



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



**2020-2021 BOARD MEETING #8**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 9, 2021 @ 5:30 PM  
**WHERE:** Zoom Meeting  
**CALL INFO:** <https://dvrpc.zoom.us/j/6491168055>; Call-In 301-715-8592 (meeting ID)  
(Link your computer to your phone by entering participant ID from your computer)

**ATTENDANCE** (*italics indicates called-in*):

✓ Katrina Lawrence	Kayla Nelson	✓ Sean McCreesh
✓ Dennis Wilson	✓ Kirsten Brown	✓ Tyler Farley
✓ Tim Abel	✓ Ajin Fatima	✓ Cory Bogas
✓ Lindsay Chateauvert	✓ Kevin Walsh	✓ Paige Glassman
✓ Jesse Gormley	✓ HuYoung Kim	✓ Christian Antisell
✓ Joe Natale	✓ Marty Williams	<b>CJ Medora - Absent</b>
<b>Jake Nichols - Absent</b>	✓ Caroline Voigtsberger	✓ John Doyle
✓ Assunta Daprano	✓ Darren Black	

**GUESTS:**

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call (**Lawrence**)
- II. Consent Agenda (**Lawrence**)
  - A. INCLUSIONS:
    1. 2020-2021 Board Meeting #8 Agenda
    2. [2020-2021 Board Meeting #7 Minutes](#)
    3. ASCE HQ Covid 19 Update Memo January 2021
  - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items.
    1. MOTION: NATALE
    2. SECOND: DAPRANO
    3. DISCUSSION: NONE
    4. RESULT: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
- III. Executive Committee Updates (**Lawrence**)
  - A. ASCE Updates
    1. National (**Lawrence**)
      - a) [ASCE Younger Members Week](#) Recap - January 25-29, 2021  
Wilson shared that ~100 persons attended daily sessions, and ~30 persons the social. Good networking opportunity. Doyle, Ke Brown, Daprano, Abel, echoed positive sentiments. Both positive and negative feedback on the varied time slots.
      - b) Mid-Atlantic Region (MAR) Student Conference - April 3, 2021 (**Ke. Brown**)  
Ke. Brown has no update.

c) ASCE COVID

(1) [ASCE HQ Update](#)

Lawrence shared the latest update from ASCE on in-person events. Reiterating ASCE message, asked that we remain virtual in compliance with guidance, aside from special circumstance exclusions for community services/fundraising.

(2) MRLC/ERYMC - Not In-Person (**Wilson**)

Lawrence shared that ERYMC online. Wilson shared that planning for the virtual setting, including the timing for the event, is in flux.

2. Region 2 Updates (**Natale**)

Natale shared that R2 board is debating Governor ballot. Three way race is ongoing for this position. Voting information will be sent from R2. Also shared that a younger member group will be created for calls with the R2 rep (i.e., Natale).

3. Section (**Lawrence**)

Lawrence shared that Section trivia night is scheduled for Thurs. 2/11. Encouraged board to refer to Daprano PR output for Section event organization.

B. Budget (**Chateauvert**)

Chateauvert shared that there are no major budget updates. Encouraged board to use the budget.

C. Task Committees

1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - [Special Collection on Diversity and Inclusion in Civil and Environmental Engineering: Journal of Professional Issues in Engineering Education and Practice | ASCE Library](#) (**Doyle**)

Doyle shared that MOSAIC put out best practice guide for expanding D&I in CEE. Scheduled for release by end of month. Should come out by March pending ASCE peer review.

2. Sustainability (**Abel**)

a) [Draft Sustainability Guidelines](#)

Wilson proposed a motion to adopt the Draft Sustainability Guidelines; motion seconded by Natale; Discussion: None; Passes by Board unanimously. Abel/Lawrence highlighted that we are working to figure out how we incorporate these guidelines into our Operations moving forward, especially given our current virtual status.

II. Communications Committee Updates (**Abel**)

A. Awards (**Natale**)

Natale shared that Section Awards were submitted on Friday, Feb. 5. Also shared that Region 2 award applications / call for nominations are open and will send email to Board on nominees. Also shared that we submitted to National: Friedman (J. Gormley) and Y. Member Award (Philly YMF).

B. [Event Tracking Spreadsheet](#)

Abel shared that ETS completion is being maintained well.

C. Website Updates (**Nichols**)

D. Social Media (**Nelson**)

E. [Other Societies](#) (**Daprano**)

1. Engineer's Week

Daprano shared that E Week is second to last week of Feb.

F. Public Relations (**Daprano**)

Daprano shared that copy deadline for March newsletter is Feb. 19. Will highlight K-12 with Central Bucks East and Mindfulness events. Requested writeups.

#### IV. Outreach Committee Updates (**Wilson**)

##### A. Updates

###### 1. FundRaising Event (**Wilson**)

Wilson shared that he is interested in forming a committee for fundraising, especially given that we are staying virtual for foreseeable future. Lawrence highlighted that we always form such a committee and that we need to recognize the nuances of soliciting fundraising support given virtual nature of event, current capacity for companies to support.

###### 2. #AskAnEngineer Video (**Wilson**)

Wilson shared that Dani Schroeder is about to push this video out and asked that we support it.

###### 3. College Challenge (**Bogas/Glassman**)

Wilson shared update on leaders. Swarthmore has not scored any points yet.

