



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
Sunit 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 schwartz@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 (<i>YP Co-Chair</i>)	<i>knaughton@gfnet.com</i>
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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)