



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



2024-2025 Board Meeting No. 4

DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2024
TIME: 5:30 – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Pennoni, 1900 Market St, Suite #300, Philadelphia, PA 19103
CALL INFO: [Teams Link](#)

ATTENDANCE: *Virtual attendees in italics.*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assunta Daprano (AD) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alyssa Pizzi (AP) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noor Dabdoub (ND) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Walsh (KW) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Ableman (TA) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emma Youngs (EY) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CJ Medora (CM) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cory Bogas (CB) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lexi Gawelko (AG) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kayla Nelson (KN) | <input type="checkbox"/> Zach Abbas (ZB) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kris Melag (KMe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kirsten Kennedy (KK) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Venuto (GV) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerianne Chen (KC) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Stanton (JS) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Rizzo (AR) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elvira Marie Mikhael (EM) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Wade (KaW) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marty Williams (MW) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Booz (HB) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler Farley (TF) | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Antisell (CA) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurel Welch (LW) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Malley (KM) | |

GUESTS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call **(AD)** *KK, KaW, CA, CB, ZA, AG, KMe not in attendance*

- II. Consent Agenda **(AD)**
 - A. INCLUSIONS:
 1. 2024-2025 Board Meeting No. 4 Agenda
 2. September [2024 Board Meeting No. 3 Minutes](#)
 - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items.
 1. MOTION: *ND*
 2. SECOND: *EY*
 3. DISCUSSION: *none*
 4. RESULT: *passes*

- III. Executive Committee **(AD)**
 - A. ASCE Updates
 1. Section **(AD)**
 - a) Past Events
 - b) Upcoming Events
 - (1) October Dinner Meeting (10/10) *KC, EM, CM, KN, KW all plan on attending*
 - (2) ASCE Career Fair (10/25) *J. Natale reached out to AP for another social media post. AD asked if board members are attending for company to let her know so people can work ASCE table in shifts.*
 2. [Region 2](#)
 - a) Awards
 - b) Region 2 Assembly at York College (11/9) *AD encouraged the board to attend. YMF has travel budget to cover tolls and gas if anyone is interested.*

3. Society
 - a) Past Events
 - (1) ASCE Convention in Tampa, FL - CANCELED
 - b) Upcoming Events
 - (1) ERYMC in Memphis, TN (1/30-2/1) *AD to send around spreadsheet for board members to fill out info to keep track of who is going from board, budget, etc.*
 - B. Budget
 1. FY24 BUDGET **(CM)** *KN said one outstanding budget request for CivE Club outstanding for FY23-24*
 - a) College Contact Overage - *KN motioned, CM seconds, passes unanimously. No discussion*
 2. FY25 BUDGET **(KN)** *KN said still awaiting Section approval. Slight increase in travel budget for new FY. New column in budget spreadsheet to help chairs understand what they've spent and what is left.*
 3. [Reimbursement Request Cover Letter Template](#) and receipts **(KN)** *Follow up to let Tom K. know payment has been received. KN highly recommends PayPal instead of check due to speed of reimbursement request being fulfilled.*
 - C. Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (JEDI) **(JS)**
 1. DBEs: The Ins and Outs of Working with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in A/E/C (10/30) *DVRPC/Philly Section Zoom link for DBE event.*
 2. *Social media guidelines put together 2 years ago by JS and Dani Schroeder: ASCE asked them to present on the guidelines at an event next month for LTC.*
- IV. Communications Committee **(CM)**
- A. Website Updates **(TF)** *Keeping events page up-to-date.*
 - B. Section Newsletter/Annual Report **(LW)** *Section newsletter event recaps taken from Event Tracking Spreadsheet. Will reach out to individuals regarding attendance for events for Annual Report*
 - C. Social Media Updates **(AP)** *DBE flyer later this week, Career Fair post next week. K-12/CivE club posts for events. JEDI grid post to join?*
 - D. Awards **(KaW)**
 1. ERYMC Awards *CM let board know that the awards were due around November 22nd and to nominate people*
 2. DVEW Young Engineer of the Year Award *CM asked board for nominations by date in Katie's email.*
- V. Outreach Committee **(KW)**
- A. General **(KW)**
 1. Winter Social date *KW waiting for response on how to pay deposit. Date is set for Monday, January 27, 2024*
 - B. Mentor Program Update **(HB)**
 1. Sign Ups Closed - 13 Mentor/Mentee Pairs *One mentee mechanical engineer. HB find out more of his interests to help pair him with a person.*
 - a) Next Year - Mentor application out sooner. *HB wants mentors outside of board. No mentees returned from last year, wants to figure out why. Referenced WTS Mentor Program and how strong it is with returning mentors and mentees. Form at the end of program year? Form to old mentees/mentors on why they didn't do it again?*
 2. Introduction Email Sent *Included graphics for social media posts.*
 3. Finalized budget to plan events *HB planning to plan events once budget is approved. HB wants to service event (plan with Community Service chairs).*
 - C. CivE Club Program Update **(ND/EY)**
 1. Schedule - Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 *ND said first class today. Good turnout, expecting average 13 students each week. EY proposed incorporating Future City Competition into the club schedule. Once teacher approves, send out schedule. Teacher wants a (waste)water treatment plant tour - will reach out to Kevin Malley.*
 - D. K-12 Outreach Program Update **(KC/EM)** *Reached out to teacher contact list. Few more meetings scheduled with teachers to schedule visits.*

