



CSCE Bi-Weekly Conference Call

Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 12:00-1:00 PM EST

Approve/review meeting Minutes from 10/17 board meeting (Aaron)

Unplanned Dinner Meetings (All)

1. November 12 dinner meeting at UHart
 - a. Meal choices need to be selected *selected*
 - b. Student chapter assistance at registration table? *All set, Dave Pines managing*
 - c. Student resumes on display and student presentation? *They know yes*
 - d. Board meeting preceding the dinner meeting - will provide zoom login for those who cannot attend in person *around 5pm*
2. 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: *Dave Jacobs lined, structural railroad topic, Jess is managing meal choices*
3. 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**
4. March 10, 2020 - Dinner Meeting in at Norwalk Inn Meeting Sponsor: Fairfield County Branch (CSCE Contact: Ron Hill) Transportation Topic/Speaker:
 - a. *“Legal Pitfalls for Employers” for free about 60 minutes long, PPL, sexual harassment laws, 1099, geared towards employers?*
 - b. *“Harassment Prevention Training” for \$1,500 for up to 50 people - 90 to 120 minute presentation, certified course annually required by CT*
 - c. *Ron will verify until after the board meeting to verify the topic*
 - d. *Norwalk Inn has already been reserved for March 10*
5. March – Stand-alone board meeting - Date/time/location: **TBD**
6. April 17, 2020 - Annual CSCE Spring Geotechnical Workshop - UNH Topic
 - a. *Bob Bachus (3 hours) and Vern Schaeffer (4 hours) for April workshop*
7. 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*
8. 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. Tony signed the contract? *Yes Tony signed contract 10/30/19 with Hilton Garden Inn in Glastonbury*

Social Media/Outreach (Amy)

1. Connect with members via LinkedIn to promote dinner meetings - updates?
2. *44 new people connected to LinkedIn page, another 274 connections*
3. *When CSCE board members see posts, please like or share the links*

Treasurer/Financial (Scott)

1. Did Bob Gomez finish audit? *Scott will FU with Bob, George forwarded an email regarding online remittance report (Bob was CCed on email);*
2. Federal Tax Filing due to ASCE Accounting Department by December 15
3. Status of transfer of \$35k to the Schwab account? *George and Scott discussing, check is going out to Jim Sime shortly*
4. *Also transferred \$23k from paypal to webster account recently*

Fairfield County Branch (Ron)

1. Did you reach out to Lower Hudson Valley Branch?
 - a. *Looking at doing a summer 2020 social in Stamford or close to the border*
 - b. *They have a social in early november in white plains*

Continuing Education Survey (Brianna)

1. Currently provided on survey monkey
2. 30 Responses so far! Would like to have 100
 - a. *Now up to 33 responses*
 - b. *Do we do a last call to increase turnout?*
 - c. *Last call by 11/1, reminder email on 11/5 and close on 11/8*
 - d. *We can use CSCE account (free account) to send out survey monkey surveys in the future*
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
 - d. *More webinars or 1-2 PDH events instead of 6-7 PDH events*
4. Do you believe that Connecticut should require PDH's to maintain PE licensure?
 - a. As of 10/13, 50% Yes 50% No
 - b. *As of 10/31, 55% Yes and 45% No*

Student Outreach (Jodi)

1. How did UHart student outreach go?
 - a. *Scott attended, about 1:1 ratio member to students, about 8-9 students total*
 - b. *Mock interviews but mostly resume review*
2. November 14 UConn event status
 - a. *Scott says only 3-4 CSCE YM available to go; might be 4-5 students per YM*

Construction-Institute (Billy)

1. Please reach out to Craig Ruyle (Reg 1 Governor and C-I in NY) 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
5. *Still needs bylaws*

Structural-Institute (Ranjit)

1. Need to continue ½ or 1-day seminars
 - a. *Will be looking into speakers in the next few weeks*
2. *Still needs bylaws, Ranjit will reach out to national chapter for standard template*

Geo-Institute (Ben)

1. Results of meeting on 10/25/19 to plan April workshop
 - a. *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*
 - b. *Ben to provide Amy with title of workshop*
 - c. *Ben is reaching out to speakers for presentations for PDH application*
 - d. *Pricing and time is the same*
 - e. *Venue already secured*
2. *September 20 (tentative) 2020 seminar Coastal Resiliency, Climate Change and Geotechnical Engineering*
 - a. *2 speakers tentative already*
3. Need to assign other committee members to fixed activities (or appoint a fixed board)
 - a. *Vice chair and secretary needed*
4. G-I bi-laws send to Amy
 - a. *Amy received and will forward to Brianna*
 - b. *Brianna to incorporate*

Legislative Affairs (Roy)

1. Committee meeting update *held on tuesday 10/29*
2. Local fly-in Hartford?
3. National fly-in scheduled for March 11-12, 2020 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?

Newsletter (Amy)

1. How is switch to Joomag going? When can we see first one?
 - a. *Likely coming out next month per Scott*
2. Do we have read rate metrics available?

Golf Outing (TBD)

1. Let's please start discussing improvements with Judson Wible early
 - a. *We did not do a follow-up survey since we didn't do registration*
 - b. *Check with Jud to see his interest for next year (Brianna to check)*

Dinner Meeting Improvements

1. Becoming a certified NYS PDH organization (Brianna)
 - a. <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pels/pelscesponsor.htm>
 - b. Application in progress
 - c. *Brianna is still processing comments on application, looking to incorporate everything on 11/3, Amy provided various documents and recordkeeping address*
 - d. *CSCE needs to figure out a physical address not a PO box for mailing*
 - e. *Brianna to look up online what the Met Section did for approval*
2. Ben meeting with Ellen Ornato from The Bolder Company on 10/22 to discuss dinner presentation or networking input (<https://www.theboldercompany.com/>)
 - a.
3. (George) need to get 2x8 pull-up banners and table-top banners ASAP please

Other (All)

1. (Amy updates?) CSCE apparel on Lands End <https://business.landsend.com/store/asceregion1/>
 - a. *Amy looked at website, you can upload a CSCE logo to the clothing*
 - b. *Amy to upload logo to lands end and create the account*
 - c. *Nancy suggested a place to get the logo*

2. Annual Report due November 30
 - a. *Aaron is working on this? Brianna did it last year*
3. *Brianna attended Art Groon awards dinner at Aqua Turf*
 - a. *Did speakers after the awards (backwards from ACE) - not a good way to do it!*
 - b. *They did a carving station/pasta station instead of plated meals*

****Next call/meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 at 5pm before dinner meeting****