American Society of Civil Engineers
Philadelphia Section
Younger Member Forum

2025-2026 Board Meeting No. 5

DATE: Wednesday, November 19, 2025
TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Urban Engineers, 530 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
CALL INFO: Teams Link (Meeting ID: 228 112 625 595 8; Passcode: kg7Z2a3R)

ATTENDANCE: *Virtual attendees in italics.*

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

GUESTS:

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call **(KeW) 5:43**

2. Consent Agenda (**KeW)**
    a. INCLUSIONS:
        i. November Board Meeting No. 5 Meeting Agenda
        ii. October Board Meeting No. 4 Meeting Minutes
    b. Motion to approve consent agenda items:
        i. MOTION: *CM*
        ii. SECOND: *ND*
        iii. DISCUSSION: *None*
        iv. RESULT: *Pass*

3. Executive Committee **(KeW)**
    a. ASCE Updates **(KeW)**
        i. Section
            a) Past Events
                (1) 11/13 November Section Dinner Meeting - YMF Topic
            b) Upcoming Events
                (1) 12/9 Engineers' Club of Philadelphia Multi-Society Dinner Meeting
                    (a) Topic: I-95 Emergency Construction (Cottman Avenue) - Detours and Community Impacts
                    (b) Lunchtime meeting - registration is still open
        ii. Region 2
            1. Past Events
                (1) 11/8 Region 2 Assembly - University of Delaware *(KN)*
                (2) Students from Temple and Drexel attended.
            2. Upcoming Events
                (1) 4/17-4/19 Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium - University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (Friday, April 17th to Sunday, April 19th) - volunteers needed!

iii. Society
a) Upcoming Events
(1) 2026 Multi Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) in Jacksonville, FL (1/9 - 1/10)
(a) Registration is open HERE!
(i) Interest and "Airpooling" Spreadsheet
(ii) Registration Rates: $325 (Early Bird) through 12/11; $375 (Advanced) through 1/2; $425 after 1/2.
(iii) Room Rate: $179 per night.
(iv) Looking for someone to be our delegate for ERYMC. Let Kevin know by Friday whether you would want to be considered as the delegate.
(a) CM nominated Emma Youngs and KC seconded the nomination.
(2) 2026 Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C. (3/18 - 3/20)
(a) Noor applied to attend!
(3) ASCE2027 @ Pennsylvania Convention Center (3/1/27 - 3/5/27)

b. Budget **(CA)**
i. FY26 Budget
ii. Reimbursement Request Cover Letter Template
1. One outstanding reimbursement PWD SWPCP Tour Event
2. Submit your reimbursement requests by 11/28.

4. 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, College Contact, Mentorship, JEDI, etc.).
iii. Updates he's received are updated.
b. Public Relations Updates **(LW)**
i. Section Newsletter
1. Keep sending event highlights and pictures for the Section Newsletter!
2. Adding an advertisement for Winter Social sponsorship opportunities.
ii. Annual Report (11/30)
1. Will reach out to individual chairs with questions, as applicable
2. Draft will be submitted to Executive Board mid-October
3. Annual report was updated and may have to be delayed.
4. If you know of anyone published in journals or anything (technical or otherwise).
c. Social Media Updates **(ZA)**
i. Phillies Game & Tailgate Recap -
ii. Fall Adopt-A-Highway Recap - Posted
iii. PWD Southwest WPCP Tour Recap - Posted
iv. ACCT Philly Service Event - recap is ready in event tracking sheet
d. Awards **(TF)**
i. Younger Member Council (YMC) Awards (10/30)
1. Our submitted nominees for individual awards are:
a. Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in Public Sector – Christian Antisell
b. Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in Community Activities – Kerianne Chen
c. Outstanding Younger Member in Government Relations – Noor Dabdoub
d. Outstanding Younger Member in JEDI Activities – Elvira Mikhael
2. Peers Group Award (Due with Annual Report on 11/30)
ii. ECP Engineers Week Award Nominations (12/5)
1. Send nominations to Tyler by this Friday.
2. Young Engineer of the Year
3. Outstanding Service to Engineering

4. Outstanding Service to the Community

5. Outreach Committee **(CM)**
    a. Mentor Program Update **(HB)**
        i. Mentor/Mentee Program Update
            1. November newsletter sent out to the 7 mentor/mentee pairs
        ii. Mock Interview Event (11/11)
            1. Cancelled
    b. CivE Club Program Update **(KaW/EY)**
        i. The program will be on Wednesdays at 3:30 PM.
            1. Participating in Future Cities this year
            2. Looking for volunteers soon; bulk of volunteer work is to be done in December/January
            3. Essays due January 18th. AP reached out to assist with Future City.
        ii. Eric Stalato (YPT interested in a K-12 Outreach collaboration event).
    c. K-12 Outreach Program Update **(TA/SL)**
        i. Event w/ Girls, Inc. at Edward Gideon School (12/10)
            1. No one has reached out to volunteer, yet. About a dozen students will be in attendance.
            2. Need to contact the current K-12 Outreach Volunteer list.
        ii. Coordinating with teachers to lock in events
    d. College Contact Updates **(CB)**
        i. Drexel College Event (10/9)
            1. 30-40 dragons attended. Working on a concrete canoe.
        ii. Swarthmore College Event (10/28)
        iii. Widener Mock Interview Event (11/10)
            1. Ryan Whittington, Brinn Hindermeyer, Christian Antisell, Kevin Brown, Kayla Nelson, and Kris Melag attended as volunteers. Widener purchased pizza. A lot of freshmen and sophomore students attended. (CA Recapped)
        iv. CSI Philly Multi-Professional Society Event (11/11) at Widener **(KeW)**
        v. KeW mentioned wanting to bring back the YMF information sessions as part of our attendance at GBM.

