



American Society of Civil Engineers
Philadelphia Section
Younger Member Forum



2024-2025 Board Meeting No. 11

DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 2025
TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: AECOM, 1635 Market Street, Suite 1000, Philadelphia, PA 19103
CALL INFO: [Teams Link](#)

ATTENDANCE: *Virtual attendees in italics.*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assunta Daprano (AD) | <input type="checkbox"/> Alyssa Pizzi (AP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Noor Dabdoub (ND) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Walsh (KW) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tony Ableman (TA) | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Kirsten Kennedy (KK) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Venuto (GV) | <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Christian Antisell (CA) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurel Welch (LW) | <input 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. 11 Agenda
 - ii. April [MINUTES_040825_Board_Meeting_10_Agenda](#)
 - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items.
 - i. MOTION: *Tyler*
 - ii. SECOND: *Hannah*
 - iii. DISCUSSION: *None*
 - iv. RESULT: *Passes*
- III. Executive Committee **(AD)**
 - A. YMF Election **(AD)** *Our new executive board ran unopposed. Kevin Walsh (President), Christopher Medora (Vice President), Kayla Nelson (Secretary), and Christian Antisell (Treasurer). Appointed positions due to Assunta by Friday, May 23rd. This will give AD and KW one week to put together the rest of the board for FY25-26. Please only send emails with top 3 to AD.*
 - B. ASCE Updates **(AD)**
 - i. Section
 - a) Past Events
 - (1) April Technical Dinner Meeting @ The Inn at Swarthmore (4/10) *KN said venue was not run efficiently. The room where dinner was held was split for the breakout sessions while dinner was ongoing and some people were unable to finish their meals.*
 - b) Upcoming Events

- (1) Spring Social @ The Lucy (5/15) *A few board members will be in attendance and winning awards.*
 - c) PA Report Card
 - (1) Sign Up Now Open! *Rizzo signed up to be a part of the water/wastewater category.*
 - ii. [Region 2](#)
 - a) Upcoming Events
 - (1) Region 2 Assembly - University of Delaware (Saturday, November 8) *AD wants to have a good Philly showing due to close proximity to the City and since Delaware Section is not very active.*
 - (a) Carpooling and student chapter outreach (August)
 - iii. Society
 - a) Upcoming Events
 - (1) ASCE Society-wide Presidential Election (5/1-6/1)
 - (a) Ballot Question on ASCE Membership Grades *If passed, all ASCE members will be "Member" grade as opposed to current method where non-professional engineers are Associate Members*
 - (2) YMLS in Reston, VA @ ASCE HQ (8/15-8/17) *YMF has travel budget if people are interested. AD offered assistance if people need help getting employers on board with sponsoring.*
 - (a) Early-bird registration (\$175) ends 6/30
 - (3) YMLS Alumni Summit (9/19-9/21) - Portland, OR
 - (4) Annual Convention in Seattle, WA (10/8-10/11)
 - (5) 2026 MRLC in Jacksonville, FL (1/9-1/10) *KW will be our delegate as YMF President. KN will be backup delegate if not, unless CM is able to attend (currently conflicting obligation).*
 - b) Looking Ahead
 - (1) MRLC 2027 will be held in Fall 2027 due to new Annual Convention
 - (2) ASCE HQ to move *Staying in Reston but moving buildings.*
 - (3) Chi Epsilon to merge with ASCE (01/2027)
- C. Budget
 - i. FY25 BUDGET **(KN)** *If you have are waiting for a check, please let KN know ASAP. Since we are near the end of the FY, please start planning for the next FY and if your budget was underutilized and you want to request the same amount, please come up with a valid justification.*
 - ii. [Reimbursement Request Cover Letter Template](#) and receipts **(KN)**
- D. Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (JEDI) **(JS/AD)** *September 2025 for Matt Reese's 2024 Annual Convention presentation (which was canceled). Co-host with the Section since MR has a dual role with YMF & Section. AD to coordinate with Jeese Gormley (incoming Section President) over the summer.*
- IV. Communications Committee **(CM)**
- A. Website Updates **(TF)**
 - i. Continuing to organize the archived photos *Events page is up to date.*
 - ii. Will remove election page now that it is past
 - B. Section Newsletter **(LW)**
 - i. Keep sending event highlights and pictures for the Section Newsletter! *LW has sent recent events and will send election recap soon. Outstanding events to be in the summer newsletter.*
 - C. Social Media Updates **(AP)**
 - i. Need more board member responses for Highlights for summer content!
 - ii. Posting a reminder on appointed positions
 - iii. Posting event recaps for AAH Cleanup, & Election HH/Election Results
 - D. Awards **(KaW)**
 - i. Region 2 Awards *Accepting R2 nominations until tomorrow, May 14th. Already has at least one nomination for each award.*

- ii. *Employer of the Year Award - nominate AECOM and get HR data for ASCE membership. KN asked if we could have time to get more employers nominated, so KaW will send out a call for nominations tomorrow (or this week) and keep it open until end of May.*

V. Outreach Committee **(KW)**

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

- i. *May Newsletter Sent Out No newsletter sent out this month.*
- ii. *Chair transition HB uploading stuff to the Google Drive for transition, other resources like topics and examples.*
- iii. *Mock interview Program Start small and make available to mentor program for now. Try in fall and if it is successful, open it up in the spring.*
- iv. *Possible co-chair? Possible budget discussions for next year due to lack of money to cover all of the pairs. This conversation will continue in the fall.*
- v. *Dane for YMF President.*

