



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS PHILADELPHIA SECTION YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM



ASCE YMF BOARD MEETING #7

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Michael Baker | 1818 Market St. | Suite 3110

Attendees: Nha Truong, Jesse Gormley, Joe Natale, Eammon Farley, Kevin Brown, Lindsay Chateauvert, HuYoung Kim, Tim Abel, Jake Nichols, Nick Kirn, Kevin Walsh, Assunta Daprano, Katrina Lawrence, Caroline Voigtsberger, Dennis Wilson, Scott Cepietz, Lauren Davenport, John Doyle, Ajin Fatima

Telephone: Charlie Mumford

MINUTES

1) Administrative

- a) Approval of meeting minutes #5 dated January 8, 2018
 - i) Motion to approve minutes from Board meeting on January 8, 2018.
 - (1) MOTION: Farley
 - (2) SECOND: Natale
 - (3) DISCUSSION: None
 - (4) RESULTS: Passed unanimously
 - ii) Minutes from the Board meeting on January 8, 2018, are approved.
- b) Planning Overview
 - i) Truong reviews the upcoming events and reminds Board to continue using the sheet.
- c) Budget FY2017-18
 - i) Natale reports that there are no major updates besides the allotted travel budget was used for ERYMC. He requests that people needing reimbursement submit receipts on a rolling basis rather than stockpiling them.
- d) Communications Committee Updates
 - i) Gormley reminds the group that an email blast is scheduled for next Wednesday (2/28) and says a call for content will go out tomorrow (2/22) morning. He adds that the Communications Committee will be meeting next month with a focus on compiling best practices and areas for improvement for the 2018-19 Board, and suggests that he, Wilson, and Mumford collect and review available metrics for emails, website, and social media platforms.

2) ASCE National/Regional Updates

- a) ASCE Membership Dues
 - i) Truong reminds everyone to renew their memberships, including to the Section, if they have not yet. He will be verifying everyone's status in the coming weeks.
- b) ERYMC 2/8 Recap
 - i) Truong reports that the YMF received the ERYMC Outstanding Group Project Award and Peers Group Award. Additionally, Truong received the Outstanding Younger Civil Engineer in the Public Sector Award.
 - ii) ERYMC 2020
 - (1) Brown and Natale report that Philadelphia was selected to host ERYMC in 2020. More information to follow.

- c) CYM Updates
 - i) Gormley invites feedback on ERYMC and says follow-up email still due for attendees, hopefully to go out in the next week or so. He reports that the CYM spring meeting will be taking place in Austin, TX, on April 13th-14th, where at planning for YMLS and other annual programs will take place. He invites people to forward content suggestions or programming ideas.
- d) Legislative Fly-In
 - i) Natale reports that stipends are being sorted out, but that he and Abel are attending with the possibility of others being added.

3) Section

- a) Section awards
 - i) Lawrence reports that the applications were submitted and we're waiting to hear back on results.
- b) Next dinner meeting 3/8
 - i) College student attendance
 - (1) Nichols says Temple will be in attendance, will also reach out to Swarthmore to confirm.
 - (2) Abel adds that CivE Club students and teacher will be in attendance.

4) Past Events:

- a) CivE Club Spring Kickoff
 - i) Doyle discusses possible tour of Lincoln Financial Field for CivE Club; details to follow shortly. Abel reports that he sent out a call for volunteers. He adds that he is working on a Ben Franklin Bridge tour but there's a hang up on getting a Certificate of Insurance; he is seeking clarification.
- b) Winter Social 1/22
 - i) Recap & Donations
 - (1) Farley reports that this year's event was very well received and raised a good sum of money for donations, including additional revenue from increased ticket price. He will be following up with donors to thank them and share info about job postings on social media. The planning committee will discuss where donations will be directed and report back back to the Board.
- c) K-12 Outreach
 - i) Future City 1/20
 - (1) Farley reports that he delivered the YMF's Dream Big award to the event, which Pottsgrove HS won.
 - ii) Charles Henry 1/24
 - (1) Voigtsberger led successful event.
 - iii) BVM School 1/30
 - (1) Daprano led successful event.
 - iv) Lego League
 - (1) Daprano, Voigtsberger, and Kirn all volunteered at event. They noted that the time commitment made for a long day, but that it was a great event.

