



## CSCE Bi-Weekly Conference Call Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 12:00-1:00 PM EST

Approve/review meeting Minutes from 10/3 board meeting (Aaron)

### Unplanned Dinner Meetings (All)

1. October 22 dinner meeting at UConn finalized? *Jeff is organizing*
2. November 12 dinner meeting at UHart finalized?
  - a. Room need to be confirmed/booked
  - b. Meal choices need to be selected
  - c. Student chapter assistance at registration table?
  - d. Student resumes on display and student presentation?
  - e. Board meeting preceding the dinner meeting - will provide zoom login for those who cannot attend in person *around 5pm*
3. January 28, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at the Yale Graduate Club, New Haven (TBD meal choices) Meeting Co-Sponsors: CSCE Construction Technical Group (CSCE Contact: Billy Cunningham and ASCE Student Chapter at the University of New Haven Topic/Speaker: TBD)
4. February 11, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at Quinnipiac University (TBD meal choices) Meeting Co-Sponsors: CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee/ACEC (CSCE Contact: Roy Merritt and the ASCE Student Chapter at Quinnipiac University) Topic/Speaker: TBD
5. March 10, 2020 - Dinner Meeting in at Norwalk Inn Meeting Sponsor: Fairfield County Branch (CSCE Contact: Ron Hill) Transportation Topic/Speaker: TBD *Trends in employment law, harassment, ct paid family leave - ethics pdh session? Harassment and other training. Double feature? \$1500 cost for both? Manager - good for. Employee vs. contractor law.*
6. March – Stand-alone board meeting - Date/time/location: TBD
7. April 17, 2020 - Annual CSCE Spring Geotechnical Workshop - UNH Topic - See below for G-I Updates
8. April 21, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at the USCGA (TBD-Officers Club needs to be confirmed/booked - meal choice - buffet?) Meeting Co-Sponsors: Government Engineers Committee (CSCE Contact: Rabih Barakat) and the ASCE Student Chapter at the USCGA Tentative Speaker: DOT Commissioner (TBD-Needs to be invited/asked) Student Awards Distribution - DOT Commissioner and/or local politicians could help distribute student awards Board meeting - 5:00 p.m. at USCGA *Amy to coordinate with Rabih*
9. May 19, 2020 - ACE Dinner - Aqua Turf Club - Glass Room (booked) - Billy status update on ASCE president? Note that Region 1 Director (Tony Cioffi) can also initiate board

### Region 1 Assembly in Connecticut March 20-22, 2020 (Ben)

1. (Aaron) presentation of local project for a PDH?
2. NOW CHANGED TO MARCH 20-22, 2020 based on hotel availability
3. Danielle has Tony signed the contract?

### Dinner Meeting Improvements (All)

1. BSCES is moving to half or full day seminars instead of dinner meetings - had some success - Danielle Input?
2. (Aaron) Purchasing all of the dinner meetings for the year upfront. This could either be done through a PayPal link or maybe through annual renewals through ASCE.
  - a. This could help increase attendance at dinners (even though we have great attendance now).
  - b. It could allow the usual dinner discount to be applied upfront.
  - c. If someone does not attend a specific dinner they could always give their ticket to someone else.
  - d. They could either choose their "typical" dinner (e.g. always beef, or vegetarian, etc.) or get sent a note when an upcoming meeting is occurring asking for their meal choice then and if they plan on attending that specific dinner.
  - e. This would not start until the 2020-21 season.
  - f. Amy – is there any benefit with having one credit card purchase vs. multiple on our account?
  - g. Do you think this is possible with PayPal or the annual ASCE registration?

### Social Media/Outreach (Amy)

1. Connect with members via LinkedIn to promote dinner meetings.
2. Number of emails sent to membership per week?
3. Who is updating YMG facebook page? meetings and can-struction on page.

### Treasurer/Financial (Scott)

1. Did Bob Gomez finish audit?
2. Federal Tax Filing due to ASCE Accounting Department by December 15
3. Status of signatories update on the Webster Bank Account?
4. Status of transfer of \$35k to the Schwab account?

### Fairfield County Branch (Ron/Ben)

1. Need to consider action this year to re-establish
  - a. "How to Avoid Common Legal Pitfalls for Employers"
  - b. Possible joint dinner/meeting with Lower Hudson Valley Section (Peter Mancuso - [peter.mancuso@wsp.com](mailto:peter.mancuso@wsp.com); 211-631-3828)

### Continuing Education Survey (Brianna)

1. Currently provided on survey monkey
2. 30 Responses so far! Would like to have 100
3. Feedback for how CSCE can improve
  - a. Shorter, lunch time topics
  - b. Make dinner meetings worth PDH's (working on it!)
  - c. Seminars where multiple PDH's can be earned in one day
4. Do you believe that Connecticut should require PDH's to maintain PE licensure?
  - a. As of 10/13, 50% Yes 50% No

### Student Outreach (Jodi and Ben)

1. Can-struction updates
2. Currently no practitioner advisor at USCGA
3. Pinning ceremony at universities for new officers
4. Giveaways for students at dinner meetings?
5. Roundtable discussions/site visit trips for student groups

