



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



**2021-2022 BOARD MEETING #2**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 @ 5:30 PM  
**WHERE:** [Zoom Meeting](#)  
**CALL INFO:** Meeting ID: 959 8789 0514, Passcode: 99CxuutH

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

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| ✓ <b>Dennis Wilson</b>       | ✓ <b>Tyler Farley</b>       | ✓ <b>Darren Black</b>   |
| ✓ <b>Tim Abel</b>            | ✓ <b>Ben Deatrich</b>       | Ajin Fatima             |
| ✓ <b>Lindsay Chateauvert</b> | ✓ <b>Christian Antisell</b> | Kirsten Brown           |
| ✓ <b>John Doyle</b>          | ✓ <b>CJ Medora</b>          | Kevin Walsh             |
| ✓ <b>Katrina Lawrence</b>    | ✓ <b>Paige Glassman</b>     | ✓ <b>Sean McCreesh</b>  |
| ✓ <b>Nooraldean Dabdoub</b>  | ✓ <b>Cory Bogas</b>         | ✓ <b>HuYoung Kim</b>    |
| ✓ <b>Sabrina Mamo</b>        | Mohamed Asker               | ✓ <b>Marty Williams</b> |
| ✓ <b>Kayla Nelson</b>        | ✓ <b>Assunta Daprano</b>    | Caroline Voigtsberger   |

**GUESTS:**

Jesse Gormley, Kevin Brown, Joe Natale, Nha

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (**Wilson**)
  
- II. Consent Agenda (**Wilson**)
  - A. INCLUSIONS:
    1. 2021-2022 Board Meeting 2 Agenda
    2. [2021-2022 Board Meeting 1 Minutes](#)
  - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items.
    1. MOTION: *Doyle*
    2. SECOND: *Daprano*
    3. DISCUSSION: *None*
    4. RESULT: *Passed Unanimously*
  
- III. Executive Committee Updates (**Wilson**)
  - A. ASCE Updates
    1. Society (**Wilson**)
      - a) [ASCE COVID Guidance](#)

*Wilson informed the YMF that ASCE has extended guidance through January 3, 2022. They recommend virtual events, but provide leeway to follow your own local guidelines. We are moving forward with the Phillies Game event. Other than outdoor community service events or technical events, we are going to remain virtual through the end of the year pending any updates from the Society. The Section is still holding the Welcome Back Social, however the*

*October and November dinner meetings will be virtual. We will re-evaluate in December. No questions or concerns were expressed.*

- b) YMLS Alumni Summit - July 16-17  
*Daprano attended the event. Friday night was a virtual social platform. They also did a Paint and Sip; Daprano suggested doing this as a social event. The Saturday speaker spoke on how your emotions play into your decision making. Daprano said it was very insightful. Daprano won a class pass raffle; Kir. Brown expressed interest in joining her once the pass was activated.*
- c) YMLS Lite - August 20-21  
*Nelson said there was a trivia night on Friday for networking. Saturday had various presentations. Wilson gave congratulations to the presenters from the Board and said to keep an eye out for when the event is in person; promising it is phenomenal.*
- d) [ASCE Convention](#) (Virtual) - October 6-8  
*Wilson acknowledged having the ASCE Convention virtually presents a unique opportunity to attend at a lower cost. Let Wilson know if you are attending. It is \$400.*

2. Region 2 (**Natale**)

- a) Region 2 Assembly @ University of Maryland - Saturday, November 13  
*Natale is working with Joe Platt to move the event to a virtual platform - may do a hybrid event. Keep an eye out for registration.*
- b) Younger Member Advisory Group  
*The group had their second meeting, Lauren Dziagwa new Region 2 Younger Member Rep.*

3. Section (**Wilson**)

- a) Welcome Back Social - Thursday, September 13  
*Wilson said the event will be held in person at Tendenza.*
- b) Dinner Meetings (Virtual) - October 14 and November 11  
*Wilson expressed that while the events were originally being planned for Maggiano's, they are being shifted back to a virtual platform based on the new guidance from ASCE. Do we have a topic lead for the November meeting? Please let Wilson know by this Friday, 8/27/21.*

B. Budget (**Doyle**)

*Doyle has most of the budget from everyone. With the change to a virtual platform for our events, if there are any revisions to your budget, Doyle needs to know by noon tomorrow, 8/25/21. It is due tomorrow by 5 pm. Doyle concluded with, "We'll get that out to the door tomorrow so we have some money for the rest of the year." There were dollar signs in his eyes.*

