



CSCE Board Conference Call - Meeting Minutes Friday, March 19, 2021 at 12:00-1:00 PM EST

People on call: Amy

Approve February 19th Board Conference Call Minutes -

Danielle Spicer Update -

1. The ASCE Region 1 Assembly is next Friday, March 26th from 12-4:30 (virtual). We have a great agenda prepared and would love participation from the CT section. The email with the link should be going out either today or tomorrow. Stay tuned.
2. The MRLC is going to be virtual! You should have received an email from Nancy Berson with the links, but it will be from 2-4pm April 7 – 10th. With it being virtual they are not limiting attendance, so it is a great opportunity to attend.

The 2021 MRLC will be going virtual, before June. NC will be hosting the 2023 MRLC in person. Will NC also be hosting the virtual 2021 MRLC? Not sure. Danielle will confirm
March 26 - Virtual Regional Assembly - 12:30-4:30 - more info to follow
When will voting for MRLC to go virtual occur?

MRLC will be in June 2021

ASCE update - Danielle - every upcoming meeting will be virtual

MRLC is postponed to June 2021 in NC

ASCE Regional Spring assembly on March 26, 2021 - virtual

Hoping that fall assembly can be in CT

MRLC 2021 - no decision about virtual or in-person yet

Main Topics for Today

1. PayPal Card -

Aaron will work on this and report back before the next Board meeting

2. Student Scholarship Applications -

People review and comments: good to put request for student's personal email address on applications.

CSCE could add their personal email address into CSCE's constant contact list - Brianna, Clay and Aaron will look into past applications to gather personal email addresses

Combined 2 forms to improve flexibility for applicants

Could push deadline to march 19th

What is the plan for the student award distribution and notification?

Aim to review applications in 2-3 weeks, let them know by 4/6, and then give the applicants a couple weeks notice before the 4/20 meeting

3. Laptop Battery -

ACE Awards Form -

updated form to make the sheet more of a form and to manage the project description length and give the Board more flexibility to determine awards

People reviewed the updated form and they were fine with it

Due date:

ACE Awards Date - need to check with the Aqua Turf about a Sept. date (between 1-17) - cancel Aqua Turf reservation in May

ASCE is restricting in-person events until at least July 1st

Should CSCE hold the event in-person in September or virtual? People preferred the in-person event in September option

Avoid 9/14 - Water for People golf tournament

Jud Wible - another organization will announce award winners in 2021 and have its in-person event in 2022

For application, deadline will be July 31

Amy - give update on ACE Awards in CC email, in-person awards in September

Ben Cote Motion to Vote to Revise PDH record keeping

See email re: requirement for 3 questions be answered correctly for people to earn NYS PDHs

Could have people respond to a poll via Teams instead of answering the 3 questions correctly

Could also reimburse people if they don't answer the 3 questions correctly

CSCE will use the poll for the questions instead of the 3 questions answered correctly

Amy will update the cc emails

Teams license is being paid on George's credit card. This cost will eventually be paid on the debit card

Recent Events

1. Site Visit to the I-91 Charter Oak Bridge Project (Ranjit)
2. CSCE/ITE 25th Annual Golf Outing (Jud)
3. October Monthly Meeting - Geotech
4. CSCE YM Social and Fundraiser
5. Monthly Meeting - Water Resources
6. November Monthly Meeting - Construction

7. December Monthly Meeting - T&DI - George presented a more technical version of the presentation for ABC-UTC - 850 people on call presentation
8. January Monthly Meeting - SEI
9. CSCE YMC MRLC Family Feud
10. February Monthly Meeting - Legislative Affairs
11. March Monthly Meeting - Fairfield County

Introduction Open Discussion

Voted to purchase CSCE Teams license. George to coordinate with Amy and Aaron to purchase license. Plan to use paypal account to do purchase.

- Paypal cannot be used to do Teams purchase. Currently using GTG personal card, to discuss payment options in the treasury section below.

Has any progress been made on getting a PayPal card?

George purchased a Teams license for CSCE. Teams requires you to be a company to run Teams. Teams license will be set up as ____

Business standard license does not include live events. CSCE may purchase a 1-month license for a live event for use during the professional development seminars

CSCE is on a 1-month free trial with Teams. CSCE would like to get a debit card for CSCE for purchases like this.

