



American Society of Civil Engineers
Philly Section Younger Member
Forum
Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Monday, March 25, 2013
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: STV, Inc.
1818 Market Street, Suite 1410
Philadelphia, PA

Attendance List:

Marc Preim, Jon Miller, Allie Sedor, Stephen Maakestad, Eammon Farley, Kevin Brown, Jeremy Chrzan, Chris Gray, Niki Eno, Jen Reigle, Jesse Gormley, Amanda Kessler, Kazi Hassan, Drew Sirianni

Via telephone: Adrienne Nikolic, Scott Cepietz, Kolleen Backlund

Guests: Chrissy Katz (Temple University), Rudy Ranjo (Temple University), Pete Bamford (Temple University), Nha Troung (Philadelphia Water Department), Skylar Leach (Temple University), Andrew Bechtel (The College of New Jersey), Kevin Sikali (Temple Univ. - ASCE President)

Responsibility for action items is indicated by **bold type**

- 1) Critical Issues Seminar
 - a. Speakers are: Timothy Haahs, Richard Lobron, Donald S. Shanis, Ph.D., Andrew Stober
 - b. Need to come up with questions for the topic “Congestion 2030”, board members should forward ideas to Preim (**All**)
 - c. ASHE and MASITE are contributing \$200 each
 - i. Forward confirmation emails to Jen (**Farley**)
- 2) Meeting minutes from the February board meeting were approved. Minutes are to be posted in the eRoom (**Sirianni**), and published to website (**Renfro**).
- 3) Committee on Younger Members (CYM)
 - a. YMF newsletter was submitted by Kessler
- 4) Section Update
 - a. Next dinner meeting is on April 11th at the Villanova Conference Center, this is not part of Villanova University.
 - b. 100th year scavenger hunt is set for April 27th. See website for registration information.
 - c. Habitat for Humanity, May 18th in Camden, Ruben David is coordinating with Hassan
- 5) Past Event Recap
 - a. Chester A. Arthur School
 - i. Gormley has been coordinating extensively with the school.
 - ii. Volunteers from the board are still needed to help, time commitment is generally from 3pm to 5pm Tuesday and Thursday
 - iii. Trying to get funds for demonstrations and speakers. **Gormley** to develop draft breakdown of costs for Hassan review.
 - iv. May 14th is the awards event and balsa bridge testing. It would be nice if some extra board members could make it out on this day.
 - b. Boeing Tour
 - i. It was like two tours in one because the group got to see the process involved in building the aircraft as well as the ongoing construction of the complex itself.
 - ii. About a dozen attendees
 - iii. Recap has been posted to eRoom. **Renfro** to update past events page on the website.
 - c. Women Career Day at the McCall School

- i. Two dozen women professionals participated, Backlund was the only one with a technical background
 - ii. Backlund presented PowerPoint slides on the topic of geotechnical engineering
 - d. Joint Happy Hour with PSPE
 - i. 3 speakers that covered 2 engineering projects and 3D laser scanning technology
 - ii. Good food, good venue (Sligo, Media, PA)
 - iii. Recap and lessons learned were posted on the eRoom.

6) Upcoming Events

- a. Federation of Neighborhood Centers, SEPTA Tour
 - i. Rescheduled to April 3rd due to previous snowfall event
 - ii. Board members are to let Hassan know if they would like to attend as there are a few extra open spots **(All)**
- b. SR 95 Sec GR1 Construction Tour (4/8/2013 4:30 pm)
 - i. Need extra safety vests, if possible board members that are attending are being asked to see if their companies will loan any extra vests they might have **(All)**
 - ii. Currently 18 RSVPs
- c. STEM night at the McCall School (5/8/2013 5pm – 7pm)
 - i. Need volunteers, contact Backlund if you would like to participate **(All)**
 - ii. Take pictures
- d. Phillies Game, 8/21/13
 - i. South Jersey Branch YMF has confirmed they will split the tailgate cost and offer volunteers to help
 - ii. Waiting for confirmation from the Delaware Section YMF before starting flyer **(Hassan)**
 - iii. Include a chance to win 2 Free tickets by liking us on Facebook. **(Eno)**

