Bi-Annual Group Meeting – MINUTES

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 10:30AM - 12:00 PM PST
Location: Washington State Convention Center, Seattle, WA
Online through Adobe Connect

Attendees:
- Gregory Richards, Gannett Fleming in-person
- Gillian Williams, GEI in-person
- Skylar Nieser, GA Safe Dams in-person
- Allen R. Orsi, Pare Corporation in-person
- Jim Casey, Klohn Crippen Berger in-person
- Dusty Myers, MS Dam Safety in-person
- John Atkins, MS Dam Safety in-person
- Rachael Brooks, Seattle City Light in-person
- Katie Ward, Metstat in-person
- Alyssa Dietrich, Metstat in-person
- Joseph Kudritz, Michael Baker International in-person
- Christopher Thorson, NV Division of Water Resources in-person
- Natalie Rogers, FTN Associates Ltd. in-person
- Trevor Grout, FTN Associates Ltd. in-person
- Emily Schwartz, Black & Veatch Corporation in-person
- Preston Wilson, FEMA in-person
- Yohanes Sugeng, OK Water Resources Board in-person
- Dylan Hoehn, Engineering Analytics in-person
- Keith M. Thole, US Army Corps of Engineers in-person
- Bill McCorkmick, CO Dam Safety in-person
- Erin Gleason, Denver Water in-person
- Kelley Rich, HDR in-person
- Emma Moradi, OK Water Resources Board in-person
- Sunil Deo, HDR in-person
- Corey Clark, NH Dam Bureau in-person
- Andrew Cummings, MS Department of Environmental Quality in-person
- Eli Ward, AK DNR Dam Safety in-person
- Kevin Miller, Gomez and Sullivan in-person
- David Caouette, Pare Engineering Corp. in-person
- Stephen Miller, TN Dept. of Environment & Conservation in-person
- Josh Boggan, TDEC in-person
- Kalene Mulliner, MN Department of Natural Resources in-person
- Angela Rivera, Bureau of Reclamation in-person
- Mike Kwispond, Seattle City Light in-person
- Emily Keck, GZA in-person
- Suzanne Grix, Great Lakes E&I in-person
- Nathaniel Gee, USBR in-person
- Austin Rieder, Ayres Associates in-person
- Andrew J. Orlovsky, PA Department of Environmental Protection in-person
- Stephen Oldemeyer, GEI in-person
- Lee Mauney, Bureau of Indian Affairs in-person
- Kris Van Sant, GEI in-person
- Yi Tyan, UCLA (student) in-person
- Kate Naughton, Gannett Fleming online
- Andrea Judge, Fuss & O’Neill, Inc. online
- Carmen Soller, Schnabel Engineering online
- Fernando del Monte Davis, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. online
- Nathan Young, Schnabel Engineering online
I. Background and Structure of YP Interest Group
   a. Contact info included in Section VII below
   b. New ASDSO Board Advisor – Dusty Myers

II. Report on Recent Activities
   a. NE Regional Conference (Lancaster, PA) – June 2018
   b. Inaugural YP of the Year Award
      i. Congratulations to Dusty Myers and Brian Crookston!
   c. Annual Conference Activities
      i. Dine Around, Lunch Tuesday (9/11) following meeting
      ii. YP Social at Rhein Haus – (9/11, 8:00 pm)
      iii. Young Professional Booth – Thanks to John Atkins for organizing this!

III. Report from Subgroups
   a. Membership
   b. Education/Career Development
   c. Networking/Social

IV. Upcoming Activities/Opportunities
   a. ASDSO West Regional Conference – March 25-27, 2019 in Westminster, CO
   b. 7th International Junior Researcher and Engineer Workshop on Hydraulic Structures – Summer 2019 in Denver, CO
   c. ASDSO Dam Safety 2019 – September 8-12, 2019 in Orlando, FL
   d. “ASDSO Collaborate” Blog & Social Media Initiatives

V. Related Groups/Opportunities
   a. Nathaniel Gee – Conference Selection Committee – Guidance for Submitting an Abstract
      i. ASDSO tips: https://damsafety.org/TipsforWritingaGoodAbstract.pdf
      ii. Submit on something you are passionate about.
      iii. Don’t be discouraged if your abstract isn’t selected. Sometimes selection depends upon session/topic availability.
   b. Erin Gleason – Student Outreach Committee
      i. Contact her at erin.gleason@denverwater.org if you are interested in getting involved or have university connections you would like to share. You can also contact Katelyn Riley (kriley@damsafety.org) if you are interested in joining the Speakers Bureau and presenting dam safety information to student groups.
   c. Emily Schwartz – USSD Young Professionals Group
      i. Contact her at schwartze@bv.com if you are interested in getting involved.
   d. Ross Brown - ASDSO Collaborate site
      i. ASDSO will be rolling out a new collaboration site for members (and some areas for non-members) to network, idea share, and connect with one another throughout the year. In addition, each committee, interest group, region, and event will have its own area for to bring together like minded individuals. If you are interested in moderating a group,
creating a specific interest area, or just helping us get the conversation started please contact Ross Brown at rbrown@damsafety.org.

e. **Katelyn Riley - ASDSO Blog**

   i. The ASDSO blog will be launching in the coming year and we are looking for individuals interested in writing for the blog. This is a great way to get published on the ASDSO website, gain visibility within the dam safety community, and start a conversation on a topic of interest to you. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities with the ASDSO blog please contact Katelyn Riley at kriley@damsafety.org.

f. **Katelyn Riley – ASDSO Social Media**

   i. ASDSO is looking for individuals interested in contributing to ASDSO’s social media pages. The larger role of this group is to take photos at ASDSO events such as national conference, regional conference, training etc. The purpose is to represent the member’s perspective. A smaller role will be to take photos of everyday ASDSO interactions such as members together at a dam, receiving the journal in the mail or using something with an ASDSO logo. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities with the ASDSO blog please contact Katelyn Riley at kriley@damsafety.org.

VI. **Q&A/Brainstorm Period**

a. **Conference Activities**

   i. Something Geared Towards Career Development
      1. Panel Discussion/Lightning Talk from experienced individuals
      2. Include Mentors at the YP Luncheon Tables

   ii. Cornhole Tournament

   iii. Poker Tournament Fundraiser

   iv. Board Game/Trivia Night

   v. Consider recording conference content to share with YPs who cannot attend

b. **Webinar Series**

   i. YP Group will be sponsoring one or two webinars this year.
   ii. Topics of interest may be solicited using a survey.
   iii. Possible topics include: professional development, business development, basics of dam safety, interdisciplinary topics

c. **Increased Participation in YP Subgroups**

   i. Communication is key. The new ASDSO Collaborate platform will be available to us in the coming year. This may greatly facilitate communication and involvement of members of the group.

   ii. Delegation

   iii. Plan small-scale events (i.e. regional/state level).

d. **YP Group Leadership Transition**

   i. Staggered transition between chair/vice chair. Greg will step down as chair in Sept. 2019. Kate will stay on for two more years as chair. A new vice chair will be selected who will take over as chair at the end of Kate’s term in 2021.

   ii. Two year commitment for each position (Four years total).

   iii. Will likely be selected from a group of applicants by current YP Group leadership and the ASDSO board.
iv. Leadership for the subgroups will be more flexible and informal, though we are considering placing a cap on how long individuals can serve as sub-group leaders in order to ensure that other YP group members have the opportunity to serve.

VII. Contact Information

Kate Naughton (YP Co-Chair)  knaughton@gfnet.com
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Contact us if you are interested in getting involved or have any other feedback.

VIII. Next Group Meeting to be held via web conference (Spring 2019)