

Santa Barbara/ Ventura Younger Member Forum FY2010 ANNUAL REPORT – SUMMARY

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Introduction

Brief Summary

The Santa Barbara/Ventura (SB/V) Younger Member Forum (YMF) had a successful, enlightening, and fun-filled year. We continued to develop some of our annual events garnering more success. We also instituted some new events such as a Volleyball Tournament and Barbeque. Our membership has remained fairly constant, a success considering the economic downturns and layoffs in the engineering sectors in our area. We are looking forward to continuing to provide great events, training opportunities, networking, and community outreach to our membership and community.

General Meeting Structure

We usually hold our board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at a restaurant in Carpinteria. The board meetings are open to the public although typically just the officers and chairs of events attend the meetings. Our goal is to hold a monthly meeting or event. Our monthly meetings consist of happy hour socials, general meetings, technical tours, and other activities. Approximately 7-10 people typically attend these meetings.

Most Successful Meeting

Our third annual **Fall Kick-Off Meeting** was again our most successful of the year. We had a turnout of approximately 25 people. This is not only our most successful event based on turn-out alone, this event is also one that brings everyone together to kick-off the new year and test their skills at a rigorous brain teaser trivia game.

Accomplishments – 2009-2010

On the whole, the past year was a huge success. We held 17 successful events for our members and community that were fun, enriching, and promoted ASCE and engineering. The community benefited from our outreach at the Dos Pueblos and Carpinteria Career Fairs. The young engineers benefited from diverse Technical Tours, networking opportunities, professional development, and by having fun.

Group Activities

Volleyball Tournament – Best Activity

Perhaps our best event of the year was the First Annual Volleyball Tournament and Barbeque Fundraiser at East Beach in Santa Barbara. Adam Hendel organized the event that took place on August 14, 2010. We coordinated the event to coincide with the bi-annual Southern California YMF Joint Meeting. Approximately thirty individuals from various Southern California YMFs participated in the event. At the end of the day, it was a great event where everyone had lots of fun in part thanks to support and financial donations from Kennedy Jenks, Fugro West, the SB/V Branch, and the LA Section!

Technical Tours

We hosted three great technical tours for our membership and community this year – a Fillmore Water Reclamation Project, a Debris Racks and Barriers Project, and a Toland Road Landfill Biosolids Plant Project. The Toland Road Biosolids Plant Project received the 2009 Project of the Year by the Santa Barbara/Ventura ASCE Branch. It was a great opportunity for the young engineers to visit the site and observe the technology and work that was put into winning Project of the Year. Susan Danzel did a great

job organizing the tour and making the connection with the facilities manager, Greg Grant. James Winslow gave a PowerPoint presentation followed by a guided tour of the recently installed debris racks and barriers protecting the City of Santa Barbara's Water Resources infrastructure following the disastrous Jesusita Fire of May 2009.

Activities and Social Events

This year we added a few college soccer games to the social event calendar. We received free tickets to a few UCSB games as they were promoting winning the bid to host the 2010 NCAA National Championship in December. We had a great turnout of 44 individuals made up of YMF individuals, family members, friends, and community members. We enjoyed cheering on the local team!

As always, the annual Southern California YMF ski trip to Mammoth Mountain was a highlight of the year. Twelve members and guests made the arduous 7-hour drive Thursday night to Mammoth Lakes, CA to participate in a weekend of fun, friends, and skiing! Most of the group went downhill skiing both days, joining other YMFers on the slopes and ski lifts. On Saturday, two intrepid members tackled the nearby Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center for an afternoon on the backside of Mammoth Mountain using different tools. It was a great time and a rewarding workout!

Improvements for Next Year

We continue to work on new member recruitment as well as retention of existing members. We will continue to work on newsletter articles for all the publications – Branch, Section, Southern California YMF, and Committee on Younger Member newsletters.

New Member Recruitment

We added approximately six to ten active members to our distribution list this past year. As a result, our events have been better attended. We recruit new members via word-of-mouth and website contact information. Potential new members are recruited on a personal level by one of our officers.

Students

Unfortunately, there are no accredited civil engineering universities or colleges within the Santa Barbara-Ventura region. However, we do try to maintain a relationship with the California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo to inform them of our upcoming events and conferences they may want to participate in. We also participate in local school career fairs.

Recently, an Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) Charter High School opened in Oxnard Union School District in the fall of 2010. Members of our YMF Board participated in the outreach, discussions on the mission statement and curriculum, and secured donations for the new school.

Upcoming Events

The SB/V YMF has several events coming up. The following is the list of our future events:

- Annual Camping Trip – Sycamore Canyon, Malibu, CA. September 17-19, 2010.
- Annual Kick-Off Meeting – Carpinteria, CA. October 20, 2010, 6-8 PM.
- Monday Night Football Social – Santa Barbara, CA, November 1, 2010, 5:30 PM.
- Santa Barbara Bowl Technical Tour – Santa Barbara, CA. November 10, 2010.
- Annual Holiday Party – Carpinteria, CA. December 16, 2010, 6 PM.
- Professional Development Workshop. January 2011.
- Mammoth Mountain Ski Trip – Mammoth Lakes, CA. January 27-30, 2011.
- Carrillo Recreation Center Technical Tour – Santa Barbara, CA. February 2011.