

**Young Professionals Committee Meeting Minutes**

Nov 16th 2:30pm, 2023

1. Call to Order and Welcome

**Meetings will typically be 3rd Thursdays 2:30pm**, virtual on Zoom

**Aprrove minutes** *Meeting minutes: Ariana W. Backup: Rachel Z.*

***WELOCOME NEW MEMBERS****: Alex Waypa, Zanna Leciejewski*

1. **Seasoned Professional Guest Speaker: Kyle Tryan**
   1. Kyle’s Job: Water Plant Superintendent, Benton Charter Township
   2. Words of Wisdom from Kyle “Believe in yourself!”
2. **YP Presentation: Ariana Wade**
   1. Ariana’s Job: Water/Wastewater Engineer, Fishbeck
   2. Ariana’s favorite aspect of the job: Working with all different types of people in the water industry.
3. **Seasond Projessional and YP: On Deck**
   1. Seasoned Professional for December: Colin McCorkle, Fishbeck
   2. YP Presentation for December: Still looking, **volunteer**!
4. **Seasond Projessional and YP: In the Hole**
   1. Need Seasoned Professional Guest Speaker for January: **ask your bosses!**
   2. Need YP Presentation for January: **volunteer!**
5. **Recommended trainings attended by committe members:**
   1. Plankton and Algae Course put on by GVSU and EGLE
   2. Math and Hydraulics training put on by EGLE is recommended for new operators preparting to take their licensing exams.
   3. Additional trainings, information regarting licenses/certicifications: [**Requirements for Certifications**](https://www.michigan.gov/egle/-/media/Project/Websites/egle/Documents/Programs/DWEHD/Operator-Certification/operator-certification-requirements-for-certification.pdf?rev=08b1da60c80548779b91fdfeec66a6ba)
6. **Communication –** The goal is to keep email communications to a minimum (2 per month)
   1. Monthly Newsletter
   2. AWWA YP Newsletter
      1. Opt in for the National YP newsletter, and notifications for other events, trainings, etc.
   3. The YPs have a LinkedIn page that has not seen a lot of activeity. Is anyone interested in acting as the account admint? **Volunteer!**
7. **Upcoming Events** (Thursday afternoons seem to work best)
   1. Holiday Party (Tentatively Dec 7th, still in approval/planning): **Stay Tuned!**
   2. Joint Expo (February 6 & 7)
      1. YPs host a mixer every year after Day 1 programming
         1. Typically at Lansing Brewing Co.
         2. Any other location suggestions near the convention center? **Reach out!**
      2. Joint Event with Youth Education Committee
         1. Roundtable for students interested in careers in water (want to incorporate new YPs into this discussion as well as seasoned professionals/YPs to provide insight)
         2. Need volunteers interested in walking students/new YPs through the Exhibit Hall: **ask your bosses!**
8. Proposed list of events for 2024: **Reach out with ideas!**
   1. Joint Expo Mixer (February 6th)
   2. East and West Side Plant Tours – Spring
   3. Joint MWEA/AWWA YP Event – Summer
      1. Cornhole tournament
      2. WTP and WWTP tour
      3. Any other ideas?
   4. YP’s at MI-ACE Event – September
      1. Night before the conference
      2. Mixer, social gathering.
      3. Any other ideas?
   5. Trainings
      1. Technical trainings
      2. Professional develoment trainings
      3. Any other ideas?
   6. Lobbying/Governmental Learning Session (Advocacy)
      1. State water policies
      2. Current issues
      3. Midwest Strategies – organization advocating for regional water ways
   7. Holiday Party – December
9. Spread the word about the YPs and help us boost membership!