American Society of Civil Engineers
Younger Member Forum
YMF Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2007
Time: 6:04 PM
Location: Pennoni Associates (3001 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia)

ATTENDEES REPRESENTING
Joe Platt President
Don Gusic Vice President
Jeremy Chrzan Secretary
Mike Wagner Treasurer
Fred Vesci Assistant Secretary
Kazi Hassan Technical Groups Chair
Dave Petrucci South Jersey Liaison
Drew Siriani IT Chair
Chris Schaeffer Professional Development Chair
Mustafa Igdelioglu Professional Development Chair
Tze-Wei Choo College Contacts Chair
Jennifer Pesch College Contacts Chair
Cathy Golata (via telephone) Social Chair
Krista Pohl YMF Newsletter Editor
Jeremy Colello Second Past President
Jim Markham Section President

In his opening remarks James Markham, this upcoming year’s Section President, spoke about the strong year the YMF had in 2006-2007. All indications are that the YMF will grow even more this upcoming year. With the right planning in place, the Forum could potentially see increases in all levels of activity, with this increased financial support from the section is a possibility, and it starts with the formulation of this upcoming years budget (mentioned later).

Newsletter Info – Fred stated we had more than enough content for the summer newsletter. The next deadline is October 12th. **ACTION: KRISTA**

1) Meeting Minutes of the May 17, 2007 meeting were approved.

2) Activities / Updates
   a) YMF
      i) Cathy gave a recap of the Phillies game. It rained, but the Phillies won. YMF generously sponsored 2 dollar hot dog and soda combo coupons.
      ii) Don/Mike gave an update on the remaining 2006-2007 budget. There is still an excess going into the end of the year (700-900 dollars). Suggestions were made to pay the upcoming year’s web site fees, a Happy Hour, Board Meeting, or Bowling event to use up the remaining budget. **ACTION: MIKE**
      iii) Final budget must be submitted to the section by October 1st a formal first draft should be ready to submit by the end of this month (July) with a proofed copy back to Treasurer before September 13th. **ACTION: MIKE**

b) Section
   i) ASCE Section Board Retreat (June 21st)
      (1) The section board would like the YMF to make more productive use out of the E-room, a web based scheduling bulletin board, where all events can be reviewed in one location.
         (a) Joe will investigate the access issues involved with the e-room by September 5th. **ACTION: JOE**
3) Upcoming Events/Programming
   i) Speaker for joint section/YMF dinner meeting: Suggestions for a speaker at the October Section meeting are needed. The YMF is supposed to arrange for a speaker for the joint Section/YMF dinner meeting. Tentative date is October 12th. **ACTION: ALL**

4) Potential Events
   a) Fall kickoff happy hour
      i) Strikes Bowling, at 4040 Chestnut Street will be planned. The event was well attended last year and totaled about 360 dollars. A 5 dollar cover will be in effect to promote a reliable RSVP count. **ACTION: CATHY**
   b) Dodgeball Tourney. **ACTION: DAVE**
   c) Possible ASCE-YMF-Philly softball game versus ASCE-SJ or another group.

5) ERYMC 2009 **ACTION: BOARD VOLLUNTEERS**
   i) The Philadelphia YMF has been chosen to host the 25 anniversary ERYMC.
   ii) Don has volunteered to help head up planning board; Board volunteers will be needed to start planning this fall.
      1) Conference call with National YMF next week (July 16th-20th)
   iii) Hotel arrangements are currently being investigated by the National liaison.
   iv) The target weekend for the event is the 1st Friday and Saturday of February 2009.
   v) Need to plan student event not centered around bar hopping.
      1) Dodge ball.
   vi) For the 25th anniversary, it was suggested to bring back the first attendees.
   vii) Utilize the landmark guide.
   viii) Attendees typically only get reimbursed for a 1 night stay, plan accordingly.

   b) NERMYC related – YMF website award will be presented this November in Florida. Travel arrangements for Webmaster and Forum president will have to be accounted for in the budget. **ACTION: MIKE**

6) Open discussion
   a) Early Winter social deep thoughts:
      i) Renting out all of McGillin’s.
      ii) 2 bartenders at Independence Brew Pub.
      iii) Keep it at a Center City location.
      iv) $20 instead of $15.
   b) Drew reminded new board members to send him their information for the website. **ACTION: NEW YMF BOARD MEMBERS**

7) Joe said that there would be another meeting mid-August, date and location will be set via email