American Society of Civil Engineers
Philadelphia Section
Younger Member Forum

2025-2026 Board Meeting No. 11

DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 2026
TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Michael Baker International, 1818 Market Street, Suite 3110, 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 Kearns (AK)	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: *Callum Grealy*

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL **(KeW)** *5:40 PM*

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (**KeW)**
   a. April Board Meeting No. 10 Meeting Minutes *Motion: TF Second: CA Discussion: None*

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS **(KeW)**
   a. President **(KeW)**
      i. Past Events
         1. ASCE Philadelphia Spring Social at The Lucy (5/14) *Emma was awarded the Community Outreach & Service Award. Ivan won the Young Civil in the Private Sector Award. Dani won the Young Civil in the Public Sector. CA, SL, EY, KM, LW attended (maybe more).*
      ii. Upcoming Events
         1. 2026 PA State Council Legislative Day at Pennsylvania State Capitol Building (6/1) *None of our Board members attending.*
         2. YMLS and YMLS Alumni Summit at ASCE HQ in Reston, VA (8/21-8/23) *LW mentioned CYM is looking for sponsors.*

   5:47 PM Emergency notice in the building.

   b. Treasurer **(CA)**
      i. FY26 Budget - *About $4,000 remaining, with big expenditures expected toward the end of the fiscal year. There is a budget remaining for Travel and Registration fees. Please reach out to CA if you are interested in attending the YMLS or YMLS Summit.*
      ii. Reimbursement Requests *Outstanding requests: Election Happy Hour (GV/KM) and the Civil Engineering Club Field Trip (KaW/EY).*

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES **(KeW)**
   a. Communications Committee **(KN)**

i. 2026 ASCE Region 2 Awards (6/5) **(TF)** *Received nominations for all awards. Have two nominations for the student award (Bryanna Hoisington - Temple; and Raina Chang - Drexel). KN mentioned that the Drexel student was nominated for a CSM award, and plans to share the information with TF to expedite preparation of the nomination form. The Temple student is KN's mentee - she can get some of the information for Tyler, too.*

ii. Photo Archive **(ND)** *Not present.*

b. Outreach Committee **(CM)**

i. Past Activities

1. K-12 Outreach at Mastery Charter School - Thomas Campus (4/24) **(TA/SL)** *Big takeaway was guiding the students on how to present work experience when your experience is limited. This event was a collaboration with Philadelphia Youth Network and TA said they plan to collaborate again in the future.*
2. K-12 Outreach at STEM-AG Expo (4/28) **(TA/SL)** *The students damaged the previous wave demonstration model, so a new one was used at this event. The STEM-AG Expo invited our team to attend again in October 2026 because the demonstration went well.*
3. CivE Club Field Trip (5/13) **(KaW/EY)** *The kids seemed to enjoy the tour. They asked a lot of questions and were very engaged because they take SEPTA often. KaW said this same tour should be considered in the future because it was very effective.*

c. Events Committee **(CA)**

i. Past Events

1. Spring Adopt-A-Highway w/ ASHE DelVal (5/2) **(KC)** *The event ran smoothly and weather was good. About 8 or 9 people attended.*
2. Election Happy Hour (5/19) **(KM/GV)** *35 registered and about 30 attended. There was plenty of food and only a little bit left toward the end. EY took a lot of photos. Overall a good event and space.*

ii. Future Events

1. Joint Technical Tour of The Bellwether District with T&DI (Summer) **(LG/AR)** *Tim Abel reached out to someone at The Bellwether District about a month ago and has not heard back. AR is going to try another point-of-contact through a colleague at Pennoni. CA recommended August for the tour. AR mentioned potentially transitioning the event to the future Technical Event Chair(s).*
2. Phillies Game & Tailgate (9/25) **(KM/GV/CA)** *On hold until the next Social Chairs are transitioned. Most of the front-end work is complete (including the Approval Form and flyer). The incoming chairs will need to come up with projected costs for food and other tailgate items.*

d. Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI) Committee **(EM)**

i. Upcoming Activities

1. Equity in Practice (6/2) **(EM)** *If you haven't registered yet, there is still time! Registration was extended to tonight at midnight. Waiting on the final presentations from the four presenters. EM has a call with the speakers tomorrow to run through the event programming and what to expect. There are a few members of the JEDI Committee who volunteered to help with setup. EM plans to order food over the weekend. EM asked if anyone had speaker gifts - a few people gave options from past events (YMF visors, water bottles, thank you card, Dunkin giftcard, etc.). CA has the two table runners and the Signicades.*

ii. Ongoing Activities

1. Event Feedback Form **(EM)** *KN formatted the form. EM/KN discussed how the preparation of the form should be delegated for each event (whether it is the responsibility of each chair or the Secretary). After discussion, it was decided that creation of the Pre-fill form link would be the responsibility of each event planner. KN will add a line to the Event Approval Form for chairs to paste the link.*

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES **(KeW)**

a. Board Bonding **(KC/CA)**

i. Board Camping at French Creek State Park (8/7-8/9) *KC, CA, and CM are the only people to express interest in attending, so far. You can come for the day, one night, or two nights. It costs $25/night for each campsite with up to 5 people at each campsite. They anticipate the overall cost for each person to be no more than $50 (including food). AD said she is unable to attend, but has a tent, sleeping bag, and other camping gear if anyone needs to borrow.*

b. Section Email/Event Management Task Committee **(CM/CA)** *CA said Dani sent an email about availability. They still haven't had their first meeting, yet. Possibly have more updates next board meeting.*

6. NEW BUSINESS **(KeW)**
   a. CivE Club Future **(KaW/EY)**
      i. *The teacher who was the club advisor for CivE Club at Marian Anderson Neighborhood Academy was let go from his position. The teacher has asked the YMF to follow him to his new school (Alain Locke School). The school is further away from Center City. EY/KaW reached out to the Principal at the current school to ask about the program, but haven't heard back. EY and KaW do not believe we have the bandwidth to run CivE Club at two schools.*
      ii. *AD asked which school is more accessible by public transit. KaW confirmed the new school is more accessible by public transit. AD also mentioned they would need permission/approval from the new school to have the club there. KN suggested a back-up plan if this is not all aligned by next school year would be to volunteer to mentor a Future City team at a local school and reminded EY/KaW not to spread themselves thin. AD also mentioned reaching out to Alain Locke School Principal, presenting this club as Future City and the YMF providing a budget for the team.*
      iii. EY mentioned there would need to be some clarity
      iv. KeW suggested tabling this discussion for a future meeting, as information develops.
   b. Migrant Education Program **(TA/SL)** *Not pursuing this effort anymore since the summer has started.*
   c. Girls Inc Summer Events **(TA/SL)** *Still in contact with Eureka! Summer camp about potentially volunteering with this event again.*

7. OPEN DISCUSSION **(KeW)**
   a. Kickball (EY): CA setup a meeting with the partner organizations. Said he was also considering shifting to a cornhole tournament. The FIFA World Cup has occupied a lot of the fields this summer, so planning to push the event to a later time than typical. CA is just trying to get things rolling for the new chairs.
   b. Google Drive Storage (KN): Space on the Google Drive is low. The culprit appears to a lot of our slide decks. Be sure to originate your presentations in Google Slides as opposed to PowerPoint to keep file sizes low. PowerPoint files are significantly larger.
   c. I-295 and Route 42 Interchange Tour (AR): The location of the project is in South Jersey, so AR was wondering if this would be something we are able to do. LW mentioned potential collaboration with South Jersey YMF. Everyone was enthusiastic about the pursuit.
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS **(KeW)**
   a. YMF 2026-2027 Election Results and Appointed Positions *Congratulations to CM, KN, CA, and KC on their elections.*
   b. Next Meeting:
      CM to send out a poll to the new and returning board members.
      Day, June XX, 2026 at TBD
      Street Address, City, STA Zipcode

9. ADJOURNMENT **(KeW)** *6:55 PM*