

# American Society of Civil Engineers **Philadelphia Section Younger Member Forum**



# 2019-2020 BOARD MEETING #5

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 5:30 PM WHEN: Urban Engineers, 530 Walnut Street (7th Floor), Philadelphia, PA 19106 WHERE: CALL INFO: +1 (872) 240-3212, Access Code: 699-852-373

## ATTENDANCE (italics indicates called-in):

- ✓ Jesse Gormley
- ✓ Katrina Lawrence
- ✓ Dennis Wilson
- √ Tim Abel
- Eammon Farley
- √ Jake Nichols
- √ John Doyle
- Assunta Daprano

# ✓ Kirsten Brown

- ✓ CJ Medora

- ✓ Sean McCreesh
- √ Joe Natale
- ✓ Caroline Voigtsberger
- Nick Kirn
- 🗸 HuYoung Kim
- ✓ Marty Williams
- Ajin Fatima
- Darren Black

# **GUESTS:** Nha Truong, Noor

## AGENDA

- 1 Call to Order
- П. Consent Agenda
  - A. INCLUSIONS:
    - 1. 2019-2020 Board Meeting #5 Agenda
    - 2. 2019-2020 Board Meeting #4 Minutes
  - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items.
    - 1. MOTION: Natale
    - 2. SECOND: Glassman
    - 3. DISCUSSION: None
    - 4. RESULT: Passed
- **Executive Committee Updates** III.
  - A. ASCE Updates
    - 1. Region 2 Assembly Recap Sat, Nov 2 Drexel University
      - Large number of students in attendance. Next year will be at Villanova. Lesson learned is to have a social the night before rather than the night of.
    - 2. ERYMC Jan 30-Feb 1 Philadelphia, PA
      - a) YMF coordination All interested in attending must register today at the early rate. The maximum reimbursement will be \$245.
      - b) Planning updates Non-committee member volunteers will likely be needed from those attending the conference.

- Cricket Slattery
- ✓ Kevin Walsh
- ✓ Paige Glassman
- Tyler Farley
- ✓ Dani Schroeder
- ✓ Lindsay Chateauvert

B. Budget

Continue to send reimbursement requests to Abel.

- C. Winter Social Jan 13, 2020 Registration is open, and donation letters should be getting sent out. Please review the donation letter spreadsheet and update accordingly.
- D. Task Committees
  - 1. Sustainability

First call was held earlier this week. The primary initial process will be benchmarking our current practices, followed by the creation of a set of guidelines.

- 2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- There will be an in-person meeting in January to continue planning for a March event.
- 3. Banner No update at this time.
- IV. Communications Committee Updates

Continue to send information to all necessary individuals.

- A. <u>Event Tracking Spreadsheet</u> Please revisit the spreadsheet as 2019 closes and make sure any events you have planned are completed in the spreadsheet.
- B. Other Society Events
- V. Outreach Committee Updates
  - A. Past Events
    - Swarthmore Presentation Mon, Nov 4
       A panel discussion was held to offer guidance for students transitioning from undergraduate to graduate programs. Ke. Brown is continuing his efforts to reinvigorate the section and get them off of probation.
    - Temple Presentation Mon, Nov 4
       Members of the Board attended the Temple general body meeting.
    - 3. Green Wood Charter School Fri, Nov 15 Six different classes, 150 students. The students really take notice of the diversity of the presenters. Non-board volunteers helped as well.
    - 4. SEPTA Wawa Extension Construction Tour Fri, Nov 15 Four students. The small group led to strong conversation.
    - 5. Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Tues, Dec 10 Two classes. Built slender towers out of paper.
    - 6. CivE Club

Typical attendance has been about 14 students. Next week is the last meeting of the semester. Students will be watching Dream Big.

- B. Upcoming Events
  - 1. Steppingstone Scholars Sat, Jan 18
  - 2. Presentation B.V.M. Tues, Jan 28 8 AM to 12 PM
  - 3. Engineering Day @ Franklin Institute Sat, Feb 22 10 AM to 3 PM
- VI. Events Committee Updates
  - A. Past Events
    - American Street GSI Construction Tour Wed, Nov 13 Having PWD present for the tour really added to the event. Very well attended.
    - 2. Networking Social with ASHE DelVal Tues, Dec 3

Approximately 40 attendees. Raffled off two ASCE water bottles at the end. Shoot for a Wednesday or Thursday next year and a 5 or 5:30 start time as that's when most people showed up.

Penn Pavilion Construction Tour - Thur, Dec 5
 20 registered, but only 3 showed up, possibly due to weather and the timing after the holiday. The tour guides would like to schedule another tour for the Spring.

### VII. Look Ahead

- A. Professional Development Events
  - 1. Critical Issues Seminar Apr
  - 2. Other Event? Jan/Feb/Mar
- B. Friends of the Wissahickon Cleanup TBD We have already donated to be able to do another event, it just needs to be scheduled. We can either hold the event on a weekday and have it to ourselves, or on the weekend when it's open to the public.
- VIII. Open Discussion [15-minute cap] Doyle suggested having an event focused on Vision Zero, possibly the Critical Issues Seminar.

#### IX. Officer Reports

A. Vice President

Please send Winter Social Donation letters.

B. Secretary

Commended McCreesh and Chateauvert on a job well done with the CivE Club this fall/winter

- C. Treasurer
- D. Information Technology
- E. Awards
- F. Public Relations
- G. Society Liaison
- H. Social Media
- Student Member Transition
   We got about twice as many mentees as mentors, so Walsh was recruiting additional mentors to match up.
- J. College Contact
- K. K-12 Outreach
- L. Civil Engineering Club

Thank you to all volunteers so far. There have been at least two every week.

- M. Social Events New event ideas will be explored in the Spring.
- N. Professional Development If you have an idea for Critical Issues, please send to Kirn.
- O. Technical Events

Kim will be looking to schedule a redo of the Penn Pavilion tour.

- P. Community Service
- Q. Mentors

If we're struggling to get volunteers for things, let's compile a list of past volunteers and make sure we're staying engaged with them for future opportunities.

Make sure to continue engaging new faces at our events and welcoming people to contribute.

X. Other ASCE Committee Updates

- A. Committee on Sustainability Abel attended International Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure in Los Angeles.
- B. Committee on Student Members
   Ke. Brown will be attending the Great Lakes Student Conference in Madison, Wisconsin.
- C. Committee on Student Conferences and Competitions Medora attended inaugural meeting in Reston in November, and will be attending the Southeast Student Conference at University of Central Florida.
- Future World Vision
   Gormley will be attending his last meeting with the main committee in January in Los Angeles, and will then be focusing on a task committee to develop uses for the end product.
- E. Program and Finance Committee Gormley will be attending the first meeting.
- F. Committee on Professional Career Growth Natale attended meeting in Denver. Working on developing a career flow chart, and revamping the ASCE grades tool that was developed in 2007.
- G. Digital Strategy Advisory Council ASCE will be rebuilding the back end structure of their website, and possibly looking at rebranding efforts.
- XI. Adjourn
  - A. Next Board Meeting on Thur, January 9, 2020 @ 5:30 PM @ Michael Baker