

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of
Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 23, 2021, at 12:00 P.M. EST**



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

George Gerard, CSCE President	
Brianna Maljanian, CSCE President-Elect	
Scott Nolan, CSCE Vice President	
Aaron Foster, CSCE Treasurer	Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of CT Chapter of the Transportation & Development Institute
Clay Patterson, CSCE Secretary	Byungik Chang, Vice Chair of the CT Chapter of the Structural Engineering Institute
Tim Ariosto, CSCE Newsletter Editor	Ron Hill, President of the Fairfield County Branch of CSCE
David Chapman, Director II	Katie Klose, Younger Members Group President
Danielle Spicer, ASCE Region 1 Governor	Tom Loto, Chair of Water Resources Committee
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	Jud Wible, Chair of Golf Outing Committee
Roy Merritt, Chair of Legislative Affairs Committee	

1. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from CSCE Board Conference Call on March 19, 2021

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on March 19, 2021. George Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes. Brianna Maljanian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. ASCE National Update - Danielle Spicer provided the following updates to the Board:

- The Virtual Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) and the Region 1 Assembly were recently held.
- ASCE is still trying to determine if the Region 1 Fall Assembly will be held in-person in Connecticut.
- CSCE is hopeful about holding in-person events in September. It has rescheduled its ACE Awards to be in-person that month and is looking to schedule its geotechnical seminar to be in-person that month on the 24th as well.

3. PayPal

Aaron Foster submitted paperwork to PayPal and needs to submit an additional document to PayPal. He will work with Dave Chapman to obtain the document.

4. Student Scholarship Applications

On April 20, 2021, CSCE awarded fifteen \$1,000 scholarships. Amy Petrone & Aaron Foster will coordinate mailing the checks and certificates to the student award winners.

5. CSCE Laptop Battery

CSCE's laptop battery is dead and the 1-year warranty on the laptop ended in September 2020. George Gerard obtained the following cost estimates related to the laptop & its battery: approximately \$80 for new battery and about \$11 for shipping. CSCE would need to install the new battery. George Gerard will gather a little bit more information about this topic and will share it on the next conference call.

6. May 2021 Meeting/Presentation

CSCE needs to decide if it would like to hold a meeting in May. Brianna Maljanian reached out to someone who could speak about the Walk Bridge replacement in Norwalk, CT. Scott Nolan and George Gerard received an email from Karen Morgan, P.E., M.ASCE, Owner and Chief Strategist at DOTomation Consulting, offering to give a presentation about one of the following topics: how to make proposal examples shine to a selection team; proposal time management to increase an engineer's win rate; and improving proposal quality to increase an engineer's win rate. This meeting may be able to be an opportunity for the Younger Members Group to raise money for the 2022 MRLC in Hartford. The Younger Members Group could give a 5-minute presentation on the Group at the beginning of the meeting to encourage people to volunteer with the Group and to promote the 2022 MRLC.

CSCE would like to know what the presentation will be by Monday, April 25, 2021. Brianna Maljanian is still waiting to hear back from Walk Bridge speaker about their availability during the weeks of May 16 and May 23. Katie Klose will get back to CSCE by April 25 about the availability of the Younger Members Group.

7. Board Member Transitions

CSCE plans to hold a Planning Meeting in July, at which Danielle Spicer could induct the 2021-22 CSCE Board virtually. So far, the slate of officers is as follows:

President – Brianna Maljanian	President-Elect – Scott Nolan	Vice President – Aaron Foster
Treasurer – Clay Patterson	Secretary – Open	Newsletter Editor - Open
Director-I – George Gerard	Director-II – Ben Cote	

Current Newsletter Editor Tim Ariosto has been transferred to a position in Pennsylvania and therefore will not be able to serve on the Board next year.

8. Lands End Clothing for CSCE

To help CSCE Members who manage CSCE events present a more unified image, George Gerard made motion for CSCE to provide \$50 towards the purchase of Lands' End logo apparel by each Board member and Committee/Institute Chair, which will be renewed at the individual's annual date of induction. The motion was seconded by Brianna Maljanian and it passed unanimously.

