

**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 Minutes**



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

Rich Cohen, CSCE President	Sangyul Cho, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute
Tyler Parker, CSCE President-Elect	Carolyn Foston, Fairfield County Branch President
Eric Hoyt, CSCE Vice President	George Gerard, Past CSCE President
Byungik Chang, CSCE Treasurer	Sanjeev Mohan, CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute
Scott Nolan, CSCE Director II	Mario Ricozzi, Past CSCE President and ASCE Treasurer
Aaron Foster, CSCE Director I	Tom Wamser, YMG President
Geoffrey Schwartz, ASCE Region 1 Governor	
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	

1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Geoffrey Schwartz

- The Workshop for Section, Branch, and Institute Leaders (WSBIL), in Memphis, TN, went well. Next year's conference is scheduled for January 9-10, 2026, in Jacksonville, FL.
  - 2025 ASCE Region 1 Spring Assembly on March 21-22, 2025, in Burlington, VT – Rich Cohen and Aaron Foster are planning on attending event. Rich Cohen will send a flyer about the Assembly to the people on the call.
  - 2025 Northeast ASCE Student Symposium on April 17-18, 2025, at UMass-Amherst in Amherst, MA – Volunteers are still needed to judge the concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions at this event. Rich Cohen will let Geoff Schwartz know if any volunteers can attend this event.
  - IMAX movie Cities of the Future at Connecticut Science Center – Rich Cohen will reach out to Geoff Schwartz and Jane Howell again to try to schedule a viewing of this movie at the Science Center.
2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from January 17, 2025 – Rich Cohen made a motion to approve these minutes as written. Jodi Constant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. CSCE Events

3.1 Past Events:

- January 29th Dinner Meeting at UHA and February 11th Dinner Meeting at UNH – Both of these meetings went well. CSCE ran a human bingo game with prizes at each of the meeting's social hours to increase networking. People generally enjoyed the game and CSCE would like to offer a \$30 gift certificate towards a future CSCE event as a prize when CSCE runs this game in the future.

3.2 Upcoming Events

- May 14 - 18th Annual ACE Awards – The Board discussed the following topics:
  - The prices for this year's event will be Individual Registration (\$90), Full Table of 10 (\$950), Platinum Sponsorship (\$2500), Gold Sponsorship (\$1500), Silver Sponsorship (\$1000), and Bronze Sponsorship (\$500).
  - To promote the Full Table registration option, CSCE can print out table signs with company logos for these registrants.
  - This year's meal choices will be prime rib, salmon, autumn chicken, and eggplant parmesan.
  - CSCE could focus on using the sponsorships to cover the costs of guests at ACE Awards

- 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 Webinar – CSCE will schedule a lunchtime webinar in August on this topic.

- 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. Rich Cohen will look at possible dates that he can manage the webinar and send them to Amy Petrone to help schedule the speaker.

- 3.3.3 DOT's Work Zone Speed Safety Camera Pilot Program Update – Amy Petrone and Tyler Parker will try to find a speaker for this topic.

### 4. Reports from CSCE Executive Board Members

- President Rich Cohen – He attended the STEM Night at Cora J. Belden Library in Rocky Hill, CT, last night with CSCE Member Kurt Prochorena, P.E., Vice President at Loureiro Engineering Associates. There were a decent number of kids at this event and they offered a catapult building activity at their table. He also attended the Career Fair at Daniel Hand High School, Madison, CT, on February 7<sup>th</sup> and spoke with students interested in engineering.
- President-Elect Tyler Parker – He will be attending the Career Expo at Avon High School on March 26 and the upcoming visit to the Bloomfield high school and/or middle school.
- Vice President Eric Hoyt – He visited Henry Abbott Technical High School, Danbury, CT on February 18. He spoke with about 30 students who were interested in civil engineering. He was asked if he knew of any companies that offered internships to vocational school students. CSCE is welcome to return and visit with students again next year.
- Treasurer Byungik Chang – He is monitoring CSCE's daily balance and recent expenses & income. He is planning on providing a review of CSCE's accounts at the March or April Board meeting.
- Secretary Jodi Constant – She and Byungik Chang visited with a group of students interested in civil engineering at Daniel Hand High School, Madison, CT, on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The visit went well.
- Director II Scott Nolan – He is going to attend upcoming resume reviews and the Industry 101 at Quinnipiac University. He thought the trip to the ERYMC, including the tour of the Bass Pro Shops Pyramid, was awesome. A write-up about this event was emailed to Amy Petrone and CSCE Newsletter Editor Danielle Morin for the next CSCE Newsletter.

### 5. Reports from /Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

- ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Chair – Sangyul Cho shared that the Chapter is planning an event at the University of Connecticut on April 24<sup>th</sup> and he sent a funding request to the Board to support the Structural Engineering Seminar that is being planned for this coming November.
- Career Guidance Committee: To keep track of the upcoming visits & volunteers, Amy Petrone will set up a shared spreadsheet in CSCE's Google drive.

- Scholarship Committee - Chair - Jim Sime
  - For record-keeping to tally all the votes for this motion, this vote appears here. 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.
- Younger Member Group - President – Tom Wamser shared information about this group’s latest activities:
  - The resume review with UNH undergraduate students went well. Sanjeev Mohan will do a presentation for graduate students in the future.
  - There is a mock interview session at the University of Hartford on Monday.
  - There will be outings to a Hartford Yard Goats game on April 15 and to a CCSU baseball game on April 27 or 28.
  - They are looking to plan a PE/FE Tell-All event. If anyone knows of people who have taken either test recently and would be interested in being a panelist, please let the YMG know.
  - On March 13, the group will be sponsoring a bowling night in Wallingford.
  - The Younger Members of CBC & PWC reached out to CSCE to co-sponsor a social on May 13.
  - The YMG may visit WTS’ summer camp for high school students to speak with them about civil engineering.
  - The YMG is planning a field trip to United Concrete’s facility in early April.

## 6. New Business

- ASCE Budget – ASCE Treasurer and Past CSCE President Mario Riconzi shared that ASCE is just starting its budgeting process is trying to make sure to fund activities that most benefit ASCE members. ASCE is looking at governance restructuring of its Board and a vote on member grades will be on the ballot in May 2025.
- 2025 ASCE Legislative Fly-In – CSCE missed date to register to attend this event. Tyler Parker will make note of the date and deadline to register for the Fly-In next year.
- The ASCE National Infrastructure Report Card will be released on March 25, 2025.

With no more business to discuss, Rich Cohen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 p.m. Jodi Constant seconded and it passed unanimously.