

CSCE Board Meeting Agenda – January 22, 2019 – 4:00 pm – Conference Call

Attendance: David Chapman, Ben Cote, Brianna Maljanian, Jodi Greene, George Gerard, Scott Nolan, Hudson Jackson, Chris Beaulieu

1. President/President Elect/Vice President's Report – Reports on activities from any of the following Committees managed by these board members:

Fairfield County Branch

- David Chapman stated that he would follow up with Ron Hill regarding speaker for the March 12, 2019 dinner meeting.

Government Engineers Committee

- The new commissioner will be presenting at the January 23 Meeting.

Legislative Affairs Committee

- Legislative Committee Meeting
 - Roy Merritt provided a state legislative update, and stated that the last legislative affairs committee meeting was January 15th. The minutes are attached.
 - At the November board meeting, it was discussed that we could organize a Legislative Breakfast. However, with organizing the February dinner meeting, it was decided to put the breakfast planning on hold.
- February 12 Dinner Meeting
 - The committee has been planning the February 12 Dinner Meeting, which will be a presentation on the CSCE 2018 Infrastructure Report Card. The speakers for the report card presentation will be David Chapman, Tom Loto, Brianna Maljanian and Aaron Foster.
 - The presentation will be followed by remarks from Tony Guerrero (Chair for General assembly for transportation committee), Josh Elliot (State Representative from Hamden area)
 - Roy noted that Senator Blumenthal will be in Washington during the presentation, but if plans change he will attend. His staff said that if he cannot make it he will provide a short video with his remarks.
 - Roy noted that he is still waiting to hear back from Governor Lamont's office, and will follow up this week.
- ASCE Legislative Fly In
 - Jen Buchanon, Katie Klose, and Brianna Maljanian will be attending the ASCE Legislative Fly-in in March.

Programs Committee

- Discussion of ACE Awards
 - In the past, the awards previously had multiple categories (water, bridge, highway, etc.).
 - It was discussed that an alternative is to have a small and large category based on contract value, with a first and second place award for each.
 - A follow up call will be scheduled prior to the March board meeting to finalize the format.

Structures Technical Group

- Ranjit will be the new technical lead
- Brianna will add him to the distribution for the meeting minutes.

Student Chapters Committee

- UConn Steel Bridge Competition – Sponsorship Request
 - CSCE received a letter from the UConn Steel Bridge committee asking for sponsorship

- The board agreed to provide \$500

Younger Member's Committee

- There will be six attendees at the ERYMC conference this week, from Jan. 24-26
- We recently found out that we are in the running for hosting the conference in 2021. Representatives from the younger members' committee will be presenting at the conference, and will hear by the end of the conference if we are hosting.

2. Secretary's Report

- It was stated that Brianna will resend the version of the Operating Manual with most recent edits to the board, and ask board members to send any comments/clarifications they have. She will then compile the questions to be reviewed at the March board meeting.
- It was discussed that two versions of the meeting minutes will be created. One version will have all Discussion of distribution of meeting minutes and financials
- It was discussed that ACEC has been organizing meetings with all professional organizations.

3. Treasurer's Report

- It was stated that the PayPal account has \$8000 and the operating account has \$52,000.
- George is currently working on taxes to be submitted to ASCE National by February 1
- It was noted that Bob Gomez's review of the taxes will count as an audit.

4. Other Business

- It was noted that Billy Cunningham, Ranjit Bhave, and David Chapman will be putting together a design and constructability seminar. The date is to be determined.

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Members Present: Roy Merritt, Jr., PE (Chair)
Jennifer Buchanon
Katherine Hedberg

January 15, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Date / Time: 5:15 PM – Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Location: Wood-n-Tap Bar & Grill
970 North Colony Road
Wallingford, CT

1. Review of Past Actions from Previous Committee Meeting

Jen noted that she submitted the application nominating CSCE's 2018 Report Card Committee for ASCE's "Outstanding Civil Engineer Advocate of the Year" on 12/14/2018.

