

CSCE Board Conference Call Friday, February 20, 2020, at 12:00 PM



The conference call/meeting began at 12:00 p.m. The following people were in attendance on the call:

CSCE President/CT Valley Geo-Institute Chair Ben Cote
CSCE Past President Chris Beaulieu
CSCE Vice President Brianna Maljanian
CSCE Secretary Aaron Foster
CSCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter Chair Ranjit Bhav
CSCE Golf Outing Chair Jud Wible
CSCE Administrative Assistant Amy Petrone

The following items were discussed:

1. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on February 7, 2020

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on February 7, 2020. Ben Cote made a motion to approve the minutes. Aaron Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Upcoming Dinner Meetings/Events

March 20-22, 2020 - Region 1 Assembly in Connecticut – The Region 1 Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday. A social hour is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Maggie McFlys on Saturday. Jodi Greene and Danielle Spicer invited college student members from schools with ASCE Student Chapters to give presentations.

March 24, 2020 – Stand-alone board meeting - Time/location: 6:00 p.m. in Glastonbury - Ben Cote will send out a calendar invitation to Board members and Committee/Institute Chairs.

April 17, 2020 - Annual CSCE Spring Geotechnical Workshop – CSCE still needs to obtain documents from presenter Bob Bachus for CSCE’s PDH sponsorship application to the Practicing Institute of Engineering (PIE). CSCE will provide binders to attendees. Early registration for the workshop will run until April 3, 2020. Three types of sponsorships are available for the workshop.

April 21, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at the USCGA – Jeff Benoit is deciding between plated vs. buffet meal. The Board discussed whether CSCE has ever increased the cost of the registration at a dinner meeting where the DOT Commissioner is the presenter. The money raised at that type of dinner meeting could be deposited into CSCE’s scholarship fund. Amy Petrone will check to see if there is a maximum number of attendees that can attend this event.

May 19, 2020 - ACE Awards - ASCE Technical Region Director David Odeh has been invited to speak at the ACE Awards.

Summer 2020 Lunch or Dinner Meeting Offer at the Hartford Armory – Ranjit Bhav will discuss this possibility with Jerry Lukowski.

September 25, 2020 – 23rd Annual CSCE Fall Geotechnical Seminar (see information about this item on page 2)

3. Treasurer/Financial – The following topics related to the Treasurer were discussed:

- The Board discussed automating and streamlining the processing of CSCE-related expenses related to the upcoming CSCE-sponsored events like ERYMC in 2022. To do this, CSCE could use a service like SAP Concur.
- The Board discussed the option of obtaining a debit card and a credit card for CSCE-related expenses.
- It might be useful to have the budgets for the different CSCE Committees and line items on a monthly basis.
- The log-in information and contact information for CSCE’s financial accounts should be updated and passed on to each newly installed Board on an annual basis.

4. Younger Members Committee – There will be a meeting tonight (February 20, 2020) at the WSP office.

5. CT Valley Geo-Institute

September 25, 2020 - 23rd Annual CSCE Fall Geotechnical Seminar – The topic is, Coastal Resiliency, Climate Change and Geotechnical Engineering, and the seminar will be held at the Sheraton Hartford South, Rocky Hill, CT. The list of confirmed and possible speakers is as follows:

- Dave Murphy from Milone & MacBroom (from Joe Kidd)
- Brian Maggi from USCGA (from Hudson Jackson)
- Sissy Nikolau from WSP (possibly)
- Devin Santa and Azure Dee Sleicher from RACE
- Daniel Stapleton from GZA GeoEnvironmental
- James O’Connell from CIRCA at UConn
- Daniel Barone from Michael Baker International (from Randy States)
- Douglas Gaffney from Mott MacDonald

The sponsorship for this seminar will be different than in the past. The following table highlights the changes that have been made to the sponsorship structure. Amy Petrone and Ben Cote still need to finalize adjustments to the registration pricing related to the provision of binders/USBs to registrants.

Item	Platinum (\$1,500)	Gold (\$1,000)	Silver (\$500)
Recognition on the podium and opening slides	X	X	X
One 4x8 table with power access (\$400 value)	X	X	
Company logo on event website	X		
Company logo on binders (\$250 value)	X		
Company logo on social media mentions	X	X	
One complimentary program registration (\$250 value)	X	X	X
Break Sponsorship (\$125 value)	X		
Lunch Sponsorship (\$250 value)	X		
Total based on 2019 values	\$1,275	\$650	\$250

6. Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Ranjit Bhawe will work on finalizing the Chapter's bylaws.

7. Golf Outing – Golf Outing Chair Jud Wible provided the following information about the 2020 Outing:

- The Outing is scheduled to begin at Timberlin Golf Club with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2020.
- The costs for golfers will be like those in past years.
- A flyer promoting the golf outing will be developed soon.
- Another organization's golf tournament has been scheduled for 2020. The Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) Connecticut Chapter's golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2020.
- CSCE will ask its membership if people would like to help coordinate the golf outing.

8. International Masonry Institute (IMI) Event Cross Promotion

CSCE will promote the IMI's upcoming symposium to its membership. The IMI Masonry Symposium is scheduled to run from about 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 10, 2020, at the Greenberg Conference Center at Yale University.

9. NYS PDH Sponsor application - Brianna Maljanian will be working on this application.

10. Structural Engineering Workshop

CME Associates is interested in participating in a structural engineering professional development workshop. This could be set up in conjunction with the Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter. Two groups that may be good resources in developing this type of workshop are the Structural Engineering Coalition in Massachusetts and the International Masonry Institute. CSCE could also leverage the resources of the ASCE National Structural Engineering Institute when developing this workshop. CSCE will ask its membership if members would like to help coordinate an upcoming workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next call/meeting scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2020, at 12 noon. The Board will plan to meet in person in April 2020 after the ACE Award applications have been submitted to review the applications.