C. Task Committees

1. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (**Doyle**)

- a) August 4 Meeting Recap  
*Doyle said the name was changed to align with the values they are trying to enforce. They are going to put together a proposal of the goals/aims of the committee this year. This will be distributed once finalized. The JEDI Committee will continue planning events and creating a set of guidelines specific to the Philadelphia YMF.*
- b) JEDI Moment - "Just Work" by Kim Scott  
*Shoutout to Kir. Brown. The book is about a woman in the finance and tech industry. She discusses the different ways bias, prejudice, or bullying come through. Very comprehensive. Check this out for a good read.*

2. Sustainability (**Abel**)

*Abel said to think about what items you are going to bring to an event.*

IV. Communications Committee Updates (**Chateauvert**)

A. [Event Tracking Spreadsheet](#)

*Chateauvert thanked the event committee members for already populating the sheet for future events.*

B. [Google Drive Access](#) and Structure

1. Username: phillyymf  
Password: Phil\$gr8

C. Board Member Friday - due to Daprano 8/27 (**Daprano**)

*Board Member Friday will spotlight board members throughout the year with any interesting projects, etc. Daprano offered her graphic design support for any flyers using the program Canva - she put together the Call for Volunteers flyer for Ben and Christian if you would like to reference her work before hiring her help. Daprano said the Section has a professional account and are able to sign up to 10 users. If anyone else needs it, let Daprano know. Essentially it's a platform to create graphic design - presentations, resumes, flyers.*

D. General Committee

*Asker said to please take photos for the newsletter, etc.*

V. Outreach Committee Updates (**Abel**) - we are virtual baby.

A. CivE Club (**Mamo/Dabdoub**)

*Mamo to finalize the budget. Mamo said they met with the teacher and are waiting to hear from the principal on a start date. They also are waiting to obtain a final headcount from the teacher. Mamo also mentioned that volunteers will need to fill out the proper paperwork. Abel inquired if the paperwork was required for virtual event volunteering as well - does a guest speaker have to fill out the paperwork?*

B. College Contacts (**T. Farley/Nelson**)

*Farley and Nelson are rethinking the Welcome Back Event since everything will be virtual. Looking into virtual events that could be fun.*

C. Student Transition (**Medora**)

*Medora sent Bogas updates for the website. First advertisement for the mentorship program will be included in the next email blast. Medora will coordinate a meeting with the College Contact Chairs to increase involvement.*

D. K-12 Outreach (**Antisell/Deatrich**)

*Antisell will be sending out a mass email to teacher contacts later this week.*

VI. Events Committee Updates (**Doyle**)

Praised Tim for his transition.

A. Upcoming Events

1. TreeTop Quest Philly - Unofficial Board Hang (**Walsh/Ki. Brown**)

*New event is at 10 am this Saturday, 8/28. There is a google spreadsheet to sign up on by close of business tomorrow, 8/25. If we don't have enough signups, we'll postpone.*

2. Phillies Game/Tailgate and Welcome Back Photo (**Walsh/Ki. Brown**)

*Tickets are \$15 and we reserved 100. We are charging \$20 due to food. Walsh sent out a link for sign ups for job tasks - please take on a role or two. Daprano stated we have the vertical banner. Wilson said he will grab the banner. Doyle said TCOB, taking care of business.*

B. Events to Track

1. Adopt-A-Highway (**Williams/Voigtsberger**)  
*Amber from ASHE is between three dates for the event - 10/9, 10/16, and 10/23.*
2. TTF Watershed (**Williams/Voigtsberger**)  
*Williams has a call next Friday for the event.*
3. Life Do Grow (**Williams/Voigtsberger**)  
*Williams said they are aiming for the first week of October; Voigtsberger is coordinating. Doyle said that all of these events will require a waiver that must be signed and submitted prior to the event via email, or brought to the event. Chateauvert to add this to the event tracking spreadsheet.*
4. Potential Technical Tour - SEPTA Wawa (**Kim/McCreesh**)  
*Kim has been working with SEPTA for the Construction Tour. If the tour is outside, then it's acceptable.*
5. Critical Issues Seminar (**Black/Fatima**)  
*Black and Fatima informed the group that they are working on obtaining speakers for a Critical Issues Seminar on the Surfside Condominium Collapse.*

VII. Look Ahead / Other Business

VIII. Open Discussion

*Wilson said we will have to make a decision soon about the scavenger hunt money. Williams suggested the TTF and Life Do Grow.*

*Abel, Walsh, and Daprano to start working on the polos order for the fall. Doyle asked if we could do floral - stating he also looks great in periwinkle.*

IX. Officer Reports

- A. Vice President (**Abel**)
- B. Secretary (**Chateauvert**)
- C. Treasurer (**Doyle**)
- D. Awards (**Glassman**)
- E. Information Technology (**Bogas**)
- F. Public Relations (**Asker**)
- G. Social Media (**Daprano**)  
*Use Daprano's gmail instead. See the [Contact Info](#) list.*
- H. Professional Development (**Black/Fatima**)
- I. Social Events (**Walsh/Ki. Brown**)
- J. Technical Events (**Kim/McCreesh**)
- K. Community Service (**Williams/Voigtsberger**)
- L. Civil Engineering Club (**Mamo/Dabdoub**)
- M. College Contact (**T. Farley/Nelson**) - **both said the same thing twice. Very impressive.**  
**Wilson to extend invite to next meeting to presidents**
- N. K-12 Outreach (**Deatrich/Antisell**)
- O. Student Member Transition (**Medora**)
- P. Mentors (**Lawrence/Natale/Gormley/E. Farley/Truong/Ke. Brown**)  
*Natale said the region is planning to do a mini grant program to the Region 2 YMF and student members in the next few months - College Contact Chairs keep this in mind and be on the lookout.*

*Gormley congratulated everyone and praised the CivE Club Chairs and the K-12 Chairs for jumping in and adapting to virtual so well. Suggested we should be aware of the optics of a large gathering for the Phillies game. For the Critical Issues Seminar, he suggested a virtual event to encompass a larger group and speakers. Also he suggested having more institute involvement. Anything we can do to include them, we should do.*

*Daprano suggested doing an info session for all of the institute chairs to build those ties. The Section has the contacts for the tech groups and institutes and can help to make those connections for us.*

*Kev. Brown said as the Membership Secretary, he wants to do welcome letters for new members to let them know what we are doing locally, as well as inform them of the National benefits. Suggested we do this on the YMF level and the student level? He will chat with the Executive Board about doing this for all new students.*

*Nelson said to go to Civil Department heads to send to all students. Medora said he agrees and is working on this and would love to work together to develop the right plan of the action for the YMF. Wilson will set up a discussion with Nelson, Farley, Medora, and the Executive Board to formulate a plan.*

- X. Other ASCE Updates - Wilson to open the floor for any committee updates.  
Doyle said they are still doing the Equity and Infrastructure articles. [Equity and Infrastructure: How Infrastructure Influences Social Equity](#).
- A. Digital Strategy Advisory Council (**Natale**)  
*New ASCE website is live. Check it OUT. It's a newsfeed now.*
  - B. Committee on Professional Career Growth (**Natale**)
  - C. Committee on Student Conferences and Competitions (**Medora**)  
*Medora said ASCE has renewed its partnership with AISC for the student steel bridge competition. They are working on a hybrid in person/virtual event for 2022. Medora is stepping down as a member of the CSCC.*
  - D. Committee on Student Members (**Ke. Brown**)  
*Kev. Brown said CSM is discussing possible options for the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders (WSCL). With the uncertainty of the delta variant, they are taking three suggestions to the Leader Training Committee (LTC) to help them provide a recommendation for the overall Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC).*
  - E. Committee on Sustainability (**Abel**)
  - F. Committee on Younger Members (**Wilson**)
  - G. Program and Finance Committee (**Gormley**)
  - H. Leader Training Committee (**Gormley**)  
*The LTC's Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) will be hosted virtually at the end of September.*
  - I. MOSAIC (**Doyle**)
  - J. Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council (**Abel**)  
*Abel has the ACECC 41st Executive Committee Meeting being held virtually at the end of September. The USA will have a 10 minute time slot to discuss a civil engineering innovation. April Lander is the representative from ASCE. Abel presented in March at the ACECC 40th Executive Committee Meeting. Anyone that is interested in becoming more involved, please reach out to Abel.*
- XI. Adjourn
- A. Next Board Meetings

1. Wednesday, September 29th @ 5:30 PM
2. Thursday, October 28th @ 5:30 PM