



American Society of Civil Engineers  
Philadelphia Section  
Younger Member Forum



**2025-2026 Board Meeting No. 2**

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 27, 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"/> Kevin Walsh (KeW)       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noor Dabdoub (ND) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Rizzo (AR)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CJ Medora (CM)          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurel Welch (LW) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kerianne Chen (KC)             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kayla Nelson (KN)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Zach Abbas (ZA)              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Wade (KaW)    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christian Antisell (CA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Edwins (AE)           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emma Youngs (EY)    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assunta Daprano (AD)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Alyssa Pizzi (AP)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Cory Bogas (CB)                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elvira Mikhael (EM)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Malley (KM) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tony Ableman (TA)              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler Farley (TF)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Gina Venuto (GV)             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shane Leiphart (SL) |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lexi Gawelko (AG)            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Booz (HB)    |

**GUESTS:** Jesse Gormley (JS) - Section President

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**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call **(KeW)** 5:38 PM
  - A. **AECOM WiFi:** A\_GUEST - use CJ as sponsor and he will approve access (christopher.medora@aecom.com)
- II. Consent Agenda **(KeW)**
  - A. INCLUSIONS:
    - i. [August Board Meeting No. 2 Meeting Agenda](#)
    - ii. [July Board Meeting No. 1 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items:
    - i. MOTION: *Emma Youngs*
    - ii. SECOND: *Noor Dabdoub*
    - iii. DISCUSSION: *None*
    - iv. RESULT: *Pass*
- III. Executive Committee **(KeW)**
  - A. ASCE Updates **(KeW)**
    - i. Section
      - a) Past Events
        - (1) 8/14 Section Board Planning Meeting
          - (a) *Thank you from Mr. Gormley - supports YMF efforts that support our section that the section cannot solely provide. (JG) Acknowledged and appreciates the support (KeW)*
      - b) Upcoming Events
        - (1) 11/13 [November Section Dinner Meeting - YMF Topic](#)
          - (a) *YMF will stick with a technical presentation and not a panel discussion. Encouraged board members to reach out if any suggestions (KeW)*

- (b) *30th Street Station Redevelopment Project mentioned she has contacts and it would help us move the topic away from roadway, for a change. AECOM is the owner's representative. (AD) The Section considered the topic and would like to be involved in the planning (JG). Assunta and Emma to discuss via email, post-meeting. (EY)*
    - (c) *Christian to Crescent Pedestrian Bridge was already presented on. (KeW)*
  - c) PA Report Card
    - (1) Sign Up Now Open!
      - a) Interested volunteers should complete the [2026 PA Infrastructure Report Card Interest Form](#) from chairs Justin Komp and Paul Ackerman.
      - (b) *Christian recommends volunteering for the Roads portion of the Report Card. He said it is a rewarding experience, and you can add it on your resume as a publication. Reach out if you have questions. (CA)*
  - ii. [Region 2](#)
    - a) Upcoming Events
      - (1) [Region 2 Assembly](#) - University of Delaware (Saturday, November 8)
        - a) [Carpooling](#) and student chapter outreach
          - (i) *Kayla plans to attend - maybe Cory.*
      - (2) [Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium](#) - University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (Friday, April 17th to Sunday, April 19th) - [volunteers needed!](#)
  - iii. Society
    - a) Past Events
      - (1) YMLS in Reston, VA @ ASCE HQ (8/15-8/17) **(EY)**
        - a) *A lot of learning about yourself and your communication style. Her favorite was the "Difficult Conversation" session. They discussed how preferred communication styles and methods will vary from person-to-person. Seeing ASCE HQ was very cool!*
    - b) Upcoming Events
      - (1) [YMLS Alumni Summit](#) (9/19-9/21) - Portland, OR
      - (2) [Annual Convention](#) in Seattle, WA (10/8-10/11)
      - (3) [2026 Multi Region Leadership Conference \(MRLC\)](#) in Jacksonville, FL (1/9-1/10)
        - a) *Kevin will be our delegate.*
        - b) [Interest and "Airpooling" Spreadsheet.](#)
- B. Budget
  - i. FY25 Budget **(KN)**
    - a) *Sent updates to certain board members who had substantial budgets remaining.*
  - ii. [Reimbursement Request Cover Letter Template](#) and receipts **(KN/CA)**
  - iii. FY26 Budget **(CA)**
    - a) *Finalized Budget Requests from all board members.*
    - b) *Sending Budget Request to the Section by the end of this week.*
- C. Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (JEDI) **(EM)**
  - i. *Focusing on one main event for the committee this year.*
  - ii. *Will establish a relationship with MOSAIC and assist with upholding JEDI values for our events.*
  - iii. *Plans to schedule a general committee meeting to get interested members involved in the committee. Elvira will work on a post for social media, as well as a write-up for E-Blasts.*
- IV. Communications Committee **(KN)**
- A. Website Updates **(ND)**
    - i. Continuing to organize the archived photos.
    - ii. Removed the election page and past events. *Behind on recaps, but will update by the end of next week.*
    - iii. Update Board Members page. *Complete!*
    - iv. *Need board members to check our website to see what needs to be updated (Awards, Outreach, JEDI, etc.).*

