



American Society of Civil Engineers
Philadelphia Section
Younger Member Forum



2024-2025 Board Meeting No. 10

DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2025
TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: TPD, 1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, 11th Floor Meeting Space, 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 type="checkbox"/> Tony Ableman (TA) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emma Youngs (EY) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CJ Medora (CM) | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirsten Kennedy (KK) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gina Venuto (GV) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerianne Chen (KC) |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christian Antisell (CA) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laurel Welch (LW) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Malley (KM) | |

GUESTS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call **(AD)** *KW call to order 5:40 PM*
- II. Consent Agenda **(AD)**
 - A. INCLUSIONS:
 - i. 2024-2025 Board Meeting No. 10 Agenda
 - ii. March [MINUTES_031125_Board_Meeting_9_Agenda](#)
 - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items.
 - i. MOTION: *KW*
 - ii. SECOND: *ND*
 - iii. DISCUSSION: *None*
 - iv. RESULT: *Passes*
- III. Executive Committee **(AD)**
 - A. YMF Election **(AD)** *Currently have four nominations (1 for each position). Nominations are open until COB on Friday, April 28th. Feel free to nominate yourself or another worthy person. Appointed positions are also open, and AD recommends people to apply for their top 3.*
 - B. ASCE Updates **(AD)**
 - i. Section
 - a) Upcoming Events
 - (1) April Technical Dinner Meeting @ The Inn at Swarthmore (4/10) *ND and possibly AD will be in attendance.*
 - (2) Spring Social @ The Lucy (5/15) *Support fellow YMFers who won awards.*
 - ii. [Region 2](#)
 - a) Past Events

- (1) Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium (3/28 & 29) **(AD/KN)** AD said PSU did a phenomenal job, especially since it was technically two symposiums at once. AD encouraged board members to get involved and volunteer next year. It is a great way to meet the students and network.
 - b) Upcoming Events
 - (1) PA State Council Legislative Day (Tent. May 2025) AD said this event will take place in Harrisburg. If a board member would like to go, there is travel budget available.
 - (2) Region 2 Assembly - University of Delaware (Fall 2025) AD said UD is confirmed host, most likely in October. AD will be going, will organize a carpool.
 - (3) AR asked about the 2026 PA Infrastructure Report Card. There will be a call for volunteers, possibly at this week's dinner. CA to share the [Google Form](#) for volunteer signups.
 - iii. Society
 - a) Upcoming Events
 - (1) YMLS in Reston, VA @ ASCE HQ (8/15-8/17) Several board members have attended. Possible reimbursement from YMF for travel.
 - (2) YMLS Alumni Summit (9/19-9/21) - location TBD
 - (3) Annual Convention in Seattle, WA (10/8-10/11)
 - C. Budget
 - i. FY25 BUDGET **(KN)**
 - ii. [Reimbursement Request Cover Letter Template](#) and receipts **(KN)** KN said CB's outstanding reimbursement request for the Resume event. KN suggested for the rest of the year to request reimbursement by check. Its faster and Tim Abel is on paternity leave. EM said she has a reimbursement to submit for K-12 supplies.
 - D. Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (JEDI) **(JS/AD)**
 - i. Joint Event with Section JEDI (Matt Reese) MR is unavailable until September. Putting a pin in for now but AD to focus on during summer.
- IV. Communications Committee **(CM)**
- A. Website Updates **(TF)**
 - i. Continuing to organize the archived photos TF updating events page.
 - B. Section Newsletter **(LW)**
 - i. Keep sending event highlights and pictures for the Section Newsletter!
 - C. Social Media Updates **(AP)**
 - i. Need more board member responses for Highlights!
 - ii. Advertise upcoming K-12 event, Critical Issues Seminar, AAH Cleanup, Election Happy Hour AP to repost about Critical Issues. Advertise AAH and Election HH.
 - iii. Posting event recaps for K-12, Resume Event, Mentor Program
 - D. Awards **(KaW)**
 - i. Region 2 Awards
- V. Outreach Committee **(KW)**
- A. Mentor Program Update **(HB)**
 - i. April Newsletter Sent Out
 - ii. End of the Year Celebration HB said that a lot of participants wanted to do the program again. In the past, people only join for one year. There is still \$100 left in budget to be used in the summer by running a promotion to recommend a friend and the recommender receives a Starbucks (or equivalent) gift card.
 - B. CivE Club Program Update **(ND/EY)**
 - i. Performing Future City Mock (preparation for next year)
 - ii. Field trip to Amtrak Station EY said the tour is scheduled for May 6th. They might see the new Acela trains.
 - iii. Schedule - Tuesdays 3:30-4:30
 - a) Calling for Volunteers! Structures sessions on 4/22 and 4/29.

