

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams**  
**12 p.m. EST, Friday, February 21, 2025 - Meeting Agenda**



**People on the call:**

**CSCE Board Members on call:**

1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Geoffrey Schwartz
  - Recap of ASCE Regions 1, 2, 4, & 5 Workshop for Section, Branch, and Institute Leaders (WSBIL), in 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 Officer - 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 January 17, 2025
3. CSCE Events
  - 3.1 Past 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
    - Human Bingo at CSCE Dinner Meetings – At the January 29 and February 11 Dinner Meetings, CSCE ran human bingo icebreaker games with prizes. Would the Board be ok with offering a \$30 gift certificate towards a future CSCE event as a prize when CSCE runs this game?
  - 3.2 Upcoming Events
    - 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
    - May 14 - 18th Annual ACE Awards - Aqua Turf Club, Glass Room
      - Need to determine meal choices and registration & sponsorship prices for 2025 ACE Awards so registration can be opened.
      - Applications for ACE Awards – CSCE will mail flyers via USPS in January to civil engineering firms to promote applications for the ACE Awards. Large civil engineering firms with offices in CT and/or firms with many CSCE members as employees are as follows: Loureiro Engineering, AECOM, AI Engineers, Berlin Steel Construction Company, BL Companies, CDM Smith, CHA, Fuss & O'Neill, Haley & Aldrich, HNTB, Lochner, Parsons, Permasteelisa North America Group, RACE Coastal Engineering, Siefert Associates, Tighe & Bond, and WSP. This is just an estimate since there wasn't a definitive source for the largest private employers of civil engineers in CT and not all CSCE members include the name of their employer in their ASCE membership information.
    - June 5 (Thursday) 30<sup>th</sup> Annual CSCE-CT ITE Golf Outing at Timberlin Golf Club, Berlin, CT – Registration is open

### 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 – Webinar will be at the end of April or in early May.

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 – *Recaps and Updates:*
  - *January 31 – Information session for a group of students at Daniel Hand High School, Madison, CT – Byungik Chang and Jodi Constant visited this school.*
  - *February 7 – Career Fair at Daniel Hand High School, Madison, CT - Rich Cohen attended this event.*
  - *February 18 – Eric Hoyt visited Henry Abbott Technical High School, Danbury, CT*
  - *February 20 – STEM Night at Cora J. Belden Library in Rocky Hill, CT – Rich Cohen & Kurt Prochorena, P.E., Vice President at Loureiro Engineering Associates were going to attend this event. Song Wang was going to represent UHA & civil engineering at a table separate from CSCE.*
  - *March 4, Tuesday, in Groton, CT - (Snow date is Wednesday, March 5th) - 4:30-6 p.m. - College & Career Fair at Robert E. Fitch High School in Groton, CT - ASCE Life Member David Jacobs offered to attend this event. Can anyone please attend this with him?*
  - *March 10-14 - Date/Time TBD - Visit to Eli Whitney Technical High School in Hamden, CT (between 7:25 a.m. and 2:14 p.m.) - Byungik Chang, Cassi Champagne, Eric Hoyt & George Gerard offered to visit this school.*
  - *March 12 - Career Exploration Fair from 8:30-11 a.m. at Berlin High School - This is a high-need career activity for students who are sophomores/juniors and select seniors to have career conversations with professionals. They would love representation from the engineering community if that is possible. All companies will have a banquet table space in their gym. CSCE can bring information, swag or anything that will help inspire future engineers and designers. Anyone interested in attending this event?*
  - *March 26 – 9-11 a.m. - Career Expo at Avon High School – Tyler Parker, Song Wang and David Jacobs are going to attend this event.*
  - *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. – CSCE Past President Rob Barakat and Life Member Bob Kulacz offered to attend this event. Anyone else interested in joining them?*
  - *April 23, Wednesday - 6-8 p.m. - Bethel Public School's STEAM Expo at Bethel High School - Byungik Chang and Cassi Champagne can attend this event. Can anyone from the industry join them on this visit?*

- April TBD - West Haven High School is interested in having CSCE volunteers visit with a morning class in April (aside from their school break week of April 14-18). Cassi Champagne can visit the school in the morning before 10:30 a.m. on the following days: April 2, 7, 9, 10, 21, 23, 24 and 28. Life Member Bob Kulacz may be able to attend this visit as well depending on the date. Can anyone else visit this school?
- Date: TBD – Simsbury High School
- Date: TBD – Bloomfield, CT Middle and High Schools - Song Wang, Byungik Chang, Cassi Champagne and Tyler Parker offered to visit this school or schools.
- 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
  - February 25 - WTS CT and the Connecticut Association for Community Transportation (CACT) Joint Legislative event at CTDOT in Newington
- 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
- Scholarship Committee - Chair - Jim Sime
  - For record-keeping to tally all the votes for this motion, this vote appears here again. 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, Danielle Morin, Jodi Constant, Eric Hoyt, and Tyler Parker.
- Special Events - Contact person is CSCE Treasurer Byungik Chang
- Student Chapters Committee – Kim Fletcher
- Website Committee - Contact person is CSCE Director I Aaron Foster
- Younger Member Group - President – Tom Wamser

## 6. New Business