5) Upcoming Events:

- a) E-Week K-12 Outreach
 - i) Spring-Ford HS 2/22
 - (1) Daprano reports that five (5) volunteers are expected, including Daprano and Alexa Harper, the DVEW Young Engineer of the Year.
 - ii) North Penn HS 2/23
 - (1) Voigtsberger organizing the event and planning to attend. She is still seeking additional volunteers.

- b) GETT Conference
 - i) Truong reminds everyone that the event is taking place 3/17 and that volunteers are still being sought.
- c) Professional Development
 - i) Infrastructure Plan
 - (1) Truong reports that Zettlemoyer is targeting the infrastructure funding plan, with three speakers lined up; however, Zettlemoyer is seeking a more diverse panel and would like to identify, in particular, a woman speaker. Natale recommends Robin Kemper (ASCE President-Elect), if available. Farley says that MASITE is interested in partnering. Gormley and Truong recommend that since YMF is financially sound, they should just own the event as one of their marquee events and seek other partnering opportunities with MASITE.
- d) Technical Events
 - i) Flood Risk Management
 - (1) Cepietz reached out to a contact at Villanova to arrange a lunch time, PDH-eligible seminar event. More details to follow shortly.
 - ii) Walsh mentions working on setting up tours/presentations with Aero Aggregates and at Langley Avenue for this Spring.
- e) Civ-E Club
 - i) Lincoln Financial Field Tour - 3/19 or 3/26
 - (1) Covered earlier in the meeting; see above.
 - ii) Section Dinner 3/8 - Student Attendance
 - (1) Covered earlier in the meeting.

6) Potential Events:

- a) Community Outreach
 - i) AWRA/AWWA Mussels Hatchery Tour/Presentation
 - (1) Kirn reports that participating organizations are subsidizing and interested in making this a PDH-eligible event. The event date is set as April 12th. The Board agrees that this more of a technical event than a community service event, so Cepietz and Walsh will become the contacts. Discussion tabled to discuss Habitat. *(NOTE: This item was resolved by email in the week after the meeting with the YMF agreeing to participate.)*
 - ii) Habitat for Humanity
 - (1) Kirn reports that YMF would need to pay \$1000-1500, and could then have a group of 10-15 people participate. Natale confirms that the YMF can handle the expense.
 - (2) Motion to approve the YMF's pursuit of this opportunity including the expenditure, partially using Winter Social funds:
 - (a) MOTION: Natale
 - (b) SECOND: Farley
 - (c) DISCUSSION: Group agrees we should target \$1000. Wilson points out that this money may not be as impactful to Habitat as it would be to smaller charities, but would still be a good opportunity for the YMF.
 - (d) RESULT: Passes unanimously.
 - iii) Daprano recommends looking into an event with Mana.
- b) Happy Hour Social
 - i) Joint Event with MASITE (ITE)
 - (1) Fatima reports that this is in the preliminary planning phase.
 - ii) Joint Event with PSPE
 - (1) Usually in March. Wilson will help make contact.

- iii) Truong recommends a spring happy hour, noting that he is “always looking for an excuse to drink.” Fatima will discuss with Leese and follow up with the Board via email.
- c) College Visits
 - i) Synopsis of Nichols’ report: “Who runs the college world? Jake.”
 - ii) Nichols reports that he is following up with the students as needed and will work on additional visits to the schools, as well as follow up on the college competition. Farley adds that Christina Cassole, Region 2 Governor, will be visiting all of the Region 2 colleges this spring.

