

# American Society of Civil Engineers Philadelphia Section Younger Member Forum



✓ Caroline Voigtsberger

## **2021-2022 BOARD MEETING #3**

WHEN: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

WHERE: Zoom Meeting

✓ Kayla Nelson

CALL INFO: Meeting ID: 959 8789 0514, Passcode: 99CxuutH

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

✓ Dennis Wilson ✓ Tyler Farley ✓ Darren Black ✓ Tim Abel ✓ Ben Deatrich Aiin Fatima ✓ Lindsay Chateauvert ✓ Christian Antisell ✓ Kirsten Brown ✓ John Dovle CJ Medora ✓ Kevin Walsh ✓ Sean McCreesh ✓ Katrina Lawrence ✓ Paige Glassman ✓ Nooraldean Dabdoub **Cory Bogas** ✓ HuYoung Kim ✓ Sabrina Mamo ✓ Mohamed Asker ✓ Marty Wiliams

✓ Assunta Daprano

**GUESTS:** Kevin Brown, Nha Truong, James McGillen (Villanova), Matthew Philbin (Temple)

#### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome to Guests (**Wilson**) Wilson thanked our guests and students for attending.
- II. Consent Agenda (Wilson)
  - A. INCLUSIONS:
    - 1. 2021-2022 Board Meeting #3 Agenda
    - 2. 2021-2022 Board Meeting 2 Minutes
  - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items.
    - MOTION: Doyle
       SECOND: Abel
       DISCUSSION: None
    - 4. RESULT: Passed Unanimously
- III. Executive Committee Updates (Wilson)
  - A. ASCE Updates
    - 1. Society (Wilson)
      - a) ASCE COVID Guidance

Wilson informed the group that the guidance from National for Covid has not changed. The ASCE National Executive Committee may be requiring vaccinations for in person meetings in Reston, VA. Since our meetings will continue to be held virtually, this determination does not apply. More on this will be provided at future meetings.

b) ASCE Convention (Virtual) - October 6-8

Wilson encouraged the Board to attend stating that it is a lower price than normal since it will be held virtually. Let him know if you do sign up.

(1) OPAL Awards Gala (Virtual) - October 8

Dennis said that the OPAL Awards Gala will be free to attend. A virtual recording of the Gala can be seen <a href="here">here</a>.

#### 2. Region 2 (Natale)

a) Region 2 Assembly @ University of Maryland - Saturday, November 13 *Virtual registration opens this week.* 

#### 3. Section (Wilson)

- a) Welcome Back Social Thursday, September 16
  Wilson said the Welcome Back Social was a great time and that it was nice to
  see everyone. The venue and food were awesome. Wilson will share the list of
  winners via email. Daprano mentioned that the event required attendees to
  show proof of vaccination all went smoothly.
- b) <u>Dinner Meeting (Virtual)</u> October 14 Section is following ASCE's guidance to remain virtual for the rest of the year. The registration is open for the October 14 meeting.
- c) Dinner Meeting (Virtual) November 11

# B. <u>Budget</u> (**Doyle**)

Doyle informed the board we received more money than last year since hopefully we will be back in person in 2022. He asked the Board to please review their committee budgets. There were some changes made due to the first half of the year switching to a virtual platform. Reach out to Doyle with any questions. Wilson said on the top of budget, the Scavenger Hunt donations list was submitted to the Section before the meeting. Wilson will share those with the board once they are approved.

### C. Task Committees

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

  Doyle said the JEDI Committee met earlier this month. They are working on their bike event, slotted for the beginning of November. Lawrence mentioned collaborating with the <u>Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia</u> for future events.
  - a) JEDI Moment Hispanic Heritage Month
    Daprano said there was a lot of great feedback on the Hispanic Heritage Month
    post that went out on our social media platforms. She gave the Board some
    background information on the Hispanic Heritage Month including the
    significance of the dates. Doyle said that NPR is doing a Hispanic music special
    this month.

## IV. Communications Committee Updates (Chateauvert)

- A. Event Tracking Spreadsheet
- B. Google Drive Access and Structure

 Username: phillyymf Password: Phil\$gr8

#### C. Canva (Daprano)

Chateauvert said that Daprano does a fantastic job with the flyers using Canva.

## D. Newsletter (Asker)

Asker informed the Board when the next Newsletter deadline is. Chateauvert said that for the email blasts, please submit the text that you would want included. Chateauvert said she will be cleaning up the Constant Contact list.

