BIOGRAPHY:

Ashwin graduated from the College of Engineering, Pune; (COEP) in 2008 with a Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering. After working in projects in the Oil and Gas Industry for three years (and volunteering at a nongovernmental-organization for one) Ashwin completed his Masters in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh (CMU) in 2015. Ashwin attended several in college events organized by the ASCE. Upon graduation, Ashwin continued his involvement with ASCE by joining the YMF and assisting with organizing the Joint Social, a Mock career fair at CMU and volunteering at Camp Kon-o-Kwee. Most recently, Ashwin also served as YMF Secretary partway through the 2017-2018 term.

Ashwin is a Senior staff engineer with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. in Robinson. He works in the process design group focusing on waste water system design and work closely with the environmental remediation group that focuses on identifying, delineating and treating environmentally impacted sites. Ashwin recently passed the PE licensure exam from the state of Michigan and is currently working towards obtaining the PE license.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

As President-Elect and President, Ashwin would like to focus on increasing outreach activities of the YMF and improving coordination between YMF and the local college ASCE student chapters. The objective would be to improve student participation and the ability of the YMF to function as a smooth transition from student life to professional life. Building on the efforts of the current and past presidents, Ashwin would like to continue organizing and incorporating new events to attract young professionals and improve active participation in YMF activities enhancing networking and cross discipline interaction. Ashwin would also like to further develop the mentorship program recently implemented in order to build better relationships with the students and add to our membership post-graduation.

As President-Elect, Ashwin would like to focus on sustainable and active membership increases and help improve the networking and mentorship activities carried out by the YMF in order to ensure continued success in the future. Thank you for your consideration.
PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

Daniel C Phillips, P.E., C.B.S.I
Candidate for Vice President
During the 2019/2020 Year
ASCE Pittsburgh - YMF

BIOGRAPHY:

I have been involved with ASCE since 2007 when I joined YSU ASCE my freshman year of college. As a student member I held the position of Public Relations Officer from 2008-2012. As the Public Relations Officer I was the spoken representative of our chapter communicating both with faculty and outside resources. In addition, I also maintained the website and informed members of meeting times and locations. I held the position of Steel Bridge Project Manager for 2 terms, successfully leading a team of students to two national competitions.

After graduation in 2011, I attended graduate school at YSU while working and took on the role of practitioner advisor. During this time, I discovered my passion for helping young engineers develop both personally and professionally. Sharing the things I wish I would have known when I was in their position and giving guidance about their careers was very rewarding. I am motivated to help promote the civil engineering profession and ensure our future engineers have the support and resources they need to be successful. This is one of the main reasons why I have continued my involvement with ASCE.

For my professional career I have been working since 2011 as a structural engineer starting out in Ohio then moving to PA in 2014. I have held committee positions on both Social Involvement and College Outreach and Recruitment committees during my work experience. I am also registered as a Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania and hold a Certified Bridge Safety Inspector License.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

I have developed strong organizational and decision making skills through both my work and personal experiences. Most importantly, I pride myself on always having a high standard of honesty and integrity. I would appreciate the opportunity to be elected for this position to both help the organization and further develop my leadership skills.
TREASURER CANDIDATE

Sylvia Sun, P.E.
Candidate for Treasurer
During the 2019/2020 Year
ASCE Pittsburgh - YMF

BIOGRAPHY:

Sylvia is a Cost Estimator/Project engineer at Joseph B Fay Company, an i+iconUSA company, since 2015. She focuses on heavy highway and heavy civil cost estimation for projects from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Maryland Department of Transportation, West Virginia Division of Highways and other private sectors. Sylvia worked as a Project Engineer on the US-219 New Highway Construction Structure Phase over Somerset County, PA from 2015 to 2016. Sylvia is a registered Professional Engineer and won ASCE Pittsburgh Section “Young Engineer of the Year 2018” award.

Sylvia graduated with a Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). While at CMU, she was introduced to the CMU ASCE student’s chapter and volunteered at events like Ohio Valley Student Conference Regional Concrete Canoe Competition. Since graduation at 2014, she attended YMF General Body Meetings and volunteered as a mentor for several civil engineering sessions at ACE Mentor Program.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Sylvia was elected as ASCE YMF Treasurer and Fundraising chair of 2018-2019. She manages YMF finances and bank account, and ensures all invoices are issued or paid in a timely manner. Sylvia also leads tremendous fundraising efforts for YMF events and operation. She has successfully expanded new companies sponsorship for YMF December Dinner, and raised Pittsburgh Penguins Tickets donation for annual raffle sales. She also promoted new ways for fundraising including hosting benefits night at local restaurants. If elected for 2019-2020, Sylvia would like to expand more sponsorship and getting young engineers from construction companies involved in YMF, meanwhile, keep outreaching to college students with mentorship program.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.
BIOGRAPHY:

I’m originally from Pittsburgh, and I went to Pitt for my undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering. While there, I got involved with Pitt’s student chapter of ASCE my freshman year as a way to get to know more about my major and make friends. By my junior year, I was membership chair and then president my senior year. While president of Pitt ASCE, I frequently attended YMF meetings and became familiar with the Pittsburgh Section of ASCE. That year, Pitt ASCE won the Region 2 Distinguished Chapter Award and was a finalist for the National Robert Ridgeway Award.

I continued my involvement with ASCE into graduate school at Lehigh University where I was treasurer of the SEI graduate student chapter and attended many ASCE events including an SEI local leaders conference. Once I completed my MS in Structural Engineering, I came back to Pittsburgh to begin a job as a Structural Engineer with AECOM in the transportation department. That meant I got to join the YMF as a professional.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Now, I’m a practitioner advisor for Pitt’s student chapter, and I’d like to be the YMF Secretary. I’m very familiar with ASCE as an organization due to my heavy involvement the past 6 years, and I want to continue to learn more and contribute to the society through the YMF. The Pittsburgh YMF already has such a solid foundation and does many great things thanks to good leadership in the past, and I would love to use the organizational and leadership skills I’ve learned to help continue this tradition.