



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



Date: Monday, December 5, 2011
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: STV
1818 Market Street, Suite 1410
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Attendance List

Jeremy Chrzan, Kazi Hassan, Drew Sirianni, Stephen Maakestad, Jen Reigle, Colette Montague, Jen Reigle, Marc Preim, Adrienne Nikolic, Lindsey Glavin, Scott Cepietz, Eammon Farley, Chris Renfro, Bradley Sands, Zach Suralik, Mike Wagner, Cathy Farrell

- 1) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting on September 20th were approved.
- 2) Previous Action Items
 - a) Board Member Profiles - Zach sent photo – Chris R. to post on YMF website.
 - b) Reminder: Organizers of events should upload short recap of events and any photos to the E-Room
 - c) ERYMC (1/20-1/21 in Nashville) Volunteers were selected: Hassan, Miller, Sopin, Reigle and Chrzan. If you were not aware of this upcoming conference but are really interested in attending, let Jeremy know and he may be able to work something out with the Section. Kazi mentioned that if there is any specific information that you would like to obtain from ERYMC, let one of the attendees know.
- 3) Activities Updates
 - a) Welcome Back Bowling event (9/28) was held at Pep Bowl in South Philadelphia. There was not a large turnout but the alley had plenty of lanes and was fairly inexpensive to rent out for the two hours. Low attendance may have been a result of late advertising of this event and it was mentioned that there may have been a Drexel Student event the same night.
 - b) The Career Development Seminar (10/6) - at Elephant and Castle was well attended. Anthony Fasano provided a good summary of the key points in his book "Engineer Your Success".
 - c) McCall School Student Outreach (10/14) - Adrienne gave a presentation on "Engineering Clean Drinking Water" to 7th graders. The presentation was a success and offered a "hands on" experience for the students by doing a coagulant/sand filter experiment.
 - d) Philly Cares Day (10/22) - A small group of ASCE members joined a few other groups to help by street sweeping, painting curblines, and painting house numbers.
 - e) Route 29 Slip Ramps Tour (11/1) – Approximately 25 people attended the tour in Malvern. The construction manager and the design manager were there to give their own perspectives on the project and served as knowledgeable tour guides.
 - f) Wissahickon Structures Restoration (11/5) – about 10 members attended this successful event which also involved trail clearing/clean up.
 - g) Schuylkill River Trail Tour (11/15) – About 60 people attended the tour and the happy hour afterward was well attended. We should endeavor to have the design engineer on-site for future tours.
 - h) College Outreach – Villanova (11/16) and Temple (11/30) student talks were well attended and successful. Students had plenty of good questions.
- 4) Upcoming Events
 - a) The Winter Social will be held at McGillin's on Monday 1/30/12.
 - i) Kazi finished the flyer and will send the deposit to McGillin's.
 - ii) A sign in sheet was passed around to help solicit donations for the raffle from local firms.
 - iii) ASCE will advertise this event at the ASHE meeting in January.
 - iv) The YMF will have one meeting before the Winter Social sometime in January.
 - v) Chis R. will post this event on the YMF website and Jeremy will post the event on the Section website.
 - b) Drexel Student Talk will be on 1/9/12 if any are interested in joining. Colette and Jesse will give presentations.
 - c) CanStruction will be held sometime in April. Alex is leading CanStruction this year. We should make sure that we don't miss the application deadline.

- 5) Potential Events
 - a) ASCE Nationals has asked the YMF to pilot an engineer's program with the Bucks County Technical High School. Jeremy will attend an upcoming meeting to kick-off the program and Adrienne will help with the student outreach.
 - b) Boeing Tour – Marc noted that this will likely be pushed back to the late Spring when the weather is warmer.
 - c) Jeremy mentioned that the YMF may have a happy hour in late February and recommended that the board consider a location in the suburbs where there is public transportation from the city. Conshohocken or Manayunk may be ideal locations.
 - d) The Board discussed a few other possible construction tour ideas including:
 - i) Walt Whitman Project
 - ii) Boardwalk extension to the Schuylkill River
 - iii) Ben Franklin Bridge
 - e) Phillies tickets group packages will go on sale in early January.
- 6) Misc/Open Discussion
 - a) Sign up for the section mailing list if you haven't already.
 - b) Jeremy was appointed as Corresponding Member of the CYM which involves coordinating with all of ASCE Region 2.
 - c) Jeremy mentioned that there is a Delaware Section YMF. While the Delaware Section (based in Wilmington) is active, the YMF has dwindled to one member. The board should consider including the Delaware Section in future events such as happy hours.
 - d) The CYM Specials Awards nominations are due 12/16/11.
 - e) Future Cities Competition is coming up and they still need volunteers.
 - f) Congratulations to Marc Preim on his engagement!
- 7) Officer Reports
 - a) Treasurer: Drew mentioned that there is a small budget surplus from the bowling event.
 - b) College Contacts: Jesse/Collette have two more college visits in the Spring.
 - c) Technical Groups Chair: Marc is looking for a presenter for a lunchtime seminar. Board members should check with their coworkers to see if they are interested in presenting.
 - d) South Jersey Liaison: Jeremy to forward contact information for Delaware YMF to Zach.
 - e) Professional Development Chair: Lindsay mentioned that she is looking for ideas for the April Critical Issues Seminar.
 - f) YMF Newsletter Editor: Jeremy noted that James sent the CYM newsletter out.
 - g) IT Chair: Chris R. will update college contacts and post Zach's photo on the website.
- 8) Schedule Next Meeting
 - a) Jeremy to send email invite via "Doodle". Meeting will be sometime in January a few weeks before the Winter Social.