

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

Bill Confair, EIT

**Candidate for Vice President
During the 2014/2015 Year
ASCE Pittsburgh - YMF**



BIOGRAPHY:

Bill has been heavily involved in ASCE since he was a freshman in college of 2006. He was a 2010 graduate from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ) and is currently working on obtaining a masters degree from Robert Morris University. He has been very active in ASCE and heavily involved in the YMF with this being his 4th year. During his first 2 years (2010/2011 and 2011/2012) he served as the employment committee chair which involved creating and assembling the annual resume book. Over the next 2 years (2012/2013 and 2013/2014) he was elected the treasurer of the YMF. His duties as treasurer included organizing the check book, assembling a notebook of past

events for future use, and set goals to improve how the position has worked. Over the past 3 years (2011/2012, 2012/2013, and 2013/2014) he has served as practitioner advisor for UPJ. During the past 4 years he has also helped out with many events and socials, such as the pirates tailgate and Dodgeball.

Bill is a bridge engineer (in training) with AECOM, where he has been since his internship during the summer of 2009. He has worked on many projects that include Triboro, 11th Street in Washington DC, Marshall Avenue, Neff Juniata Truss, Montour Trail, among many other smaller bridge and sign structures. He is currently a registered E.I.T. for the state of Pennsylvania and is applying to sit for the P.E. exam in October.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

As Vice President and ultimately President, Bill will continue to be involved in the planning, organization, and implementation of many YMF events. His primary goals will include strengthening the student involvement from Point Park University and Geneva College and to strengthen the YMF's technical committee goals, events, and presentations.

As a practitioner advisor for UPJ last year, Bill has worked with both Faculty advisor and student leadership to encourage students to attend YMF events and inform them of the benefits of being an ASCE member. During his time as practitioner advisor he has also recruited a former student from Point Park University in hope that with a little direction and encouragement that he could revitalize the student involvement from Point Park University. As VP Bill plans to continue his work in this area and he would also maintain his position as UPJ's practitioner advisor. This will provide a solid link between the YMF and the student chapter and to provide an example for Point Park's practitioner advisor to move forward. Bill feels strongly that it is important to include local students in YMF activities and will work to continue to build the student-professional relationships that have been established. As VP Bill plans to revamp the technical committee in hopes to reestablish technical presentations and events for young engineers and students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sonya Flournoy, EIT

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BIOGRAPHY:

Ms. Flournoy is a Bridge EIT at LR Kimball. Her work includes structural design of transportation/highway structures, as well as hydrologic and hydraulic modeling for DEP permit approval. She is active in the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) as well as the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) as Data Officer. In the past, she has worked with a number of organizations geared towards strengthening young girls' involvement in STEM fields. She is a local Pittsburgh native and is both a 2005 and 2002 graduate of University of Pittsburgh with

a BSCE (Structures Concentration) and a BA in Architectural Studies, respectively.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The previous two years as Secretary have given me firsthand experience of the type of work and commitment that goes into making the YMF strong. As a result of my continued efforts to revamp how we communicate our goals with the general body, the YMF has seen a steady increase of meeting attendees and new members taking on active roles. We have established a rapport with a number of local businesses that know ASCE by name. I see the Vice Presidency as an opportunity to use what I've learned to generate exposure for the civil engineering profession and ensure our continued growth.

Key ways to accomplish this include incorporating more technical and leadership events, forging new relationships with engineering societies we have yet to tap, exploring alternative outreach opportunities in the Pittsburgh Public School System, and embracing college graduates immediately out of school to aid them on their career path.

I want to make sure we're listening to our membership and offering the type of activities that embody our mission to develop solid professional leaders in civil engineering—and have fun while doing it! This team is only as strong as our members. As VP and eventually President, I will promote programs and initiatives that serve to build this team, while adding personal and professional value for the YMF as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration.

TREASURER CANDIDATES

JEFF ARGYROS, EIT

**Candidate for Treasurer
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Jeff is the current Employment Committee chair of the ASCE Pittsburgh YMF and is excited to continue his involvement with the YMF in the position of Treasurer for the 2014-2015 year.

BIOGRAPHY:

Jeff graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in April 2012. Since then, he has become very active in the Pittsburgh ASCE YMF section. In the fall of 2012, he assumed the role of the Employment Committee chair, a position which he still holds. In the past couple months, he has become more active in assisting the Fundraising committee, specifically in assembling the first annual Pittsburgh ASCE YMF 50/50 March Madness Pool.

Jeff is a water resources engineer with ARCADIS U.S., where he has worked since June 2013. He had previously worked for GAI Consultants and is a registered EIT.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

As Treasurer, Jeff will work hard to balance the Pittsburgh ASCE YMF check book and stay current with the balance in the account. His primary goal will be to continue the big money-making events, such as the Pens raffle, as well as introduce new events, such as a fantasy football league for members where part of the buy-in would go towards supporting the ASCE YMF. He hopes to have success with the March Madness pool this year and continue it next year. He also looks forward to continuing his role as Employment Committee chair.

Additionally, Jeff has a lot of experience with PayPal, which is a safe way to exchange money over the Internet with no fees. This could save some hassle in collecting money for fundraising events over the next year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Castiglia, EIT

Candidate for Treasurer During the 2014/2015 Year ASCE Pittsburgh - YMF



Matt has been involved in the YMF since 2009 and previously held the fundraising chairmanship where he organized the first annual YMF PEN's ticket raffle raising over \$1500. He has served as the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) ASCE advisor since 2010 and is excited to get more involved in the Treasurer position for the 2014-2015 year.

