American Society of Civil Engineers
Philadelphia Section
Younger Member Forum

2025-2026 Board Meeting No. 7

DATE: Wednesday, January 28, 2026
TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Philadelphia Water Department (PWD), 1101 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
CALL INFO: Teams Link (Meeting ID: 228 112 625 595 8; Passcode: kg7Z2a3R)

ATTENDANCE: *Virtual attendees in italics.*

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

GUESTS: *Timothy Abel (Section Treasurer)*, Ivan Burashnikov (PWD)

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL **(KeW)** *5:35PM*

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (**KeW)**
    a. January Board Meeting No. 7 Meeting Agenda
    b. December Board Meeting No. 6 Meeting Minutes
        i. *CJ motioned for approval of the listed items. AP seconded the motion. Motion passes.*

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS **(KeW)**
    a. President **(KeW)**
        i. Past Events
            1. 2026 Eastern Region Younger Member Council (ERYMC) in Jacksonville, FL (1/9 - 1/10)
            2. Joint Dinner Meeting with ASHE DelVal in KOP (1/21)
            3. Future City Competition at Archbishop John Carroll High School (1/24)
                a. KN served as a preliminary judge for several City Model and Q&A Presentations and LW served as a Special Awards judge on behalf of Urban Engineers.
                b. The ASCE Philadelphia YMF sponsored the Resilient Public Places Special Award, which was presented to the students of St. Francis of Assisi School.
        ii. Upcoming Events
            1. ECP Engineers Week Opening Ceremony - Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing (2/19)
            2. Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium - University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (4/17-4/19)
        iii. Future Events
            1. March Section Dinner Meeting at Maggiano's Center City (3/12)

b. Treasurer **(CA)**
    i. FY26 Budget
        1. *About 13.5% of the budget has been utilized. Many budgets have yet to be tapped into. If you need help using your budget, please contact CA.*
        2. *Kevin asked Tim if he had any input regarding the budget. He noted checks take longer than PayPal, but the reimbursement process has been running smoothly.*
    ii. Outstanding Reimbursement Requests
        1. *$100.00 - Gina Venuto*
        2. *$606.17 - ASHE Del Val*
    iii. Recently Processed Reimbursement Requests
        1. *$588.80 - Alyssa Pizzi*
        2. *$325.00 - Emma Youngs*

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES **(KeW)**
    a. Communications Committee **(KN)**
        i. Awards **(TF)**
            1. Committee on Younger Members Awards (2/1)
                a. *No nominations were accepted for Young Government Engineer.*
            2. ASCE Philadelphia Section Award Nominations (2/9)
    b. Outreach Committee **(CM)**
        i. Past Activities
            1. Civil Engineering Club **(EY/KaW)**
                a. CivE Club Competes in Future City Competition (1/24)
                    i. *CM said Marian Anderson Neighborhood Academy competed in their first Future City Competition and won the Outstanding Project Team Work Special Award.*
        ii. Upcoming Activities
            1. Student Bowling Night at Lucky Strike Philadelphia (2/11) **(CB)**
    c. Events Committee **(CA)**
        i. Past Events
            1. Speed Networking Happy Hour at Ladder 15 (1/6) **(AE/AP)**
                a. *About 20 attended and about 30 had registered. Received a few messages from people saying they were sick, but there were a number of no-shows that did not notify us. Ladder 15 double-booked the event with another networking event. People discussed whatever they were interested in talking about at their tables.*
        ii. Upcoming Events
            1. I-95 Central Access Philadelphia (CAP) Project Tour (2/20) **(LG/AR)**
                a. *About 11 people have registered so far. There is another organization hosting a tour the same day at the Port of Philadelphia, so there may be a lower registration number than anticipated. Planning to purchase Wawa for breakfast and leave any leftovers at the jobsite trailer.*
    d. Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI) Committee **(EM)**
        i. Future Events
            1. Spring JEDI Event (March/April)
                a. *Matt and his co-presenter are no longer able to present for us.*

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES **(KeW)**
    a. Winter Social Committee **(CM)**
        i. Winter Social (2/2) - Volunteer Schedule
            1. *97 people registered as of today. About $7,200 in donations as of today (still waiting on a few payments to come through for that number to be finalized).*
            2. *AD said the sign stands are broken. Said she could buy more or sit the QR codes on the tables. KM said he will bring the tablerunners for the check-in table.*
            3. *Share the LinkedIn post for the event!*

4. *CM said Looking at DEI-focused charities to potentially donate some funds to. Open to a conversation with the entire board invited to discuss Winter Social allocations.*

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS **(KeW)**
    a. February Board Bonding **(CA/EY)**
        i. *Tabled for future discussion.*

