



American Society of Civil Engineers
Philadelphia Section
Younger Member Forum



2024-2025 Board Meeting No. 8

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: STV, 1818 Market Street, Suite 2300, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Bogas (CB) | <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Wade (KaW) | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurel Welch (LW) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Malley (KM) | |

GUESTS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call **(AD)**
- II. Consent Agenda **(AD)**
 - A. INCLUSIONS:
 - i. 2024-2025 Board Meeting No. 8 Agenda
 - ii. January [MINUTES_011425_Board_Meeting_7_Agenda](#)
 - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items.
 - i. MOTION: *EY*
 - ii. SECOND: *missed who*
 - iii. DISCUSSION: *none*
 - iv. RESULT: *passes*
- III. Executive Committee **(AD)**
 - A. ASCE Updates
 - i. Section **(AD)**
 - a) Upcoming Events
 - (1) DVEW Events Only 2 YMF attendees for Young Engineers Social next
 - (2) Spring Social @ The Lucy (5/15)
 - ii. [Region 2](#)
 - a) Upcoming Events
 - (1) Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium (3/28 & 29) **(AD/CM)** KN & AD attending
 - (2) PA State Council Legislative Day (Tent. May 2025) **(AD)**
 - (3) Region 2 Assembly - University of Delaware (Fall 2025) **(AD)** Region 2 would like to help the Delaware Section grow and become more active.
 - iii. Society

a) Past Events

- (1) ERYMC in Memphis, TN (1/30-2/1) *Matt Reese won ED&I award, and the YMF won the Peers Group Award. There was discussion on what the Peers Group Award is and who applied this year. LTC wants to make it so the Annual Report is submitted as a Peers Group Award application. ERYMC in 2026 will be held in Jacksonville, FL and 2027 will be jointly hosted by the Lehigh Valley Section, Central PA Section, and the Reading Branch. AD brought home ASCE swag for the board to take home or give to CivE Club and K-12 outreach.*

b) Upcoming Events

- (1) YMLS in Reston, VA @ ASCE HQ (8/15-8/17)
- (2) YMLS Alumni Summit (9/19-9/21) - location TBD
- (3) Annual Convention in Seattle, WA (10/8-10/11)

B. Budget

- i. FY25 BUDGET **(KN)** *Only outstanding reimbursement request is K-12 stickers and AD's ERYMC reimbursement request. KW's Winter Social reimbursement check pending.*
- ii. [Reimbursement Request Cover Letter Template](#) and receipts **(KN)**

C. Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (JEDI) **(JS)** *Working to plan a committee meeting in the next two weeks.*

- i. Joint Event with Section JEDI (Matt Reese) *Working to plan a spring event in which JS plans to ask Matt Reese to present the ASCE Annual Convention presentation that he prepared.*

D. Winter Social **(KW)**

- i. Recap/donations *KW said 130 people attend. We collected just over \$6000 in donations, including some given as raffle prizes. We sold over \$1300 in raffle tickets. Once things are said and done, over \$6000 to be donated. The only thing that carried over from last year is that McGillins does not have a set date for the headcount, but says we should give in advanced.*

IV. Communications Committee **(CM)**

A. Website Updates **(TF)**

- i. Continuing to organize the archived photos

B. Section Newsletter **(LW)**

- i. Keep sending event highlights and pictures for the Section Newsletter! *LW will send in a recap about PEERS Group Award and Winter Social summary. AD to send group photo with the award from ERYMC to LW and AP for posting.*

C. Social Media Updates **(AP)**

- i. Need more board member responses for Highlights! *Encouraged more people to send recaps especially with elections coming.*
- ii. Advertise E-Week event & upcoming K-12 events in March & April
- iii. Posting event recaps *AP would like to post a recap of the ERYMC awards.*

D. Awards **(KaW)**

- i. CYM Awards submitted (1 nomination)
- ii. Philadelphia Section Awards submitted (3 nominations)
- iii. *Next awards to come out will be Region 2 awards. KaW will send a call for nominations when the awards are available. Moving on, Awards Chair will BCC the nominee on emails.*

V. Outreach Committee **(KW)**

A. Mentor Program Update **(HB)**

- i. February Newsletter Sent Out
- ii. Interest Form for Spring Events Sent Out *Responses have been received. Half the respondents are interested in attending a YMF community service event. HB suggested the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup in the spring.*
- iii. Gathering Dates for Program Graduation *Has two dates reserved in April. HB needs to send a final poll for choosing. HB wants at least 1 person from the Exec Board to speak about mentorship.*
- iv. *HB let CB and TA know someone from MT's Talent & Acquisition group is available for the Resume event in March.*

