American Society of Civil Engineers
Philadelphia Section
Younger Member Forum

2025-2026 Board Meeting No. 10

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2026
TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: JMT, 1600 Market Street, Suite 520, Philadelphia, PA 19103
CALL INFO: Teams Link (Meeting ID: 228 112 625 595 8; Passcode: kg7Z2a3R)

ATTENDANCE: *Virtual attendees in italics.*

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

GUESTS: Belen Labarta (AECOM), Sam Griffin (H&H), Callum Grealy (HNTB)

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL **(KeW)** *5:38 PM*

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (**KeW)**
    a. March Board Meeting No. 9 Meeting Minutes *Motion: CA Second: ND Discussion: None*

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS **(KeW)**
    a. President **(KeW)**
        i. Past Events
            1. April Multi-Technical Dinner Meeting at The Inn at Swarthmore (4/14) *Someone heard AC didn't work.*
            2. Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (4/17-4/19) *No one on the board attended.*
        ii. Upcoming Events
            1. ASCE Philadelphia Spring Social at The Lucy (5/14) *KeW encouraged attendance from the board. He mentioned its a fun event where the Section Awards are presented.*
            2. 2026 PA State Council Legislative Day at Pennsylvania State Capitol Building (6/1) *KeW mentioned this event. No further discussion.*
            3. YMLS and YMLS Alumni Summit at ASCE HQ in Reston, VA (8/21-8/23)
                a. *KeW mentioned these events were combined and to reach out to the exec board for assistance if interested in going. CA added that we had a travel budget of $675 remaining and encouraged people to attend, highlighting the networking opportunities and growth opportunities.*
    b. Treasurer **(CA)**
        i. FY26 Budget *About 50% utilized. Some upcoming events that will push us closer to using our full budget for the board year.*
        ii. Reimbursement Requests *Requests distributed to CB, KWa, and GV. EY to deliver GV's. CA encouraged requests via PayPal as its quicker and easier than cutting and mailing a check.*

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES **(KeW)**
    a. Communications Committee **(KN)**
        i. Philadelphia Section Awards Update **(TF)** *Recipients are notified. Ivan won Young Govn't Engineer of the Year and Emma won Community Service & Outreach Award.*
    b. Outreach Committee **(CM)**
        i. Past Activities
            1. K-12 Outreach at John H. Taggart School with Girls Inc. (3/30) **(TA/SL)**
                a. *No feedback.*
            2. Temple ASCE General Meeting - FE Panel & Presentation (4/9) **(CB)**
                a. *Well attended - 10-15 students. Q&A lasted about an hour. The event was followed by a game night which allowed students to network with panelists.*
            3. Mentor Program Year-End Celebration (4/15) **(HB)**
                a. *Four mentor/mentee pairs attended. Thanked Assunta, Christian, Liv, and Callum for showing up and assisting. Discussed feedback from students - specifically some who were not satisfied by their mentor/mentee pairs. Hannah had the idea of doing a speed networking type matching event where people can rank potential mentors and ideally help pair people with one of their preferred options.*
            4. K-12 Outreach at Neshaminy High School STEAM Expo (4/15) **(TA/SL)**
                a. *No feedback.*
        ii. Upcoming Activities
            1. K-12 Outreach at Mastery Charter School - Thomas Campus (4/24) **(TA/SL)**
                a. *Need more volunteers. Resume building and mock interview with 10th graders. (SL)*
            2. K-12 Outreach at STEM-AG Expo (4/28) **(TA/SL)**
                a. *Unsure if they need more volunteers, still. Needs to touch base with Tony. (SL)*
        iii. Future Activities
            1. CivE Club Field Trip (May) **(KaW/EY)**
                a. *Field trip will be at the SEPTA Control Center .Katie, Emma, Sam, their teacher are serving as chaperones (about a 1:2 ratio). Discussed wanting to invite 7th and 6th graders to the field trip to get them to*
                b. *For anyone interested in volunteering to chaperone, notify Katie/Emma by the week prior.*
    c. Events Committee **(CA)**
        i. Past Events
            1. Joint Happy Hour with American Water Resources Association (AWRA) (3/26) **(KM/GV)**
                a. *About 60 registered and 45-50 people showed up. The venue was a little dark. We had a private room and our own bar service, but the room was not very sound proof. It was Opening Day for the Phillies. The National President of AWRA was in attendance.*
                b. *Christian mentioned we owe AWRA an invoice for their share of the event cost.*
            2. Critical Issues Seminar (4/2) **(AE/AP)**
                a. *About 30 people registered for the event. Need to follow-up with the Section about the PDH-worthiness. Discussed wanting to request more budget for the event next year.*
        ii. Upcoming Events
            1. Spring Adopt-A-Highway w/ ASHE DelVal (5/2) **(KC)**
                a. *9 - 10 people registered. Working with Dustin to purchase snaps. She is getting the grabbers this weekend. Reminder email scheduled for the day before the event.*
                b. *KN and CA said to reach out if you'd like to carpool.*
            2. Election Happy Hour (5/19) **(KM/GV)**
                a. *7 people registered, so far. Head count and food is due to the venue May 15th.*
    d. Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI) Committee **(EM)**
        i. Future Activities

