

CSCE Board Conference Call Friday, January 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM



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

CSCE President Ben Cote
CSCE Vice President Brianna Maljanian
CSCE Treasurer Scott Nolan
CSCE Secretary Aaron Foster
CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee Chair Roy Merritt
CSCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter Chair Ranjit Bhawe
CSCE Fairfield County Branch President Ron Hill
CSCE Younger Members Committee President Jodi Greene
CSCE Administrative Assistant Amy Petrone

The following items were discussed:

1. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from CSCE Board Meetings/Conference Calls on December 19, 2019, and on January 9, 2020

Ben Cote made motion to approve the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meetings/Conference Calls on December 19, 2019, and on January 9, 2020. Scott Nolan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Upcoming Dinner Meetings

January 28, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at the Yale Graduate Club, New Haven - 75 people on the list

February 11, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at Quinnipiac University - Meal choices have been selected

March 18, 2020 - Dinner Meeting in at Norwalk Inn - Chris Hylas of Lochner will speak about the I-84 project. Scott Nolan can be Board contact at this meeting.

March 24, 2020 – Stand-alone board meeting – The time/location of this meeting is to be determined, but it will likely be located in Central CT

April 17, 2020 - Annual CSCE Spring Geotechnical Workshop - UNH – The topic for this workshop has been finalized

April 21, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at the USCGA – Meeting registration will open once Jeff Benoit lets Amy Petrone know that a decision has been made between a plated vs. buffet meal.

May 19, 2020 - ACE Awards - Aqua Turf Club – The Glass Room has been booked for this event. The Board is looking for a status update from Billy Cunningham about whether or not the ASCE President will be able to attend this event. The Board discussed giving out polo shirts with the CSCE logo on them to project winners. This could also be done at the golf outing.

3. Structural Engineering Institute - Connecticut Chapter

Lunch or dinner meeting offer from Hartford Armory – Ranjit Bhavé will look at coordinating a Structural Engineering Institute meeting in the summer of 2020. He will contact Jerry Lukowski (essayon242@gmail.com - 860-883-5975) to discuss having this type of event at the armory.

SEI Bylaws - Ranjit Bhavé sent draft bylaws to Brianna Maljanian and Amy Petrone. Brianna Maljanian will review and provide comments to Ranjit Bhavé.

4. Region 1 Assembly in Connecticut March 20-22, 2020

Aaron Foster is managing the presentation of a local project for 1 Professional Development Hour (PDH) from CME Associates. The ASCE Met Section can provide the PDH to attendees. The presentation overview and speaker biography should be ready in about 2 weeks.

March 20 – Planning session with ASCE Governors

March 21 – Social hour at 5:30 p.m. at Maggie McFlys - 5:30 p.m. CSCE Board members are encouraged to attend the social hour and dinner and it would be good to wear CSCE apparel at this event. There is no charge for CSCE Board members to attend. College student members from schools with ASCE Student Chapters have been asked to give ~15-minute presentations during the day.

5. Treasurer/Financial

Scott Nolan spoke with Bob Gomez about CSCE's Quicken file.

Scott Nolan sent forms to Ben Cote and Amy Petrone for upcoming events and payments.

6. Younger Members Committee Updates/Student Outreach

The following information was provided by Jodi Greene:

- Next week, Committee members are going to the Eastern Region Younger Member Council (ERYMC) conference. At this conference, the Committee will submit an application to host a future ERYMC conference.
- In February, there will be a Committee meeting and a brewery social.
- In the next 1-2 months, the Committee will conduct a resume review session at Quinnipiac University.
- Jodi Greene will confirm with Scott Nolan that the CAN-STRUCTION monetary donation was sent to Foodshare.

7. Connecticut Valley Geo-Institute

Fall 2020 Seminar – The tentative date is September 25. The topic is *Coastal Resiliency, Climate Change and Geotechnical Engineering*. Six speakers have committed to the seminar and there is one tentative speaker. Ben Cote is looking at holding the seminar at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill and increasing the sponsorship opportunities (notepad/pen sponsors, etc.).

8. Legislative Affairs Committee

8.1 Proposal to Revise Connecticut Statutes to establish a Structural Engineering Endorsement to the Professional Engineering license to perform engineering-related tasks for "Threshold Buildings"

Roy Merritt met with the Legislative Affairs Committee last week and the members spoke about this proposal. Bridges, small buildings and foundations would be exempted from this proposal. Following this discussion, the Committee recommended that CSCE oppose this proposal for several reasons including the ethical commitment in the Professional Engineering licensure for an engineer to not to practice outside his/her expertise; current state law requires peer review; establishing a requirement for a Structural Engineering (S.E.) license for threshold building projects would lead to

questions about requiring S.E. licenses for all building projects; owners should decide whether or not an S.E. licensed engineer is required on a project, there doesn't appear to be a need currently for this type of proposal in Connecticut at this time; ASCE Policy statement 524 endorses, but doesn't mandate this type of proposal; and there probably would not be much support of this proposal by the CSCE membership based on a recent membership survey about continuing education. It was noted that Committee member Katherine Klose played a key role in compiling the information for and finalizing the Committee's opinion.

Based on this recommendation, Ben Cote made a motion to oppose the proposed bill to implement a Structural Engineering endorsement to the P.E. license for engineering-related tasks on "Threshold Buildings". Aaron Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Roy Merritt will send the Legislative Affairs Committee's recommendation to Robert Zygmunt of the Connecticut Structural Engineers Coalition.

8.2 Legislative Fly-in to Washington, DC, in March 2020 - Landon Barlow, Zen Hu, and Rich Cohen are going to this Fly-In. Jen Buchanon is contacting Maria Matthews of ASCE to see if she can attend as well. ASCE currently has 100 people on the wait list.

8.3 Tolls will be a big issue during the next legislative session.

9. Golf Outing

Jud Wible provided the following information via email to Ben Cote:

- He reached out to the committee from last year to solicit interest in helping with the outing this year.
- He reached out to Timberlin Golf Club and reserved Friday, July 17th for the outing.
- He is working on updating the registration and sponsorship forms and he could use some additional resources for marketing/sponsorships solicitation.

10. CSCE apparel on Lands' End

CSCE's account has been finalized. Ben Cote made a motion to approve each Committee Chair and Board member to have an allotment of up to \$75 to purchase an item with a CSCE logo on it for use at upcoming dinner meetings, socials, assembly. Brianna seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. After people make their purchases, they should send an expense report to Scott Nolan for reimbursement.

11. Voided check from PDH application

CSCE has not received the voided check yet. Amy Petrone will check CSCE's P.O Box.

The conference call ended at 12:44 p.m. The next call/meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2020, at 12 noon.