

# American Society of Civil Engineers Philadelphia Section Younger Member Forum



# 2019-2020 BOARD MEETING #9

# WHEN:Thursday, April 30, 2020 @ 5:30 PMWHERE:Zoom Meeting | Meeting ID: 972-7079-8249, Password: 4KDg4vUFCALL INFO:+1 (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 972-7079-8249<br/>(Link your computer to your phone by entering participant ID from your computer)

# ATTENDANCE (italics indicates called-in):

- Isse Gormley
- Ratrina Lawrence
- Dennis Wilson
- Image: Tim Abel
- Eammon Farley
- Jake Nichols
- John Doyle
- Assunta Daprano

- C Kirsten Brown
- Cricket Schreppler
- Revin Walsh
- Paige Glassman
- **Tyler Farley**
- Dani Schroeder
- CJ Medora
- Indsay Chateauvert

- Sean McCreesh
- I Joe Natale
- **Caroline Voigtsberger**
- 0 Nick Kirn
- HuYoung Kim
- Marty Williams
- Ajin Fatima
- Darren Black

#### GUESTS: Kevin Brown, Kazi Hassan

# **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. #AskAnEngineer Volunteer Sign-ups

Medora and Schroeder are working on this initiative to continue outreach efforts while quarantined. #AskAnEngineer will be a video of volunteers answering questions to be shared on our youtube page. Please sign up via the link and submit by May 8th.

#### III. Consent Agenda

- A. INCLUSIONS:
  - 1. 2019-2020 Board Meeting #9 Agenda
  - 2. 2019-2020 Board Meeting #8 Minutes
- B. Motion to approve consent agenda items.
  - 1. MOTION: Natale
  - 2. SECOND: Medora
  - 3. DISCUSSION: None
  - 4. RESULT: Passed unanimously
- IV. Executive Committee Updates
  - A. ASCE Updates
    - 1. YMLS July 31-Aug 2 & Aug 28-30 Reston, VA

YMLS is going to be held virtually this year. More information will be available soon. We anticipate having available funding to support attendance.

2. Region 2 Updates

The Region 2 infographic is complete and has been distributed to all sections in Region 2 and they have been encouraged to create their own. Schroeder gave a webinar to the leaders of the sections and branches in the region on how to create an infographic using Canva.

There is one person running to be a Region 2 director.

- a) Region 2 Assembly @ Villanova Sat, Nov 14 As of now, this is still on.
- 3. Section Updates

The 2020-21 Section Board slate has been announced with some former YMF faces joining including Gormley and S. Cepietz.

The scholarship winners announcement has been delayed but should be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

There is a webinar on 5/14 on the Grays Ferry Swing Bridge that will be worth 1 PDH.

B. Budget

Donations resulting from the winter social funds have been processed. Donations were made to Future City, ASCE for paver purchase, Philadelphia COVID-19 relief fund, Philadelphia Bike Coalition, and Philadelphia Futures.

ERYMC reimbursements will be sent to Natale today for processing.

- C. Task Committees
  - 1. Sustainability

Committee has met a couple of times over the last month to identify ways that we can align ourselves with the ASCE national sustainability vision. The draft document is intended to be distributed to the Board around 5/14 for review and comment before finalization.

 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion The committee will be meeting this month to determine some next steps. They were previously hoping to wait out the COVID situation to hold an event.

# D. Exec Board Election Procedures

The final slate will be going out via email blast tomorrow, after which the election will officially be open and will run through the end of the day on 5/20. The Bylaws dictate that all votes must be in written format, which reduces us to email votes only given the current situation. The results will be announced at the conclusion of the webinar on 5/21.

E. General Board Positions
 If you have not let Gormley know yet what position you might be interested in for next year, please do so as soon as possible.

# V. Outreach Committee Updates

The Outreach committee has been trying to shift gears towards virtual content.

- A. Past Events
  - 1. Drexel Virtual Panel, 4/15

Drexel didn't have a password protected zoom meeting and there were some uninvited/off-topic guests that joined.

