Bi-Annual Group Meeting – Minutes

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 3:00 - 4:00 PM EDT

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**Meeting Attendees:**
John Atkins
Ross Brown/Dam Safety
Alison Fitzgerald
Anthony Moritz
Carmen Soller
David Caouette
Edisson Ortega
Emily Keck
John Beitel
Kevin Grim
Katelyn Riley
Margaret Provencher
Ryan Pickett
Skylar Nieser
Patrick Miles
Brandon Little
Nicole
Ryan

*For additional information/details, please see presentations slides.*

I. **Introductions**

II. **Background and Structure of YP Interest Group**

III. **Report on Recent Activities**

a. **YP of the Year Nomination**
   i. Six nominations received (most to date).
   ii. Co-chairs, assigned staff member, and board member liaison responsible for selection.
   iii. Winner will be announced during 2020 Annual Conference.

IV. **Update on Subgroup Initiatives/Leadership**

a. Changes in the Interest Group
   i. “Official” subgroup/subcommittee leadership positions being dissolved to encourage additional involvement/responsibility sharing.
   ii. Initiatives and volunteer opportunities for committees and/or tasks will be posted to Collaborate as the need arises.
   iii. YP Members should also approach Chairs with their own ideas.
b. In accordance with the group’s leadership transition structure, Kate will step down from the Co-Chair position in Fall 2020.

c. Nominations (self or for others) for the Co-Chair position will be collected on Collaborate. Volunteer post for nominations will be available the week of 6/1.

V. Upcoming Activities/Opportunities

   i. ASDSO looking into different options for 2020 conference.
   ii. Hybrid (In-Person/Virtual), Completely Virtual, Etc.
   iii. ASDSO Staff/Board to formulate plan for conference facilitation in June

b. Southeast Regional Conference – December 6-10, 2020 Charleston, SC

c. YP Leadership Opportunities
   i. Webinar Moderators
      1. YP representatives to moderate webinars through 2020.
      2. Representatives already identified.
   ii. Committee Liaisons
      1. Informal “Committee Liaisons” to act as connection between each ASDSO committee could encourage YP participation in committees and knowledge of volunteer opportunities.
      2. Committee summaries: https://www.damsafety.org/VolunteerOpps
   iii. Lightning Talks
      1. Talk of YP being responsible for moderating Lightning Talks during 2020 conference
      2. Responsibilities:
         a. Moderating sessions.
         b. Reviewing posters/papers.
      3. Will be posted to Collaborate requesting volunteers when details are determined.

d. Collaborate
   i. Will be posting volunteer opportunities/initiatives here.
   ii. Casual communication encouraged.

e. Update from ASDSO Staff (Ross)
   i. Dam Safety Resource Database
      1. Members can search and download references.
      2. https://www.damsafety.org/references/search
   ii. Dam Safety Incident Database
      1. Failure and incident compendium
      2. https://www.damsafety.org/incidents
   iii. Northeast Regional Conference – June 2021 (Portland, ME)

VI. Q&A/Brainstorm Period

a. Mentoring
   i. Formal mentoring program (Skylar)
   ii. Use of Collaborate for mentoring (Cory)

VII. Review Action Items

VIII. Next Group Meeting (September 2020 – Palm Springs, CA and online)