1. Wed, Oct 23 - Taggart Girls Inc Collab 3:30-5:30pm *KC said presentation and hands-on activity planned.*
 2. Mon, Nov 18 - Ad Prima Charter (Overbrook Campus) *Will definitely need volunteers for these two events, especially Mt. Airy Campus event (TBD). 7th and 8th graders, presentation and hands-on activity. Plan to beef up presentation for them.*
 3. January - Perkiomen Valley HS Women in STEM club - virtual presentation
 4. March - Perkiomen Valley HS Career Panel with Engr classes
- E. College Contact Updates **(AG/KMe)**
1. Welcome Back Student Event (9/18) *KW said event went well. Already discussed transferring money.*
 2. Chapters scheduled for ASCE dinner meetings
 - a) Oct 10 - Drexel
 - b) Nov 14 - Villanova
 - c) Mar 13 - Widener and Temple
 - d) Apr 10 - Swarthmore
 3. Working on attending chapter GBMs *Will set up dates with each student chapter.*

VI. Events Committee **(KN)**

A. Past Events

1. Flat Rock Dam Betterment Project (09/11) **(MW/AR)** *About 25 attendees. Design engineer attended tour and was able to provide good background on issues addressed during the design process. PWD project engineer gave construction updates. Good timing for tour because they had a temporary cofferdam built that's currently holding back the Schuylkill River.*
2. Annual Phillies Game & Tailgate (9/13) **(ZA/GV)** *45 people in attendance for game. Came in under budget. Phillies lost, but had a good time. CA had a VIP happy hour at Xfinity Live afterwards. AD liked the pizza. GV said they can plan to get pizza from there next year.*
3. Friends of Wissahickon (9/28) **(KM/CA)**
 - a) *Canceled due to weather KM checked website and they do have weekly events between now and November if we need to squeeze in another Community Service event.*

B. Upcoming Events

1. TTF Watershed Tree Planting (10/19) **(CA/KM)**
2. Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up (11/02) **(CA/KM)**
3. Resume Event (11/13) **(CB/TA)** *TA said they were able to lock in one guest speaker with HR and business enterprise background (interviews, resumes, etc.). They are looking to get at least one more speaker for this event. CB's second speaker did not work out due to communication issue. Location TBD, possibly use local EGR firm's office space. Plan to reach out to board members to see if their offices are available. Due to high volume of events at MT, would like to not use them but might use MBI. AD asked if date was flexible due to Section Dinner (YMF's topic) is 11/14. Date is not locked in, TA's guest speaker is flexible. Possibly 11/19 or 11/20.*
4. PennDOT District 6 Tour (11/2024) *AR found contact, will email tomorrow. Plan on pushing it to December. TF offered to give intro, so will do that instead.*

