



EASTERN REGIONAL YOUNGER MEMBER COUNCIL

2020 BUSINESS MEETING Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER (1:48 P.M. EST)
 - a. Welcome Special Guests – Special guests Tom Smith, Jean-Louis Briaud, Carol Bowers, and region governors were welcomed. John-Louis remarks on the importance of resolutions, Tom Smith remarks on YMLS and other activities to get Younger Members involved.
 - b. Designation of Business Meeting Secretary – Bryan Clark, PE
 - c. Roll Call of Voting Delegates and Declaration of Quorum – Confirmed a total of 41 YMG delegates were present.
 - d. Rules for Discussion (See *Roberts Rules of Order*) – Declaration that Robert Rules of Order will be used and brief explanation of motions, second, and voting process.

- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - a. Review of the 2020 ERYMC Business Meeting Agenda – Mark McDonnell, EI – All in favor of adopting 2020 ERYMC Business Meeting Agenda for this meeting.

- III. APPROVAL OF 2019 ERYMC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FROM Orlando, FL
 - a. Review of the 2019 ERYMC Business Meeting Minutes - Mark McDonnell, EI – All in favor of adopting 2019 ERYMC Business Meeting Minutes.

- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Status of Pending 2019 Resolutions/Recommendations
 - i. Resolution 2019-01 – Charlotte, NC approved by ASCE as location for 2021 ERYMC.
 - ii. MRLC 2021 Update – MRLC will be held January 7-9, 2021 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Recognition of 2019 ERYMC Award Recipients – Mark McDonnell, EI – Recognition to be announced at the evening reception. The winners were:
 - i. Outstanding Younger Member in the Private Sector – **Sarah McEwen, Mississippi Section Younger Member Group**
 - ii. Outstanding Younger Member in the Public Sector – **Josenrique Cuerto, Florida Section, Miami-Dade Branch YMG**
 - iii. Outstanding Younger Member Group Project – **New Jersey Section, North Jersey Branch YMG k-12 Outreach Program**
 - iv. Outstanding Younger Member in Community Activities – **Katie Scancarello, Rhode Island Younger Member Group**
 - v. Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in Government Relations: **Cricket Schreppler, Philadelphia ASCE YMF**
 - vi. Outstanding ASCE Practitioner Advisor – **Jayne Marks, Pittsburgh ASCE YMF**
 - vii. Peers Group Award - **Philadelphia YMF**
 - b. Resolution 2020-01 – RECOMMENDATION FOR LOCATION OF 2022 EASTERN REGIONAL YOUNGER MEMBER COUNCIL
 - i. Presentations by potential hosts of the 2022 ERYMC
 - Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers – Proposed Location: Hartford, CT
 - ASCE Miami-Dade Branch Younger Member Group – Proposed Location: Miami, FL



- ii. Motion / Second
Motion/Second: NC Eastern/ Maryland
- iii. Discussion
Discussion: Virginia Norfolk posed a question about expected dates for 2021 MRLC. Carol Bowers responded that dates depend on negotiations, information from the hosting Younger Member group, and hotel availability.
South Carolina Upstate posed question on the cost of transportation and ease of commuting between venues. Miami responded saying everything is walking distance and members could use electric scooters.
Georgia posed question on cost for students to attend the conference and how the location was in Orlando last year. Buffalo follow up question in regards to having no reference for cost, therefore hard to make a decision. Asked if costs were comparable.
Carol Bowers answered, stating cost for students would still include a 425\$ stipend for travel.
Philadelphia posed a question asking what support and coordination have they received from the section. Miami said they have talked to the board and received support, as well as a long list of companies willing to provide financial sponsorship. Massachusetts answered, saying they've already talked with section branch and sent younger members to conferences.
John-Louis stated conference derives value from the number of members that attend and benefits of the conference being centrally located along the east coast.
Leslie Payne responded, stating typically 40-50 student chapters attend the conference, 66 student chapters attended 2020 in Philadelphia. Joe Natale from Philadelphia added 500+ attendees and approximately 266 students and 115 younger members in attendance.
North Carolina Eastern branch requested to display previous hosts of MRLC on the projector.
Vote: 23 votes for Hartford, Connecticut/ 17 votes for Miami/ 1 abstained
- iv. Call for alternate location: Motion to approve Miami as an alternate location for MRLC 2022. Miami accepted. The vote was as follows:
41 for Miami / 0 abstained / 0 against
Therefore, the ERYMC recommends the Miami Society of Civil Engineers serve at the alternate host for the 2022 MRLC.
- c. Resolution 2020-02 - RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION TO ENCOURAGE A COMMITTEE ON YOUNGER MEMBERS WEBSITE
 - i. Reading of the Resolution & Brief Overview
 - ii. **Motion / Second:** NC East/ Virginia Norfolk
 - iii. **Discussion:** Philadelphia posed resolution because website is clunky, not easy to find CYM. They want the correct path to move forward and increase utility. Noted other committees have their own websites.
Question posed asking if the committee (CYM) would be responsible for website, would CYM maintain? Tom Smith responded, saying idea, if approved, would be presented to the board and digital strategy council board would delegate. Tom brought up the issue of difficulty in managing if every committee had its own website.
Question posed about what specific policy would resolution violate? Philadelphia responded, saying ASCE doesn't want every council to have a website, has been denied in the past.
Question posed on how many have been denied. Answer unknown.
Vote: 35 in favor/0 abstained/6 opposed



- d. Resolution 2020-03 - RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION TO ENCOURAGE STUDENT CONFERENCE AREA's TO MATCH ASCE REGION's
- i. Reading of the Resolution & Brief Overview
 - ii. **Motion / Second:** Arkansas/ Kentucky Louisville
 - iii. **Discussion:** Carol informed the members that this is a timely resolution in which committees have talked about student conference boundaries (geographic boundaries) and event resource budget. Good opportunity to review student conferences.
Tom Smith informed UCF is hosting student conferences with 1000+ students and is a heavy financial burden.
Mississippi stated the same issue in their region. Too many students and too difficult to manage.
Question posed, why not devise regions as necessary based on travel distance and cost to relieve financial cost burden.
Leslie Payne answered that a preliminary analysis is underway to make 18 conferences (2 per region) with 14-20 schools per region. Used example that southeast budget exceeds 100,000\$.
Vote: 33 in favor/ 5 abstained / 3 against
- e. Appointment of Conference Chairperson – Muhammad Elgammal, P.E., M.ASCE
- i. Appoint 2020 ERYMC Conference Chairperson(s)
 - Mark McDonnell, EI , Bryan Clark, PE and John Scott, EI
- f. Appointing of Business Meeting Chairperson – Muhammad Elgammal, P.E., M.ASCE
- i. Appoint 2021 ERYMC Business Meeting Chairperson(s)
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION – Informed council the at large director committee will include a Younger Member. Each council will vote on a candidate who will be considered and reviewed by panel. Region 5 nominated Hector Colon De La Cruz. Motion to vote Hector as representative by NC East and seconded by Maryland.
Vote: 41 in favor / 0 Abstain / 0 Opposed
- VII. NEXT MEETING
- a. January 9th, 2021 in Charlotte, NC
- VIII. YOUNGER MEMBER RAFFLE – JOSEPH NATALE – Winner National Capital Section, Philadelphia, New Jersey.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT
- Motion/Second:** Lehigh Valley/ New Jersey Northern Branch
Discussion: None
Vote: 41 In Favor / 0 Abstained / 0 Opposed