

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
January 16, 2026 – 12 p.m. - Meeting Minutes**



Tyler Parker, CSCE President
Eric Hoyt, CSCE President-Elect
Byungik Chang, CSCE Vice President
Jodi Constant, CSCE Treasurer
Rich Cohen, CSCE Director I
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute (T&DI-CT)
Sangyul Cho, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute (SEI-CT)
Jose Infante Corona, Fairfield County Branch Treasurer
Carolyn Foston, Fairfield County Branch President
Mario Riconzi, ASCE Treasurer & CSCE Past President
Nathan Rossi, Chair of Golf Outing Committee

1. Report from Region 1 of ASCE

- 1.1 January 9-10 - Regions 1, 2, 4 & 5 MRLC in Jacksonville, FL, Recap – Rich Cohen and Mike Ciacciarella attended this event on behalf of CSCE. The event went really well and offered great informative sessions. Rich Cohen attended sessions that focused on section/branch issues while Mike Ciacciarella attended sessions focused on Younger Member issues. One point that was raised by many attendees is that people would like to spend more time with their ASCE governors.
- 1.2 March 18-20 - ASCE Legislative Fly-In in Washington, DC – Tom Wamser and Randy States are attending this on behalf of CSCE.
- 1.3 May 12-13 - Region 1 Spring Assembly - Albany, NY – ASCE will be holding this event in conjunction with the NYS Council Convention.
- 1.4 April 17th ASCE Student Symposium will be held at Roger Williams University in RI.
- 1.5 Report from ASCE Treasurer Mario Riconzi:
 - ASCE has started budgeting for Fiscal Year 2027 and it recently approved recommendations related to workforce development and retention.
 - ASCE is looking at opportunities to reach students in younger grades. Since CSCE visits many schools to speak with students about careers in civil engineering, CSCE may be asked for feedback on these opportunities.
 - On December 2nd, he represented ASCE in a presentation on the WALK Bridge project in collaboration with representatives from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the American Public Works Association (APWA). This project is a good example of community investments in infrastructure.

2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from CSCE Board Meeting on December 19, 2025 – Tyler Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting on December 19, 2025. Jodi Constant seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. CSCE Executive Board Activities

- 3.1 Treasurer: Jodi Constant now has access to all of CSCE's Webster accounts. She provided the balance of those accounts to the Board. She is now gathering information for CSCE's tax filing to provide to ASCE and information for Amy Petrone's tax form. To help complete the Treasurer's files that she now maintains, Byungik Chang will give the binder with information from 2023-24 to her soon.
- 3.2 ASCE Grant Application from SEI-CT: Sanjeev Mohan recently submitted a \$500 grant application on behalf of the SEI-CT to ASCE to support the SEI-CT Student Career Forum at CCSU. After reviewing the application, some ASCE Regional Governors wanted to see a full breakdown of event cost schedule. In response, Sanjeev Mohan will provide that information to ASCE.

4. 2026 CSCE In-Person Monthly Dinner Meetings and Webinars

- March 4th CSCE Dinner Meeting - Carolyn Foston will contact CTDOT representatives and request information about the presentation to promote the meeting.
- April 14th CSCE Dinner Meeting – The Connecticut Port Authority was interested in giving a presentation at this meeting.
- Possible webinar topic – Tyler Parker received information about a possible webinar on concrete.
- To help promote CSCE’s upcoming classroom visits, Amy Petrone will put together a slide with the upcoming visits for the CSCE PowerPoint presentation slides at the dinner meetings.

5. ACE Awards & Student Awards

5.1 Review & Finalize 2026 ACE Awards Applications (Individual & Projects) so they are ready for distribution by about January 15th (application due date is March 15) – The Board reviewed the updated 2026 ACE Awards Applications (Individuals & Projects) and the 2026 Scholarship Applications. Tyler Parker made a motion to accept & finalize the updated 2026 ACE Awards Applications (Individuals & Projects) and 2026 Scholarship Applications. Rich Cohen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. CSCE will revisit the amounts of scholarships once applications are received. Amy Petrone will begin to distribute the applications.

5.2 Since the 2026 ACE Awards event is being held at the same time as the Region 1 Spring Assembly, Aaron Foster and Rich Cohen probably won’t be able to attend the ACE Awards.