1. Event Feedback Form **(EM)**
    a. *The current version of the Feedback Form would need to be updated for each event. Discussed*
2. Equity in Practice Panel Discussion (6/2) **(EM)**
    a. *Two speakers already slated. EM would like it to be an open discussion space.*
    b. *KN suggested looking for a non-office venue and noted past events hosted at offices get low attendance. CA suggested making registration $5 as opposed to free to incentivize attendance.*
3. Community Service Collaboration (Spring/Summer) **(KC)**
    a. *No updates.*

5. NEW BUSINESS **(KeW)**
    a. Awards **(TF)**
        i. 2026 ASCE Region 2 Awards (6/5)
            1. *Not posted, yet, but their website says "Coming Soon". Accepting applications May 4th to June 6th. TF to send out nomination form once the information is available.*
    b. Information Technology **(ND)**
        i. Photo Archive
            1. *The page is not working on the website. Believes he figured out what was wrong with the page.*
        ii. Election Page Setup
            1. *Received bios and headshots for people who are running for e*
    c. Social Events **(KM/GV)**
        i. Phillies Game & Tailgate (9/25) **(CA)**
            1. *Deposit 100 tickets. $37/ticket. GV and KM*
            2. *Need Event Approval Form with budget and flyer. We could start advertising*
            3. *HB discussed using some leftover Student Member Transition budget to offer some tickets to Student Chapters (maybe 2 per chapter?). CA asked ZA about whether he planned to use his Social Media budget for anything specifically. Previously used it for a giveaway at the Phillies Tailgate. HB had the idea of a social media giveaway that engages students.*
    d. Technical Events **(LG/AR)**
        i. Joint Technical Tour of Bellwether District with T&DI (Late May/June)
            1. *KeW said this is the event initiated by Tim Abel at the Section-level. It's evolved into this event. No additional information or a date at this time.*
    e. Civil Engineering Club **(KaW/EY)**
        i. End of School Year
            1. *EY said they will take a look at where their budget is to figure out if they can do more for the students this year to celebrate the End of Year. They have some leftover items for gifts from last year.*
    f. Student Member Transition **(HB)**
        i. April Mentorship Newsletter
            1. *Sent out the newsletter. Mentor program is closed out for the year.*

6. OPEN DISCUSSION **(KeW)**
    a. *CA (Treasurer) - Board Bonding poll responses.*
        i. *Spring Board Bonding 5/16. Preferences were board games at CA's, mini golf, or darts. CA said we could do all these options at his home, with a vision. KN mentioned the PGA Championship is the same weekend, so maybe we can dress golf-themed.*
        ii. *Summer bonding looking at camping in the Poconos August 8-9. Anyone interested in helping select a campground, please reach out to CA. KeW said the YMF board did a camping trip in the past at French Creek State Park; Joe Natale may have some information.*

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS **(KeW)**
    a. 2026-2027 YMF Board Call for Nominations (4/22)

i. *The election starts next Wednesday at noon. If you are interested in running for an elected position, contact Kevin by tomorrow, April 22 at 5PM.*

b. Section Email/Event Management Task Committee (May)

i. *The Section is starting an Email/Event Management Task Committee for the Section and would like at least one YMF member to be a member of this new Task Committee. Dani Schroeder McCaskey of the Section is leading this effort. If you are interested in joining the task committee, please reach out to KeW and he will notify Dani. CA suggested this would be a great opportunity for anyone interested in being YMF Secretary in the future.*

c. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at Michael Baker International
1818 Market Street, Suite 3110, Philadelphia, PA 19103

8. ADJOURNMENT **(KeW)** *6:44 PM*