



## **CSCE Board Conference Call - Agenda Friday, January 15, 2021 at 12:00-1:00 PM EST**

People on call:

Approve December 18th Board Conference Call Minutes -

### **Danielle Spicer Update -**

When will voting to go virtual occur?

MRLC will be in June 2021

ASCE update - Danielle - every upcoming meeting will be virtual  
MRLC is postponed to June 2021 in NC

### **Recent Events**

1. Site Visit to the I-91 Charter Oak Bridge Project (Ranjit)
2. CSCE/ITE 25th Annual Golf Outing (Jud)
3. October Monthly Meeting - Geotech
4. CSCE YM Social and Fundraiser
5. Monthly Meeting - Water Resources
6. November Monthly Meeting - Construction
7. December Monthly Meeting - T&DI - George presented a more technical version of the presentation for ABC-UTC - 850 people on call presentation

### **Introduction Open Discussion**

Voted to purchase CSCE Teams license. George to coordinate with Amy and Aaron to purchase license.  
Plan to use paypal account to do purchase.

- Paypal cannot be used to do Teams purchase. Currently using GTG personal card, to discuss payment options in the treasury section below.

Amy dropped off laptop at George's house.

- Also recently dropped off the projector at George's house.

Made a monthly meeting 'group' which consists of President, President-Elect, and Vice President with help from Amy and then Jeff Benoit when meetings return to in person. Vice President will be in charge of PDH record keeping.

Regarding PDHs, in first meetings, there were no questions/code sent to Amy. At the 12/3 meeting, the attendees were asked to send answers to 3 questions to Amy, but no specifics were provided to attendees and 2 people did not answer all 3 questions correctly. CSCE will clarify the requirements for PDH credit prior to the meeting in January. Other organizations manage provision of PDHs differently. ASCE Buffalo polls attendees during event as participation questions (vs. learning questions).

Meeting registration has been updated.

Student Scholarship form revisions are in progress - Scott/Brianna/George

ACE Award Application to be updated in coming month

### **Upcoming Meetings/Presentations**

4. December Monthly Meeting: T&DI Topic - December 03, Topic: Accelerated Superstructure Replacement of US Route 1 over I-95 (Br 00037), Speakers: Rabih Barakat, Tom Laliberte (WSP), George Gerard (WSP), no school involvement  
Rob will send a bio to George; Rob, George and Tom will coordinate the presentation and do a dry-run  
George will send bios to Brianna, who will moderate the meeting  
Ranjit will give an overview of the TD&I CT Chapter

5. January Monthly Meeting: 01/26/2021 - Structures Topic - Alex, School: UCONN - involvement, Topic: Historical masonry analysis arch in Bridgeport, WJE, Teams Virtual meeting  
Registration can be open, George will send a meeting link to Amy after he gets the CSCE meeting link. If CSCE records the meetings, CSCE needs to let attendees know at registration.  
When do organizations send out link for other presentations? The day of the presentation or the day before. Check-In meeting scheduled for 01/21/21

6. February Monthly Meeting: 02/23/2021, Virtual, Legislative Affairs Topic - Roy, School: UNH - Have we reached out to students yet? Topic: I-84 Waterbury Widening Project, Speaker: Chris Zukowski

### **What about engineers week? Do we have anything planned, even just an email blast?**

7. March Monthly Meeting: 03/16/2021, Virtual, Fairfield County, School: None, Topic: How to prevent bridge collapse during construction, Speaker: Vince Siefert  
Finalize topic/speaker for March meeting - George will coordinate with Ron and Amy

8. 10th Annual Spring Geotechnical Workshop: 04/16/2021 (tentative), Virtual, Topic: Geo-Medly: Lightweight Fill, Big Data, and Everything in Between, Contacts: Ben Cote/Clay Patterson

9. April Monthly Meeting: 04/20/2021, Virtual, Government Engineers Committee - Rabih Barakat, School: US Coast Guard, Topic: TBD, Speaker: TBD  
Student Awards Distribution

Student Presentation of Latest Activities & Initiatives at the Engineering Program, **can this be virtual?**  
Contacts: Faculty Advisor Katie Heckman and ASCE Student Chapter President Sabrina Robertson (904-329-9267, Sabrina.K.Robertson@uscga.edu)  
Registration is not open yet

10. 2021 ACE Awards: 05/15/2021, Can this be in person? Do we push to June or even July? Do we do a true virtual event? Possibly purchase a seminar platform for a month to do ACE awards.

11. Structural SEI Workshop: June 2021, exact date?, Virtual, Topic:?, Contact: Alex Mora

### **Other Items:**

#### **1. MRLC CT 2022 Sponsors!**

Katie - sponsorship letter went out last week. Website went live last week. Two sponsors - WSP and BL Companies

Please circulate announcement at companies

Next month, virtual website launch and party

Competitive with the platinum and gold sponsor levels

Younger staff who could be interested in CSCE - please let them know about this event

Any questions about conference, contact Katie and Jodi

Sponsorships at higher levels will have their company logos extensively promoted throughout the East Coast of the USA, Canada and to students

Is there a rough budget for the event? CSCE YM aims to raise \$50-70,000. The more that gets raised reduces the cost for attendees. Each Platinum sponsor will be promoted each evening of the event.

YM Financial Committee (George, Katie & Jodi) and Treasurer should meet soon to finalize budget.

Is there a sponsorship booklet that can be sent to employers? Yes, Katie can send this out.

This could be the first ASCE event since the pandemic started. This is the first time that CT has hosted the MRLC. This could be an important event.

MRLC Planning Call earlier this week - Parts of the event have been divided up for people to call about for pricing. Sponsors can be contacted and upgraded over next 3 years.

The more that can be raised by companies, the less for which CSCE will be responsible.

#### **2. MRLC 2021 Attendance**

CSCE is looking to support ~10 attendees (YM and Board members) to attend this conference. Katie offered the following rough estimates: \$930/flying, conference, hotel for 2 nights vs. \$1300/per person, driving 4 people in car, conference, hotel for 2 nights

Last year, ~\$600/per person to attend the conference

Aaron will see how these estimates fit into CSCE's budget and report back to the Board at the January meeting.

Katie & Jodi will get more information about registration and report back to the Board at the February meeting.

Is there a rail option? Yes, it is a 17 or 23 hour trip

Anything for attendees to offset the conference costs would be good for CSCE and defer CSCE's costs.

#### **3. Gift Giving and Plaque/Award Giving Summary**

Speaker Gift - When people give presentations at CSCE meetings, CSCE gives pen & pencil sets to the speaker. A gift was sent to the 12/3 speaker who was a DOT employee. Because of ethical issues, the speaker needed to either buy or return the pen & pencil set. Insert text from emails here.

CSCE was offered the opportunity to participate in a presentation about ethics. To show an interest in compliance, it would be a good idea for CSCE to participate. It could also help increase the participation of DOT employees at CSCE events.

### **Board/Committee Updates:**

Tom Loto - Company has paid for ASCE National Dues, No link in ASCE Member account to pay for CSCE Section dues. Does anyone else have their company pay for their Section dues? George receives a renewal letter from ASCE, checks CT section dues and forwards it to WSP for them to be paid.

- Provide update on membership dues.

#### **President (George)**

Update:

order banners

Did attend the Region 1 Assembly

ASCE has had a drop in membership nationally, CSCE's membership % renewed is higher than in years past

#### **President-Elect (Brianna)**

Update:

Brianna will compile the PDH information for the recent event on 12/3 and will coordinate with Scott about PDH record keeping..

ACE Awards Application - Get updated by Early February

Brianna sent LEED green webinar to Amy

Scott and Brianna talked about VP tasks

Scholarship applications could be improved - George, Brianna and Scott

Would like to review ACE Application for opportunities to improve it - George & Brianna

LEED Green associate training email - CSCE may be able to promote and post information for CSCE members, CSCE members would get a discount to attend the training

#### **Vice President (Scott) -**

Update:

Will work with Brianna about PDH record keeping for recent events. He will work on updating the scholarship applications and should be done by mid-January. The applications have been due March 1st in the past.

Improve and streamline student scholarship applications after Thanksgiving

Aaron & Scott met at webster bank and accounts were set up

Scott and Brianna will meet to go over the VP's tasks - Has this happened?

#### **Treasurer/Financial (Aaron)**

Update:

Will manage action items related to future MRLC and student awards

He would like to work with Jim Sime, Scholarship Fund Committee Chair, to develop ongoing plan for the fund to meet certain targets

CSCE may need to develop general motions for the YM Planning Committee to take actions related to the MRLC event

Aaron made a motion to reimburse Katie for \$65 donation for recent YM event. George seconded the motion. All in favor

#### **Newsletter Editor (Tim)**

Update:

When is next issue coming out?

Putting final touches on newsletter today and plans to send it to Amy for review. George will update his President's message

Tim would like to connect with Scott about a different newsletter format/program.

#### Secretary (Clay)

Update:

Annual Report - Clay is working on this, Brianna will send past annual report to Clay  
Facebook page is live, people should like it and follow it

#### Directors (Ben/David)

Update:

#### YMG (Katie) Upcoming Event - Jan. 27 or 28 - unveiling MRLC website

Update:

Younger Member Social/Fundraiser? - 11/5

MRLC/ERYMC Update: Meeting tonight at 5

#### Legislative Affairs (Roy) -

Update:

Committee will be mtg on 12/22

#### Geo-Institute (Clay)

Update:

April Seminar to be Virtual

Clay will be the Chair of this Chapter in 2021

#### Structural Institute (Alex)

Update:

June 2021 Seminar discussions - looking for presenters, reached out to ASCE and received recommendations, January 2021 mtg presentation topic, next mtg will be in december

For seminar, having 1-2 speakers from CT DOT can improve attendance at CSCE events

5 of 6 speakers lined up, working to finalize details

#### T&D Institute (Ranjit)

Update:

Next month's meeting topic is finalized. Working on increasing membership in the T&DI

#### Construction Institute (Billy)

Update:

#### Government Engineers Committee (Rabih)

Update:

#### Scholarship Fund Report (Jim)

Update:

submitted a report via email, talk about this in spring of 2021: in next few years - determine a minimum amount to keep in the account and distribute the remaining once a year or on a regular cycle, could support students in Junior or Senior years.

## Other

1. (George) new banners update - The sizes of the new banners should be two 2'x 8' and 1 table top one (2'x3'). T & D Institute Chapter in CT is finalized, George will make banner.
2. Lands End Clothing Account, initial \$75 allowance, **continued annual smaller allowance?** About 2 weeks from ordering to getting the shirt. People can buy more than 1 item with the \$75 allowance
3. **Golf Outing Discussion/Debrief**

\*\*\*Next meeting - Teams call on Friday, 02/19/21 at 12PM noon \*\*\*

Motion to adjourn -