

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of
Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Conference Call
Friday, February 19, 2021, at 12:00 P.M. EST**



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

George Gerard, CSCE President

Brianna Maljanian, CSCE President-Elect

Scott Nolan, CSCE Vice President

Aaron Foster, CSCE Treasurer

Clay Patterson, CSCE Secretary

David Chapman, CSCE Director II

Katie Klose, Younger Members Group President

Jud Wible, Golf Outing Chair

Danielle Spicer, ASCE Region 1 Governor

Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

Roy Merritt, Legislative Affairs Committee Chair

Tom Loto, Water Resources Committee Chair

Alex Mora, Chair of CT Chapter of Structural Engineering
Institute

Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of CT Chapter of the Transportation &
Development Institute

Ron Hill, President of the Fairfield County Branch of CSCE

1. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from CSCE Board Conference Call on January 15, 2021

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on January 15, 2021. George Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes. Brianna Maljanian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. ASCE National Update - Danielle Spicer provided the following updates to the Board:

- ASCE Regional Spring Assembly is scheduled for March 26, 2021, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. and it will be virtual. More information about the event will be provided soon.
- ASCE is hoping to hold its Fall Assembly in Connecticut.
- The 2021 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) will be virtual and will be held before June 2021. Danielle Spicer will find out if North Carolina will be hosting this virtual event. North Carolina will be hosting the 2023 MRLC, which is planned to be held in-person.

3. PayPal Card

Aaron Foster will work on getting a debit card for CSCE that is linked to CSCE's PayPal account and report his progress at the next Board meeting. The Microsoft Teams license is currently being paid on George Gerard's credit card. This cost will eventually be paid on the debit card.

4. Student Scholarship Forms

George Gerard, Brianna Maljanian and Scott Nolan updated CSCE's scholarship application forms and distributed them to the Board prior to this meeting for their review and comments. They combined the 3 previous forms into 2 forms to improve the flexibility for applicants. People thought the forms looked good and were happy

that they included a request for a student's personal email address. CSCE would be able to maintain contact with the award winners after they leave school and could add their personal email addresses into CSCE's Constant Contact email distribution list. Brianna Maljanian, Clay Patterson and Aaron Foster will review past applications to gather students' personal email addresses that can be added to CSCE's distribution list.

CSCE will push the application deadline from March 1, 2021, to March 19, 2021. The Board will aim to review the applications in 2-3 weeks, notify the winners by April 6, 2021, and distribute/announce the awards at the virtual lunch meeting on April 20, 2021.

5. ACE Awards Project Application Form

George Gerard, Brianna Maljanian and Scott Nolan updated CSCE's ACE Awards Project application form to make the application more like a form, to manage the project description length, and give the Board more flexibility to determine the awards. People reviewed the updated form and offered no changes to it. CSCE will make this form available on its website, push the deadline from March 31, 2021, to July 31, 2021, and promote this change in Constant Contact emails.

As for the in-person awards ceremony, ASCE is restricting in-person events until at least July 1, 2021. The Board discussed the pros and cons of holding the ACE Awards in-person in September 2021 or virtually this spring. People generally preferred holding the event in-person in September. So, Amy Petrone will check with the Aqua Turf Club to cancel CSCE's current reservation for May 18, 2021 and ask about available dates between September 1-17 (except for September 14, which is the date of the Water for People Golf Tournament). She will also provide a link to the application and promote the in-person event in Constant Contact emails.

6. Revision to Professional Development Hour (PDH) Record Keeping

Ben Cote emailed the Board prior to this meeting about PDH record keeping. He and Clay Patterson are planning the spring geotechnical seminar and Amy Petrone brought to their attention that a correct answer requirement was agreed upon by CSCE for PDH questions. He highly recommended that CSCE rescind that requirement immediately. There are no other chapters doing this. The Board discussed the pros and cons of requiring people who register to attend CSCE events to earn PDHs to answer 3 questions posed at the meeting correctly in order to receive their PDH certificate. One suggestion was to have people respond to a poll via Microsoft Teams instead of answering the 3 questions correctly. Another suggestion was to reimburse people if they don't answer the 3 questions correctly. After this discussion, it was determined that CSCE will use a poll to ask questions in the chat feature of Teams in upcoming events that provide PDHs. Amy Petrone will update the events and emails in Constant Contact accordingly.

7. Meetings & Presentations in 2021

January - Two events were held in January 2021 (virtual monthly meeting on January 26 and the Younger Members Group Family Feud on January 27).

February – A virtual monthly meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2021.

March – A virtual monthly meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2021.

April – The following events are scheduled for April 2021:

April 16 – Geotechnical Seminar

April 20 - Virtual monthly meeting – George Gerard will contact Rabih Barakat about the topic/speaker for this meeting. One possible speaker is the author of a recent book on Benjamin Wright. This meeting will include the presentation of the student awards and a presentation by the ASCE Student Chapter at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

June 16, 18 and 23 – Virtual Structural Engineering Workshop sponsored by the CT Chapter of the Structural Engineering Institute. A planning call for this workshop will be held in the next few months. All the speakers have been confirmed.

September – Date: TBD – ACE Awards (rescheduled from May 18, 2021)

8. 2022 MRLC

The organizers have raised \$19,015 so far through individual donations and the following sponsorships:

- Platinum - WSP and BL Companies - 1 of 3 sponsorships left
- Gold - AECOM and Lochner - 3 of 5 sponsorships left
- Silver - Philadelphia ASCE Section and Hobas Pipe – Unlimited availability
- Bronze - KBE, Haley & Aldrich, and Green International Associates - Unlimited availability

The Younger Members Group is supposed to host the ASCE business meeting next week.

9. 2021 MRLC

Since this event will be virtual, the amount CSCE spends to have people attend this event will be different than planned.

10. 2021 Golf Outing Planning

CSCE may discuss this topic at a meeting separate from the monthly Board meeting. No date has been selected yet for it. It may just need to be held after July 1, 2021.

George Gerard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

The next Board meeting/Microsoft Teams conference call is scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. noon EST.