- B. Section Newsletter **(LW)**
    - i. Keep sending event highlights and pictures for the Section Newsletter!
    - ii. *Beginning work on Annual Report - be sure to provide her with a summary of events held (whether they are public or private events) so she can reflect the activity in our report. (KN)*
  - C. Social Media Updates **(ZA)**
    - i. Need more board member responses for Highlights for summer content!
    - ii. Mentor Program Application and End-of-Summer HH Recap posts.
    - iii. Transitioning our LinkedIn to a Business Page.
  - D. Awards **(TF)**
    - i. [YM Employer Recognition Award](#)
      - a) *Tyler plans to submit TPD for the award.*
- V. Outreach Committee **(CM)**
- A. Mentor Program Update **(HB)**
    - i. Mentor/Mentee Applications - currently have 7+ mentors, 5 mentees
      - a) *We have more mentors than mentees. Will ask some to be involved in mock interviews, since the mentor slots are full.*
    - ii. Mentor recruitment program - max of 7 pairs based on proposed budget
    - iii. *Sending gift cards from the referrals of some sort of branded apparel item (pins or some other) for end-of-program celebration.*
  - B. CivE Club Program Update **(KaW/EY)**
    - i. Looking to confirm if teacher wants to do Future Cities Competition - answer affects schedule
    - ii. *Discussion about Section/YMF Mentorship Program. (EY/JG)*
    - iii. *Wednesdays at 3PM.*
  - C. K-12 Outreach Program Update **(TA/SL)**
    - i. Sorting through contact list and planning year ahead
  - D. College Contact Updates **(CB)**
    - i. Welcome Back Student Event
      - a) Raffle out Phillies Tickets with remaining budget
      - b) *Pep Bowl may have reopened. (AD)*
      - c) *Jesse discussed the Section wanting to add an incoming college student/high school senior scholarship. Plans to coordinate communication/distribution of the application with Cory, Shane, and Tony. (JG)*
- VI. Events Committee **(CA)**
- A. Past Events
    - i. End of Summer HH and Headshots (8/18) **(KM/GV and AP/AE)**
      - a) *Great photographer - good to work with! The headshots looked great. May have gone a little over budget with food purchases, but more food was necessary.*
  - B. Upcoming Events
    - i. Phillies Game & Tailgate (9/26) **(KM/GV)**
      - a) *Update Phillies Game & Tailgate flyer to reflect extended registration deadline.*
      - b) *16 Phillies Game Tickets Left - Tailgate ONLY tickets unlimited.*
      - c) *Continue signing up to volunteer! [Tailgate Volunteer Sign Up Sheet](#)*
  - C. Look Ahead Events
    - i. ASHE Highway Clean Up (10/11) **(KC)**
      - a) *Working on an Event Approval Form and a Flyer to submit to the Executive Board.*
    - ii. Animal Care & Control Team (ACCT) Philly Service Event (11/15) **(KC)**
    - iii. Technical Events **(AG/AR)**
- VII. Look Ahead / Other Business **(KeW)**
- A. Winter Social Donations **(KeW)**
  - B. Winter Social 2026 (2/2) **(CM)**
    - i. *The date is set. Deposit will be paid in the new fiscal year.*
  - C. Board Member apparel order **(KC/EY)**

- i. *Emma to send an updated poll based on items the Board was most interested in*
- D. Board Meeting Locations **(KeW)**
- E. Board Bonding **(EY)**

VIII. Open Discussion

- A. ASCE2027 Local Planning Committee (JG)
  - a. [ASCE2027 - The Infrastructure and Engineering Experience](#) @ Pennsylvania Convention Center (Monday, March 1 to Friday, March 5, 2027)
  - b. *If you are interested in helping with identifying technical tour locations or generally being involved in planning please reach out to Jesse (JG)*

IX. Officer Reports

- A. Vice President **(CM)** - None.
- B. Secretary **(KN)**
  - i. *Will not be in attendance for our September board meeting. Laurel will be taking notes.*
- C. Treasurer **(CA)**
- D. Past President **(AD)**
  - i. *Attending meetings until January/Winter Social, and then busy with wedding preparations.*
- E. JEDI **(EM)** - None.
- F. Awards **(TF)** - None.
- G. Information Technology **(ND)** - None.
- H. Public Relations **(LW)** - None.
- I. Social Media **(ZA)** - None.
- J. Professional Development **(AE/AP)**
  - i. *Looking into potential locations for a winter event that is not at an office.*
- K. Social Events **(KM/GV)** - None.
- L. Technical Events **(LG/AR)** - None.
- M. Community Service **(KC)** - None.
- N. Civil Engineering Club **(KaW/EY)** - None.
- O. College Contact **(CB)** - None.
- P. K-12 Outreach **(TA/SL)** - None.
- Q. Student Member Transition **(HB)** - None.
- R. Mentors

X. Other American Society of Civil Engineers Updates

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

XI. Board Meeting Schedule

- A. Next Meeting:
  - Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at Mott MacDonald  
(325 Chestnut Street, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19106)*

XII. Adjourn 7:11 PM