Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 14, 2013
Time: 5:40 PM
Location: Pennoni Associates, Inc.
3001 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Attendance List:
Via telephone: Adrienne Nikolic, Eammon Farley

Responsibility for action items is indicated by bold type

1) Meeting minutes from November board meeting were approved with noted changes. Minutes are to be posted in the eRoom (Sirianni), and published to website (Renfro).
2) Meeting minutes from December board conference call were approved. Minutes are to be posted in the eRoom (Sirianni) and published to website (Renfro).
3) Committee on Younger Members (CYM)
   a. Award Applications
      i. Hassan to vote for our younger member group at ERYMC
         ii. Hassan announced that our younger member group won the community service award. Announcement to be posted on website “News” page (Renfro)
   b. ERYMC
      i. Sending 6 delegates from our younger member group
         ii. See eRoom for additional information
4) Section
   a. Joint dinner meeting with American Society of Highway Engineers – Delaware Valley Section on 1/16/13 at Radisson, Valley Forge, PA. Reservations are being accepted by ASHE via fax machine only.
   b. 100th year scavenger hunt. Need to contact colleges and advertise event for the Section. Contact Steve if you have any questions. Need to post on website and social media (Renfro, Allie, and Adrienne). Notify colleges - (Brown/ Montague)
5) Past Event Recap
   a. Wissahickon Trail Restoration with Friends of the Wissahickon (Nov. 17th, 2012)
      i. Worked on a new trail alignment
         ii. Constructed erosion and sedimentation control measures
         iii. See webpage and Facebook for additional information
   b. Suburban Happy Hour at Rock Bottom Brewery (Dec. 4th, 2012)
      i. 50-60 in attendance
         ii. Sign in sheet captured 15 additional email addresses for YMF email list
         iii. Good planning played major part in the success of this event
         iv. Good turnout of PennDOT employees too
   c. Outreach for FNC students (Dec. 19th, 2012)
      i. A dozen 11th and 12th graders, and 2 teacher-mentors
      ii. Presentation on civil engineering in general
      iii. Students asked lots of questions
   d. SEPTA trolley tour (Jan. 9th, 2013)
i. 24 attendees
ii. New Equipment/software coming soon to be in compliance with government regulations
e. Outreach - Great Valley High School (Jan. 10th, 2013)
i. Backlund and her husband presented general civil engineering as well a special portion on geotechnical engineering that included a hands on demonstration

6) Upcoming Events
a. Future City Competition, 1/26/13
i. Volunteers for the event so far are Chrzan, Hassan, Gray, and Sirianni.
ii. Additional volunteers are still needed. Visit Future City Competition website for additional information and to register.
b. Winter Social 2013, 1/28/13
i. Board member sign-up sheet for tasks during the event
ii. So far have raised $1,500 worth of prizes, last year $2,700 was raised in prizes so the board members are asked to check in with the companies they are soliciting (All, as needed)
iii. RSVPs are at 90 as of this morning. Continue to get the word out to coworkers and friends (All)
iv. Banner is needed for the event (Eno)
v. Keep raffle money and entry fee money separate.
vi. Keep very close track of wrist bands, each wrist band is worth $25.
vii. Obtain company logos from sponsors (All)
viii. Food selection will be the same as last year
ix. Put flyers on tables for YES (Gray)
x. Put flyers on tables for the Section’s 100th Anniversary Gala (Steve to prepare/have flyer prepared and forward to Gray)
xii. Donation of at least $250 to Habitat for Humanity, remainder likely to go to Philabundance. More discussion on remainder portion at next board meeting.
c. Outreach, dates TBD
i. Chester A. Arther School (Philadelphia School District)
   1. Gormley to meet with teacher on Jan. 29th, 2013
   2. Looking to start up a Civil Engineering Club
   3. Would meet twice a week from 3:30pm to 6:00pm
   4. Looking for younger engineers to volunteer (All, as needed)
   5. Will need clearance from Philadelphia police and there is a cost associated with obtaining clearance
   6. Prepare blurb for Section newsletter (Gormley to submit to Kessler)
d. Phillies Game, 8/21/13
i. 125 tickets secured together for the 300 level
ii. Try to make contact to the South Jersey and Delaware Young Member Groups
   1. Look for contact persons at ERYMC
iii. Add a save-the-date to the website (Renfro), and to the secretary emails (Sirianni)
iv. Add $1 to cost of all tickets to cover Paypal processing fees

7) Potential Events
a. Construction tour
i. Schedule tour at Boeing relatively soon, next month or so (Suralik)
ii. SR 95 Sec. GR1 tour in the spring – Contact Kevin Brown (Suralik/Maakestad)
b. Critical Issues Seminar
   i. Preim to setup a phone conference soon to discuss topics
   ii. Current ideas on the table include disaster preparedness, disaster relief
   iii. Send more ideas to Preim and Farley (All)

c. Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC) Joint Social Event
   i. Joint social with the emerging professionals committee, maybe in March
   ii. Mostly architects and interior designers
   iii. Hassan is going to their board meeting tomorrow

d. Canstruction
   i. New event director
   ii. Likely that the new registration info will be sent out later this week
   iii. Event takes place on the 3rd week of April
   iv. Email Maakestad if you would like to participate (All)
   v. Campbell’s Soup donation is needed again, it was key last year.

e. Event Planning in General
   i. Has been very smooth, recaps have been done well and completed in a timely manner, try to remember to take pictures at the event

8) Officer Reports

a. Reigle: New option to use Paypal for expense reimbursements. The section prefers this method. (All, as needed)

b. Backlund: 5/8/2013: Outreach – STEM night at the George McCall School in Center City. Teacher is looking for corporate sponsors to offset cost for the event. If we participate, we need to have a better demonstration than last year. On 3/25/13: McCall School is having Women’s Career Day. Farrell has volunteered to attend with Backlund.


c. Brown: New semesters starting at most local colleges. Looking for engineers to go into schools for presentations. Think of a project you might be able to present. Email Kevin and Collette if you are interested. (All, as needed)

d. Miller: Potentially more Friends of the Wissahickon trail work, maybe some Food Bank work at 22nd and Sansom

e. Kessler: Send in items for award for National Conference (All, as needed)

f. Nikolic: Thanks to the board members for sending photos

g. Sedor: Send any interesting civil engineering related articles for posting to Facebook (All, as needed)

h. Farrell: Outreach has been exceptional this year. Reminder to pay ASCE dues, dues are past due now that the new year started. (All, as needed)

i. Colello: Accolades to student outreach and the YMF board in general.

j. Gray/Sedor/Reigle: Free admission to the Winter Social is being given to 2 people based on liking our Facebook page. Pick the 2 winners and contact them through Facebook (Sedor and Nikolic). Chris to make an announcement during the event to highlight the winners and encourage everyone to join our page (Gray).

The next board meeting will be set for February. Hassan will send out the Doodle Scheduling invitation over the next couple weeks indicating the exact date options. Need a location for the meeting. Contact Hassan if your office can host the next meeting. (All)

-The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm-