

# Minnesota Structural Engineers Association Young Member Group

## Graduation “Check,” Job “Check,” Now What?

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Dayblock Brewing  
Minneapolis, MN



An event designed to ease pending graduates into the first year of their career: Graduation “Check,” Job “Check,” Now What? Students and members of the YMG were invited to a local brewpub for a social hour, followed by a series of presentations highlighting key challenges facing new graduates. Four YMG committee members gave presentations titled “The Balancing Act of a Young Structural Engineer,” “Untangling the Secrets to Communication,” “The Black Box: Using Engineering Software,” and “Problems You Encounter in Your First Year as an EIT.” The last presentation, given by local firm president Stephanie Young, was titled “How to Make Your Boss Like You.” Recorded audio will be synced with the presentation slides and provided to students unable to attend.

NCSEA grant money provided opportunity for the MNSEA YMG to encourage attendance by sponsoring a social hour, appetizers, and dinner in an ideal venue. This event was the first experience with MNSEA or its YMG for nearly all of the students that attended the event, and those that will watch the recorded presentations. The comfortable and casual atmosphere, coupled with the quality presentations, will encourage students to identify MNSEA and the YMG as a reliable resource for their structural engineering career.