6. Reports from Younger Members Group/Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

6.1 February 12th SEI-CT Student Career Forum – There are 2 employer spots left. This year, students are required to be ASCE members and to upload their resumes prior to the forum. CHA is interested in participating in this event.

6.2 Upcoming Events (in addition to CSCE Dinner meetings and webinars):

- January 27 - 7:30-8:20 a.m. West Haven High School - Classroom visit by Muhammad Salman Ali (Structural Engineer 1 at Gannett Fleming TranSystems), Bob Gomez (VN Engineers), and Byungik Chang (UNH)
- January 29 - Fairfield County Branch Social at Elicit Brewing - 5:30 p.m. - Cost: \$10
- February 3 (snow date 2/6/26) - Career Expo at Daniel Hand High School, Madison, CT - 7:45-9:30 a.m. - CSCE Volunteers who offered to visit the school: Muhammad Salman Ali (Structural Engineer 1 at Gannett Fleming TranSystems), Mike Tracey (Vice President at CED Technologies), Tony Centurelli, P.E. (Engineering Design & Testing Corp.), and Bob Gomez (VN Engineers)
- February 3 - Classroom visit to Henry Abbott Technical High School, Danbury, CT, at 11 a.m. by CSCE Volunteers: Bob Farnum and Joseph Risoli
- February 4 - 6 p.m. - YMG Resume Review at Quinnipiac University - Volunteers needed - Please email Ariana Antonucci at csceymg@gmail.com if you can help.
- February 6 - 9 a.m. - Classroom Visit at Valley Regional High School, Deep River, CT - CSCE Volunteers who offered to visit the school: Muhammad Salman Ali (Structural Engineer 1 at Gannett Fleming TranSystems) and Dean Bagdasarian (Executive VP at GM2 Associates)
- February 9 - 6 p.m. - YMG Resume Review at UConn - Volunteers needed - Please email Ariana Antonucci at csceymg@gmail.com if you can help.
- February 12 - SEI-CT Student Career Forum at CCSU
- February 12 - YMG Stadium Series - Men’s Basketball - University of New Haven vs. Central Connecticut State University

- March 3 (snow date is March 4) - Fitch High School, Groton, CT - 4:30-6 p.m. - FHS College and Career Fair
CSCE Volunteers who offered to visit the school: Muhammad Salman Ali (Structural Engineer 1 at Gannett Fleming TranSystems), Mike Tracey (Vice President at CED Technologies), Tony Centurelli, P.E. (Engineering Design & Testing Corp.), and Brian Opp (IGS)
- March 15 - Deadline for ACE Awards & Student Scholarship Applications
- April 9 - Xavier/Mercy High School College Fair in Middletown, CT - 6-8 p.m. - CSCE Volunteers who offered to visit the school: Mike Tracey (Vice President at CED Technologies), Tony Centurelli, P.E. (Engineering Design & Testing Corp.), Wiktor Sz wajger (CTDOT), and Brenda Zhou (CCSU)
- April 24 - Geotechnical Seminar at TPC River Highlands (reserved)
- May 14, 15, 28, or 29 (exact date/time TBD) - CSCE speaker request at Westbrook High School - Between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - CSCE Volunteers who offered to visit the school: Robert Blake, Tony Centurelli, P.E. (Engineering Design & Testing Corp.), and Joseph Risolli (AI Engineers)
- May 27 - CSCE YMG Night at the Ballpark - SAVE THE DATE
- June 4 (Thursday) – CSCE-CT ITE Golf Outing at Timberlin:
 - This year, the golf club increased the prices by \$8 per golfer. So, CSCE and CT ITE plan on increasing prices accordingly (Single Golfer was \$135, now is \$145, Public/Student Golfer was \$110, now is \$115, Foursome was \$500, now is \$550). The sponsorship prices are being held at the same levels as last year.
 - This year will be a transitional year for the CSCE/CT ITE leadership of the Golf Outing Committee. Karolina Maskiewicz is interested in leading the CSCE Golf Outing committee next year. Colleen Jost of CT ITE is also transitioning out of the leadership position of this committee at CT ITE next year.

5.3 2026 CSCE Infrastructure Report Card – CSCE is looking to have all authors of this Report Card identified by March 2026. Rich Cohen and two past authors have offered to help assemble it. Rich Cohen will put together a slide with a volunteer request for this effort for use at CSCE dinner meetings and events.

With no more business to discuss, Tyler Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m. Jodi Constant seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.