

CSCE Board Conference Call Friday, April 17, 2020, at 12:00 PM EST



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

CSCE President/CT Valley Geo-Institute Chair Ben Cote
CSCE President-Elect George Gerard
CSCE Vice President Brianna Maljanian
CSCE Secretary Aaron Foster
CSCE Past President Chris Beaulieu
CSCE Fairfield County Branch President Ron Hill
CSCE Golf Outing Chair Jud Wible
CSCE Younger Members Committee Outgoing President Jodi Greene
CSCE Younger Members Committee Incoming President Katie Klose
CSCE Administrative Assistant Amy Petrone

The following items were discussed:

1. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on March 27, 2020

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on March 27, 2020. Ben Cote made a motion to approve the minutes. Aaron Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Upcoming Dinner Meetings/Events

April 21, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at the USCGA – This meeting was cancelled due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Amy Petrone asked Government Engineers Committee Chair Rob Barakat to let the CT DOT Commissioner know that the dinner meeting was cancelled.

June 6-7, 2020 – ASCE Region 1 Assembly in Connecticut (more information about this event on page 2 of these minutes)

July 17, 2020 - Annual CSCE Spring Geotechnical Workshop rescheduled from April 17, 2020 – To let people know about the new date, Amy Petrone updated the CSCE website, sent an email to CSCE members via Constant Contact and posted the new date of the workshop on LinkedIn.

July 17, 2020 – Golf Outing (more information on page 3 of these minutes)

Summer 2020 Lunch or Dinner Meeting at the Hartford Armory - The Board decided that progress on planning for this event should be put on hold for now due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

September 15, 2020 – ACE Awards – This event was rescheduled due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The awards application deadline has been rescheduled for July 31, 2020.

3. Proposed 2020-2021 Board Members

The Board discussed the installation of the following list of proposed 2020-2021 CSCE Officers:

President: George Gerard	Treasurer: Aaron Foster	Director I: Ben Cote
President-Elect: Brianna Maljanian	Secretary: OPEN	Director II: Dave Chapman
Vice President: Scott Nolan	Newsletter Editor: OPEN	

CSCE asked for volunteers for the open Board positions and the SEI CT Chapter Chair position. Four people expressed interest in these positions. The Board discussed obtaining more information about the candidates and from CSCE Past President Bob Gomez before making any formal nominations. Ben Cote will contact the 5 people prior to the next conference call.

It is anticipated that the 2020-2021 CSCE Officers will formally be installed at the ACE Awards on September 15, 2020. Aaron Foster will see if there is any guidance in the CSCE Operations Manual or from ASCE about 2020-2021 Board installations. Amy Petrone will contact ASCE to see if an ASCE Representative can install the new Board over the phone prior to the event in September.

4. ASCE Region 1 Assembly in Connecticut - June 6-7, 2020 – This date is still in flux based on a call with Region 1 representatives on March 18, 2020. The Assembly may be held instead in July or August 2020. ASCE will have a call/meeting next week to plan for this event and ASCE is still looking to set up a Region 1 webinar soon. Ben Cote will contact ASCE Region 1 Director Tony Cioffi and ASCE Region 1 Governor Danielle Spicer to learn more about the final date of this event.

5. Younger Members Committee (YMC) Updates

2022 ASCE Eastern Region Younger Member Council (ERYMC) – Earlier this month, ASCE confirmed that the YMC would host the ERYMC in 2022. ASCE has booked the Hartford Marriott from January 27-28, 2022, for the ERYMC. ASCE negotiated the cost of the nearby meeting space separately from the hotel. ASCE asked the YMC if CSCE can contribute approximately \$4,000 towards the cost of the meeting space. Before CSCE decides on this request, Jodi Greene will check with ASCE about the deadline for a decision and will contact past hosts of ERYMC to see if they were asked to contribute towards the Council. To manage the event, Katie Klose and Jodi Greene will be co-chairs of the 2022 ERYMC.

On a related note, Jodi Greene's term as YMC President will end in 2020. Katie Klose has been chosen to be the next YMC President. Her term will begin in May 2020.

6. CT Valley Geo-Institute

Upcoming activities for the Geo-Institute include the Geotechnical Workshop at UNH on July 17, 2020 (described on page 1), and the Geotechnical Seminar at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill, CT, on September 25, 2020. The following speakers/topics are confirmed for the seminar:

- Jenn MacGregor and Robin Seidel from Kleinfelder/Resiliency Planning for Boston Neighborhoods
- James O'Connell from CIRCA at UConn/Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding: A Strategy for Adaptation in Connecticut
- Daniel Stapleton from GZA GeoEnvironmental/Geotechnical Engineers, Resilience and Climate Adaptation - Moving from Deterministic to Risk-Based Approaches
- Devin Santa and Azure Dee Sleicher from RACE/Beaches, Dunes & More: How Sand Can Play a Role in a Resilient Coast
- Brian Maggi from USCGA/Reinforcing Dunes & Coastal Bluffs with Geosynthetics
- Doug Gaffney from Mott MacDonald/Topic: TBD

Speakers are expected to send PDH (Professional Development Hours) information to CSCE by the end of July in preparation for CSCE's submittal to the Practicing Institute of Engineering (PIE) to provide 7 PDHs at this seminar.

