

Region 9 Younger Member Groups

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Hello from the ASCE Region 9 Younger Member Groups!

My name is Vanessa Eslava, I am a Past-President of the San Diego YMF chapter. My goals as Chair are to continue supporting the Younger Member Forum (YMF) Groups, promote collaboration between the groups, and create avenues that spotlight and recognize our outstanding Younger Members.

I would like to introduce the 2023-2024 Region 9 YMF Presidents. The following pages you will get to know a few of the Region 9 YMF groups and their respective President.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to join the council, provide insights on how we can provide better value to our ASCE members, or if you just need a sounding board from time to time. My inbox is always open at vanessa.eslava@tylin.com.



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LA YMF

President: Sam Potts

What went well: During 2023, we had some really cool large events, including 5 days of Engineers Week, our LA Student Night Job Fair, and an International Women in Engineering Day celebration.

What I am excited for in 2024: I'm looking forward to sharing some amazing memories with our younger Angeleno civil engineers.



Sacramento YMF

President: Megan Kurtz

What went well: Our chapter has grown a ton over the past year which has allowed us to do so many cool things. We have had a ton of fun events, our social media has been elevated, and our student chapters are thriving. Our biggest accomplishment over the last year has been seeing the passion come back into the chapter fostering camaraderie amongst our board. We hope this will allow us to continue to grow and keep burnout at bay for all board members.

What I am excited for in 2024: I am really excited to continue our growth and implement some new programs. In particular, I am working with my vice president and other region 9 YMF presidents to create a student recruitment program between chapters so that fresh grads know who to

contact to get involved in the YMF level. I am also excited to see where my other board members foster their passions this year as we all get comfortable in our roles.



OC YMF

President: Tyler Hodges

What went well in 2023 - We changed the style and location of our general meetings. This helped us connect with members who live further away and we were able to implement feedback such as hosting events like workshops and socials.

Excited for 2024 - Last year we established new ideas and groundwork for a new generation of members. I am excited to see how we can meet our members' needs, implement new ideas, and continue to build an inclusive community.



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SJ YMF

President: Crystal Mena Boado

What went well in your YMF group 2023: SJ YMF is happy to see a return to more in person events and connecting with our community.

What you are excited about for 2024: The group is excited to host our first Annual Engineers Week .K-12 outreach events.