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

- i. *Performing Future City Mock (preparation for next year) Beginning date for K'nex Bridge Competition on June 10th. EM asked if K-12 could borrow the K'NEX for future outreach events. ND is going to buy two sets that allow for bridges and homes. EM mentioned a water contamination activity that she saw at ERYMC that costs around \$200.*
- ii. *Field trip to Amtrak Station*

C. K-12 Outreach Program Update **(KC/EM)**

- i. *Recap*
 - a) *Neshaminy HS STEAM Expo (4/10) EM said there was hundreds of students up to middle school-age.*
- ii. *Volunteers Needed!*
 - a) *PA Migrant Education Program - Thurs, July 17, 12:30-2:30 pm EM said they'll like have to put in a materials request for both these events. They hope these events will be a transition event with the new chairs.*
 - b) *Girls Inc. Eureka Camp - Mon, July 21, 12-2 pm (@ Girard College)*

D. College Contact Updates **(AG/KMe)**

- i. *Chapters scheduled for ASCE dinner meetings*
 - a) *Apr 10 - Swarthmore, Widener, and Villanova AD heard these presentations went well.*
- ii. *Student Chapter GBM's*
- iii. *Succession Planning Meeting (AD/CM) AD said this will have to occur over the summer once we have new chairs. When AD works on rewriting the YMF Bylaws as Past President, one of the focuses will be doing away with "joint events" with student chapters and the YMF. One thing to be removed, potentially, would be the #ASCEMadeMe Challenge. Lively conversation involving College Contact position and other various positions. R1 is making a database of contacts, KN made that for us as well. Some things to look into are making it one chair instead of two, working more closely with Student Member Transition Chair(s), etc.*
- iv. *AD said that if you are a current chair/co-chair and have suggestions for position updates, send them to AD.*

VI. Events Committee **(KN)**

A. Past Events

- i. *Critical Issues Seminar (Philadelphia 250th) (4/22) (TA/CB) All speakers showed up, good attendance, food was good. Only thing CB suggested was more time for attendees to eat. KN said Events Committee meeting minutes from most recent meeting has*
- ii. *Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up (5/3) (CA/KM) 12/14 registrants (1 student) attended, under budget because no drinks were ordered. Note for next year: Fireside no longer sells pizza for lunch.*
- iii. *Election Happy Hour (5/12) (ZA/GV) GV said HH went really well, but did have a couple of no-shows. Good amount of food with some leftovers for people to take home. Reimbursement to be submitted tomorrow before GV leaves for vacation.*

B. Upcoming Events

- i. Kickball Tournament (6/17) **(ZA/GV)** GV sent over flyer (ASHE used old flyer template). Waiting for Sean Pence to send over new version. SP to set up a call later this month while GV is away. Edgley Field, potentially. Try for it day-of since the City hasn't gotten back if we can use it. Would like to start advertising ASAP.
 - a) ASCE, ASHE, YPT, MASITE, DVAASE
 - ii. PhilaPort Tour (6/26) **(MW/AR)** MW told AD he'd have something over to exec board end of this week or early next week.
 - iii. AR to reach out to JG or Kevin Brown to get CAP tour on books for summer/fall. KN has geotechnical connection who she could put AR in touch with.
 - C. Look Ahead Events
 - i. End of Summer HH (Aug 2025) Not being planned just yet.
 - ii. Phillies Game (9/26) CA purchased tickets.
- VII. Look Ahead / Other Business **(AD)**
 - A. Winter Social Donations **(KW)** AD still has not heard back from KW on this.
 - B. Board Bonding **(EY)** Board bonding scheduled for June 13th. Let EY know ASAP so she can book a Karaoke room.
- VIII. Open Discussion
 - A. EM asked if anyone on the email chain with Tyler B (from City of Philadelphia) about a tour of the Schuylkill River extension tour with WTS (this week before opening to the public next week). Joint event with City and WTS? AD said it would be difficult to advertise on such a short timeline but willing to plan a tour for later event. KW offered to stay out of planning and just advertise to our members. AD asked KW to respond and handle the coordination.
- IX. Officer Reports
 - A. Vice President **(KW)** Needs to follow up on donations.
 - B. Secretary **(CM)** None.
 - C. Treasurer **(KN)** None.
 - D. Past President **(KK)** Not in attendance.
 - E. JEDI **(JS)** Not in attendance.
 - F. Awards **(KaW)** None.
 - G. Information Technology **(TF)** None.
 - H. Public Relations **(LW)** None.
 - I. Social Media **(AP)** Not in attendance.
 - J. Professional Development **(TA/CB)** None.
 - K. Social Events **(ZA/GV)** None.
 - L. Technical Events **(AR/MW)** None.
 - M. Community Service **(CA/KM)** Not in attendance.
 - 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)** None.
 - R. Mentors None in attendance.
- X. Other American Society of Civil Engineers Updates
 - A. Committee on Student Members **(A Daprano)**
 - B. Committee on Developing Leaders **(C Medora)**
- XI. Board Meeting Schedule
 - A. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location:
 - TBD Will be determined by KW once he and AD meet to decide appointed positions.
- XII. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.