



SEAMASS
Structural Engineers Association of Massachusetts

SEAMASS Young Members Group: Overview & How the Group was Formed

Overview:

The goal of the Structural Engineers Association of Massachusetts Young Members Group (SEAMASS YMG) is to enhance the structural engineering profession in the local industry. The Young Members Group is committed to supporting recent structural graduates in their transition between school and career, and to help local young E.I.T.s and recent P.E.s who currently practice structural engineering or are interested in the structural industry.

SEAMASS YMG provides a platform for young engineers to exchange and share technical information, to network in a community environment, to enhance structural knowledge through design seminars and construction site-visits, and to develop leadership and management skill by being a part of the SEAMASS YMG team. Members are exposed to in-depth structural methodologies, the latest technologies and applications, and presentations about lessons learned from the past or ongoing projects in the industry. We aim to shape today's young engineers into more valuable employees and to further educate them to grow and advance in their career.

How the SEAMASS YMG was formed:

At the NCSEA conference in October 2012 in Saint Louis, MO, Mike Fillion, PE and Ed Moll, PE attended as SEAMASS delegates. There they met Heather Anesta, chairperson for the Florida SEA's Young Members Group (YMG) and the author of the YMG Start-Up Guide published on the NCSEA website.

After the conference, Mike followed up with Heather to jump-start the formation of a Young Members Group for SEAMASS. Sofia Zamora & Ellen Kuo stood out as perfect candidates to co-chair the SEAMASS YMG and were very excited to accept the invitation. Soon after, Sofia & Ellen connected with Heather and in short time, the SEAMASS YMG was formed.

The SEAMASS YMG also connected with Richard Boggs, chair of the NCSEA advocacy committee, with the intent that eventually, our SEAMASS YMG will develop a PowerPoint presentation for the NCSEA website, as a tool for other states' YMG groups to use in targeting structural engineering students. In short, SEAMASS's YMG interaction with Richard has inspired the Connecticut SEA and other Northeast States to follow the lead of SEAMASS YMG.

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