

## **CSCE Board Conference Call Friday, July 28, 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  
Aaron Foster, CSCE Treasurer  
Clay Patterson, CSCE Secretary  
Ben Cote, CSCE Director I & CT Valley Geo-Institute Chair  
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

### **1. ACE Awards - Aqua Turf Club Policies**

The Board discussed the COVID-19 policies at the Aqua Turf Club, which is the location of CSCE's ACE Awards scheduled for September 15, 2020. The Aqua Turf Club currently requires a 3-week notice to cancel an event and 4-weeks' notice to reserve its outdoor tent for an event. In order to better prepare for the ACE Awards, CSCE would like to know the cancellation policies at the Aqua Turf Club if the State of Connecticut changes its COVID restrictions and if there is bad weather (i.e., hurricanes, thunderstorms, etc.). Amy Petrone will ask the Aqua Turf Club for those policies and provide that information to the CSCE Board. The CSCE Board will hold a meeting in late August to finalize the details of holding the ACE Awards in-person on September 15, 2020.

The Board went on to discuss whether companies would let their employees attend an in-person event like the ACE Awards in September because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to concerns about the pandemic, another upcoming in-person event, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Geotechnical Seminar scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>, is most likely going to be held virtually this fall. To get more information about possible attendance at the ACE Awards, the Board members decided to ask their colleagues by next Wednesday if their companies would allow their employees to attend in-person events like the ACE Awards. If the ACE Awards is unable to be held in-person in 2020, CSCE will explore options of holding the event virtually and/or combining the event with the 2021 ACE Awards.

### **2. Fall 2020 Dinner Meetings – Virtually or In-Person**

The Board discussed holding the dinner meetings in September, October, and November virtually instead of in-person. If CSCE holds the meetings virtually, it will need to determine how to manage the provision of Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for attendance at the meetings, questions/answers from attendees, and school/student participation at the meetings. After this discussion, the Board decided to hold the dinner meetings in September, October and November virtually.

This conference call ended at 12:40 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held in late August 2020.