6. Events Committee **(CA)**
    a. Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (JEDI) **(EM)**
        i. Looking for committee members
        ii. Met with Matt Reese to discuss the Section's goals for JEDI Committee. Essentially the Section wants the YMF to lead JEDI efforts. Matt Reese would still be willing to present his topic that was planned for ASCE2024 Conference (which was cancelled).
        iii. The next JEDI Committee meeting is this Friday, November 21 at noon (virtually).
            1. Plan to brainstorm ideas for the year and what is already planned for the committee.
    b. Past Events
        i. PWD Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant Tour (11/6) **(AR/LG)**
            1. About 10 people attended. About 2.5 hour tour. PWD took us around the plant. Food situation turned out good. Purchased Chik-Fil-A for the group - perfect amount.
        ii. Animal Care & Control Team (ACCT) Philly Service Event (11/15) **(KC)**
            1. 10 people attended. One no-show. Made a lot of enrichment toys to keep the dogs entertained. Purchased pizza. Got a lot done!
    c. Upcoming Events
        i. Joint Winter Mixer with ASHE DelVal (12/2) @ Puddler's Kitchen and Tap in Bridgeport **(KM/GV)**
            1. 18 people registered as of today.
            2. Meeting with ASHE tomorrow to discuss the menu.
            3. Non-perishable items for the fundraiser.
    d. Look Ahead Events
        i. Professional Development **(AE/AP)**
            1. Speed Networking Happy Hour (1/6)
                a. Reached out to Jesse Gormley to participate.

b. *Sent the agenda to the Section for input.*

7. Look Ahead / Other Business **(KeW)**
    a. Winter Social 2026 (2/2) **(CM)** - Donation Letters and Winter Social Committee!
        i. *Thank you to everyone who's sent out donation request letters (special shoutouts to Kerianne and Kayla). We have a few confirmed donations. Thank you to everyone who's volunteered to be on the Winter Social Committee. Planning will get rolling more soon, so look forward to a meeting sometime soon.*
    b. YMF Apparel Order **(KC/EY)**
        i. *Registration form closed last week.*
        ii. *Expecting the apparel to be delivered sometime in early December. Should be able to distribute them at our December meeting.*
    c. Board Meeting Locations **(KeW)**
        i. We are in need of hosts and a food sponsor for a few upcoming board meetings. If your company would be willing to host, please contact KeW.
        ii. January (1/28) - PWD hosting, food sponsor needed
            1. *If we can't get a food sponsor, we will need to find a new host.*
        iii. April (4/22) - Need a meeting host
            1. *Would prefer a suburb host for this month*
        iv. May (5/20) - Need a meeting host
    d. Board Bonding **(EY/CA)**
        i. YMF Game Night (11/21; 5:30PM to 10PM)
            1. Chez Christian Accessible by public transportation via Buses 9 and 27 and regional rail via Manayunk/Norristown Regional Rail Line
            2. Plus ones are welcome.
            3. *CA ran through the board list asking for confirmations of attendance for the game night.*
                a. *Christian, Emma, Andrew, Shane, Tony, Laurel (strong maybe), Kirsten (tentative), CJ (tentative).*
                b. *Bring games with you*
                c. *Emma said she will bring her Nintendo Switch and extra controllers. Shane is bringing extra controllers, too.*
        ii. Planning another Board Bonding event for February. Currently considering a winery or distillery tour (potentially renting a bus). This would be a weekend board bonding event.
    e. Future Cities Competition - Archbishop Carroll High School; Radnor, PA (1/24) **(KN)**
        i. *KeW got an email from Susan Best - the YMF made a charitable donation to the Future Cities Competition and is able to name an award for the students. KeW would like us to come up with award name ideas. He will also be sharing the volunteer form.*

8. Open Discussion **(KeW)**
    a. *KeW would like to look at revisions to the agenda to make them more intentional.*
9. Officer Reports
    a. Vice President **(CM)** *None.*
    b. Secretary **(KN)** *None.*
    c. Treasurer **(CA)** *None.*
    d. Past President **(AD)** *None.*
    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. *Critical Issues Seminar*
            1. *AI and Technology. Productivity.*
                a. *Marcus Weidner (Pennoni) may be a good contact.*
    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.*

10. 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.*
    c. Transportation Policy Committee **(CA)**
        i. *Recently reviewed the Policy on Complete Streets.*

11. Board Meeting Schedule
    a. Next Meeting:

    Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at TPD, Inc.
    1617 John F Kennedy Blvd
    Suite 1230
    Philadelphia, PA 19103

12. Adjourn *6:55PM*