9. Recent Events

April 20, 2021 - Monthly Meeting sponsored by the Government Engineers Committee - The meeting offered a less formal presentation by the Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner than in previous years and it went well.

April 16, 2021 - Spring Geotechnical Seminar – Approximately 76 people attended the seminar. It went well, but there were some challenges with admitting people into the event all at once. At future events, CSCE could have a second person admitting and/or muting people and that person could be another Connecticut Valley Chapter of the Geo-Institute Member or Amy Petrone.

George Gerard will send links to the recordings of March meeting, the April meeting and the Geotechnical Seminar to Amy Petrone.

10. Upcoming Events

June 16, 18, and 23, 2021 - CSCE SEI Structures Webinar Series - Byungik Chang provided an update on the series. The six speakers have been confirmed and attendees can earn up to 6 NYS PDHs. George Gerard will coordinate with the SEI-CT Chapter President Alex Mora about the details related to the laptop for this event.

September 9, 2021 - 2021 ACE Awards at the Aqua Turf Club – George Gerard will review the sponsorship levels with Brianna Maljanian, Amy Petrone and Aaron Foster to see if they should be changed for 2021. CSCE will need to consider that it will be distributing 2020 and 2021 Awards at this event.

Fall 2021 – Annual Golf Outing – Date: TBD – Jud Wible provided an update on the outing. ACEC and CMAA have golf outings scheduled for June. So, CSCE is going to look for a date in the fall. CSCE needs volunteers for registration, on the day of the event, and for planning the event.

January 27-29, 2022 – 2022 MRLC in Hartford, CT – Katie Klose provided an update on the conference. The Younger Members Group has raised \$21,015 so far for the conference. The sponsorships so far are as follows:

- Platinum Sponsors - WSP and BL Companies - 1 sponsorship left
- Gold Sponsors – AECOM, Lochner and SLR - 2 sponsorships left
- Silver - Philadelphia ASCE Section, Hobas Pipe – Unlimited sponsorships left
- Bronze - KBE, H&A, Green International Associates – Unlimited sponsorships left

The 2022 MRLC logo will be selected soon, and it will be revealed in about 2 weeks. Board members are encouraged to ask their employers to sponsor the conference.

Katie Klose and Jodi Greene of the CSCE Younger Members Group are scheduled to run the ASCE Business meeting during the Virtual ERYMC on May 7-8, 2021. Katie Klose will find out if there is a cost to attend this meeting and provide that information to CSCE. Some have said that the MRLC is geared more for branch leaders, etc., while the ERYMC is geared more for Younger Members. Since the 2021 MRLC is virtual, the money that CSCE will spend supporting it will be different than planned.

11. President-Elect Update - 2022 Infrastructure Report Card – Roy Merritt and Brianna Maljanian spoke about the upcoming Report Card. Roy Merritt will chair the effort and will aim for its release to be in late September/early October to allow sufficient time between its release and the election. To assemble authors for the different sections of this report card, Brianna Maljanian will provide the list of authors of the last report card to Roy Merritt and she will follow-up with a potential volunteer recommendation made by Ranjit Bhawe. David Chapman and Aaron Foster are interested in helping with the 2022 Report Card. The goal is to finalize the list of authors by September 2021 and kick-off the development of this Report Card that month. CSCE will begin with the 5 categories from the last Report Card and will consider adding more categories including aviation, schools, energy, ports and transit. CSCE could also ask for new volunteers via Constant Contact e-blasts once it knows which authors will help again this time.

12. Vice President Update – Scott Nolan shared that the scholarships for 2021 were finalized. He is working with Jodi Greene to finalize the speaker for the May meeting. He will also coordinate the Clay Patterson about the PDH credit paperwork for the April geotechnical seminar.

With no more business to discuss, George Gerard made a motion to adjourn at 12:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Aaron Foster and it passed unanimously. The next meeting/Teams call is scheduled for 12 Noon EST on Friday, May 21, 2021. There is no Board meeting scheduled in June and the planning meeting is expected to be held in July.