



American Society of Civil Engineers
Philadelphia Section
Younger Member Forum



2025-2026 Board Meeting No. 3

DATE: Wednesday, September 24, 2025
TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Mott MacDonald, 325 Chestnut Street, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19106
CALL INFO: [Teams Link](#) (Meeting ID: 228 112 625 595 8; Passcode: kg7Z2a3R)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerianne Chen (KC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kayla Nelson (KN) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Abbas (ZA) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Wade (KaW) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christian Antisell (CA) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Edwins (AE) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emma Youngs (EY) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assunta Daprano (AD) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alyssa Pizzi (AP) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Bogas (CB) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elvira Mikhael (EM) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Malley (KM) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Ableman (TA) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler Farley (TF) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Venuto (GV) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shane Leiphart (SL) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lexi Gawelko (AG) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Booz (HB) |

GUESTS:

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (**KeW**) **5:30 PM**
 - A. Mott MacDonald WiFi: **Network- Mott_Guest; Password - MM@connectingthinking**
- II. Consent Agenda (**KeW**)
 - A. INCLUSIONS:
 - i. September Board Meeting No. 3 Meeting Agenda
 - ii. [August Board Meeting No. 2 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - B. Motion to approve consent agenda items:
 - i. MOTION: *Noor Dabdoub*
 - ii. SECOND: *Assunta Daprano*
 - iii. DISCUSSION: *None*
 - iv. RESULT: *Passed*
- III. Executive Committee (**KeW**)
 - A. ASCE Updates (**KeW**)
 - i. Section
 - a) Past Events
 - b) Upcoming Events
 - (1) 10/7 [October Section Dinner Meeting \(1 Ethics PDH\)](#)
 - (2) 11/13 [November Section Dinner Meeting - YMF Topic](#)
 - (a) William H. Gray III 30th Street Station Redevelopment (**AD/EY**)
(i) Emma to message Jarred Celona about 30th Street Meeting
 - 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.

- ii. Region 2
 - a) Upcoming Events
 - (1) [Region 2 Assembly](#) - University of Delaware (Saturday, November 8)
 - (a) [Carpooling](#) and student chapter outreach
 - (i) Kayla & *Christian* plan to attend - maybe Cory.
 - (2) [Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium](#) - University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (Friday, April 17th to Sunday, April 19th) - [volunteers needed!](#)
 - (a) *If you're interested in going let Kevin Walsh know*
- iii. Society
 - a) Past Events
 - (1) [YMLS Alumni Summit](#) in Portland, OR (9/19-9/21)
 - b) Upcoming Events
 - (1) [Annual Convention](#) in Seattle, WA (10/8-10/11)
 - (2) [2026 Multi Region Leadership Conference \(MRLC\)](#) in Jacksonville, FL (1/9-1/10)
 - (a) [Interest and "Airpooling" Spreadsheet](#)
 - (3) [ASCE2027](#) @ Pennsylvania Convention Center (3/1/27 - 3/5/27)
 - (a) Local Planning Committee
 - (i) If you are interested in helping with identifying technical tour locations or generally being involved in planning please contact Jesse Gormley (JGormley@Pennoni.com)

B. Budget

- i. FY25 Budget (**KN**)
 - a) End of Fiscal Year 9/30
 - *Katie to add background check expenses into FY25 budget*
 - *Some expenses for the Phillies game expected to trickle into FY25*
 - (a) *If you're purchasing anything for the tailgate please submit expenses ASAP*
 - (b) *Kevin mentioned having one person submitting expenses on everyone's behalf.*
 - (c) *Do we want to include reimbursement for parking for people bringing anything*
 - (i) *Most money is being used for food but Christian will consult*
 - (ii) *We will move some money to cover parking for people, now?*
 - (iii) *Kevin mentioned asking the section for moving money approval; Assunta mentioned that we can move a small amount for things like this.*
 - (iv) *Assunta said to send an email out to submit receipts by Saturday so people get their money back in the FY25 budget.*
 - (a) *Kevin Malley will venmo people for parking and the items they volunteered to bring; items to bring are accounted for in the budget but parking isn't but the money will be transferred.*
 - ii. [Reimbursement Request Cover Letter Template](#) and receipts (**KN/CA**)
 - iii. FY26 Budget (**CA**)
 - a) *Tim received the budget and will get back to us with comments in October*

