

Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
12 p.m. EST, Friday, April 18, 2025 - Meeting Minutes



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

Tyler Parker, CSCE President-Elect	Sangyul Cho, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute
Eric Hoyt, CSCE Vice President	
Byungik Chang, Treasurer	Carolyn Foston, Fairfield County Branch President
Jodi Constant, CSCE Secretary	Sanjeev Mohan, Board member of the CT Chapter of the ASCE
Aaron Foster, CSCE Director I	Structural Engineering Institute
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	Tom Wamser, YMG President

1. Report from ASCE

IMAX movie Cities of the Future – The 24-minute version of this film is going to open at the CT Science Center in Hartford, CT, on July 1, 2025. CSCE should call the Science Center now to schedule a screening around the time of the opening or if CSCE wanted to do it earlier, ASCE could send an encrypted hard drive with a copy of the film stored on it (a DCP) to the theater early. There is a cost of about \$400-500 for the DCP. Whether CSCE would pay for that option or the theater would depend on what CSCE arranges with it.

2. Review/Accept CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from March 28, 2025 – Tyler Parker made a motion to accept minutes. Aaron Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. Scholarship Fund – After a discussion about its expenditures and account balances, it was determined that CSCE doesn't need to withdraw money from its Scholarship Fund account to cover the 2025 student awards.

4. CSCE Events

4.1 Past Events:

- April 15 YMG Night at the Ballpark – The event went very well and 23 people attended.
- 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, gave a presentation on Artificial Intelligence in the Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) Industry. The presentation went well and upcoming meeting presentations could be on topics related to AI and inspections.

4.2 Upcoming Events

- April 24 - SEI-CT Student Career Forum at UConn from 4:00-7:30 p.m. – Seven employers are scheduled to participate. The number of students registered for the forum is lower than expected. SEI-CT Board members are promoting the forum to student chapters from surrounding states as well as those in Connecticut.
- 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 – WSP has bought a table sponsorship. People should ask their companies to sponsor this event.
- June 5 – 30th Annual CSCE-CT ITE Golf Outing at Timberlin Golf Club, Berlin, CT – Registration is open.
- CSCE Annual Planning Meeting – Date/Time/Location: Tyler Parker will work with Rich Cohen to choose a tentative date for this meeting. People can email him or Amy Petrone with ideas for the agenda.
- September 26 – GEO-CT Conference, Sheraton Hartford South
- November 7 – SEI-CT Seminar in the Greater Hartford area

4.3 Webinars

4.3.1 Ethics in August

4.3.2 May 6 - History & Heritage Committee - Covered Bridges in CT and RI by Bill Caswell, President, National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges

5. Reports from CSCE Executive Board Members

- Treasurer - Eric Hoyt will contact Webster Bank about ordering more checks for CSCE. He will try to have them mailed to Byungik Chang's home address. Eric Hoyt, Tyler Parker, Byungik Chang and Jodi Constant need to visit a Webster Bank branch together to add Byungik Chang and Jodi Constant's names to CSCE's accounts. Jodi Constant can visit the bank in June, but Byungik Chang can visit sooner. Byungik Chang is not authorized to access CSCE's PayPal account at this time. When Eric Hoyt, Tyler Parker and Byungik Chang next meet, they need to set up access to CSCE's PayPal account for Byungik Chang and Jodi Constant. Byungik Chang sent CSCE's account balance to Board members last night.
- CSCE needs to check with Mark Geiger from ASCE about filing CSCE's tax forms.
- Schwab account – CSCE will look into adding another person's name to the account, in addition to Bob Gomez and Jim Sime.
- Webster Bank accounts – CSCE should update the address on the accounts to either an address for a current Board member or to CSCE's P.O. Box address.

6. Reports from /Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

- ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Chair – Sangyul Cho shared that he attended ASCE's Structural Congress last week with three board members and a former Chapter Chair. It was a great experience and motivator.
- Career Guidance Committee - Contact person is CSCE Vice President Eric Hoyt – *Recaps* and Updates:
 - April 4 – 8-10 a.m. - Career Day for Sophomores at Amity High School, Woodbridge, CT - CSCE Past President Rob Barakat, Byungik Chang and Life Member Bob Kulacz attended this event. It went very well, and they gave a presentation in one classroom and students rotated from room to room.
 - April 23, Wednesday - 6-8 p.m. - Bethel Public School's STEAM Expo at Bethel High School – Rich Cohen and Cassi Champagne can attend this event.
 - April 24 - West Haven High School is interested in having CSCE volunteers visit with a morning class - Cassi Champagne and Bob Kulacz will visit this school.
 - Date: TBD – Simsbury High School – Tom Wamser is going to speak to students about civil engineering careers here next week in association with another organization. He will promote CSCE to the students during his presentation.
- Fairfield County Branch President Carolyn Foston shared that the Branch hosted a dinner meeting at Two Roads Brewing on March 25 and it will host a social at Spacecat Brewing on May 29. At that social, the Branch is planning on charging people \$10 to attend.
- Younger Member Group President Tom Wamser shared the following information about its events:
 - The YMG held a Resume Review at Uconn with 8 students.
 - The YMG is hosting a trip to a CCSU baseball game on April 27 that is free to attend.
 - A field trip to United Concrete is planned for April 29 at 2 p.m.
 - A PE Tell-All event is planned for May.
 - Sanjeev Mohan is developing a visa student presentation at UNH before the end of this semester.
 - The YMG is holding elections in May.
 - The YMG will offer a new budget for next fiscal year before the June Planning Meeting. This past year, it spent a little over half of its total budget on its events.

7. New Business

- Committee Budget Requests - CSCE will request budget suggestions from all the committees/Institute Chapters before its Planning Meeting. Tyler Parker and Byungik Chang will develop an email to send to the committees/Institute Chapters.

With no more business to discuss, Aaron Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 p.m. Tyler Parker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.