- b) [Schedule](#)
 - iv. Looking for company swag items (pens, stickers, etc...) to pass out at CivE Club
 - a) Please reach out to your marketing team for swag we can give it to the students
- C. K-12 Outreach Program Update **(KC/EM)**
 - i. Recap
 - a) Norristown Area HS (3/20) *AD answered questions on attending community college and being in the non-technical side of things, electrician vs. electrical engineers, etc. A lot of the students were sophomores. It was different from other HS events since an activity was done. There was not a formal panel.*
 - ii. Volunteers Needed!
 - a) April 10 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Neshaminy HS STEAM Expo *There are 2 volunteers + EM. They've had 600 students in the past. Still working to finalize setup of tables. Activity is earthquake simulation with marshmallow/toothpick tours or even slender tour. KK or JS to give EM shirts for the event. Kevin Brown to provide an old ASCE tablecloth for the event (since Section Dinner is also Thursday and will be used there). AD suggested having a laptop out with a rolling slideshow of the K-12 Civil Engineering Presentation or the activity.*
 - iii. In Planning
 - a) Girls Inc - William D Kelley reschedule 3-5pm - Thurs - May 8 or 22?
 - b) Girls Inc. Eureka Camp - July 7-28 *KC finalized Monday, July 21st from 12-2 PM. Migrant K-12 event (in event planning spreadsheet for more details) will take place 12:30-2:30 PM.*
 - 2hr lessons for 8-9th graders
 - Preference for Mon or Tues (tent 9:30-11:30 AM or 12-2 PM)
 - Girard College & Bok building (South Phila)
 - c) Chester County Intermediate Unit
 - Education services for agri workers
 - Interested in summer partnership
- D. College Contact Updates **(AG/KMe)** *AD asked KW to set up meeting with the four of them next week to discuss the position and lack of attendance/participation.*
 - i. Chapters scheduled for ASCE dinner meetings
 - a) Apr 10 - Swarthmore, Widener, and Villanova
 - ii. Student Chapter GBM's
 - iii. Succession Planning Meeting **(AD/CM)**

VI. Events Committee **(KN)**

- A. Past Events
 - i. ASCE/ASHE Joint Resume Workshop (03/18) **(CB/TA)** *Everyone that signed up attended (100% attendance). A lot of new faces at event, a lot of good questions.*
- B. Upcoming Events
 - i. Critical Issues Seminar (Philadelphia 250th) (4/22) **(TA/CB)** *CB said they have 2 confirmed speakers and are awaiting a third speaker from Amtrak by end of today. AD sent out an email to student chapter leaders, Section board, others. Discussion regarding another presenter such as a City of Philadelphia Office of Special Events person. Fred Stein is KW's boy - well connected City employee who spoke at the Mayor's press conference. Its possible for him to be the moderator. AD asked if we can get 4 panelists by Friday, but CB said only 3 is likely. AD said that once we have 3 panelists confirmed, advertise on social media and e-blast.*
 - ii. Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up (5/3) **(CA/KM)** *CA said ASHE is willing to work with our budget and provide additional funding for the event. AD suggested to CA to have a budget conversation with ASHE for next/future year(s) run by the YMF Treasurer to discuss events that the YMF and ASHE jointly host each year (i.e. 2 AAH cleanups, joint winter mixer, joint resume event, etc.)*
 - iii. Election Happy Hour (5/12) **(ZA/GV)** *No updates.*
 - iv. Kickball Tournament (6/17) **(ZA/GV)** *No updates.*
 - a) ASCE, ASHE, YPT, MASITE, DVASE
- C. Look Ahead Events

- i. End of Summer HH (Sept 2025) *KN said we're looking at August (or early September) instead due to Phillies game most likely being 9/26.*
- ii. Phillies Game (8/22 or 9/26) *KK mentioned that the tailgate used to be in June. Game will most likely be 9/26. Tickets are \$8/ea cheaper. AD sent out a draft approval form due to us not knowing who will take over, but reminded the board that its organized by current and future chairs. CA will put down the deposit on his personal card and get reimbursed.*
- iii. Amtrak Gray 30th Street Station Tour (May or June 2025) *AD provided dates to her boss, but MW and AR were taken off the email chain early on. Once they confirm the dates are okay, things will proceed with event planning. Gilbane (sp) is the CM and AR knows someone who works there and will respond to him when necessary. EY said through her CivE Club planning that Thursdays do not work for Amtrak.*

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

- A. Winter Social Donations **(KW)** *KW needs to follow up with Tom K on the Section. Bowman was the only company to not send their check. AD suggested to reach out to Joe Natale and Kevin Brown if he does not hear back from TK.*
- B. Board Bonding **(EY)** *EY said it will be karaoke and the date is TBD. She will do another poll.*

VIII. Open Discussion

- A. *Official email for the record for board positions to be sent to AD.*
- B. *HNTB is moving offices, possible location for June meeting. Board seemed to like the outdoor vibe (i.e. Liberty Point like 2023).*

IX. Officer Reports

- A. Vice President **(KW)** *None.*
- B. Secretary **(CM)** *None.*
- C. Treasurer **(KN)** *None.*
- D. Past President **(KK)** *None (last official board meeting)*
- E. JEDI **(JS)** *Not in attendance.*
- F. Awards **(KaW)** *Not in attendance.*
- G. Information Technology **(TF)** *None.*
- H. Public Relations **(LW)** *Not in attendance.*
- I. Social Media **(AP)** *None.*
- J. Professional Development **(TA/CB)** *None.*
- K. Social Events **(ZA/GV)** *None.*
- L. Technical Events **(AR/MW)** *AR to leave Pennoni this Friday and join Michael Baker. MW is aging out and this is his last year on the board. AD will have a little something for him at the May board meeting.*
- M. Community Service **(CA/KM)** *None.*
- N. Civil Engineering Club **(ND/EY)** *None.*
- O. College Contact **(AG/KMe)** *Not in attendance.*
- P. K-12 Outreach **(KC/EM)** *None.*
- Q. Student Member Transition **(HB)** *HB thanked everyone on the board who volunteered for the program this year.*
- R. Mentors *None in attendance.*

X. Other American Society of Civil Engineers Updates

- A. Committee on Student Members **(A Daprano)** *None.*
- B. Committee on Developing Leaders **(C Medora)** *None.*

XI. Board Meeting Schedule

- A. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location:
 Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm
 Transystems (tentative - if unable to host, it will be at AECOM. We will know the election results for that board meeting.)
 1717 Arch Street

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XII. *Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.*