IV. Communications Committee (**KN**)

- A. IT/Website Updates (**ND**)
 - i. Continuing to organize the archived photos.
 - ii. Need board members to check our website to see what needs to be updated (Awards, CivE Club, K-12 Outreach, College Contact, Mentorship, JEDI, etc.). - *no replies yet*
 - iii. *Reminder to send Noor bio updates and to check out your chair webpage and provide any updates*
- B. Public Relations Updates (**LW**)
 - i. Section Newsletter
 - a) Keep sending event highlights and pictures for the Section Newsletter!

- b) *If your company is a section sponsor and you can add your company in the section newsletter with the sponsorship; remind your company if you sponsor*
 - ii. Annual Report (11/30)
 - a) Will reach out to individual chairs with questions, as applicable
 - b) Draft will be submitted to Executive Board mid-October
 - C. Social Media Updates **(ZA)**
 - i. End-of-Summer HH Recap post - *just posted*
 - ii. Phillies Ticket Giveaway
 - a) *No traction on this post so Zach is going to select two random people that paid and give them a voucher for future events*
 - b) *Kevin Walsh said it's not the best idea to give people an IOU for this event; Kayla said (in email) to give it as a VISA gift card.*
 - *Kevin said to purchase the gift card before the September 30th deadline and give it at the tailgate.*
 - *Two \$40 visa gift cards for the event and purchase before the FY25 deadline*
 - *Christian said to submit the reimbursement request before Saturday*
 - iii. Fall Adopt-A-Highway posts
 - iv. Transitioning our LinkedIn to a Business Page
 - a) *If anyone has suggestions for this and our community involvement please let us know*
 - D. Awards **(TF)**
 - i. [YM Employer Recognition Award](#) (8/30)
 - a) No submission; Too quick of a turnaround
 - b) Consider not sending out a call for nominations in the future due to lack of interest. Pass along details to membership, instead.
 - *The YMF giving the endorsement for this award doesn't help much for this award so it's just extra work for us; so we should just include it in the E-Blast but that's all, don't organize anything too official.*
 - ii. [Younger Member Council \(YMC\) Awards](#) (10/30)
 - a) Preparing a nomination form to be sent out to board members
 - *Nomination form sent out to board members today; send Tyler an email with your nominee(s)' info.*
 - iii. [New Faces of Engineering 2026](#) (10/31)
 - a) *Tyler to send out an email tomorrow for this award.*
- V. Outreach Committee **(CM)**
 - A. Mentor Program Update **(HB)**
 - i. Mentor/Mentee Applications - program full, surplus of mentors!
 - a) *Surplus mentors will be invited to the mock interviews*
 - ii. One referral - gift card given
 - a) *Pins were purchased to use up the end of the budget this year*
 - iii. Mock Interviews to begin in fall
 - B. CivE Club Program Update **(KaW/EY)**
 - i. The program will be on Wednesdays at 3PM.
 - a) *Wednesdays at 3:30 pm*
 - b) *Participating in Future Cities this year*
 - c) *Looking for volunteers soon; bulk of volunteer work is to be done in December/January*
 - C. K-12 Outreach Program Update **(TA/SL)**
 - i. Coordinating with teachers to lock in events
 - ii. Using remaining budget to bulk up inventory of supplies
 - a) *Inventory is looking good*
 - D. College Contact Updates **(CB)**
 - i. Swarthmore College Event (9/18)
 - a) *There was a conflict; Rescheduling for sometime in October*
 - ii. *Drexel College Event scheduled for (10/9)*
 - iii. Welcome Back Student Event (10/X) @ Pep Bowl