C. Events to Track

1. ASCE SJ Social Event (Winter) *GV sent out Doodle poll for dates.*
2. I-95 CAP Project Panel (Spring) *No updates.*
3. *No updates on the ASCE/ASHE DeVal Joint Winter Mixer. GV/ZA have not received any emails regarding it. TF will reach out to Sean Pence.*
4. *MW has been coordinating with Joe Sernik (sp) for I-95 CAP Pedestrian Bridge construction (South Street) and there will possibly be a tour in the spring.*

VII. Look Ahead / Other Business **(AD)**

- A. Winter Social (01/27/25) **(KW)** *Touched on earlier. KW asked for everyone to check for unforeseen conflicts. AD mentioned ERYMC at end of that week, but should not be issue.*
- B. Future Cities **(KN)** *At Archbishop Carroll HS in Radnor on Saturday, January 18, 2025. EY asked about conflict of interest leading a team and having YMF board members judge.*

VIII. Open Discussion

- A. November Dinner Meeting Topic
 - 1. Bicycle Coalition's Vision for Philadelphia *AD said YMF has been in touch with someone at OTIS, KM in touch with someone in the Bicycle Coalition, and AD to reach out to Will Cowan at WSP to get a consultant engineer's perspective. EM will moderate the panel, they'll be a presentation (for PDH requirements). AD to respond to Jesse Gormley's email with a blurb for the Section. Might have JS or someone from MBI instead. JS to ask around before AD reaches out to Will Cowan. Would love to have a board member on panel. Presentation from OTIS, panel will have BC person, consultant engineer, and OTIS representative.*
- B. Changes to ERYMC Awards *AD sent email a couple of weeks ago. CYM wants to streamline awards for all three MRLCs. AD wants board to vote on changes before responding back. Vote was unanimously yes to approve changes.*
- C. *DVGI has a meeting next week focusing on coastal engineering. Registration closes Friday. Next month is I-95 collapse.*
- D. *JS and TF were selected for 2024 GVF Top 40 Under 40.*

IX. Officer Reports

- A. Vice President **(KW)** *nothing.*
- B. Secretary **(CM)** *nothing.*
- C. Treasurer **(KN)** *nothing.*
- D. Past President **(KK)** *nothing.*
- E. JEDI **(JS)** *nothing.*
- F. Awards **(KaW)** *absent*
- G. Information Technology **(TF)** *nothing.*
- H. Public Relations **(LW)** *Design Philly event in November that has YM registrant link/fee. Good place to network, lots of AEC professionals attend their events.*
- I. Social Media **(AP)** *nothing.*
- J. Professional Development **(TA/CB)** *nothing.*
- K. Social Events **(ZA/GV)** *nothing.*
- L. Technical Events **(AR/MW)** *nothing.*
- M. Community Service **(CA/KM)** *KM and his coworker raised \$3,000 for charity bike ride.*
- N. Civil Engineering Club **(ND/EY)** *nothing.*
- O. College Contact **(AG/KMe)** *absent*
- P. K-12 Outreach **(KC/EM)** *nothing.*
- Q. Student Member Transition **(HB)** *nothing.*
- R. Mentors *none in attendance.*

X. Other American Society of Civil Engineers Updates

- A. Committee on Student Members **(A Daprano)** *nothing.*
- B. Committee on Developing Leaders **(C Medora)** *nothing.*

XI. Board Meeting Schedule

- A. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location:
 - Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5:30 pm
 - McCormick Taylor
 - 1818 Market Street
 - Suite 1600
 - Philadelphia, PA 19103

XII. Adjourn at 6:49 PM.