

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams  
12 p.m. EST, Friday, January 17, 2025 - Meeting Agenda**



**People on the call:**

**CSCE Board Members on call:**

1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Geoffrey Schwartz
  - January 31-February 1, 2025 - ASCE Regions 1, 2, 4, & 5 Workshop for Section, Branch, and Institute Leaders (WSBIL), at the Hilton Memphis, TN
  - 2025 ASCE Region 1 Spring Assembly is March 21-22, 2025, in Burlington, VT
  - 2025 Northeast ASCE Student Symposium is April 17-18, 2025, at UMass-Amherst in Amherst, MA:
  - Need to induct the following 2024-25 CSCE Executive Board Officers - Tyler Parker (President-Elect) and Danielle Morin (Newsletter Editor)
  - IMAX movie Cities of the Future
  - ASCE Representatives could speak to students about ASCE
2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from October 18, 2024, November 15, 2024, and December 20, 2024
3. CSCE Events
  - 3.1 Past Event: COMTO-CT/CSCE Joint Winter Brewery Social on January 15, 2024
  - 3.2 Upcoming Events
    - January 29 Dinner Meeting at UHA – David Jacobs, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE, will give a presentation on Live Load Impact on Railroad Bridges
    - February 11 Dinner Meeting at UNH - Pamela Westgate, P.E., of Kleinfelder, will give a presentation on the Pittsfield, MA, Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade to Ballasted Flocculation Process for Phosphorus Removal
    - March 12 Dinner Meeting at CCSU - Presenter: CTDOT Commissioner
    - March 15 Deadline for CSCE Scholarships
    - March 25 Dinner Meeting at Fairfield County Branch - Two Roads Brewing Co. - Michael Rosenblatt, Project Engineer in District 3 of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, will give a presentation on the I-95 Fairfield Avenue Bridge Project in Norwalk, CT
    - April 16 Dinner Meeting at USCGA - Reihaneh Samsami, Ph.D., P.E., CAPM, Tagliatela Family Assistant Professor, Program Coordinator, MS in Construction Engineering and Management at UNH, will give a presentation on Artificial Intelligence in the Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) Industry.
    - April 25 Geotechnical Seminar at TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, CT – Topic: Advanced Computing Tools and AI for Geotechnical Applications - February 7: Deadline for Abstracts
    - May 14 - 18th Annual ACE Awards - Aqua Turf Club (The Glass Room has been reserved for this event) – Here is some feedback from last year’s event:
      - CSCE should induct the next year’s Executive Board officers at the end of the evening.
      - Food/Tables – People thought the chicken was great, the stuffed shrimp could have been better and the main meals in general weren’t as good as they had been in the past. CSCE won’t order the stuffed shrimp in 2025. CSCE will keep offering tables of 10.
      - Photos – CSCE should set up the banner with more space around it to help with taking group photos. Photos of individual winners should be taken.
      - Timing – The speed of the presentations and format went well and finishing around 8 p.m. works well.
      - Applications for ACE Awards – CSCE will mail flyers via USPS in January to civil engineering firms to promote applications for the ACE Awards. Applications may increase in the future as projects receive more funding for

them. Amy Petrone can start mailing application flyers to firms this month. How much would you like to spend on postage since first class postage is \$.73?

- For the 2025 event, we need to finalize the prices & meal choices by February so registration can be opened up.
- June 5 (Thursday) 30<sup>th</sup> Annual CSCE-CT ITE Golf Outing at Timberlin Golf Club, Berlin, CT

### 3.3 Webinars

- 3.3.1 Ethics – Of the list that was sent to you, which presenter would you like to ask to give a webinar and what dates should we suggest to that speaker?
- 3.3.2 History & Heritage Committee - Covered Bridges in CT and RI by Bill Caswell, President, National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges – Cost: \$100 (there is a possibility that this fee could be reduced by the speaker, but maybe CSCE could find a company sponsor for this webinar) – How should CSCE handle the fee? Would you like to ask him to give a webinar?
- 3.3.3 Potential Topics: MS4 Unit/CTDOT, Sustainability, Multi-modal Transportation, Construction - United Precast / National Precast Concrete Association of America, and Utility Infrastructure
- 3.4 Possible Dinner Meeting Topics & Site Tours: I-91/I-691/Rt-15 Interchange project and I-95 Old Lyme