7) Potential Events

- a. Friends of the Wissahickon
 - i. Hoping for a late April/early May event
 - ii. Miller has emailed the Friends of the Wissahickon, waiting for response
- b. Philly Cleanup Day (4/13)
 - i. Chrzan will be working on the block that he usually cleans in Kensington; the YMF is more than welcome to participate.
- c. CANstruction
 - i. Doing a boxing glove design, theme is to “punch out” hunger
 - ii. Need monetary donations, so far about 50% of the goal amount is raised
 - 1. A few companies said they will donate, but didn’t receive the check yet. We should follow up with all the companies **(Maakestad)**
 - iii. Campbell’s has confirmed donation
- d. Election Happy Hour
 - i. Location ideas: Tavern on Broad (too hot), Black Sheep, City Tap House, upstairs at McGillins. Discussed pro’s and con’s of each venue. Upstairs at McGillin’s seemed to be most appropriate first option followed by City Tap House as alternative.
 - ii. Shooting for the week of May 20th (before Gray goes on vacation...also Memorial Day is 5/27). If must push to the following week, will consider joining Gray in North Carolina on his vacation to have the election happy hour. Begin research of viable locations for happy hour in NC in case this contingency comes to fruition **(Gray)**. Gray suggests the Froggy Dog restaurant in Cape Hatteras.

- e. Joint Happy Hour with South Jersey
 - i. Sometime in June
 - f. College Contacts speaking
 - g. Philadelphia Science Fair
 - i. Student Workshop Demos with Susan Best and the Engineer's Club (April 20th, 2013 - 11pm to 4pm)
 - 1. For elementary level students and parents
 - 2. Legos and K-nex are popular demonstration materials
 - ii. Reigle is volunteering
- 8) Miscellaneous/ Open Discussion
- a. 2013-2014 YMF Board Elections
 - i. Send your top 3 board position choices to Hassan if you're interested (**All**)
 - ii. Recruit new members for next year's board (**All**)
 - iii. Need officer description document in Word format to make some revisions. **Chrzan** to upload to eRoom.
 - b. CivE club info to be added to next newsletter to CYM (**Kessler**)
 - c. Temple may assist with CivE club next year
 - d. Temple community service
 - i. Building a shed and garden, could use some help.
 - ii. Date is still TBD
 - e. Get CivE club onto Engineers Club of Philadelphia Student Outreach website. **Hassan** to coordinate with Susan Best.
 - f. Constant Contact ®
 - i. Chrzan suggest that the YMF experiment with, and ultimately utilize Constant Contact to distribute emails to the general membership.
 - ii. Preim indicated that the Section would like the YMF be the Constant Contact pilot program.
 - iii. Hassan made a motion to have the YMF explore Constant Contact with a goal for **Sirianni** to get a test email out to the *board members only* before our next board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - iv. **Chrzan** and **Sirianni** to coordinate setting up the Constant Contact account through ASCE Nationals.
 - g. Temple BBQ/picnic
 - i. Likely to be scheduled for next fall
 - ii. The YMF agreed to assist with advertising the event.
- 9) Officer Reports
- a. Gray – nothing additional
 - b. Sirianni – nothing additional
 - c. Reigle – ~\$2,500 remaining
 - d. Cepietz – nothing additional
 - e. Eno – nothing additional
 - f. Preim – nothing additional
 - g. Backlund – nothing additional
 - h. Gormley – Future City Competition planning meeting coming up soon. Folks that volunteered in the past should expect to see an email from Gormley soon asking for suggestions based on their past experience at Future City.
 - i. Brown – nothing additional
 - j. Miller – nothing additional
 - k. Renfro (via Hassan) – nothing additional

1. Chrzan – nothing additional

The next board meeting will be set for late April. **Hassan** will send out the Doodle Scheduling invitation over the next couple weeks indicating the exact date options.

-The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm-