

CSCE Board of Directors Meeting - October 17, 2018 - Nathan Hale Inn at University of Connecticut

In attendance: David Chapman, Chris Beaulieu, Scott Nolan, George Gerard, Kassim Tarhini, Hudson Jackson, and Jodi Greene

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. The following items were discussed.

- 1.) Connecticut Infrastructure Report Card – CSCE will release the report card at a press event on October 30, 2018. Don Shubert of CCIA is helping set up the event. He is looking for a place in Hartford near the MDC project and the Charter Oak Bridge. The graphic designer recommended by ASCE has the material and is putting together the full report and the brochure type report card.
- 2.) Legislative Affairs:
 - a. Roy Merritt’s proposal for the ASCE journalism award was discussed. Since there is not much known about the award or the nominee, this topic will be discussed further at the November 7th Board meeting. In the meantime, more information will be gathered.
 - b. CCIA’s request to sign on to the candidate’s bulletin was approved.
- 3.) Structures Technical Group:
 - a. Structure Seminar: Hudson Jackson confirmed that the proposed date of June 14, 2019, is good. CSCE is exploring the opportunity to ask the Connecticut DOT to host the meeting. CSCE will also explore catering costs and possible per person charge.
 - b. November Meeting: Brianna Maljanian was unable to attend, but she sent the information about the presenters and their topic to Amy Petrone via email.
- 4.) Student Chapters
 - a. The Board discussed and agreed that CSCE could and will continue to support student chapters for the steel bridge competitions.
 - b. Student Chapter Support: It was discussed and agreed that CSCE would, upon written request from the student chapters, provide \$500 total per requesting chapter for engineering competitions.
- 5.) Treasurer’s Report – The balance of CSCE’s operating account is approximately \$21,000 and its reserve fund balance is \$64,000. These totals do not include revenues from the Geotechnical Seminar on September 28, 2018.
- 6.) Younger Member’s Committee
 - a. Jodi Greene discussed having members attend the Eastern Regional Leaders Council in Orlando, Florida, on June 25 & 26, 2019. Four (4) members are interested in attending, one of whom stated that his/her firm would sponsor him/her to attend. It is also customary to have at least one CSCE Board member attend the Council. Both Ben Cote and George Gerard expressed interest in attending the Council. The per person cost is approximately \$1,000 and ASCE will provide approximately \$500 total reimbursement.
 - b. Jodi Greene discussed the possibility of hosting the event in the future. This was also discussed at the CSCE planning meeting held over the summer. CSCE would have to make a presentation next year to host in 2020.
 - c. It was decided to support 4 members and a Board member to attend the Eastern Regional Leaders Council. In addition to other conference activities and opportunities, attendees

would gather additional information about hosting the conference and making a presentation.

7.) Directors Reports

- a. Chris Beaulieu stated he had Kassim Tarhini's review of the CSCE Operating Manual, but had been holding off on proceeding with his recommendations due to CSCE's activity around the Connecticut Infrastructure Report Card. It was decided that it would be good to review Kassim Tarhini's recommendations after the Report Card is finalized and discuss them at the January 2019 CSCE Board meeting.
- b. The concept of compensating CSCE Board members with a free dinner was brought up. The dinners do get to be a lot for those who can not get reimbursed. It was suggested that perhaps Board members receiving free dinners at the ACE Awards would be appropriate. The question of whether current Board members should receive a free dinner at the ACE awards will be discussed and voted on at the next CSCE Board meeting on November 7, 2018.
- c. Chris Beaulieu noted that he had a speaker who wanted to talk about the renovation and restoration of the Hartford Amory as a meeting topic at the Amory. Parking at the Amory is an issue. Dave Chapman said he would look into legislative office building parking across the street. The Board will discuss this opportunity at its November 7th meeting to see if a slot for a dinner meeting is open.

8.) Newsletter Report

- a. Scott Nolan said Ben Cote had sent him some information on a newsletter format from www.joomag.com that is used by the New Hampshire section of ASCE. It is a flip book style format and does come at a cost. He sent a link to the CSCE Board for its review. The Board will revisit the issue at its November 7th meeting.
- b. George Gerard stated that Mark Hunt is organizing a resume review and asked that it be included in the next newsletter.
- c. The next newsletter will include details of the Infrastructure Report Card release.
- d. Scott Nolan will send out a notice reminding members that the meeting is on November 7, not November 17, as previously scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.