7. Structural Engineering Institute – CT Chapter – Ranjit Bhavé provided the following information about the Chapter:

Bylaws – Ranjit Bhavé reviewed the latest iteration of the Chapter Bylaws and asked that Amy Petrone forward them to the CSCE Board for its review and approval.

Chair & Volunteers - Three people volunteered to participate in the Chapter. After a discussion, it was decided that Ben Cote would ask Alex Mora from Foth-CLE to be the chair of the Chapter and the other 2 people could be members of the Chapter. Amy Petrone will check the Chapter Bylaws for any formal officer installation procedures.

8. Transportation & Development Institute – CT Chapter – Ranjit Bhavé has received a checklist from ASCE to establish this chapter in CT and he is working on establishing it.

9. Golf Outing - July 17, 2020 - 10 a.m. shotgun start – Timberlin Golf Course – Jud Wible shared the following information with the Board:

The committee held a conference call meeting on April 1, 2020. In order to raise more money for the scholarship funds of the co-sponsors of the outing, the following amounts were suggested for 2020:

Mulligan Sponsor - \$1,100 – Company logo on “Mulligan Coins” available for purchase by golfers at the event and on a hole/tee sign of Company’s choice - Foursome Included - Only 1 Mulligan available

Dinner Sponsor - \$900 - Dinner Advertising and Chance to Say a Few Words - Foursome Included

Eagle Sponsor - \$750 – Company logo on a hole/tee sign - Foursome Included

Tee Sponsor - \$300 – Company logo on a tee sign

Golfing - \$130/Person

Dinner Only - \$50

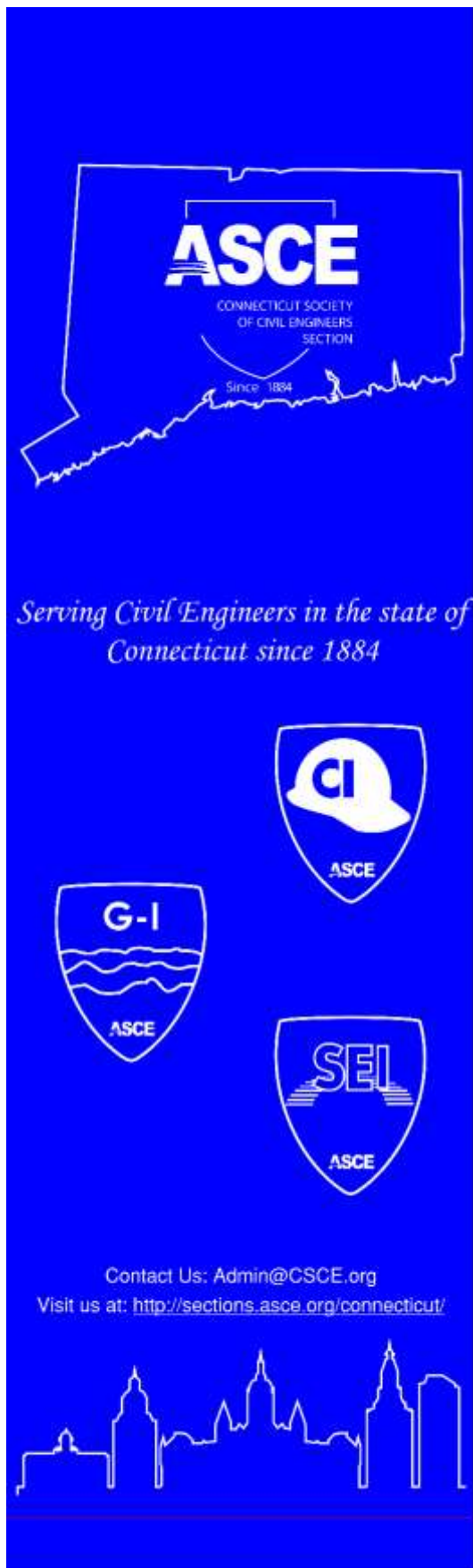
The committee needs to finalize the amounts to charge for golfers and sponsorships. The CSCE Board reviewed the suggested amounts and supported them. People who would like to help with the preparations for the golf outing should send an email to Jud Wible (Jud.Wible@wsp.com). Ben Cote will put together text for an email that Amy Petrone can send out next week to CSCE members via Constant Contact.

10. Student Scholarships Update – Brianna Maljanian made a motion to award \$1,000 to all the nominated students. George Gerard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

11. CSCE on Social Media Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter - The Board discussed the pros and cons of setting up CSCE accounts on the different platforms. Based on that discussion, CSCE will move forward with setting up an account for CSCE on Facebook. Amy Petrone will set up the account with guidance from ASCE and members of the CSCE Board can assist with providing content for it.

12. NYS PDH Sponsor Application Update - CSCE heard from the New York State Education Department NYSED today that it was approved as a PDH sponsor. The approval is valid until March 2023. Brianna Maljanian will coordinate with Scott Nolan on the payment for the sponsorship application.

13. New CSCE Banners Update - George shared the following draft image of the new banners:



The Board approved of the design, but it was decided that CSCE hold off on purchasing the banners until the Transportation and Development Institute Chapter in CT is finalized and could be included on the banners. The two sizes of the new banners will be 2' x 8' and 2' x 3'.

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

The next meeting/Zoom meeting call is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2020, at 12PM noon EST.