



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



**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2011  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** Urban Engineers.  
530 Walnut Street, 14th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

## Attendance List

Jeremy Chrzan, Kazi Hassan, Chris Gray, Drew Sirianni, Stephen Maakestad, Alex Sopin, Jesse Gormley, Colette Montague, Jen Reigle, Eammon Farley, Marc Preim, Zach Suralik, Lindsey Glavin (via phone), Jon Miller, Scott Cepietz (via phone), Chris Renfro, Mike Wagner

- 1) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting on June 30 were approved.
- 2) Previous Action Items
  - a) Board Member Profiles (handout) - Send updates to Chris Renfro.
  - b) E-Room resources - New board members to be given access by Chris Renfro.
  - c) Philabundance Donation (Winter Social/Phillies Game Refunds) – Pennoni will donate \$100 towards the cost of supplies.
- 3) Activities Updates
  - a) Phillies Game - Jen noted that the Phillies game on 8/23 had a good turnout as usual. 108 tickets were sold and \$179 was raised in donations for Philabundance.
- 4) Upcoming Events
  - a) Career Development Seminar (10/6) - Engineer Your Own Success - Need to advertise for this event. Lindsey to develop flyer and forward to Chris R. to post on website.
  - b) Welcome Back Bowling (9/28) - Jen to pull flyer together and forward to Chris R. to post on website
- 5) Potential Events
  - a) Philly Cares Day (10/22) - Jeremy noted this could be a joint event between Pennoni/YMF. Alex to pull flyer together and forward to Chris R. to post on website.
  - b) Student Outreach Program - Jeremy noted that we're making progress and will follow up with the outreach coordinators to ensure we stay on track. Ideas from the last meeting included the following:
    - i) Looking to gear lesson plans/activities to be in line with a specific grade.
    - ii) Focus on elementary and middle school levels.
    - iii) Recommend we try reaching out to principals and not just teachers
    - iv) Getting involved with ACE mentoring program.
    - v) Contact Adrienne if interested in participating in Outreach.
  - c) Construction Tour Ideas - the following ideas were discussed:
    - i) Route 29 on ramp - To be scheduled sometime between Oct. 30 and Nov. 12. Avoid conflict with ASHE meeting. Possible joint Happy Hour (Jen/Marc to coordinate).
    - ii) Schuylkill River Tour - To be scheduled sometime between Oct. 30 and Nov. 12. Possible joint Happy Hour (Jen/Marc to coordinate).
    - iii) Boeing Tour - Marc noted that scheduling for sometime in early February may offer the least amount of conflict. Also, 3 weeks notice is needed by Boeing with RSVP and security requirements.
    - iv) Brown Bag lunches - Contact Marc with any ideas for possible brown bag lunch seminars.
  - d) Happy Hour - Possible joint HH with upcoming construction tour.
  - e) Winter Social - Date is set for Jan. 30, 2012. Locations discussed included City Taphouse, Landmark, & McGillan's. It will be tough to be the competitive pricing at McGillan's. Target attendance between 125 and 175 people.
  - f) Construction - Alex willing to lead the effort this year. Chris G. recommended collecting monetary donations in lieu of can donations to streamline can collection efforts and have consistency in the design.
  - g) Monte Carlo event - Mike mentioned an event will happen this Friday and it might be good to sit in and get some ideas on running a similar event.
  - h) Friends of the Wissahickon - Alex noted that their build-out events are typically on Wednesday evenings, but will look to see if this could be moved to a Saturday if a large enough group attends.

- 6) Misc/Open Discussion
  - a) Topic and Presenter for Section Meeting (11/17) - Jeremy noted Joe Syrnick will be presenting.
  - b) ERYMC (1/20 & 1/21) - Nashville, TN - Email Jeremy if interested in attending.
  - c) Budget Request - Event scheduling around end of budget year - Drew recommended to wrap up events by September.
  - d) Committee on Younger Members - Jeremy is running for 2012-2013 term. Jeremy to send invite for CYM newsletter.
  
- 7) Officer Reports
  - a) Secretary: Chris G. to send email announcement for upcoming events once website is updated with flyer information.
  - b) Outreach Coordinators: Jeremy to follow-up on status.
  - c) Community Service Chair: Alex to let us know about the FOW event.
  - d) College Contacts: Jesse/Collette to forward emails to student chapters.
  - e) South Jersey Liaison: Jeremy to forward contact information to Zach.
  - f) YMF Newsletter Editor: Jeremy noted newsletter was updated and forwarded.
  - g) Social Media: Jon requested that Jesse/Collette ask what/how students use facebook/twitter or other social media as an effective means of communicating. Have they had success?
  - h) IT Chair: Chris R. reminded everyone to send him event flyers.
  
- 8) Schedule Next Meeting
  - a) Jeremy to send email invite via "Doodle"