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
   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/AEC (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?
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)
   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***