



**YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM**  
**SACRAMENTO SECTION**  
**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS**



American Society of Civil Engineers  
Sacramento Section  
Younger Member Forum  
Business Meeting  
Location: Devine Tarbell & Associates  
January 4, 2006  
Minutes By: Derek Minnema

- I. Introductions  
Meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m.
- II. Old Business  
***Motion By Bill Scharffenberg: Approve October minutes. No objections, motion carries.***
- III. Officer Reports
- A. President (Nathan Pingel)
- High turnout at Annual Retreat.
  - Bylaws have been approved by the Section and they are currently at ASCE National for review.
  - Flights and Hotels have been reserved for WRYMC. Flight leaves Thursday at 5:00 p.m.
  - Everyone should make sure to sign up for WRYMC tours.
  - Annual Report is due February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Action Item: Nathan to send out a reminder email 2 days prior to leaving.***  
***Action Item: Nathan to remind Fareed to organize an Annual Report Committee meeting***
- B. Vice President (Fareed Pittalwala)
- No Report.
- C. Treasurer (Bill Scharffenberg)
- An extra \$1,900 was given to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to bring the total to \$10,500.
  - We only have 9 applications for the PE Review Course so far
  - Our 2006 Budget reflects a negative balance of \$150; however, the budget is highly conservative. WRYMC company donations alone should bring us into the black.
  - Student Outreach is the highest budget expense
  - The 2006 budget does not show the golf tournament. Reason being that all proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Our only expense is the Hole-In-One insurance. In the future, we can look into not sponsoring the insurance if we need to make cuts.
  - ASCE National has informed us that no outside audit will be required for our club. It was highly recommended that an internal audit be performed. Bill suggested that an audit committee be formed to wrap up the 2005 finances.
- Motion by Michelle Pingel: Approve 2006 Budget. No objections, motion carries.***
- Note: James Pangburn, Rick Jones, Lauren Hampson, Elias Kram and the rest of the Executive Board volunteered to sit on the 2005 audit committee.***
- Action Item: Bill will look into organizing the first Audit Committee Meeting in February***



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D. Education Director (Michelle Pingel)

- All rooms and instructors have been confirmed.
- It's time to start pressing hard for the PE Review Course.
- Suggestions for advertising include: giving prizes for referrals, contacting the Board and getting on their list of approved courses, send emails to WTS, APWA, etc.
- Do we sell notes online? It's on a case by case basis.
- We need Review Course helpers. Helpers are allowed to attend the class for free.

**Action Item:** *Greg Gross to contact his friend who could possibly be a helper.*

E. Programs Director (AnnaLia Graziano)

- We will continue having mixers at the Rio City Café. The room fee is \$200
- San Francisco YMF is having an annual Ski Trip and we are invited. Jan 20-22, \$65, contact Rune Storesund ([storesundconsulting@earthlink.net](mailto:storesundconsulting@earthlink.net))
- We are going to start having 'Happy Hour' mixers during months with business meetings.
- Streets of London 'Mini' Mixer on January 19<sup>th</sup>, Ice-skating Social on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Presentation on Design/Build Projects at February 1st Mixer

**Action Item:** *AnnaLia will look into getting the Loon Lake camping site for our summer camping trip. (Subsequent to the meeting, reservations have been made for Aug 18-20.)*

F. Website (Jennifer Epp for Sridhar Ponangi)

- We are moving to a Content Management System.
- Each officer will be given access to the portions of the site that their position relates to.
- We are contracting with a firm in Davis. They created a current Website org chart, and then brainstormed a future Website org chart.
- Please contact Jennifer or Sridhar for suggestions on the site.

**Action Item:** *Jennifer will see if this web company can assist in the creation of a YMF logo.*

G. Scholarship Chair (Lauren Hampson)

- We have not received any applications yet.
- Deadline is February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Action Item:** *Lauren to remind Student Affairs Chairs to pass out flyers at each school's club meetings.*

H. Golf Tournament Chair (Rick Jones)

- Suggestions were made last year to move the tournament closer to Sacramento.
- The tournament will once again be held at Rancho Murietta Golf Club.
- We are looking into moving the tournament to Northridge Golf Club in 2007. Northridge was booked for 2006.

I. Section/Branch Liaison (Jennifer Epp)

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Day-At-The-Capitol outreach. Derek and Jennifer attended last year. This is a good way to go out and lobby on behalf of Civil Engineers as well as meet your local elected officials.
- ASCE National has award applications available. For example, 'Private Industry Engineer of the Year.' Contact Jennifer if interested in an application.
- California is now within Region 9 (no longer Zone IV).
- There are National committee openings, please contact Jennifer for a committee listing and application.



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- J. Student Outreach (Jill Henrikson)
  - No report.
- K. Student Chapter Affairs (Ben Crawford, Oscar Serrano, Lauren Hampson)
  - No report.
- L. Newsletter (Peter Chu)
  - No report.
- M. Membership (Nova Clemenza)
  - No report.
- N. Historian (Elias Kram)
  - No report.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Recognition
    - Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. won the 2005 Award for Employer of the Year, presented by the Younger Member Council of ASCE
    - Thank you to Fareed, Oscar & Ben for doing a great job at the ASCE Capitol Branch Hi-Jinx
- V. Calendar
  - January 13-15, WRYMC
  - January 19, Streets of London Happy Hour
  - February 1, Mixer at Rio City Café
  - March 1, Ice-skating Social
  - September 6, Go-kart racing
- VI. Adjournment
  - Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
  - Next Meeting: April 5<sup>th</sup> at Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.



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**Attendance List**

Nathan Pingel – Ford Consulting  
Jennifer Epp – CH2M Hill  
AnnaLia Graziano – CH2M Hill  
Lauren Hampson – Psomas  
Michelle Pingel – Psomas  
Derek Minnema – Mark Thomas & Company  
James Pangburn – Mark Thomas & Company  
Greg Gross – Mark Thomas & Company  
Bill Scharffenberg – HEC  
Jill Henrikson – Nolte  
Rick Jones – Devine Tarbell  
Elias Kram – Carter Burgess  
Alejandra Serratos – Nolte  
Tim Quinn