*Regarding planning a CSCE Legislative Day at the State Capitol, Katie had forwarded past WTS Legislative Day agendas to Roy, and inquired with WTS about their potential collaboration on a legislative event. WTS expressed interest in collaborating with CSCE on an event, but intended on holding their own event separate from CSCE. Roy noted that WTS has scheduled speakers for their past legislative day events, and that he had not considered scheduling a speaker for CSCE's Legislative Day event since CSCE had not done that when they last held such an event 12 to 15 years ago. Roy explained that he had not further pursued developing an agenda or securing speakers for a CSCE Legislative Day event. This was due to the intensity of the Legislative Affairs Committee's efforts organizing and securing speakers for CSCE's February 12 Dinner Meeting at Quinnipiac University, the likely similar focus of both events (infrastructure), and the short interval between when each event would be held. **The Committee decided that due to their responsibilities in planning CSCE's February 12 Dinner Meeting, it would not be possible to plan and schedule a CSCE Legislative Day for 2019.***

2. Status of Planning for CSCE February 12 Dinner Meeting

The Legislative Affairs Committee is responsible for planning the speakers / presentation for CSCE's February 12 Dinner Meeting at Quinnipiac University. Previously the Committee chose infrastructure and CSCE's 2018 Report Card as the topic for the event. Roy mentioned that he has been coordinating with David Chapman (CSCE President) regarding the presentation. David Chapman, Brianna Maljanian, Tom Loto, and Aaron Foster will give a presentation on CSCE's 2018 Report Card for Connecticut's Infrastructure, followed by remarks on local infrastructure from former State Rep. and Transportation Committee Chair Tony Guerrero (who has committed to speaking the event). In addition, Roy and Jen indicated that they have invited the following additional elected leaders to speak at the Feb. 12 dinner:

- *Governor Ned Lamont / Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz (open to attending, but can't commit at this time)*
- *U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (open to attending, but can't commit at this time)*
- *Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (declined due to voting scheduled in House)*

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- *Congressman John Larson (declined due to voting scheduled in House)*
- *State Representative Josh Elliot (open to attending, but hadn't committed at this time)*

- *Roy to follow-up with Governor Lamont's staff.*
- *Roy to follow-up with Senator Blumenthal's scheduler.*
- *Roy to reconfirm former Rep. Guerrero's attendance and meal choice.*
- *Jen to follow-up with Rep. Elliot.*

- *Roy to invite the current State Transportation Committee Chairs (Sen. Leone and Rep. Lemar) to speak if none of the previously-invited officials confirm their attendance by Jan. 21.*

3. **Expected Outlook and Current Bills – 2019 Legislative Session**

The Hughes & Cronin 2019 Legislative Outlook Report was previously distributed to the Committee. Highlights of the report were reviewed by the Committee. Potential bills involving tolling was noted in the report and will be of particular interest to the Committee.

Use of the ct.gov bill tracking site was discussed and Roy gave some pointers on how to use the service. Katie and Jen to follow-up with Roy with any issues.

- *Roy to track bills related to transportation and contracting.*
- *Jen to track bills related to engineering / licensing issues.*
- *Katie to track bills related to stormwater, drinking water, and wastewater issues.*
- *Katie will maintain a Google Drive master list of bills of interest to the Committee. All bills of interest shall be shared with the entire Committee immediately upon their discovery.*
- *Roy will forward CSCE's master list of bills to Aaron Costelo of ASCE State Government Relations on a weekly basis for incorporation into ASCE's outside bill tracking services.*

4. **ASCE Legislative Fly-in**

Jen and Katie had their applications accepted and will attend ASCE's 2019 Legislative Fly-in in March. Both noted that their eligible expenses for attendance were approved by ASCE. In addition, CSCE Secretary Brianna Maljanian will also be attending the Fly-in.

5. **New Business / Actions**

- *Roy to contact General Assembly's Transportation Committee and request an introductory meeting with the Committee (try to meet by end of January). Goal is to introduce ourselves to the new leadership on the Transportation Committee, promote funding for infrastructure by using the 2018 Report Card, and determine legislative priorities for the 2019 Session.*

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7. Next Meeting

Committee will schedule the next meeting later in the legislative session. Members will communicate regularly due to bill tracking activities and schedule meetings as needed.



Roy Merritt, Jr., P.E.
Chairman, Legislative Affairs Committee
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