6. Trail cleanup in spring?
7. Planned resume review/mock interviews
8. Ski/day or hockey game trips in winter
9. Did our student groups receive their membership toolkit? <https://www.ascemembershipkit.org/>
10. Talking points slides available online  
[https://files.asce.org/xythoswfs/webui/\\_xy-e3612757\\_1-t\\_g9BvRPqJ](https://files.asce.org/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e3612757_1-t_g9BvRPqJ)
11. Dream Big Relaunch - do we have DVD copies? Showings at local tech/STEM/magnet schools
12. Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) Jan 31-Feb 1, 2020 in Philadelphia - who is attending?
13. Uhart Oct 30, Nov 14 UConn?

#### Construction-Institute (Billy)

1. Please reach out to Craig Ruyle (Reg 1 Governor and C-I in NY) [craig.ruyle@dot.ny.gov](mailto:craig.ruyle@dot.ny.gov) or 718-482-4526
2. Consider attending national C-I conferences
3. Ben has C-I swag for Billy
4. Teaming with other CT construction societies - CCIA, UHart Construction-Institute

#### Structural-Institute (Ranjit)

1. Need to continue ½ or 1-day seminars
2. New student competitions to replace steel bridge?

#### Geo-Institute (Ben)

1. Meeting/conference call on 10/11/19 to plan April seminar
2. Need to assign other committee members to fixed activities (or appoint a fixed board)
3. Have commitments from Bob Bachus (Geosyntec) for 3 hours (various topics) and Vern Schaefer (Iowa State) for half day seminar on lightweight fill - may be a “geo-mix” of topics
4. Beginning talks with G-I national (Brad Keelor) and other NE G-I chapter to start a “Geo-New England” conference. Need to contact Laurie Gibeau at BSCES.
5. New student competitions to replace steel bridge? (Ben to discuss with G-I national)
6. Ben find G-I bilaws and send to Amy

#### Legislative Affairs (Roy)

1. Committee meeting update
2. Local fly-in Hartford?
3. National fly-in scheduled for March 11-12, 2020 [https://www.asce.org/legislative\\_fly-in/](https://www.asce.org/legislative_fly-in/)
4. Application period is October 1-Nov 19, 2019
5. Consider hyperlink on CSCE webpage and updates to the ASCE state tracking page  
<http://cqrcengage.com/asce/state/connecticut>
6. Do we monitor PE board meetings?

#### Region 1 Events and Activities (All)

1. Outstanding Branch Awards due by October 30 - anyone leading this for CSCE?  
<http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/awards>
2. \$500 Section & Student Chapter Grants - what to apply for? Do our universities know?  
<http://regions.asce.org/region1/awards>
3. Great resources for all groups/committees on Leader Training Committee website - please take a look! <http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/resources>

#### Website updates (All)

1. No one from NH was at Region 1 Assembly
2. Look into others - seems to be on par with others <http://regions.asce.org/region1/resources>

3. Scott Nolan was going to contact NH section
4. George finalized automatic link from csce.org to the new website
5. Hannah Clark at ASCE is POC for websites

#### Newsletter (Amy)

1. How is switch to Joomag going? When can we see first one?
2. Do we have read rate metrics available?

#### Golf Outing (TBD)

1. July 19 Golf Tournament - CSCE raised \$1,000 dollars for its scholarship fund with 42 golfers at the event (total net was \$2,750 split among the three organizations). The tournament involved about the same number of golfers as in past years. The intent for the 25th annual tournament (next year) is to increase attendance considerably.
  - a. 9-holes in morning and offer 2-4 PDHs at lunch?
  - b. Call it "Fore-and-Four"

#### Dinner Meeting Improvements (Continued)

3. Becoming a certified NYS PDH organization (Ben/Dave/Brianna)
  - a. <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pels/pelscesponsor.htm>
  - b. Application in progress
4. Ben meeting with Ellen Ornato from The Boulder Company on 10/22 to discuss dinner presentation or networking input (<https://www.theboldercompany.com/>)
5. (George) need to get 2x8 pull-up banners and table-top banners ASAP please
6. Meeting Openings (Ben/Amy)
  - a. Opening slide deck - see region 1 LTC resources, "membership 2020" initiative, and upcoming meeting announcements
  - b. Solicit sponsors for slide deck ads?
  - c. Hosting committee members should make announcements at meetings -
  - d. Member Get a Member - get a free \$50 gift card <http://message.asce.org/mgam>

#### Other (All)

1. CSCE apparel on Lands End - Region 1 has an account already  
<https://business.landsend.com/store/asceregion1/>  
*Amy to investigate*
2. Consider a zoom account for biweekly board meetings and other committee meetings - \$15/mo. This one was done on a free trial but limited to 40 minutes per meeting.
3. Approved previous meeting min - Ben moved, George? - seconded, unanimous
4. Annual Report due November 30

\*\*\*Next call scheduled for Thursday, October 31 at Noon\*\*\*