- a) *Pep Bowl seems to still be closed; looking for other spaces, in contact at PuttShack.*
- iv. *Widener is looking for speakers for a panel event; Temple is looking for help planning a site tour*
- v. *Hannah mentioned that it's 100 years of ASCE at Villanova; Hannah said to sponsor cupcakes or something to show our support*
 - a) *Hannah to have them reach out to Christian and ask; probably has budget to invite some of the YMF probably not the whole board*
 - b) *Kevin said there might be other avenues to sponsor the cupcakes other than the college cupcakes budget*
 - c) *CJ said Villanova is working to fix their ASCE email address; it's currently broken*
 - *Corey awaiting responses from Joey and Jordan*

VI. Events Committee (CA)

- A. Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (JEDI) (EM) *The Executive Committee met and discussed the role of the JEDI Chair and where it fits into the YMF Org chart, and it was decided that the position fit best under the Events Committee.*
 - i. *Preparing a write-up for E-Blast and a post for social media to invite interested members to join the committee.*
 - ii. *Scheduling first general meeting. A poll was sent to last year's committee members, and it looks like next week/early October will be the first general JEDI Committee meeting. EM believes its best to focus on one event for the year as a committee and proceed with planning and organizing it. If any board members are interested in joining the committee, let her know. KeW asked her to target a time of the year where we don't have too many competing events.*
- B. Past Events - *none since the last board meeting*
- C. Upcoming Events
 - i. Phillies Game & Tailgate (9/26) (KM/GV)
 - a) *Game tickets sold out! - biggest crowd since pre-pandemic*
 - b) *Continue signing up to volunteer! [Tailgate Volunteer Sign Up Sheet](#)*
 - *Food*
 - (a) *KM is still going and CA is going to pick him up and make some stops for speakers, pretzels, chicken nuggets, etc...*
 - (b) *CA will try to fit everything in his car.*
 - (c) *KM has to call tomorrow about the pizza and 3:30pm pick up for the Friday pizza from Cacia's in South Philly.*
 - (d)
 - *Cornhole (LW)*
 - (a) *LW is no longer able to attend the tailgate.*
 - (b) *AD offered to lend her cornhole set if coordination to pickup LW's set is not possible. ND to coordinate pick up of LW's cornhole set if AD's set can't be used.*
 - *Chairs (KM)*
 - (a) *KM said it would be a good idea to bring a chair.*
 - (b) *EY offered to lend chairs; ND will pick up EY and store her items during the game.*
 - *Inclement Weather (Rain) Plan*
 - (a) *Discussed use of Lot K since it has solar panels that could provide cover from rain, but noted Lot K is not a tailgate lot. Any of the LOTs west of Darrien you're not allowed to tailgate in.*
 - (b) *KW to bring the extra tent just in case.*
 - c) DJ under contract?
 - *The DJ is Ivan Burashnikov (PWD - KM's coworker). There's no contract, he's just DJ-ing.*
 - (a) *DJ should probably get the giftcard, Noor said if he's good*
 - (b) *DJ will take requests and bring a microphone for announcements or gift card giveaways*

