

CSCE Board Conference Call

Friday, July 17, 2020, at 12:00 PM EST



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

George Gerard, CSCE President
Brianna Maljanian, CSCE President-Elect
Scott Nolan, CSCE Vice President
Aaron Foster, CSCE Treasurer
Clay Patterson, CSCE Secretary
Ben Cote, CSCE Director I & CT Valley Geo-Institute Chair
David Chapman, CSCE Director II
Danielle Spicer, ASCE Region 1 Governor
Ranjit Bhawe, Transportation & Development Institute – CT Chapter Chair
Katie Klose, CSCE Younger Member Committee President
Alex Mora, Structural Engineering Institute – CT Chapter Chair
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

1. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from May and June CSCE Board Conference Calls

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on May 15, 2020. George Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes. Ben Cote seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on June 19, 2020. George Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes. Brianna Maljanian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Upcoming Dinner Meetings

September 15, 2020 – ACE Awards at the Aqua Turf Club – Currently, in Phase 2 of the state’s reopening plan, restaurants may be open at 50% capacity and bars are not open. Based on this situation, CSCE discussed the possibility of changing the price of tickets to the ACE Awards. To learn more about how the Aqua Turf Club is adapting to Phase 2 of the state’s reopening plan, Amy Petrone will contact the Aqua Turf Club. CSCE will consider having an Executive Board meeting to discuss the ACE Awards in the next few weeks.

September 29 – Dinner Meeting at the University of Hartford – No other details have been finalized at this time.

January 23 – Dinner Meeting at the University of Connecticut, Storrs – No other details have been finalized at this time.

April 20 – Dinner Meeting at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy – No other details have been finalized at this time.

3. ASCE Events

September 25-26 - ASCE Region 1 Fall Assembly in Sheraton, Rocky Hill, CT – The NYS Council will meet on Friday and Assembly business will be discussed on Saturday. Danielle Spicer will confirm the details with CSCE.

The ASCE Presidents & Governors Forum will be held virtually this fall.

4. Professional Education Online Webinar - The University of Connecticut School of Engineering is offering a professional education online webinar to CSCE members on August 4, 2020. This webinar is geared towards working professionals.

5. Treasurer/Financial – The Board discussed the following topics:

- CSCE needs to manage how the Schwab account is accounted for in CSCE's tax filing.
- The signatories on the Webster account need to be updated.
- To develop short-term and long-term plans for CSCE's investments, CSCE could establish an investment committee.
- CSCE will explore the idea of offering a more substantial scholarship to one individual every couple of years. Aaron Foster and George Gerard will look more into this topic together.

6. Younger Members Committee – The Committee is proceeding with planning the June/July 2021 ERYMC meeting virtually. To share information about the Younger Members activities with ASCE, the Committee should invite Danielle Spicer to attend its virtual business meeting that is planned for January 2021.

7. Legislative Affairs Committee – Katie Klose and Roy Merritt are working on coordinating a virtual session on Key Contacts. The Committee is looking to determine which interactive platforms to use for sessions or meetings (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Skype, etc.).

8. CT Valley Geo-Institute

September 25, 2020 – 23rd Annual 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. The confirmed speakers/topics are:

- Jenn MacGregor and Robin Seidel from Kleinfelder / Resiliency Planning for Boston Neighborhoods
- James O'Connell from CIRCA at UConn / Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding: A Strategy for Adaptation in Connecticut
- Daniel Stapleton from GZA GeoEnvironmental / Geotechnical Engineers, Resilience and Climate Adaptation - Moving from Deterministic to Risk-Based Approaches
- Devin Santa and Azure Dee Sleicher from RACE / Beaches, Dunes & More: How Sand Can Play a Role in a Resilient Coast
- Brian Maggi from USCGA / Reinforcing Dunes & Coastal Bluffs with Geosynthetics
- Doug Gaffney from Mott MacDonald / Adapting Coastal Infrastructure for Climate Change

Since CSCE has been approved to be a Professional Development Hours (PDH) sponsor by the New York State Education Department, it can provide PDHs to attendees without applying to the Practicing Institute of Engineering (PIE).

9. Structural Engineering Institute – CT Chapter – The Chapter had a meeting on June 26, 2020, with Alex Mora, Tim Ariosto, Byungik Chang, Sangyul Cho, and Amy Petrone in attendance. The Chapter will elect officers

in the next few months, manage the topic/speaker for the January 2021 dinner meeting and possibly host a day-long seminar in the spring of 2021.

10. Transportation & Development Institute – CT Chapter - Ranjit Bhave is coordinating the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chapter and the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute. The Chapter may coordinate a site visit for 10 people at a time at Charter Oak in September/October 2020. Depending on the level of interest, this site visit could be run on multiple dates.
11. Golf Outing – The Committee organizing the Outing met over a conference call on July 8, 2020. CSCE has reserved October 9, 2020, for the Outing at Timberlin Golf Course. Concerns were raised about the details of the Outing related to the shotgun start, the dinner, and networking opportunities. Jud Wible has contacted the Club to finalize the details about those items. A follow-up call is scheduled for July 22, 2020. Related to sponsorships, it was indicated that sponsorship levels will remain at the levels that were in place for the 2019 Outing.
12. University of Connecticut Student Senior Design Sponsorship, Final Decision - There are different options for a sponsor's personal and financial involvement in a student design project. The 2022 Connecticut Infrastructure Report Card could be the topic of one of these projects and CSCE could see if college students could assist with developing sections of the Report Card. Another possible topic would be an engineering project in an underserved community in the state.
13. New banners update - The sizes of the new banners should be two 2' x 8' and 1 tabletop one (2' x 3'). CSCE will hold off on buying banners until the Transportation & Development Institute Chapter in CT is finalized and its logo can be included in the banners.

Aaron Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Chapman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The next Zoom meeting call is scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.