Bi-Annual Group Meeting – MINUTES

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019, 2:00 PM EDT

Attendees: Ross Brown (Adobe Connect)
Jeff Blass
David Caouette
Cory Miyamoto
Kate Naughton
Allen Orsi
Greg Richards
John Atkins
Benjamin Israel-Devadason
John Roche
Johnny Prettyman
Dusty Myers
John Atkins
Katie Ward
Steve Klawitter
Alyssa Deitrich
Yan Wang
Skylar Nieser
Nicole Hicks

I. Introductions

II. Background and Structure of YP Interest Group

   a. Leadership
      i. Co-chairs – Kate Naughton & Greg Richards
      ii. Board Sponsor: Dusty Myers
      iii. ASDSO Staff Contact: Ross Brown
      iv. YP Membership Leaders – Allen Orsi & Jeff Blass
      v. YP Education/Career Development Leaders – Dave Caouette & Andrew Orlovsky
      vi. YP Networking/Social Activities Leaders – Cory Miyamoto & Emily Keck

   b. Special Interest Group Policies
      i. Special interest groups are communities created around a shared interest in specific areas of knowledge, learning, technology, or other characteristics of membership.
      ii. Special interest groups can offer additional benefits for association members, such as access to subject-specific information and resources, educational opportunities, networking with like-minded peers, and volunteer leadership opportunities.

III. Report on Recent Activities

   a. West Regional Conference
      i. Planning committee made express efforts to include YPs in the program
      ii. All moderators were YPs
iii. Most sessions included at least one YP presenter

iv. YP social (~20 in attendance)

IV. Group Initiatives

a. Education/Career Development
   i. Business/professional development webinar by Russ Sanford (Kleinschmidt)
   ii. Looking at ways to freely share introductory and 101-level webinars with YPs
   iii. Developing survey to determine areas of interest to YPs

Networking/Social

V. Upcoming Activities/Opportunities

a. YP of the Year Award – Nominations due May 17, 2019
b. Dam Safety 2019 – September 8-12, 2019 in Orlando, FL
   i. YP Group Meeting (In person and online)
   ii. Dine Around
   iii. Social Event
   iv. Exhibition Booth
   v. Tables Reserved for YPs at Awards Luncheon
   vi. Career-focused Technical Session (Wednesday AM):
       1. Advancing your Dam Safety Career- A panel of veteran Dam Safety Professionals (Geezers) discuss careers, what they did right, wrong and lessons learned from both.
           Nathaniel Gee, Bureau of Reclamation
       2. Educating the Dam and Hydro Engineer of Tomorrow
           Mark W. Killgore, VA DCR
   vii. Other Ideas?
c. YP Leadership Opportunities
   i. Thanks to past leaders of YP sub-groups (Andy Orlovsky, Allen Orsi, Jeff Blass)
   ii. Transitioning from Co-Chairs to Chair/Vice Chair
   iii. Rotating leadership every two years
   iv. Looking for YPs who want to get involved in planning efforts for the interest group
   v. Contact Greg (grichards@gfnet.com) or Kate (knaughton@gfnet.com) if you’d like to get involved.

d. ASDSO Collaborate

e. Need moderators for 2019 annual conference in Orlando (contact Ross Brown rbrown@damsafety.org)

f. Student outreach committee is making videos to recruit students to the dam safety industry. Contact Ross (rbrown@damsafety.org) if you want to help write scripts or be featured in the videos. Filming will most likely take place during 2019 Dam Safety Conference.

VI. Open Q&A/Brainstorm Period

a. Awkward silence

VII. Contact Information

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VIII. Next Group Meeting to be held during Dam Safety 2019 in Orlando