7) Miscellaneous Business:

- a) Website/Drive Updates (**Wilson**)
 - i) Wilson reports that he is working on how to handle recognizing donors from Winter Social and CANstruction. He will be discussing ideas with the Exec Board and report once the updates are complete.
- b) Social Media Updates
 - i) Mumford reports that he and Dani Schroeder are working on content for #GirlDay, EWeek, and Black History Month. He adds that they will be live tweeting an online event with Kristina Swallow this evening. They will be using the photo of the female Board members from ERYMC for this week’s #FemaleFridays post.
- c) Mentor Program/Mock Interviews
 - i) Kim checking in with mentors/mentees. Truong says need to identify a use for \$800 grant money and submit report to ASCE by April. Will reach out to mentors and mentees for ideas.
 - ii) Kim asks if we should reconsider window for enrollment given the different school calendars. Will discuss further.

8) Affiliate Groups

- a) Delaware/ECP/WTS updates
 - i) Brown says DVEW EWeek ongoing.
 - ii) Cepietz says several WTS events upcoming. Daprano adds details, including a “Firm Crawl” and Transportation Camp. Daprano planning the camp and seeking volunteers.
- b) GETT Expo
 - i) Covered earlier in the meeting; see above.

9) Open Discussion

- a) CANstruction
 - i) Build Night 6/22
 - (1) Nichols says nine teams this year (NO GILBANE!) and the theme is “Impact.” The team is looking into having board cutting performed through NextFab.
- b) Improvement Ideas
 - i) Truong requests that people send any thoughts, suggestions, event concepts, or event ideas to him so the YMF can continue to grow and improve.
- c) Farley says Drexel Student Chapter is having a fundraiser at Chipotle at 34th & Lancaster on Sunday, March 4th, with 50% of sales going to the Chapter. To participate, make your purchase and mention that you’re there for “Drexel ASCE.” Additionally, he mentions that they are hosting a happy hour on Monday, March 5th, at City Tap House Logan.
- d) Natale says the Section will be having a happy hour in lieu of their monthly meeting on 2/28 at City Tap House Logan.

10) Officer Reports:

- a) Vice President (E. Farley)
 - i) None.
- b) Treasurer (J. Natale)
 - i) Natale requests that everyone keep an eye on the budget and let Natale know if NOT planning to use all of money.
- c) Secretary (J. Gormley)
 - i) Gormley reminds everyone to forward email content by the end of this week. He thanks Chateauvert, Wilson, and Mumford on being proactive with event recap and photo follow-ups.
- d) Awards Chair (K. Lawrence)
 - i) Lawrence reports that there are two awards opportunities remaining: Alfred Noble in May and Employer Recognition in August.
- e) Information Technology (IT) Chair (D. Wilson)
 - i) Wilson acknowledges Philadelphia's mention in recent ASCE News write ups.
- f) Public Relations (PR) Chair (L. Chateauvert)
 - i) None.
- g) Social Media Chair (C. Mumford)
 - i) None.
- h) Professional Development Chair (M. Zettlemyer)
 - i) None.
- i) Social Events Chair (K. Leese/A. Fatima)
 - i) Fatima says she and Leese will get to work on a happy hour ASAP!
- j) Technical Events Chair (S. Cepietz/K. Walsh)
 - i) None.
- k) Society Liaison Chair (P. Glassman)
 - i) Not present.
- l) CivE Club Chair (T. Abel/J. Doyle)
 - i) None.
- m) College Contact Chair (B. Lester/J. Nichols)
 - i) None.
- n) Community Service Chair (N. Kirn/L. Davenport)
 - i) None.
- o) K-12 Contact Chair (C. Voigtsberger/A. Daprano)
 - i) Voigtsberger reminds everyone that she is seeking volunteers for Friday, 2/23.
- p) Student Members Transition Chair (H. Kim)
 - i) Kim announces his wife is pregnant. WOOHOO!
- q) Past President (K. Brown)
 - i) Brown shows a sweet ass video of ERYMC from Ryan Gallagher. It was SIIIIICK!!!
- r) Mentors (C. Renfro/D. Sirianni/C. Gray/K. Hassan)
 - i) Not present.

11) Scheduling of Next Meeting - (3/26-3/30)

12) Post Board Meeting Social Location – Drinker's Pub