

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - 12 p.m. Noon - Meeting Minutes**



The conference call/meeting began at 12:00 p.m. The following people were in attendance on the call:

Aaron Foster, CSCE President	Landon Barlow, Chair of the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute
Rich Cohen, CSCE President-Elect	Randy States, CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute
Tyler Parker, CSCE Vice President	Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute
Eric Hoyt, CSCE Treasurer	Tom Wamser, YMG President
Sam Turek, CSCE Secretary	Nathan Rossi, CSCE Golf Outing Chair
Danielle Morin, Newsletter Editor	Sanjeev Mohan, YMG Vice President
Scott Nolan, CSCE Director I	George Gerard, Past CSCE President
Geoffrey Schwartz, ASCE Region 1	
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	

1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Geoffrey Schwartz

- January 26-27 - ERYMC/MRLC/YMLS - Miami, FL - Scott Nolan, Tom Wamser, Mohamed Hashem, Arianna Antonucci, and Mike Ciacciarella will attend this event on behalf of CSCE. They should meet up with Geoffrey Schwartz during the conference.
- February 28 – March 1 - 2024 Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C. – Aaron Foster, Landon Barlow and 1 other CSCE member are planning on attending this event on behalf of CSCE.
- March 15-16 - ASCE Region 1 Assembly in Portland, ME – CSCE needs to determine who will attend this event.
- April 19-21 - 2024 Northeast Student Symposium (including Steel Bridge competition and Concrete Canoe competition) at UNH - UConn students are participating in this competition.

2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from December 15, 2023

Rich Cohen made a motion to accept these meeting minutes. Scott Nolan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Recent / Upcoming CSCE Events

- 3.1 To help cover the costs of students' attendance at CSCE's dinner meetings, CSCE could offer a student sponsorship at the meetings.
- 3.2 Consulting 101 for Civil Engineering Students - Tom Wamser has reached out to UNH about offering this type of event in March, possibly on the 14th or 28th. The expected attendance is 50-70 civil engineering students and will feature at least 1 representative from each type of civil engineering employer (private, local public, and state). Eric Hoyt, Danielle Morin, Sam Turek, Tyler Parker, Scott Nolan and Mike Ciacciarella would be interested in helping with this event.

4. CSCE Executive Board Activities

4.1 Report from President Elect – Rich Cohen

- He and George Gerard are visiting Daniel Hand High School on Friday to meet with students to talk about careers in civil engineering.

- STEM Night in Rocky Hill, CT, on February 22, 2024 - He can attend this event on behalf of CSCE. Danielle Morin will check to see if she can attend as well.

4.2 Report from Vice-President – Tyler Parker

- He will attend the career expo at Avon High School on March 20, 2024.
- He met with Eric Hoyt about linking CSCE’s accounts with ASCE’s online QuickBooks account. CSCE needs to determine where to store 25+ years of its Quicken account.

4.3 Report from Treasurer – Eric Hoyt

- He is planning on preparing an anticipated operating budget for the summer CSCE Planning Meeting.
- He needs to submit taxes for CSCE.

4.4 Report from Newsletter Editor – Danielle Morin and Amy Petrone will finalize the January newsletter before January 31st.

4.5 Report from Director I – Scott Nolan is attending the MRLC at the end of the week and is helping out with YMG events and school events.

5. Reports from Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

5.1 ASCE Geo-Institute - Connecticut Valley Chapter - Chair – Landon Barlow

- The next Chapter event is the Annual Geotechnical Seminar at TPC River Highlands on April 19, 2024.
- GEO-CT Scholarship Funding – The Chapter proposes to allocate 25% of the net proceeds (revenue minus all costs) from CT Valley Chapter events to fund GEO-CT scholarships and other student outreach initiatives. This can be discussed further at the CSCE Planning Meeting.
- The scholarship application is close to being finalized. Applications will be accepted until March 20th and scholarship awards will be distributed at the seminar on April 19th. If numerous qualified applications are submitted, then the Chapter will reach out to the Board again for more funding.
- The Chapter would like to support student outreach activities, like those at Uconn, with dedicated funding and aim to increase the number of CSCE and Geo-Institute Chapter members. To help increase membership, the Chapter can promote ASCE/CSCE memberships at its events.

5.2 ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - The Chapter’s next event is the Structural Engineering Student Conference at UNH on February 9th.

5.3 Fairfield County Branch – Carolyn Foston agreed to become Branch President. Rich Cohen and Aaron Foster will set up a meeting to install her and other officers of this Branch.

5.4 Golf Outing Committee – Chair – Nathan Rossi shared that the Outing organizers are waiting to hear from Timberlin Golf Club about its latest prices before formally reserving the Club on June 28th for the CSCE/ITE Golf Outing.

5.5 Younger Member Group - President – Tom Wamser

- The engineering career fair at UConn is scheduled for March 5th.
- Trip to Quinnipiac Hockey Game in February/March 2024 - Mike Ciacciarella is looking at tickets in February-March. The YMG will plan this trip around upcoming resume reviews. People could register online and buy tickets. A company could sponsor the event to reduce the prices.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.