

The Young Members Forum (YMF) is a committee of the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California (SEAONC) comprised of members 35 years and younger.

YMF provides an avenue for young members to become more actively involved with SEAONC through a number of programs and activities. YMF focuses on three main areas: Professional Development, Social Networking, and Student Outreach.

The YMF committee typically meets on the second Monday of each month. Check out the YMF website for the location of the next committee meeting. Dinner is provided.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

YMF organizes a number of programs to help young members prepare for licensing exams, learn new technical topics, and become more involved with SEAONC.

### PE Exam Preparation

YMF has an extensive Professional Engineers (PE) Exam preparation program which includes hosting an Information Meeting and organizing study groups twice a year before each exam. The Information Meeting is an opportunity for future test takers to learn about the PE exam and get advice on test taking strategies from a panel of past test takers. At the Information Meeting, an informational handout about the PE Exam is distributed. This handout can be downloaded from the "Documents" link of the YMF website. YMF also organizes two study group sessions where snacks and practice problems are provided.

### YMF Presents

YMF Presents is a quarterly technical presentation series geared toward younger members. In the past, YMF presents have included presentations from other SEAONC committee chairs to introduce YMF members to the work of their committees. Other topics include ETABS modeling, Buckling Restrained Braced Frame Design, and Base Isolation Design.

### New Members Orientation

The New Members Orientation is an opportunity for new members to get information on what the SEAONC committees do and sign up to join a committee. This occurs annually during the social hour of a SEAONC Monthly Dinner meeting in the fall. Committee chairs are available to meet new members. Each committee also has an information poster outlining their charges and activities.

## SOCIAL NETWORKING

YMF organizes a number of social events for young members. This is a fun way for new members to network with each other and learn about SEAONC.



### Happy Hour

YMF hosts a happy hour at a local bar during a weekday evening. Free food and beer is available for participants.

### Meet 'N Eat

On the first Wednesday of every month, all young engineers are invited to meet for lunch at 12:30 pm at the tables on the bottom level of Crocker Galleria (50 Post @ Montgomery in San Francisco). This is an informal gathering and it's bring your own lunch.

### Joint Socials

YMF has hosted many socials with other organizations such as the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Bay Area Young Architects (BAYA).

### BBQ Picnic

During the summer, YMF hosts a BBQ picnic at a local park on a Sunday afternoon.

### A's vs Giants Game

Every year, YMF purchases a block of baseball tickets for the A's vs. Giants game at AT&T Park. The tickets are sold to YMF members at a discounted rate.

### YMF Sports

YMF organizes a team to join a local sports league. Last year a team participated in the SF Architects/Engineers/Contractors softball league.

### Weekend Trips

YMF has organized several weekend trips for young members. In the past, YMF organized a white water rafting camping trip and a ski trip to Tahoe.

## STUDENT OUTREACH

YMF aims to enhance interaction between structural engineering professionals and students of all levels.

### University Outreach

YMF organizes the SEAONC Student Nights where university students are invited to a SEAONC Monthly dinner meeting and an office tour prior to the dinner meeting. Traditionally there is a UC Berkeley and Stanford Student night. This year we are expanding the program to include a San Francisco State Student Night and a South Bay Meeting Student Night for Santa Clara University and San Jose State students.

In addition to the student nights, YMF has a liaison member for each local university. YMF University Liaisons serve as principal points of contact to universities and student groups. Liaisons are typically engineering professionals who are alumni of the schools they serve. They are available to answer questions, disburse information about SEAONC programs, and facilitate events. The contact information of the University Liaisons can be found in the "Student Outreach" link of the YMF website.

YMF also makes many presentations to local universities to inform them about future student nights, the SEAONC student scholarship, and the benefits of becoming a SEAONC member.

### K-12 Outreach

YMF members participate in a number of volunteer activities with K-12 grade students. In the past, YMF members participated in the LEAP Sandcastle contest at Ocean Beach with local elementary school students. YMF has also

been involved with the judging of the Future City competition involving junior high school students.

### Classroom Presentation

YMF has developed a classroom presentation for middle school and high school students designed to introduce students to the profession of structural engineering. The one-hour lesson includes a Powerpoint slide show and several group activities. The presentation is available for any SEAONC member who is interested in making a presentation to students. The presentation can be found in the "Documents" link of the YMF website.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

In addition to the community service YMF does through student outreach, YMF provides tutoring to architects of BAYA who are preparing for the structural portion of the Architects Review Exam.

## PUBLICATIONS

### YMF Spotlight

YMF has an article series in the SEAONC Monthly Newsletter called the YMF Spotlight. These articles highlight the achievements of young SEAONC members. To nominate or volunteer to write a YMF Spotlight article, go to the "Publications" link on the YMF website for more information.

### YMF Email Newsletter

YMF sends out bi-weekly emails notifying members of upcoming events for young engineers. To join the YMF Email List, email [ymf@seaonc.org](mailto:ymf@seaonc.org) with your name and e-mail address and "ADD" in the subject line.



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## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

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