scott Cepietz, Guy DiMartino, Martin Zimany, Cathy Farrell

- 1) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting on November 11 are pending approval. Chris G. will forward amendments including updates to the Critical Issues section. Approval sought from board via email.
- 2) Activities Updates
  - a) Recap of Past Events
    - i) Villanova College Visit (Jeremy): Great turnout with about 40+ attendees.
    - ii) Swarthmore Visit (Katie/Mike): About 8 or so attendees on 12/2/10; students were grateful to hear about real-life examples.
    - iii) SEPTA Control Center Tour: Great turnout to both the 12/8/10 & 12/15/10 tours. Interest was expressed to provide an additional (2) visits for late March.
- 3) Upcoming Events
  - a) YMF Events
    - i) ERYMC: Six attendees this year (Mike, Jeremy, Jen, Steve, Martin, & Katie). Inquired about Construction funding and how to get more students to out to events.
    - ii) Winter Social: About 50 people currently signed up. New announcement from Chris G. focusing specifically on Winter Social to remind people to sign up. Currently on 6 sponsors. Jeremy to send attendee list to the YMF to follow-up with people you know haven't signed up. RSVP deadline is 1/18/11. Cathy noted that we should count wristbands BEFORE event.
    - iii) Future City Competition: Jeremy, Jon, & Chris G. are signed up for 1/22/11. Chris G. will provide photos.
    - iv) E-Week - Young Engineers Social: Will be held at the Field House on 2/22/11. Cathy mentioned that support/RSVP would be great from the YMF since there are three board members (Cathy, Chris G., & Martin) involved with the organization of this event.
    - v) Boeing Facility Construction Tour: The date is set for 2/2/11. Amin has developed a flyer which is ready for distribution. Chris G. to include this as part of the email announcements. We will need to develop a forum for collecting driver's license information with the RSVP's in order to provide to Boeing. The tour will be limited to 30 people.
    - vi) Mid-Atlantic Student Conference Planning: YMF to check with the Section what will be allocated/extent of involvement at the next board meeting. Finalized flyer to be sent to Chris G. & Drew/Martin for distribution. Chris R. noted that about half of the judges slots are currently filled. Drexel will confirm the sponsorship for the Happy Hour/open bar vs. flat rate for attendees. Chris R. noted that Drexel is looking to get sponsorship outside of the YMF/Section if possible. Chris R. to provide a write-up to Mike.
    - vii) Construction: Chris G. noted that no details have been announced for the event. Interest in helping has been expressed from several board members, but given this event will be around the same time as the Student Conference, additional help may be needed. Please contact Chris G. if interested.
    - viii) Phillies Game: Jen/Adrienne noted that the date is set for 8/23/11 against the Mets. Jen/Adrienne to coordinate with the South Jersey & Delaware Sections. The ticket price of \$27 was noted to account for \$0.75 transaction fee by paypal. Last year tickets were sold for \$26. It was noted that advertisement for this game should occur after the Winter Social.
  - b) Potential Events
    - i) College Visits: Katie to contact Widener/Temple/Drexel to set up possible visits. Speakers wanted!

- ii) Temple COE Alumni/NSBE joint event: Martin noted that this event will occur towards the end of May. To avoid other events including the Critical Issues & Election Happy Hour, it was noted that May 19 may be a good date.
  - iii) Critical Issues: Several topics were discussed including
    - (1) Natural Disaster - noted that this was more of a technical/Section meeting topic
    - (2) Future Funding - noted that this topic has been overdiscussed recent
    - (3) State of Repair - Katie mentioned this as a topic; has some merit.
    - (4) Failed NJ/NY Tunnel Project - Possible panel discussion including design professional/politician/transit
    - (5) NE Corridor Transit Project - Gannett very involved from different areas of expertise (geotech, rail, survey, etc.)

It was agreed that we should look to pursue the best speakers/best presentations for these topics for consideration of the final topic selection. Target date for Critical Issues is ideally in late March, but understanding other events, this could also be in late April.
  - iv) Outreach: No update
  - v) Construction Tours: Several additional locations were noted including
    - (1) 40th Street Bridge by the Zoo
    - (2) Ben Franklin Bridge - Contact Bob Wright for possible information
- 4) Misc/Open Discussion
- a) ASCE Scholarship: Katie/Jon to reach out to contacts including faculty advisor & student chapter president from each college.
  - b) Bylaws: Mike/Jeremy to bring copies for the Winter Social
- 5) Officer Reports
- a) Vice President: Jeremy noted to invite your friends to the Winter Social.
  - b) Treasurer: Kazi noted that \$2,575 is the current budget.
  - c) Community Service Chair: Stephen noted that he is looking to set up another Wissahickon Trail Maintenance in the Spring as this has been successful in the past.
  - d) Social Chair: Baseball!
  - e) YMF Newsletter Editor: Next due date for articles is after the next Section meeting. Provide a write-up on the Winter Social
  - f) Social Media: Include facebook url in Secretary email signatures. Chris G. to work with Martin for assistance.
  - g) IT Chair: Katie, Jon, Scott, & Ben to be given E-Room access. Any other board members without access to the E-Room should contact Martin.
  - h) Past President: Cathy provided an event flow chart (she's always so organized!). Cathy expressed the need to take photos during events and to get them to Social Media & IT to market.
- 6) Schedule Next Meeting
- a) TBD via email