B. CivE Club Program Update **(ND/EY)**

- i. Performing Future City Mock (preparation for next year)
 - ii. Schedule - Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 *Last two weeks canceled due to a b-ball game and today's weather. Schedule to be changed around, EY asked for volunteers.*
 - a) Calling for Volunteers! *ND encouraged board to get colleagues involved.*
 - b) [Schedule](#)
 - iii. 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) William D. Kelley w/ Girls Inc (1/23) - canceled
 - ii. Volunteers Needed!
 - a) Feb 24 @ 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm - Juniata Park Academy (Girls Inc.) *KC said we have 1 volunteer (AP) but if more are interested, please volunteer.*
 - b) Mar 6 @ 9:20 am - 10:30 am - Perkiomen Valley HS Career Panel with Engr classes *EM said 4 volunteers so far.*
 - c) Mar 20 @ 2:15 pm - 4:15 pm - Norristown Area HS *KC said only 1 volunteer, and if anyone is interested, either KC or EM will be driving from Center City.*
 - d) April 10 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Neshaminy HS STEAM Expo *Students coming through to complete short activities.*
 - iii. In Planning
 - a) Ad Prima - Mt Airy
 - b) Girls Inc - other locations April/May as time allows
- D. College Contact Updates **(AG/KMe)**
- i. Chapters scheduled for ASCE dinner meetings
 - a) Mar 13 - Widener and Temple
 - b) Apr 10 - Swarthmore and Villanova
 - ii. Student Chapter GBM's
 - a) Kris M. plans to attend Swarthmore GBM on February 12th *AD asked AG to confirm Kris' attendance.*

VI. Events Committee **(KN)**

A. Past Events

- i. None

B. Upcoming Events

- i. E-Week Social Event w/ DVASE (02/12) **(ZA/GV)** *GV said nearly 50 attendees registered. Weather is unfortunate, so hoping most registrants attend. A few people reached out already. Someone from Ladder 15 reached out that less than 60 people, the 3rd floor might be too big but KK and AD suggested the space is not that big and to respond that we still want the space. Food is only for 20-30 people, so hoping to request more during the event but doesn't want to do anything without DVASE's agreement. KN said that right now we are actually profiting from the event, so we have to order more food so we can receive the same amount of money or more for the next FY. AD suggested asking Ladder for to-go boxes for people to take leftovers. KN asked about a minimum for the space, but GV confirmed the space does not have a minimum. KN said to pay the entire bill and have DVASE go through the Section to pay their half. Suggested for GV to ask ZA what he did for the Joint Winter Mixer.*
 - a) Ladder 15
- ii. ACCT Philly Community Service Event (02/22) **(CA/KM)** *KM said ACCT employee said to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that attendees do not mind getting dirty. ACCT confirmed space for food, so KM plans to order pizza and drinks. KC mentioned there is no cell phone service in the building but there is Wi-Fi for ordering.*
- iii. ASCE/ASHE Joint Resume Workshop (03/17) **(CB/TA/KMe)** *CB said room is locked in for March 18th. Speakers/panelists to be finalized soon. Working with Sean Pence from ASHE to get information together. AD asked to have an advertisement for the next e-blast and we can announce the speakers later. KN asked if necessary to announce the speakers, AD said there is value to students seeing companies being represented. KN asked if the event approval form to be sent to the exec board by this Friday so it can be reviewed and approved for next week's e-blast.*

C. Events to Track

- i. Critical Issues Seminar (Philadelphia 250th) **(TA/CB)** - Week of April 7th *CB said they are working to finalize availability with PennDOT, the City, the Airport, and Uber. The topic is the 250th anniversary of Philadelphia. The two venues are District Brewing and Yards, dates of April 22nd or 23rd. KW asked if the parade manager could be included to provide perspective. AD said a good future topic would be an event with Philadelphia OEM and how they handle big events like the Eagles parades, the Papal Visit, etc. KK said she was going to do that for WTS this spring. AD mentioned WTS also did a Philly 250 event, so no problem.*
- ii. Election Happy Hour **(ZA/GV)** - Week of May 5th *GV said this is the week of the WTS conference, but KN said we discussed it for a different date. If we hold the election and KK is unavailable, we'd have to get a hold of Second Past President Tim Abel is available (if held 5/12) because it is in our bylaws. The other option is the week of Memorial Day. KW said earlier is better. An email to Tim Abel and Dennis Wilson ASAP to get one of them to attend.*
- iii. I-95 CAP Project **(AR/MW)** *MW still waiting to hear from the PM. Other options for tours include PhilaPort.*

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

- A. Board Bonding *EY to organize karaoke (Doodle Poll of potential dates). AD suggested Friday or Saturday night. CA would like to host a game night at his place.*
- B. Carpooling to March board meeting (45+ min drive from Center City) *AD to send out a spreadsheet to coordinate rides from downtown. CA said he can take 4 people.*

VIII. Open Discussion

- A. *KW seconds his own thoughts on the parade guy for the Critical Issues Seminar.*
- B. *AD said now is a good time to start thinking of what position each member would like to be next year. AD plans to schedule a meeting with each chair to discuss positive/negatives of their position so next year, AD can update the YMF's Bylaws as Past President. These meetings will be one-on-one. There were conversations during ERYMC that sparked the decision to have these talks.*

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)** *nothing*
- G. Information Technology **(TF)** *nothing*
- H. Public Relations **(LW)** *nothing*
- 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)** *nothing*
- N. Civil Engineering Club **(ND/EY)** *nothing*
- O. College Contact **(AG/KMe)** *nothing*
- 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)** *AD said join a society-level committee. New members usually join as a "corresponding member" to start and eventually will be asked to be a full, voting member. Some committees can be more work than others, so be aware of the commitment level when you apply. Committees give you a good way to branch outside Philadelphia and even Region 2.*

- B. Committee on Developing Leaders (**C Medora**) - volunteer as a judge at PSU this March! *KC let everyone know that KN has been awarded as a New Face of Civil Engineering (to be formally announced tomorrow). AP will make a social media post.*

XI. Board Meeting Schedule

- A. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location:
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Schnabel Engineering
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- XII. Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.