

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Planning Meeting Conference Call via Teams
Friday, May 6, 2022, 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:

Brianna Ritacco, CSCE President
Scott Nolan, CSCE President-Elect
Clay Patterson, CSCE Treasurer
Rich Cohen, CSCE Secretary
Tyler Parker, CSCE Newsletter Editor
George Gerard, CSCE Director I
Ben Cote, CSCE Director II
Danielle Spicer, ASCE Region 1 Governor

Ron Hill, President of Fairfield County Branch of CSCE
Katie Klose, Younger Members Group President
Tom Loto, CSCE Water Resources Committee Chair
Roy Merritt, CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
Landon Barlow, Chair of the CT Valley Chapter of the
ASCE Geo-Institute
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

1. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes - April 1, 2022

Brianna Ritacco made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting/call on April 1, 2022. Scott Nolan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Danielle Spicer

2.1 ERYMC Coordination – The following items were discussed:

- Danielle Spicer can meet with Katie Klose on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of next week.
- The Region 1 Assembly will be held from 8-12 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2022, which is right before the ERYMC.
- Registration information for the Assembly should be available in the next 1-2 weeks.
- An email was sent out to all ERYMC sponsors on Wednesday.

3. Recent Events

3.1. Monthly Dinner Meetings

April 13, 2022 – The topic of this meeting was *Connecticut's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding* and the presentation was given by Sara Ramsbottom, P.E., Sanitary Engineer 3, Connecticut Department of Public Health. The meeting was held at the Consolidated Club at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Scholarship awards were distributed at this meeting. Checks and certificates were mailed to students who did not attend the meeting.

April 28, 2022 - YMG Social at Hops on the Hill – More than 16 people attended this event and the majority of them were new faces.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1 Monthly Meetings

May 10, 2022 – This will be a virtual meeting at noon. The topic will be *Applications of iTwin*. Registration has been open for this meeting.

4.2 2022 ACE Awards - May 26, 2022 – The following items were discussed:

- 2022 winners have been notified.
- CSCE’s application for ASCE President attendance at this event will be submitted by Aaron Foster. If CSCE has an issue getting an ASCE representative to the ACE Awards, please contact Danielle Spicer.
- COVID Protocol – Connecticut’s positivity rate is currently 10.3% (high transmission) and was 3.1% (low transmission) at time of April 2022 Meeting. The prospect of holding the event in person given the state’s 10% positivity rate was discussed. After the discussion, it was decided that CSCE should aim to hold the event in person. Brianna Ritacco has contacted ASCE regarding its guidance related to events and Covid-19.
- The Executive Board would like to have at least two board volunteers to help set up and arrive at 4 p.m.
- CSCE could have masks and hand sanitizer on-hand at the ACE Awards
- In the future, CSCE could avoid scheduling ACE Awards to conflict with other industry events. CSCE could aim for holding the ACE Awards some time in the third week of May.

4.3 2022 ERYMC - June 10-12, 2022 – The following items were discussed:

- The YM Group received a grant from Region 1 and the final gold sponsor signed up.
- An email was sent on Wednesday to ERYMC sponsors.
- The YM Group will reach out individually to sponsors.
- Registration is open and today is the last day for early registration.
- The registrations for the 2 socials are open.
- People who aren’t registered for ERYMC can register for the 2 socials.
- Katie Klose sent an email to Younger Members about ERYMC and the socials.
- People who are interested in volunteering with the conference and board activities should contact the YM Group.

4.4 2022 SEI Structures Seminar – Date: June 16, 2022 - Location: MDC Operations Facility & Training Center, Hartford, CT – Registration is open for this seminar.

5. CSCE Executive Board Activities

5.1 Report from President - Brianna Ritacco – The following information was shared:

- CT DOT Involvement - Good News! Following the meeting with Mark Rolfe, Katie, and the DOT Ethics Team, CT DOT will be reissuing their statement that the DOT partner program is allowed. Brianna Ritacco and the CT DOT will proceed with developing the contract with ASCE in the coming months, and work on lunch-and-learn presentation internally for DOT employees to join ASCE and utilize this program. It is expected that the partner program will give discounted ASCE memberships to DOT employees.
- Summer Post President Activities – CSCE will aim to re-engage past CSCE presidents.
- Open Positions – The following CSCE positions are open at this time:
 - Secretary (Board)
 - Newsletter Editor (Board)
 - Golf Tournament Chair
 - History & Heritage Committee Chair
- People were encouraged to think about meeting presentation topics for the 2022-23 program year. To avoid conflicts with other industry events, CSCE could avoid scheduling the January meeting at the end of January.

5.2 Report from President-Elect – Scott Nolan – The following information was shared:

- PDH Records for 3 events are being finalized. Amy Petrone can send PDH information to Scott Nolan.

- 5.3 Report from Treasurer – Clay Patterson – CSCE has a debit card now.
- 5.4 Report from Secretary – Rich Cohen signed up to be a part of ASCE’s high school outreach effort.
- 5.5 Report from Newsletter Editor – Tyler Parker will aim to have the newsletter out by mid-May. People should send ideas for articles (engineer spotlight, project spotlight, etc.) to him.
- 5.6 Report from Director II – Ben Cote shared information about opportunities for CSCE Past Presidents within ASCE at the non-local level, i.e., regions, institutes, national, etc.
6. Reports from Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch
- 6.1 Connecticut Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute - Landon Barlow is now managing this chapter. He needs to talk with Clay Patterson and Ben Cote about the upcoming seminar in September.
- 6.2 Legislative Affairs Committee - Chair - Roy Merritt – The following information was shared:
- SE Licensure - Brianna Ritacco sent a follow up email to Robert Zygmunt to say CSCE wants to be involved but does not currently have a position on the issue.
 - The legislative session has ended in Connecticut. The gas tax holiday has been extended until December. A bill was introduced late in the session that would allow lawsuits related to projects to continue many years into the future, but it never was voted on by the legislature.
- 6.3 Scholarship Committee - Chair - Jim Sime sent an update via email.
- 6.4 Water Resources Committee - Chair - Tom Loto shared that this Committee is working on water/wastewater chapter of Infrastructure Report Card.
- 6.5 CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute - Chair - Ranjit Bhavé shared that there are 44-45 people on the list for the upcoming meeting on May 10, 2022, and the Chapter may hold on a professional development seminar for the future.
- 6.6 Infrastructure Report Card Committee – Roy Merritt provided the following information:
- Drafts will hopefully be complete by the end of April and the Committee will send agencies their respective sections for review and the CSCE Board will review them concurrently.
 - Drafts will be submitted to ASCE by July 1.
 - The drafts for bridges, roads, rail and drinking water are done and have been distributed to committee members.
 - Quick edits will be made to the sections before they are sent back to state agencies.
 - The sections will be shared with agencies in mid-May without grades.
 - All the sections will be back by mid-June and then sent to ASCE National for its review.
 - CSCE will promote the Card’s release date in September.
7. Summer Planning Meeting – Scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2022 – Tom Loto requested that Water Resources not be the topic of the September 2022 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m. The next CSCE board meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2022, via Microsoft Teams.