### 4. Reports from CSCE Executive Board Members

### 5. Reports from /Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

- ASCE Construction Institute - CT Chapter - Chair - Billy Cunningham
  - ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute – CT Chapter - Chair - Tom Loto
  - ASCE Geo-Institute - Connecticut Valley Chapter - Chair – Cassi Champagne
  - ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Chair – Sangyul Cho
  - ASCE Transportation & Development Institute – CT Chapter – Ranjit Bhawe
  - Career Guidance Committee - Contact person is CSCE Vice President Eric Hoyt
- January 31 – Information session for a group of students at Daniel Hand High School, Madison, CT – Byungik Chang and Jodi Constant are going to this school.
  - A weekday between February 5-20 - Visit to Henry Abbott Technical High School, Danbury, CT – Song Wang may be able to attend this visit if it were held in the morning on Monday-Thursday. Byungik Chang and Eric Hoyt are interested in this visit. **Need to pick a couple of dates/times to send to the school for potential visits.**
  - February 7 – 8-9:40 a.m. Career Fair at Daniel Hand High School, Madison, CT (snow date is 2/14) – Rich Cohen is interested in attending this event. **Anyone else interested?**
  - February 20 – NEW DATE– 5-8 p.m. - STEM Night at Cora J. Belden Library in Rocky Hill, CT – Rich Cohen is interested in attending this event on behalf of CSCE. Song Wang is interested in representing UHA & civil engineering at a table separate from CSCE. **Anyone else interested?**
  - March 26 – 9-11 a.m. - Career Expo at Avon High School – This event is designed for freshmen and sophomores and will be in “expo” format, so each presenter will have a tablespace in the gym. Students will walk around the gym and speak to presenters in two separate grade level groups. At the conclusion of the Expo, students will complete forms documenting the information they were able to gather from their conversations. As a presenter, we will have the opportunity to speak informally with students about civil engineering, the pathways, and related experiences. We can cover topics, such as: job responsibilities, training/education required, salary range, average day and work week, opportunities for advancement, critical skills needed for success, and most and least attractive aspects of the work. **Anyone interested?**
  - April 4 – 8-10 a.m. - Career Day for Sophomores at Amity High School, Woodbridge, CT – There will be three 20-minute sessions where each speaker will prepare a 10 to 15-minute talk about their career, followed by a 5

to 10-minute question and answer period. (Some speakers plan a 20-minute presentation in case of shy sophomores.) Speakers are encouraged to share their personal journey in reaching their current career goals – not just the educational steps required to work in their profession. – **Anyone interested?**

○ Date: TBD – Simsbury High School

- Continuing Education Committee - Contact person is CSCE Vice President Eric Hoyt
- Fairfield County Branch - President – Carolyn Foston
- Golf Outing Committee – Chair – Nathan Rossi
- Government Engineers Committee - Chair - Rabih Barakat
- History & Heritage Committee - Randy States
- Infrastructure Report Card Committee & Legislative Affairs Committee – CSCE President Rich Cohen
- Membership Committee - Contact Person is CSCE Secretary Jodi Constant
- Past Presidents Council - Contact person is CSCE Director I Aaron Foster
- Programs Committee - Contact person is CSCE President Rich Cohen
- Collaborations with Affiliated Organizations – Motion via email re: COMTO-CT/CSCE Joint Winter Brewery Social on January 15, 2024 – Over email, CSCE Board approved the following motion: On January 7, 2025, Eric Hoyt made a motion for CSCE to cover an additional \$60 for this event that would be used to purchase (5)-\$20 gift cards for game prizes. COMTO-CT is providing a Plinko board, and gift cards will be given to winners. CSCE had previously approved a motion to spend \$200 on the rental of a private space for the brewery social. Of that \$200, only about \$160 was necessary to rent the space. So, this request is an additional \$60 over the amount that was already approved. Jodi Constant seconded the motion. Those voting in favor were Jodi Constant, Aaron Foster, Scott Nolan, Byungik Chang, Rich Cohen, Eric Hoyt, Danielle Morin, and Tyler Parker.
- Scholarship Committee - Chair - Jim Sime
  - Over email, CSCE Board approved the following motion: On January 10, 2025, Jodi Constant made the following motion: Approve \$1,000 for SEI Graduate Student Chapter activities. Scott Nolan seconded the motion. Those voting in favor were Scott Nolan, Byungik Chang, Aaron Foster, Rich Cohen - **Anyone else want to vote?**
- Special Events - Contact person is CSCE Treasurer Byungik Chang
- Student Chapters Committee – Kim Fletcher

- Request from Ashok Gyawali, President SEI Grad chapter, University of New Haven: As the President of the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) Graduate Chapter at the University of New Haven, we are currently designing a banner that includes our university logo. We are considering incorporating the ASCE-CSCE logo as well. Before proceeding, I would like to request the confirmation regarding the use of the ASCE-CSCE logo on our banner. See below for a mockup of the banner:



- Website Committee - Contact person is CSCE Director I Aaron Foster
- Younger Member Group - President – Tom Wamser

6. New Business