Does the business standard license work for upcoming CSCE events? Yes, but it doesn't offer the live event option. It will work for the monthly meetings.

For live events like the seminars/workshops, Cisco Go to Webinar could be a good option. CSCE will discuss buying this option on its next conference call.

Amy dropped off laptop at George's house.

- Also recently dropped off the projector at George's house.

Also, George has banner

Made a monthly meeting 'group' which consists of President, President-Elect, and Vice President with help from Amy and then Jeff Benoit when meetings return to in person. Vice President will be in charge of PDH record keeping.

Regarding PDHs, in first meetings, there were no questions/code sent to Amy. At the 12/3 meeting, the attendees were asked to send answers to 3 questions to Amy, but no specifics were provided to attendees and 2 people did not answer all 3 questions correctly. CSCE will clarify the requirements for PDH credit prior to the meeting in January. Other organizations manage provision of PDHs differently. ASCE Buffalo polls attendees during event as participation questions (vs. learning questions).

Meeting registration has been updated.

Student Scholarship form revisions are in progress - Scott/Brianna/George met on a call to discuss revisions. Scott is spearheading this effort. Currently, there are 3 different types of scholarships. Both new

scholarships will still require a faculty signature. Plan is to have the revisions done by February 1st and deadline will be moved out from March 1st.

Any comments on revised forms?

No good to send out

What will due date be?

03/19/2021

Notify winners by April 6th

ACE Award Application to be updated in coming month - Updates will provide CSCE reviewers more flexibility in determining award winning projects.

Any comments on revised forms?

Good to send out

What will due date be?

Form due date 07/31

What will format and date of ACE Awards 2021 be?

Looking for in person in September

PDH Record Keeping:

See email from Ben Cote Below;

Hi all

Clay and I are planning the spring geotechnical seminar and Amy brought to my attention a correct answer requirement that was agreed upon by CSCE for PDH questions. Admittedly I haven't been able to make planning meetings lately due to work but I was really shocked!

I would highly highly recommend we rescind that requirement immediately. There are no other chapters doing this. Was this a requirement of NYS or our attempt to maintain attention of the viewers? If the former then I motion to revoke it.

I can't make the call tomorrow but please bring this up for a vote. Again the rationale is that no other sections are doing this. And if someone paid money to get a PDH and got one measly question wrong and didn't get what they paid for, then it would look bad for CSCE.

PDH record keeping moving forward will be using polls in chat window.

Upcoming Meetings/Presentations

4. December Monthly Meeting: T&DI Topic - December 03, Topic: Accelerated Superstructure Replacement of US Route 1 over I-95 (Br 00037), Speakers: Rabih Barakat, Tom Laliberte (WSP), George Gerard (WSP), no school involvement
Rob will send a bio to George; Rob, George and Tom will coordinate the presentation and do a dry-run
George will send bios to Brianna, who will moderate the meeting
Ranjit will give an overview of the TD&I CT Chapter

5. January Monthly Meeting: 01/26/2021 - Structures Topic - Alex, School: UCONN - involvement, Topic: Historical masonry analysis arch in Bridgeport, WJE, Teams Virtual meeting
Registration can be open, George will send a meeting link to Amy after he gets the CSCE meeting link. If CSCE records the meetings, CSCE needs to let attendees know at registration.
When do organizations send out link for other presentations? The day of the presentation or the day before. Check-In meeting scheduled for 01/21/21 - Speaker Bios, questions are still needed

6. February Monthly Meeting: 02/23/2021, Virtual, Legislative Affairs Topic - Roy, School: UNH - Have we reached out to students yet? Topic: I-84 Waterbury Widening Project, Speaker: Chris Zukowski CSCE will try to post link to video online and link to Constant Contact emails

What about engineers week? Do we have anything planned, even just an email blast? - Giving Feb presentation that week.