- (i) *CA said to coordinate with Zach on how much money he can spare for gift card money*
 - ii. ASHE Highway Clean Up (10/11) **(KC)**
 - iii. Animal Care & Control Team (ACCT) Philly Service Event (11/15) **(KC)**
 - a) *Looking for at least 6 to 7 volunteers*
 - D. Look Ahead Events
 - i. Technical Events **(AG/AR)**
 - a) *Met with plant manager for SW Plant PWD; trying to get it set up for next week and getting it over to Exec; looking at Thursday, November 6th from about 1-3pm; no cap for this event*
 - ii. Professional Development **(AE/AP)**
 - a) *Speed mentoring event; mentors are people are from the section (15-20+ years of experience), mentees are (0-15 years of experience), thinking about November or late fall or early winter*
 - *AE reached out to Glory Beer Garden and they're not too busy on week nights*
 - *AD brought up the idea of reverse mentoring; Providing more senior-level personnel with guidance on how to prepare for the industry's future.*
 - *Working on approval form for the event*
- VII. Look Ahead / Other Business **(KeW)**
- A. Winter Social Donations **(KeW)**
 - i. *\$6,888.37 in donations distributed to the following organizations: Mural Arts Philadelphia, ACCT Philly, TTF Watershed, Life Do Grow (Urban Creations), Schuylkill River Trail Cleanup, Future City Competition, Friends of the Rail Park, Friends of Wissahickon, Philabundance, Project Home, Pheed Philly, March of Dimes, Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia.*
 - B. Winter Social 2026 (2/2) **(CM)** - [Donation Letters](#) and [Winter Social Committee](#)!
 - i. *CM to send out donation letter templates to board members to send out to companies.*
 - ii. *January 21st (wednesday) donations are due and Feb 2nd winter social is happening at McGillins*
 - iii. *Joe Natale has been helping with the raffle website (see past emails); CM working with him now and is hoping to get it out by the first E-blast of december with the sign up*
 - iv. *Sign up to help CJ with winter social*
 - C. Board Member Apparel Order **(KC/EY)** - [Apparel Order Binding Form](#) responses due 9/26
 - D. Board Meeting Locations **(KeW)**
 - i. *Locations needed for October, January & April*
 - E. Board Bonding **(EY)**
 - i. *Camping is turning into a hike; date TBD*
 - ii. *Everyone likes game night at Christian's; date TBD*
 - iii. *Winery tour seems popular; date TBD*
 - F. [Future Cities Competition](#) - Archbishop Carroll High School; Radnor, PA (1/24) **(KN)**
 - i. *There are volunteer timeslots from 8AM - 12PM, 8AM to 5PM, and 1PM to 5PM. Details about the volunteer roles/responsibility options are available on the Volunteer page of their website.*
 - G. Widener Mock Interview (11/10) **(KeW)**
 - i. *Coordinate with Kris Melag for this he's the new Practitioner Advisor for Widener*
- VIII. Open Discussion
- A. *GV - looking into the social with ASHE during the week of winter social; still in the works.*
 - B. *KeW - traveling October 2-12 and wont have access to emails.*
 - i. *AD is available for questions as well as the rest of the executive board*
- IX. Officer Reports
- A. Vice President **(CM)**
 - B. Secretary **(KN)**
 - i. *The Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology® (GETT) 2025 is taking place at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks, PA on November 1st from 10 PM - 2 PM. If you'd like to*

volunteer at GETT 2025 as a representative of DVGI, or have suggestions for demonstrations, please contact Theresa Loux (tloux@aeroaggregates.com).

- C. Treasurer **(CA)**
 - i. Kayla got married; send her a text and congratulate her!*
 - ii. Porch fest at Christian's house at October 11th*
- D. Past President **(AD)**
 - i. Assunta wants to step down as Drexel's Practitioner Advisor; AD sent an email to all Drexel Alumni on the YMF board; AD will be stepping down regardless of whether the position is filled or not.*
 - a) EY said she would help if AD can't find anyone.*
- E. JEDI **(EM)**
- F. Awards **(TF)**
- G. Information Technology **(ND)**
- H. Public Relations **(LW)**
- I. Social Media **(ZA)**
- J. Professional Development **(AE/AP)**
- K. Social Events **(KM/GV)**
- L. Technical Events **(LG/AR)**
- M. Community Service **(KC)**
- N. Civil Engineering Club **(KaW/EY)**
- O. College Contact **(CB)**
- P. K-12 Outreach **(TA/SL)**
- Q. Student Member Transition **(HB)**
- R. Mentors
- X. Other American Society of Civil Engineers Updates
 - A. Committee on Student Members **(A Daprano/K Nelson)**
 - B. Committee on Developing Leaders **(C Medora)**
 - C. [New Faces of Civil Engineering 2026](#) (10/31) **(KN)**
- XI. Board Meeting Schedule
 - A. Next Meeting:
 - Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at McCormick Taylor*
 - (1818 Market Street, 16th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103)*
- XII. Adjourn **7:07 PM - GO BIRDS**