BIOGRAPHY:

Lauren graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ) in 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering Technology. During her time at UPJ, she participated in the UPJ ASCE Student Chapter, where she held several positions including president. As president, she focused her attention on increasing membership and pushing the chapter to be more active. 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, Lauren continued her involvement with ASCE when she joined YMF and held the position of social committee chair for two years. With this committee, she has organized the YMF Oktoberfest, December Dinner and Joint Social. Lauren also served as YMF Secretary during the 2014-2015 term. Most recently Lauren served on the EYRMC planning committee and organized the awards banquet.

Lauren is an engineer with Tetra Tech, Inc. in Monroeville. She works in a geotechnical group that focuses on the design and construction of coal refuse slurry impoundments as well as accompanying erosion and sediment controls. Lauren also performs work pertaining to the design of foundation structures such as retaining walls, shoring walls, and micropile abutments. Lauren recently became a licensed professional engineer in the state of Pennsylvania.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

As Vice President and President, Lauren would like to focus on increasing the membership of the YMF by continuing successful events and incorporating new events that will attract young professionals outside of the normal attendees. Lauren would also like to add events outside of the city of Pittsburgh in order to include those who do not work or live within the vicinity of the city and are not able to attend our usual events. This would include expanding the roaming happy hours that have already started this year. Lauren would also like to work more closely with the student chapters of ASCE in hopes to build better relationships with the students and add to our membership post-graduation.

As Vice President, Lauren hopes to build upon the successes of the past in an effort to drive continued improvement of the organization and growth of the membership, in order to ensure continued success in the future. Thank you for your consideration.
Nicholle M. Piper, P.E.
Candidate for Secretary
During the 2017/2018 Year
ASCE Pittsburgh - YMF

BIOGRAPHY:
Ms. Piper is a Bridge Engineer at CDR Maguire, Inc. She focuses on the design of roadway, bridge, and miscellaneous structure projects for PennDOT, Pennsylvania Turnpike, and other public and private clients.

Nicholle previously worked as a site/civil Senior Staff Engineer at Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc., where she specialized on retail development projects for regional and national developers, large- and small-scale residential, commercial, and industrial development projects in the public and the private sector, transportation design, sustainable site design, and site development permitting.

Nicholle graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil & Environmental Engineering. In 2010-2011, Nicholle served as treasurer of the University of Pittsburgh ASCE Student Chapter, where she had the opportunity to attend the ASCE national conference. Additionally, she contributed to the steel bridge team as a team member in 2009-2010 and the design captain during the 2010-2011 season.

Nicholle is also active in the ACE Mentor Program (2012-present) and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh (2014-present). She is passionate about engineering outreach, which has led to involvement in the Future City Competition (2014-present), the University of Pittsburgh Freshman Conference (Conference Session Chair 2013-2015 and 2017), and the Pitt Women’s Leadership Experience (2015-2016).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:
The past two years on the YMF board has strengthened my enthusiasm for the civil engineering profession and desire to keep young engineers informed about the opportunities and resources ASCE has available. I plan to continue my involvement in YMF, and if elected, would welcome the opportunity to take on a greater role both in growing our membership and in assisting with communicating and executing YMF events.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!
TREASURER CANDIDATE

SCOTT DUDA, PE
Candidate for Treasurer
During the 2017/2018 Year
ASCE Pittsburgh - YMF

BIOGRAPHY:
Scott graduated from Cornell University in 2008 with a BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Scott received his MS from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. He has been very active in the YMF since ASCE in 2013. He has served as the Pittsburgh YMF’s Budget Chair for the past two years and has assisted with numerous fundraising efforts. Some of the events he has helped raise funds for include the annual December Dinner and the 2016 ERYMC conference hosted in Pittsburgh. He has also been in charge of developing raffle tickets for the annual Pens Ticket raffle and for coordinating 50/50 raffles at various YMF events, including the Pirates tailgate. He has worked closely with the YMF Treasurer over the past two years and, as a result, has a detailed knowledge of the responsibilities this position entails.

Scott is a water/wastewater engineer with GAI Consultants, where he started working in 2014. Prior to joining the team at GAI, Scott worked for Special Pathogens Laboratory, a company that specializes in Legionella consultation and disinfection for building water systems. At GAI, he has worked with coal power stations to implement wastewater treatment upgrades for compliance with the recently-finalized ELGs and CCR Rule. His experience at GAI has also included coordination of sampling and data collection for a coal ash pond dewatering project in Eastern VA, development of P&IDs and mechanical specifications for a demineralized water system replacement project at a municipal wastewater treatment facility in Western PA, and a conceptual evaluation of treatment options for coal ash landfill leachate at a facility located in central MD.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:
As Treasurer, Scott hopes to help the YMF maintain sufficient funds to continue providing useful activities that benefit the Pittsburgh engineering community and that raise awareness of the engineering profession among the public. His primary goals will include increasing the overall budget that the YMF has to work with over the next year while maintaining accurate records of the organization’s funds, spearheading new fundraising initiatives, and modifying previous fundraising efforts to improve returns. He plans on building upon the experience he developed serving as Budget Chair for the past two years and raising funds for ERYMC to increase our outreach network for event donations, reaching out to both engineering firms and local businesses in the Western PA region.

Thank you for your consideration.
TREASURER CANDIDATE

Leanne McConnell, EIT

Candidate for Treasurer
During the 2017/2018 Year
ASCE Pittsburgh - YMF

BIOGRAPHY:
Leanne graduated from Penn State University in 2012. After graduation she became involved in ASCE, and eventually became the outreach chair where her responsibilities were to organize outreach events and coordinate with other organizations in the area. Since 2013, she has served as chair/co-chair for this committee.

Leanne is an environmental engineer with SE Technologies. She started in 2015. Her work includes air, water, and waste permitting and plan revisions in the PA and WV area for oil and gas clients. She also works closely with regulatory agencies in those areas.

Leanne has previously been treasurer for her bowling league. Her responsibilities including collecting money from bowlers, paying the alley, tracking all finances, performing 50/50 raffles during bowling, and assisting in budgeting for the banquet held at the end of the bowling season.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:
As a member of ASCE YMF, Leanne wants to continue to hold a leadership position with YMF. As treasurer, she wants to continue excellent recording keeping of all YMF finances. Additionally, she wants to continue to minimize outstanding expenses and monies owed to YMF.

Leanne also hopes to work closely with the Budget/Fundraising committee to try and increase income to YMF.

Thank you for your consideration.