



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



Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Time: 4:15 PM
Location: Great American Pub
123 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428

Attendance List

Jeremy Chrzan, Kazi Hassan, Drew Sirianni, Chris Gray, Stephen Maakestad, Jen Reigle, James Graham, Eammon Farley, Cathy Farrell, Lindsey Glavin, Scott Cepietz, Zach Suralik, Ben Bruening, Bradley Sands, Jesse Gormley, Kolleen Backlund

- 1) Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting on January 23, 2012 were approved.
- 2) Recently Completed Activities
 - a) Winter Social (1/30) – (Hassan)
 - i) The Winter Social was very successful with a record turnout (199 attended).
 - ii) Paypal was used by about half of attendees. It is helpful but there is a surcharge.
 - iii) Kazi noted that going through the recaps of past Winter Socials helped plan for this years.
 - b) Engineering Girl’s Camp, Widener University (2/4) – Adriene Nikolic is doing outreach at Widener University. This involved running two water treatment laboratories with about 290 students.
 - c) Conestoga High School Career Day (2/27) – Chris Gray visited 10th and 11th graders at the high school in Wayne, PA and gave a 1 hour PowerPoint presentation. Chris noted that this is a good template for future presentations if anyone is interested.
 - d) McCall’s Women’s Career Day (3/26) – Adriene Nikolic and Cathy Farrell presented to 6th graders and 8 graders. In addition, Adrienne did a classroom visit to the McCall School.
 - e) Engineer’s Club Student Outreach Effort – It is noted that the ASCE Philadelphia Section donated \$1,000 to spearhead a newsletter that will be sent to 6-12 year olds.
 - f) Region 2 Assembly – Jeremy Chrzan and other ASCE Section Board members met in Reston, VA for the Region 2 assembly.
- 3) Upcoming Events
 - a) Following the meeting there will be a Happy Hour at the Great American Pub in Conshohocken.
 - b) Canstruction – Chris Gray provided an update on Canstruction including summary of donations, design theme “Hope for the Hungry” and future planning meetings. The test build is planned for April 25th at Pennoni and Associates.
 - c) Boeing Tour will be held on April 17th. Marc Preim may add a tour on the 18th if the first tour is booked and others are still interested.
 - d) Technical Seminar – a lunch seminar on Intelligent Infrastructure Systems will be held sometime in the summer.
 - e) Critical Issues Seminar – Several topics were discussed for the Critical issues seminar. It looks like the topic will be “Spanning Generations in the Engineering World” with civil engineering panelists at all different levels in their career. It will be held one evening during the week of 4/30 at the Elephant and Castle as it has been in previous years. There is \$600 budgeted for this event.
 - f) Phillies Game – The Phillies will play the Braves on August 8th. ASCE purchased a block of 150 tickets that will sell for \$17 each. 124 tickets remain to be sold.
 - g) McCall STEM Day - Contact Adrienne Nikolic if interested in helping with this event in May.
 - h) Discovery Day, Philadelphia Science Festival - Adrienne will be helping with this event on April 29th.
 - i) The ASCE Philadelphia Section Spring Social will be held on May 18th at the Waterworks Restaurant and Lounge.
 - j) Drexel Outreach - Jesse & Kazi will be setting up in April.
- 4) YMF Potential Events

- a) At the Region II Assembly, there was discussion of having a large regional event in Philadelphia next summer. This gathering could involve several different functions over the course of one or more days. Some ideas such as camping, softball, hiking, community service and bowling were suggested for the event. This event will require sponsorship from the Section.
 - b) The YMF will hold the Elections Happy Hour on Wednesday, May 30th at the City Tap House in West Philadelphia.
- 5) Misc / Open Discussion
- a) All those interested should think about what position they would like for next year. The executive board including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are elected positions. The official election status begins in June.
 - b) Discussed ASHE YMF and possibly hosting more events in suburbs.
- 6) Officer Reports
- a) Vice President (Kazi Hassan) – Kazi planning to visit Swarthmore College
 - b) Secretary (Chris Gray) – Chris gave a presentation at Temple University where he described what his career and job responsibilities entailed.
 - c) Treasurer (Drew Sirianni) - none
 - d) Assistant Secretary (Stephen Maakestad) – Steve suggested that a golf outing be considered for the ASCE Regional event if it is located in Philadelphia next summer.
 - e) Outreach Coordinator (Adrienne Nikolic, Ben Bruening, Bradley Sands) – Brad met with students at Plymouth Whitmarsh High School in Wayne for "Shadowing Engineer" experience. Brad also suggested offering P.E. practice test for members.
 - f) Community Service Chair (Alex Sopin) - none
 - g) College Contacts Chair (Jesse Gormley, Colette Montague) - College visits being planned. May 16th talk on Project Management at Swarthmore College.
 - h) Social Chair (Jen Reigle / Eammon Farley) – Eammon mentioned that the Election Happy Hour will be during the week following Memorial Day.
 - i) Technical Groups Chair (Marc Preim) - none
 - j) South Jersey Liaison (Zach Suralik) - none
 - k) Professional Development Chair (Lindsey Glavin) - none
 - l) YMF Newsletter Editor (James Graham) – James asked that board members send summaries of their events once completed.
 - m) Social Media (Jon Miller, Scott Cepietz) – Scott will post the Phillies game event information on Facebook.
 - n) IT Chair (Chris Renfro) - none
 - o) Mentors (Mike Wagner, Cathy Farrell) – Cathy mentioned that ASHE is considering starting a Younger Members Group to accommodate the transportation engineers in the suburbs (King of Prussia area) of Philadelphia. Cathy also reminded the board to be sure their membership dues are up-to-date.
- 7) Schedule Next Meeting - TBD after election Happy Hour.