



YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM

SACRAMENTO SECTION

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS



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OFFICER UPDATE

President

We had a great turnout for WRYMC. The conference ended up being a success and we have many new ideas to improve our activities and events. We completed our large annual report (actually, the application for YMF group of the year.) More than just an award application, the document serves as a comprehensive guide for all our activities last year. This will be useful for future officers. If you would like to see a copy, just let me know.

We are in the process of updating our Website - thank you to Jennifer and Sridhar for their continued hard work on this task.

We just sent in a second check for about \$1400 to Make A Wish to close out the 2005 Golf Tournament. In total, we raised over \$10k for Make A Wish -- thank you to all those involved for your hard work. I look forward to another successful tournament this year.

Lessons from WRYMC:

To help bridge the gap between students and younger members, we could have a softball game (YMF vs college students) once a year. Available on the ASCE Website or from nationals directly, there are many tools/resources available for our student outreach and membership activities that we can take advantage of.

-Nathan

Vice President

Members of the Executive Board will be working together to create a master calendar of events/reminders for the officers of the YMF. Each officer is requested to send your position's events and "to-dos" to Fareed at fpittalwala@rbf.com. Thanks!

Lessons from WRYMC:

Active involvement with younger students (K-12) is a very important aspect of the activities of many of the YMF groups throughout the country. There are a number of ways that we as "Civil Engineering Mentors" can get kids involved and excited about engineering, including the Popsicle Bridge Competition, the Future City Competition, Zoom into Engineering, and the West Point Bridge Design Competition. Most of these activities already have a base set, so there is very little work to be done on our part.

-Fareed

Programs

Thanks to everyone who was able to make it to our first Pub Night and to the Business Meeting. About 10 people showed up to Streets of London. We plan on this becoming a regular event during our Business Meeting months so you will still have plenty more chances to make it to the future pub nights. The next one will be scheduled for April.

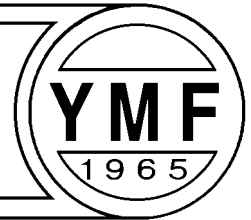
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Student Outreach

For the coming year, YMF plans to assist with the California State MATHCOUNTS competition. If you are unaware of the competition:

MATHCOUNTS is a national math coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory. MATHCOUNTS is one of the country's largest and most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors and students.

California State MATHCOUNTS Competition

Saturday, March 18, 2006

Tentative time: 9 am to 2pm

University of California, Davis Campus

Lunch will be provided on campus for all MATHCOUNTS Volunteers

We need help with the registration table, scorers, proctors for the Exam Room, and runners to transport completed tests between the Exam Room and Scoring Room. Please respond with your duty preference, and we will try to accommodate your wishes on a first response basis.

More details will follow as the day approaches. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Brian Brown at bbrown@rbf.com

-Brian & Jill

Newsletter

If there is anything you would like to add to the newsletter (pics, a quick blurb pertaining to YMF) please contact me, Peter Chu at pchu@rbf.com. The newsletter goes out the 10th of every month, so if you want something in the newsletter for the next month, make sure you get it in to me before that date. Thanks!

-Peter

Student Affairs

Currently we are receiving proposal for funding for the Universities. UOP has requested \$640 and the check is being processed. We are waiting till the rest of the schools return from winter break to contact them again to request a proposal. Sac State is requesting \$2500 to help with travel expenses to Chicago. We were thinking something more like \$1000.

Starting in February we will be visiting the student chapter meetings for each school. A resume workshop might also be scheduled for March or April to help the students prepare. Sac State ASCE is having their first meeting of the year on February 2nd.

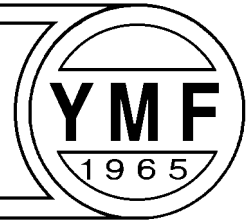
-Lauren



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Education/PE Review

The spring review courses will begin on Jan 25th. We have one helper - Philip Vulliet from Mark Thomas and Company. Greg will be helping as well. We may ask other officers to help as needed.

To date (1/19/06) we have 37 people registered for the general, 19 for surveying, and 5 for seismic. Continue to advertise for the class especially for seismic and surveying.

-Michelle

Treasurer

We are still receiving applications for the Spring PE review courses. As of 1/19/06, we have 40 applicants and have collected about \$14,500. This is still \$4700 less than Spring 04 collections, so remember to encourage potential students to sign up. Bill will continue to write checks. Please submit any requests for reimbursements to Bill, including the receipt (original or copy) and the budget category for the expense.

- James

Membership

No updates . . .

Scholarship

I have not received any applications yet. The form is posted on the website if you know of anyone interested.

-Lauren

Website

No updates . . .

-Sridhar

Golf Tournament

No updates . . .

Section/Branch Liaison

For the Section:

The Sacramento Section is working on getting their budget for the year together. Their income from ASCE Nationals is increasing significantly this year. This is a result of the National ASCE restructuring. More money is flowing to the local level. The Section had a grant from Nationals funded where they hope to buy ASCE banners for all groups in the Section including YMF.

For Region 9:

We had our second Board of Governors meeting in Salt Lake City last month. We worked on putting together the statewide committees. The big event coming up soon is the Legislative Day on Feb 22. We've got an appointed "at large" Governor position coming available in October. If anyone is interested in becoming a Region 9 Governor, let me know and I can give you more details. The term is for 3 years. It would be great to have more Younger Member representation on the Board.

-Jennifer