



Bi-Annual Group Meeting – Minutes

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:30AM - 12:00 PM EDT

Location: South China Sea Room

Call-In Info.: (515) 604-9000, Access Code 401630

Attendees: Kate Naughton, Gannett Fleming
Emily Keck, GZA GeoEnvironmental
Blake Dolve, CA DSOD
Emily Schwartz, Black and Veatch
Johnathon Atkins, MS Dam Safety
Amanda Crandall, Gomez and Sullivan Engineers
John Dzialo, Gomez and Sullivan Engineers
Seth Thompson, Gannett Fleming
Jake Simpson, USACE – Tulsa
Keith Thole, USACE – St. Louis
Bill Walker, USACE – Nashville
Dave Guetta, Vergmann
Dylan Hoehn, Engineering Analytics
Allen Orsi, Pare Corporation
Jim Casey, Klohn Crippen Berger
Nathaniel Gee, US Bureau of Reclamation
Brianna Crotty, Hazen
Erin Warnock, NV Dam Safety
Lindsay Ackerman, Nicholson Construction
Andrew Cummings, MDEQ Dam Sasfety
Greg Richards, Gannett Fleming
Gillian Williams, GEI Consultants

I. Background and Structure of YP Interest Group

- a. Summary of Charter
 - i. ASDSO Interest Group
 - ii. Membership/participation in events is not limited by number or age (although YP is defined as under 40).
 - iii. Level of involvement in YP Group leadership and activities is up to each individual.
- b. Background on subgroups
 - i. Increase ASDSO membership within the Young Professionals demographic.
 - ii. Increase engagement of Young Professionals in Association activities and leadership.
 - iii. Provide networking, mentoring, and training opportunities for Young Professionals within the dam safety community.
- c. Leadership transitions
 - i. Transition of co-chairs: private/state sector representative (other committees have similar process) overlap, 2 year terms.
 - ii. John Atkins will service as new Co-Chair from 2019-2021.



II. Report on Recent Activities

- a. YP of the Year Award
 - i. Congratulations to Benjamin Israel and Kristen Martin, the 2019 YP of the Year Award Winners!
 - ii. Don't forget to nominate your peers when nominations for 2020 awards are announced.
- b. West Regional Conference – Westminster, CO
 - i. YP social event well-attended
 - ii. Presentations by YPs encouraged
 1. Special thanks to Bill McCormick for seeking out YP moderators and YP presenters to fill at least one spot in each technical session.
 2. YP Group will work with ASDSO staff to include opportunity to designate YP abstract submissions for future Regional and Annual Conferences.
- c. 7th IAHR International Junior Researcher and Engineer Workshop on Hydraulic Structures – Denver, CO
 - i. Young professionals/students gained insight and feedback from seasoned industry professionals about their research projects

III. Report from Subgroups

- a. Membership
 - i. No report on recent activities.
 - ii. Looking for new group leaders.
 - iii. Discussion on reducing ASDSO membership rate for YPs. Emily Schwartz and Erin Warnock will develop proposal for YP discount and options/analytics for presentation to ASDSO staff and Board.
- b. Education/Career Development
 - i. No report on recent activities.
 - ii. Looking for new group leaders.
- c. Networking/Social – See below.

IV. Upcoming Activities

- a. Dine-Around: Today, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
- b. Tuesday Evening CityWalk Outing
 - i. Sign up at YP information table in resource center. Details to come via text message.
- c. Wednesday Evening Trip to Universal – Islands of Adventure
 - i. Sign up at YP information table in resource center. Details to come via text message.
 - ii. After 2PM reduced price tickets
 - iii. Purchase in hotel lobby
 - iv. YP raffling off two tickets for Wednesday evening at Tuesday reception
- d. Southeast Regional Conference 2020 – Charleston, SC
- e. Dam Safety 2020 – Palm Springs, CA
- f. Dam Safety 2021 – Nashville, TN

V. Upcoming Opportunities

- a. ASDSO Collaborate
 - i. Collaborate.damsafety.org
 - ii. Same log-in as ASDSO
 - iii. Meeting minutes uploaded to site



- iv. Volunteer opportunities/committee openings posted to site
 - b. Conference Planning: If interested in assisting in conference event planning, please contact Kate Naughton at knaughton@gfnet.com
 - c. Student Outreach Committee Initiatives
 - i. Dam safety career introduction videos for students
 - 1. Filming Thursday, September 12
 - 2. YPs may assist with distribution of videos to university connections
 - ii. Model dam competition
 - 1. YPs may assist with distribution competition information to university connections

VI. Advancing your Dam Safety Career – 2019 Conference Session

VII. Next Group Meeting

- a. Spring – April/May
- b. Conference Call