

SAN DIEGO SECTION YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM FY2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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2009-2010 OFFICERS:

* John Prince, PE	Director	6 years
* Greg Kump, PE	President	5 years
* Craig Shannon, PE	President-Elect	5 years
Justin Kessler, EIT	VP - Community Service	3 years
* Justin Barrett, EIT	VP - Education	2 years
* Jennifer Barrett, PE	Secretary	5 years
Tyler Lawson	Treasurer	3 years

Each officer's term is one year, beginning October 1, with the exception of President-Elect, President and Director, which is held by one person who progresses through each one-year position over a three-year term.

2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

* Lise Muco, EIT	Awards Chair	2 years
* Molly Frisbie, PE	E-Day at the Mall	3 years
* Shannon Lehman, EIT	Membership Chair	5 years
* Ken Johansson, PE	Social Events Chair	3 years
* Taryn Dunbar, EIT	Newsletter Chair	2 years
* Ben Espiritu, EIT	PE Review Course	4 years
* Leia Pugh, EIT	PE Review Course	2 years
* Eric Kjolsing	Scholarship Chair	1 year
* Chris Semilla	Historian	1 year
* Anya Sidoranova, EIT	Historian	3 years
* Scott Davis, EIT	Golf Tournament Chair	2 years
* Chris Scott, PE	Webmaster	5 years

MEMBERSHIP

Total YMG Membership	1180
Number of Active Members	100

GENERAL MEETING STRUCTURE:

San Diego YMF meets every third Tuesday of the month, September through June. Meetings are held at Karl Strauss Brewery and Gardens in Sorrento Mesa, north of Downtown San Diego, and begin with a half-hour social, announcements and introductions prior to a sit-down dinner, followed by a technical presentation presented by a local engineering firm or agency.

MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING:

San Diego YMF's most successful meeting was our January meeting where Jennifer Nakayama spoke about the Design and Engineering and Water Quality departments at SeaWorld San Diego.

GROUP ACTIVITIES:

In March and May, the San Diego YMF helped Challenge Ranch, a local non-profit organization that provides recreation with support and encouragement to under-privileged children, to build a chicken coop, build & repair various areas of fencing, and clear landscaping to help the ranch operate properly.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Our website chair this year is dedicated to improving our website and making it more user-friendly. The new website is much easier for users to navigate as well as much easier to update, aiding our current and future webmasters.

TECHNOLOGY:

To generate intriguing emails blasts to entice members to read and participate in events, we utilize the Project Partners system.

FUNDING INFORMATION:

San Diego YMF's primary funding source is revenue generated by our PE Review Course, held twice a year. Each course nets approximately \$15,000. San Diego YMF offers sponsorships at each general meeting for \$150, which typically raises \$450 annually. San Diego YMF also co-hosts the annual San Diego ASCE golf tournament with the San Diego Section. This year, the tournament raised over \$9,200, half of which goes to YMF.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT:

We continue to subsidize public agency employee meeting costs in hopes of attracting more members from local agencies. However, we still have trouble enticing public agency employees to regularly attend meetings. We have also set up a membership table during lunch breaks at the PE exam. ASCE membership app's, giveaways, and YMF flyers are available.

SECTION/BRANCH INTERACTION:

The San Diego Section is extremely supportive of YMF and provides an annual \$500 stipend. The past-president of YMF (Director) sits on the Section board and acts as our liaison. The Section has provided travel stipends to YMF officers to use for attending the National Conference as well as WRYMC. Our San Diego section has also been supportive in our efforts to host WRYMC in 2010.

STUDENT INTERACTION:

San Diego YMF continues to support local civil engineering students through student chapter grants, scholarships, and hosting of Interview and Resume Workshop.

MULTI-REGION AND NATIONAL YOUNGER MEMBER MEETINGS:

San Diego YMF helped several members attend the Western Regional Younger Member Council and Annual Conferences.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- Monthly Member Meeting (EWB present) – September 21, 2010
- Beach Clean-up – September 25, 2010
- Harbor Drive Pedestrian Bridge Tour/Social – October 8, 2010
- SDSU Softball Tournament October 16, 2010
- Monthly Member Meeting (Caltrans Present – I-5 Corridor Expansion) – October 19, 2010
- Alzheimer's Memory Walk – October 23, 2009

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS:

Our PE Review Course, now in its seventh year, has been a huge success for our group. This was the fifth year that we organized a weekend officer's retreat, which has greatly benefited our group.