7. March Monthly Meeting: 03/16/2021, Virtual, Fairfield County, School: None, Topic: How to prevent bridge collapse during construction, Speaker: Vince Siefert
Finalize topic/speaker for March meeting - George will coordinate with Ron and Amy

8. 10th Annual Spring Geotechnical Workshop: 04/16/2021 (tentative), Virtual, Topic: Geo-Medley: Lightweight Fill, Big Data, and Everything in Between, Contacts: Ben Cote/Clay Patterson

9. April Monthly Meeting: 04/20/2021, Virtual, Government Engineers Committee - Rabih Barakat, School: US Coast Guard, Topic: CTDOT Funding, Speaker: Joseph Giuliatti
Student Awards Distribution
Student Presentation of Latest Activities & Initiatives at the Engineering Program, **can this be virtual?**
Contacts: Faculty Advisor Katie Heckman and ASCE Student Chapter President Sabrina Robertson (904-329-9267, Sabrina.K.Robertson@uscga.edu)

10. May Meeting?

11. Structural SEI Workshop: June 2021, 06/16, 06/18, 06/23 Contact: Alex Mora
Alex will get final title of presentations from speakers and send them to Amy to promote the meeting
The Metro and Boston sections of ASCE are interested in the webinar too. Promotional information will be forwarded to them and their members
Focus of workshop will be wind and wind effects on infrastructure
This event may work with CSCE's current Teams license
CSCE will coordinate the management of the PDHs for the workshop (similar to geotechnical mini-series in September 2020)
Current license covers 300 attendees
We will have a planning call for this workshop in the few months
→ all speakers have been confirmed

12. 2021 ACE Awards: 09/09/2021, Location: Aqua Turf

13. Annual Golf Outing, Date?

Other Items:

1. MRLC CT 2022 Update:

Update from KK - \$19,015
Platinum - WSP and BL Companies - 1 spot left
Gold - 3 spots left - AECOM and Lochner

Silver - Philadelphia ASCE Section, Hobas Pipe
Bronze - KBE, H&A, Green International Associates

YM is supposed to host the ASCE business meeting next week

2021 MRLC - money that CSCE will be spending on this will be different than planned since it will be virtual

Katie - sponsorship letter went out last week. Website went live last week. Two sponsors - WSP and BL Companies

Please circulate announcement at companies

Next month, virtual website launch and party

Competitive with the platinum and gold sponsor levels

Younger staff who could be interested in CSCE - please let them know about this event

Any questions about conference, contact Katie and Jodi

Sponsorships at higher levels will have their company logos extensively promoted throughout the East Coast of the USA, Canada and to students

Is there a rough budget for the event? CSCE YM aims to raise \$50-70,000. The more that gets raised reduces the cost for attendees. Each Platinum sponsor will be promoted each evening of the event.

YM Financial Committee (George, Katie & Jodi) and Treasurer should meet soon to finalize budget.

Is there a sponsorship booklet that can be sent to employers? Yes, Katie can send this out.

This could be the first ASCE event since the pandemic started. This is the first time that CT has hosted the MRLC. This could be an important event.

MRLC Planning Call earlier this week - Parts of the event have been divided up for people to call about for pricing. Sponsors can be contacted and upgraded over next 3 years.

The more that can be raised by companies, the less for which CSCE will be responsible.

Jodi gave update

\$15000 raised from 6 sponsors

Encouraged Board members to promote the MRLC sponsorship opportunities to their companies

YMG will host a virtual family feud competition on January 27, 2021.

Planning Status and Current \$\$ Raised?

\$19,015 raised so far

Board/Committee Updates:

President (George)

Update:

order banners

President-Elect (Brianna)

Update:

Vice President (Scott) -

Update:

Treasurer/Financial (Aaron)

Update:

Newsletter Editor (Tim) - Tim looking to transition from Publisher to Joomag

Update:

Secretary (Clay)

Update:

Directors (Ben/David)

Update:

YMG (Katie) -

Update:

Legislative Affairs (Roy) -

Update:

Geo-Institute (Clay)

Update:

Structural Institute (Alex)

Update:

T&D Institute (Ranjit)

Update:

Construction Institute (Billy)

Update:

Government Engineers Committee (Rabih)

Update:

Scholarship Fund Report (Jim)

Update:

Other

1. (George) new banners update - The sizes of the new banners should be two 2'x 8' and 1 table top one (2'x3'). T & D Institute Chapter in CT is finalized, George will make banner.
2. Lands End Clothing Account, initial \$75 allowance, continued annual smaller allowance? About 2 weeks from ordering to getting the shirt. People can buy more than 1 item with the \$75 allowance
3. Golf Outing Discussion/Debrief - This will be discussed at another time
→ Maybe discuss this at a separate meeting
Will CSCE host this in July or in October? Maybe, just later than July 1st

***Next meeting - Teams call on Friday, 04/16/21 at 12PM noon ***

Motion to adjourn -