- B. Upcoming Events
  - 1. Girls Inc. Calls
    - a) Mon, May 4 4 PM to 5 PM
    - b) Thur, May 7 5 PM to 6 PM Still need more volunteers for 5/7.
  - 2. #AskAnEngineer Volunteer Sign-ups REMINDER
  - 3. Coleman NW Regional Library Sat, Jun 20

4. Mentor Program Check-in Meeting?

Nothing planned at this time, but targeting May for a check-in. Walsh will work on locking in a date.

Walsh is also going to send out topics/ways to stay connected to the mentors as a nudge to stay engaged with mentees.

5. GETT Expo @ Great Valley HS - Sat, Oct 17 - 12:30 PM to 5 PM

# VI. Events Committee Updates

- A. Upcoming Events
  - "Coaching Skills in a Technical Context" Webinar Thur, May 21 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM PDH-worth presentation by Penn State's Engineering Leadership Development Program that will be held on Zoom. Exec Board election results will be announced following the Q&A.
  - 2. Phillies Game and Tailgate

Natale has been investigating potential dates late in our fiscal year, but this is very much up in the air given that all sports are currently cancelled/postponed. Natale solicited alternate suggestions if the Phillies game ultimately cannot happen. We

will ultimately revisit this subject as the situation continues to unfold.

- B. Events to Track
  - 1. Adopt-A-Highway
  - 2. Critical Issue Seminar

This event is currently on hold, but we're hoping to be able to hold it in the summer, potentially virtually if necessary.

3. Technical Tours

Williams emailed Joe McGovern regarding the tour he was working on setting up. The project temporarily stopped, but has since restarted and Joe is requesting a schedule update to determine when a tour might be appropriate.

The Penn Pavilion project is currently on hold. It was initially running to provide extra bed space, but once those were completed, construction was halted again.

#### VII. Communications Committee Updates

Wilson gave kudos to Nichols, Schroeder, and Medora for putting together the K-12 Outreach webpage, and also to Schreppler for organizing the YMF COVID-19 social media post.

A. Event Tracking Spreadsheet

#### VIII. Look Ahead / Other Business

Medora shared that the Central Pennsylvania section is holding an event at Knoebels on July 25th and extended the invite to us to attend and bring a guest.

Abel shared information on a webinar on professional relationship building hosted by an author (Julie Brown). Two organizations reached out to us to ask if we would be interested in co-sponsoring the event by helping to pay for the speaker. They requested a fairly low sponsorship commitment (\$150-200).

Pending additional information on the speaker, the Board voted and approved to sponsor this event at the \$100 level.

Ke. Brown asked if we were investigating ways to engage our general membership during these times.

- Schreppler noted that she could put out a call for people to share their WFH workspace.
- Daprano suggested holding an engineering at home competition.
- Schroeder suggested "share your coworker," could be kids, pets, etc.
- If anybody has any other ideas, share them with the Communications Committee.
- IX. Officer Reports

- A. Vice President
- B. Secretary
- C. Treasurer
- D. Information Technology
- E. Awards
- F. Public Relations Please continue to work recaps for the newsletter when it returns in the fall.
- G. Society Liaison
- H. Social Media
- I. Student Member Transition
- J. College Contact
- K. K-12 Outreach

Got confirmation that our grant report for Discover Engineering grant was received so we will be receiving our second check.

Please submit #AskAnEngineer videos by May 8th.

- L. Civil Engineering Club
- M. Social Events
- N. Professional Development
- O. Technical Events
- P. Community Service
- Q. Mentors
- X. Other ASCE Updates
  - A. Digital Strategy Advisory Council
  - B. Committee on Professional Career Growth
  - C. Committee on Student Conferences and Competitions A lot of the business meetings have been held virtually. The Mid-Atlantic conference is going to be at Drexel next year.
  - D. Committee on Student Members
  - E. Committee on Sustainability
  - F. Committee on Younger Members
    Wilson was selected to join the committee as a voting member starting this fall.
  - G. Members of Society Advancing Inclusion Council
  - H. Program and Finance Committee
- XI. Adjourn
  - A. Next Board Conference Call on Thurs, May 28, 2020 @ 5:30 PM