###### 4. Mentor Program - New Opportunity (**Doyle**)

Doyle shared that student at Souderton HS reached out to YMF seeking a mentor. Student interested in structural engineering and day to day life as a civil engineer.

###### 5. CivE Club (**Farley/McCreesh**)

McCreesh shared that the hybrid school semester has altered CivE Club schedule. Will continue to host the club virtually, despite this change. Farley shared that they are soliciting ideas for a Geotech or Environmental activity that will not create a mess at the students' homes. Send ideas their way.

##### B. Past Events

###### 1. [Future City Competition Day](#) - January 30, 2021

Wilson shared that he judged YMF award which Murray Avenue won. Voigtsberger shared that virtual transition went well. Ke. Brown commended Natale for his work on the competition and his assistance with Zoom calls.

##### C. Upcoming Events

###### 1. Central Bucks East High School - February 11, 2021 (**Antisell/Medora**)

Antisell shared that K-12 group has enough volunteers for this event.

###### 2. DVEW Event at Springfield Township HS - February 24, 2021 (**Antisell/Medora**)

No action or volunteers needed on this event yet.

###### 3. North Penn High School - February 24, 2021 (**Antisell/Medora**)

Antisell shared that volunteers are needed for this event.

###### 4. Samuel Fels High School - February 25, 2021 (**Antisell/Medora**)

Antisell shared that K-12 group has enough volunteers for this event.

###### 5. Abington Friends School - March 3, 2021 (**Antisell/Medora**)

Antisell shared that volunteers are needed for this event.

###### 6. Steppingstone Scholars - March 13, 2021 (**Antisell/Medora**)

Antisell shared that volunteers are needed for this event.

###### 7. Chester County Futures - Date TBD (**Antisell/Medora**)

#### V. Events Committee Updates (**Chateauvert**)

##### A. Updates

Williams shared that PWD project presentation is probably not going to happen at this point, it's too heavy of a lift on their end. Requesting ideas for a tech presentation. Kim shared that Penn Medicine at Radnor or SEPTA Wawa are two ideas that he shared.

##### B. Upcoming

###### 1. Engineering Your Mind Workshop - February 16, 2021 (**Brown**)

K Brown shared that 13 persons were signed up before the social media post went up.

2. Monthly Lunch Socials - March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3 **(Walsh/Fatima/Chateauvert)**  
Chateauvert highlighted that these are planned from 12-12:40 on the first Wednesday of each month. Timeslots will allow persons to talk about things that are important to them.
3. Black shared that he will be speaking at an upcoming TTI Watershed event.

C. Past Events

1. Virtual Game Night - January 14, 2021 **(Walsh/Fatima)**  
Walsh highlighted that event went well with three separate breakout rooms.  
Chateauvert echoed positive sentiment. Natale suggested that for future consideration longer time blocks would be ideal.

VI. Look Ahead / Other Business

1. Board congratulated Natale/Gormley on newborns.
2. Doyle proposed a NCAA March Madness style civil engineering discipline bracket.

VII. Open Discussion

None

VIII. Officer Reports

A. Vice President **(Wilson)**

Wilson encouraged members to consider future roles.

B. Secretary **(Abel)**

C. Treasurer **(Chateauvert)**

D. Awards **(Natale)**

E. Information Technology **(Nichols)**

F. Public Relations **(Daprano)**

G. Social Media **(Nelson)**

Dani Schroeder won Social Media award. Reimbursement incoming.

H. Professional Development **(Brown)**

Ki Brown shared possibility of a combo virtual / in person CI Seminar. Discussion will be taken offline. Also shared that wants focus of CIS to be sustainability and requested recommendations on speakers.

I. Social Events **(Fatima/Walsh)**

J. Technical Events **(Kim/Williams)**

K. Community Service **(Voigtsberger/Black)**

L. Civil Engineering Club **(McCreesh/T. Farley)**

M. College Contact **(Glassman/Bogas)**

N. K-12 Outreach **(Medora/Antisell)**

O. Student Member Transition **(Doyle)**

P. Mentors **(Gormley/E. Farley/Truong/Ke. Brown)**

J. Gormley shared Board doing well. Ke. Brown reiterated positive sentiments. Congratulated Wilson on engagement.

IX. Society Committee Updates

A. Digital Strategy Advisory Council **(Natale)**

B. Committee on Professional Career Growth **(Natale)**

Natale shared that some feedback was requested on this Comm's sent to various YMs.

C. Committee on Student Conferences and Competitions **(Medora)**

D. Committee on Student Members **(Ke. Brown)**

Ke. Brown shared that Paige is CM on CSM.

E. Committee on Sustainability **(Abel)**

Abel shared enlightening experience with Committee on Technical Advancement (CTA).  
Encouraged others to check out Committees. Can apply through March.

F. Committee on Younger Members (**Wilson**)

Wilson shared that Spring Meeting for CYM is upcoming. Just wrapped up a big successful YM Week.

G. Program and Finance Committee (**Gormley**)

H. Leader Training Committee (**Gormley**)

Gormley shared that LTC is hosting a webinar on how to be a part of Committee.

X. Other ASCE Updates

A. [Together Apart Video Contest](#) - Due June 3, 2021

Likely not pursuing.

XI. Adjourn

A. Next Board Meeting Call March 16th