## V. Outreach Committee Updates (Abel)

Wilson encouraged each board member to attend at least one volunteer event.

## A. CivE Club (Mamo/Dabdoub)

Mamo said the CivE Club will begin on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. She will send a list of sign up for volunteering virtually. They currently have about 17 to 18 students signed up to attend and will need at least two volunteers per session.

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

Nelson said they are working on the Welcome Back Event. They reached out to the college chapter leaders to schedule their first meeting. Drexel's chapter would like to run an event aimed toward FE Prep, which they would open up to all student chapters. Farley mentioned sending out an email blast aimed at connecting with student members.

## C. Student Transition (Medora)

Abel said Medora shared the application deadline is Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Right now, there are three mentors and two mentees signed up. Pairs will be matched Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Antisell said that they only have five schools that have signed up so far. Please send any information if you have teacher friends, as they continue to follow up with their contacts from last year. Deatrich and Antisell discussed opening up volunteer spots to engineers of any discipline. Daprano will provide a list of school contacts she knows. Mamo will send over a few elementary school contacts she has.

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

#### A. Event Recaps

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

Brown said they had 39 members attend the event with a mix of familiar and new faces.

It was great to catch up with everyone in person.

## B. Upcoming Events

1. TTF Watershed - Saturday, October 9 (Williams/Voigtsberger)
Williams said they can accommodate however many they have signed up.
Advertisements of the events have been posted to all social media platforms.

2. Adopt-A-Highway - Saturday, October 16 (Williams/Voigtsberger)

The event is scheduled to be included in the Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> email blast. The image of the meeting spot will be included in the email blast.

#### C. Events to Track

# 1. Life Do Grow (Williams/Voigtsberger)

Voigtsberger said the event is slated for the first weekend in November, however, it is not yet confirmed.

2. Potential Technical Tour - SEPTA Wawa (Kim/McCreesh)

Kim and McCreesh are targeting to have an event in the spring.

3. 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

A. Polos

Abel sent out a meeting invite to kick off the polos. Floral patterns are still being considered.

B. TreeTop Quest Board MeetUp

Brown suggested planning another Board bonding meeting in the fall. Axe throwing, apple picking, attending a beer garden, and ice skating was suggested. Daprano asked everyone to be mindful of different abilities and making the activity accessible for all.

C. Winter Social

No updates.

#### D. Student Attendees

James McGillen said he is the president at Villanova and goes by Jake. He is a senior Civil and Environmental Engineering major with a minor in sustainability. He is roommates with Voigtsberger's cousin and thanks the Board for inviting him.

Matthew Philbin said he is the treasurer at Temple. He is originally from Scranton and is majoring in Civil Engineering. He thanks the Board for inviting him.

### E. Headshot Event

Daprano mentioned that WTS is doing a headshot event. She suggested we do a similar event in the spring in which we can invite students as well. Truong and Mamo offered to help plan the event.

#### VIII. Open Discussion

#### 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**)
- 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)
- N. K-12 Outreach (**Deatrich/Antisell**)
- O. Student Member Transition (Medora)
- P. Mentors (Lawrence/Natale/Gormley/E. Farley/Truong/Ke. Brown)

Lawrence enthusiastically told everyone they were doing a great job. Truong said he appreciates all of the hard work. Brown acknowledged Wilson for inviting the students to the meeting. He mentioned the Section is looking into doing the welcome emails to students from the Section. Wilson to reach out about the welcome emails and set up a meeting.

#### X. Other ASCE Updates

- A. Digital Strategy Advisory Council (Natale)
- B. Committee on Professional Career Growth (Natale)
- C. Committee on Student Conferences and Competitions (Medora)
- D. Committee on Student Members (**Ke. Brown**) *Friday, October* 1<sup>st</sup> *is his last meeting on the COSM.*
- E. Committee on Sustainability (Abel)

Abel said the sustainability page on the website is making more of an effort to tie together the society initiatives with the Committee on Sustainability. He is pleased to see the continuity. Find more information here. He also informed the Board he is liaising with the CYM and the COS to

create a space for younger members and student members to interact and network at the society level. They have had two meetings.

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

  Wilson said the fall meeting is in a few weeks in which they are welcoming four new members.
- G. Program and Finance Committee (**Gormley**)
- H. Leader Training Committee (Gormley)
- I. MOSAIC (Doyle)

# XI. Adjourn

- A. Next Board Meeting
  - 1. Thursday, October 28th @ 5:30 PM