7. NEW BUSINESS **(KeW)**
    a. Professional Development **(AE/AP)**
        i. Critical Issues Seminar (April)
            1. *Looking into venues and sending out requests for quotes.*
            2. *Aiming to have the topic focus on Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace.*
                a. *AD and KN mentioned it could be something leaning toward ethical use of AI.*
    b. Social Events **(KM/GV)**
        i. Joint Happy Hour with American Water Resources Association (AWRA) (3/26)
            1. *KM said this would be a new partnership. He is on the board of AWRA. The proposed date of the event is what was most recently agreed upon. Aiming toward*
            2. *Looking to host at Ladder 15, but considering other venues to not have a room fee charged. KeW suggested checking Con Murphy's, as well.*
        ii. Election Happy Hour (May)
            1. *Looking at dates in the first or second week of May.*
    c. Community Service **(KC)**
        i. Life Do Grow Farm Service Event (3/14)
            1. *We haven't had an event there since pre-pandemic times, but we have donated some Winter Social funds to Life Do Grow Farm in recent years.*
        ii. Spring Adopt-A-Highway w/ ASHE DelVal (April)
    d. Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI) Committee **(EM)**
        i. Accessible Venue List
        ii. Community Service Collaboration (Spring/Summer)
            1. *KC reached out to the William Way LGBT Community Center.*
    e. Civil Engineering Club **(KaW/EY)**
        i. Spring Program Schedule
    f. College Contact **(CB)**
        i. Temple ASCE FE Panel & YMF Information Session
            1. *CM said based on the most recent email they want to have the YMF attend two of their upcoming meetings to discuss each topic separately.*
        ii. Widener ASCE YMF Information Session
    g. K-12 Outreach **(TA/SL)**
        i. Universal Creighton Charter School w/ Girls Inc. (2/26)
            1. *Straw bridge activity.*
        ii. Perkiomen Valley High School (3/13)
            1. *Panel of 3-4 volunteers. Will be contacting the K-12 contact list to see if there are any volunteers.*
        iii. Tiger Woods STEM Foundation
            1. *SL said he is in contact with TGR Learning Lab and has scheduled a call with them to see if a collaboration would be a good fit.*
        iv. Imhotep Institute Charter High School Stem Week Tabling
            1. *Waiting on more information, but it would be a table with an activity as a station. TA said they would like to do an activity simulating wave effects. KC recommended TA and SL bring gallon jugs with them to the event, if they plan to do something with water.*
        v. *Misc. Girls Inc Event (4/1)*
            1. *Details to be announced.*
    h. Student Member Transition **(HB)**
        i. End-of-year Celebration (4/15 or 4/16)

1. *CM said HB will be bringing program certificates for KeW to sign at a future board meeting.*

8. OPEN DISCUSSION **(KeW)**
    a. *Section Treasurer **(Tim)***
        i. *T&DI Philadelphia Chapter Lunch Time Webinar (2/17)*
        ii. *T&DI Spring Social Event (Spring)*
            1. *Similar to the joint event we used to have with PSPE before (three 7-15 minute short presentations followed by a happy hour).*
            2. *Wants to have the event planned and ready to advertise by sometime in March or April, with the event being held early-spring.*
            3. *Plans to collaborate with UESI South Jersey and thinks it would be a good opportunity for the YMF's Professional Development chairs to also co-host.*
            4. *AP expressed budget concerns on behalf of Professional Development. AR mentioned Technical Events may have some budget remaining for this event.*
    b. *Past President **(AD)***
        i. *Event Planning Procedure Reminders*
            1. *When you are submitting events to the Executive Board for approval, you should have at least a draft of your flyer for them to review at the same time. If you want to make a flyer on your own and don't have access to Canva, contact the Executive Board and someone can help you get access. If you would like help making a flyer, contact ZA in advance to coordinate creating one.*
            2. *Once your event is approved, please send the event detail text and flyer to KN, LW, ND, ZA for distribution on our website, social media, Section Newsletter, and biweekly emails.*
            3. *After your event, remember to create a recap while the event is still fresh in your mind, save your photos to the Google Drive Photos folder, and share links to the recap and photos to KN, LW, ND, and ZA to be shared on those same networks.*
            4. *It is your responsibility to share the details of your events (from advertisement to closeout) with the members of the Communications Committee, as applicable to their position.*
        ii. *This is AD's last board meeting until after her wedding in April. If you need anything, send AD a text, give her a call, or send her an email and she will try to touch base as soon as she can.*
    c. *Public Relations **(LW)***
        i. *Society Committee applications are open now through March 15. Details about each committee can be found HERE; Applications are available on each committee's webpage.*
        ii. *If you have any questions about what it's like to be on a society-level committee, please reach out to board members who are currently on society-level committees (AD, CA, CM, KN, ND).*
    d. *Technical Events **(AR)***
        i. *ASCE 2027 Convention will be in Philadelphia.*
    e. *Community Service **(KC)***
        i. *Eastern Region Younger Member Council (ERYMC) 2027 will be held in October of 2027 and hosted jointly by Lehigh Valley Section, Central PA Section, and Reading Branch Younger Member Groups (under the name of "Keystone State"). AD mentioned they plan to host in either Bethlehem or Hershey. Pittsburgh is the alternate host location.*
    f. *Secretary **(KN)***
        i. *ERYMC 2028 will be hosted by the Rochester Younger Member Group (YMG).*

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS **(KeW)**
    a. Next Meeting:
        Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at Pennoni
        1900 Market Street, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19103

10. ADJOURNMENT **(KeW)** *6:40PM*