BIOGRAPHY:

Matt earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with a certificate in structures from the University of Pittsburgh in 2009. He continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh Katz graduate school of business beginning MBA classes part time. Matt is employed in Pittsburgh as a structural engineer with GAI Consultants of Pittsburgh. He has worked on a variety of structural projects both steel and concrete design including the

rehabilitation plans for Pittsburgh's South 10th street bridge. Having served ASCE in various capacities in the past, Matt is currently the University of Pittsburgh Student Practitioner Advisor, a role he has held for the past four years.

Under Matt's leadership, Pitt's ASCE student chapter has transformed by replacing a faculty advisor, who had minimal involvement, with Dr. Anthony Iannacchione, a previous Pittsburgh section president who is working hard to support ASCE at Pitt. This, along with other improvements, led the student chapter to win the "ASCE Outstanding Student Chapter" award in 2013.

Outside of ASCE, he maintains memberships in the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh Triangle Fraternity, Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, American Institute of Steel Construction, and the Boy Scouts of America. Matt also serves on GAI's community service committee and is responsible for organizing a corporate fundraiser that raised \$18,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

As the Treasurer, I will look to continue the excellent work of the past YMF treasurers, keeping the finances current while working with the fundraising chair to expand our fundraising efforts. This will be important since the YMF will be hosting the ERYMC (Eastern Region Younger Member Conference) in 2016, an endeavor that will require a great deal of financial support from the local YMF. I also plan to work more closely with our Social committee during event planning to ensure that we always break even at our events while providing value to our members.

Thanks for your consideration,

Matt

Louis Gualtieri, EIT

**Candidate for Treasurer
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Louis is the current dodgeball chair and previously was the sports chair for the ASCE Pittsburgh YMF. He is excited to continue his involvement with the YMF in the position of Treasurer for the 2014-2015 year.

BIOGRAPHY:

Louis graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2008. He was very active within the Pittsburgh section as a student, where he served in numerous roles in the student chapter including president. He helped coordinate with Pitt students at the ASCE national conference held in Pittsburgh. After graduation he continued to be involved, and eventually became the sports chair where his responsibilities were to manage the YMF Softball team and plan the annual Pirates tailgate. Then he transitioned into his current position as dodgeball committee chair, where he plans and runs the annual dodgeball tournament. He also helps coordinate an outreach event annually at his alma mater Central Catholic High School which is in its 3rd year.

Louis is a bridge engineer with CDR Maguire, where he has worked since graduation. Recent projects include several bridges as part of the Beaver River Interchange project for the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Sound Barrier/Retaining Walls for I-95, and several other small bridges in Western Pennsylvania. He is a registered EIT and will be taking the PE exam this spring.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

As Treasurer, Louis hopes to continue to help the YMF put on awesome events by managing their budget. He hopes to work with the fundraising chair to try to come up with new exciting events to help fund our current stable of events.

As the former sports chair and current dodgeball chair Louis has had to budget and manage money for several events for the YMF which should help transition him into the Treasurer position.

Thank you for your consideration, and good luck to all the candidates!

Sara M. Mullaney, EIT

**Candidate for Treasurer
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BIOGRAPHY:

Ms. Sara Mullaney is an Engineering Specialist II for Rhēa Engineers & Consultants, Inc. and she has over 6 years of experience in both geotechnical engineering analysis/design and construction. Sara graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering, concentration in Geotechnical, and she is a certified engineer-in-training. For the past three years, she has served on the Community Service Committee as both Chair and Co-chair for the YMF Pittsburgh Section.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

It's truly a pleasure to be nominated for the position of Treasurer of the YMF Pittsburgh Section for the upcoming 2014-2015 year. If elected, I look forward to managing the YMF finances, working with my fellow peers to develop an easier way to accept transactions during all of our events, and working towards a way to increase the annual YMF budget. As I have fully enjoyed being a part of the Community Service Committee over the past three years, it is my hope to stay involved with that aspect of the YMF and to make a continued effort to find and present new and exciting community service activities to the YMF. I also view the position of Treasurer as an opportunity to take a greater role in YMF events and to get more involved in activities that I have not been involved with in the past. Thank you for considering me for the 2014-2015 position of Treasurer!

SECRETARY CANDIDATE

Lauren Dziagwa, EIT

**Candidate for Secretary
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BIOGRAPHY:

Lauren graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ) in 2012 with a degree in Civil Engineering Technology. During her time at UPJ, she participated in the UPJ ASCE Student Chapter, where she held the position of President in 2011. As president, she focused her attention on increasing membership and pushing the chapter to be more active. She pioneered the first CET Alumni Dinner, which is now an annual event. In addition to her active role in ASCE, she was the co-captain of the concrete canoe team during the 2010-2011 season and helped lead the team to the National Concrete Canoe Competition.

Upon graduation from UPJ, Lauren obtained a civil engineering position at The Lewis Consulting Group in Export, PA. In addition to her career, Lauren has been active with the YMF and has served as the chair and co-chair of the social committee over the past two years. With this committee, she has organized the YMF Oktoberfest, December Dinner and Joint Social.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Lauren considers it an honor to be nominated for the position of Secretary of the Younger Member Forum. As Secretary, Lauren would like to continue her involvement in the YMF and become more active for future endeavors. She plans to use her experience on the Social Committee over the past two years as well as her roles in ASCE at UPJ to competently fulfill the duties of Secretary. Thank you for your consideration.