

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of
Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
12 p.m. EST, Friday, May 16, 2025 - Meeting Minutes**



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

Rich Cohen, CSCE President	Ariana Antonucci, CSCE YMG Vice President
Tyler Parker, CSCE President-Elect	Ranjit Bhawe, CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute
Eric Hoyt, CSCE Vice President	Sangyul Cho, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute
Byungik Chang, CSCE Treasurer	Carolyn Foston, Fairfield County Branch President
Danielle Morin, CSCE Newsletter Editor	Sanjeev Mohan, Board member of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute
Scott Nolan, CSCE Director II	Nathan Rossi, Chair of the CSCE Golf Outing Committee
Geoff Schwartz, ASCE Region 1 Governor	Tom Wamser, CSCE YMG President
Mario Riconzi, ASCE Treasurer, Past CSCE President & Life Member	
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	

1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Geoffrey Schwartz shared the following information:

- Save the Date – The Region 1 Fall Assembly will be held in Syracuse, NY, on September 19 and 20, 2025.
- April 17-18 Symposium went great – CSCE should check in with Student Chapters now about participating in the next Symposium's competitions.
- ASCE Elections begin on May 1 and will run until June 1. All ASCE members are eligible to vote. CSCE Director I Aaron Foster is running for one of the Region 1 Governor positions. Every vote counts.
- IMAX movie Cities of the Future – ASCE has shared that the 24-minute version of the film is going to open at the CT Science Center in Hartford on July 1, 2025. CSCE could schedule a screening around the time of the opening or if CSCE wanted to do it earlier, ASCE could send a DCP to the theater early. CSCE has not been able to connect with the Science Center now to arrange a screening. Rich Cohen will forward an email to Geoff Schwartz so CSCE can get more information about the showing of the Cities of the Future at the Science Center.

2. Review/Accept CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from April 18, 2025

Tyler Parker made a motion to accept the minutes from the CSCE Board Conference Call on April 18, 2025. Scott Nolan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Scholarship Fund/CT Section Dues Increase Discussion

The Board discussed transferring \$16,500 out of the Scholarship Fund into CSCE's account at Webster Bank to cover the costs of this year's high school/college students' scholarships. This transfer was suggested since the costs of running CSCE's activities have been rising, CSCE is distributing more scholarships to students than in the past and CSCE contributed \$35,000 to the Scholarship Fund from its account in Webster

Bank in 2021. Following this discussion, Tyler Parker made a motion to transfer \$16,500 out of the Scholarship Fund to cover the costs of this year's high school/college students' scholarships. Rich Cohen seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. Tyler Parker will reach out to Bob Gomez to make that withdrawal, since his name is one of three on the account.

CSCE Section Dues increase – The Board discussed the merits of raising its annual dues since CSCE's assessment from ASCE is increasing due to the dissolution of one ASCE Section, that Section's absorption into the Syracuse Section, an increase in CSCE's membership and the decreasing membership in other ASCE Sections. Following this discussion, Rich Cohen made a motion to increase the annual dues of the CT Section and Fairfield County Branch by \$5 to \$40 per year. Tyler Parker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. CSCE Events

4.1 Past Events – The following events went well:

- SEI-CT Student Career Forum at UConn on April 24 – This event involved students from schools from Connecticut and Massachusetts, 7 employers, and 15 professionals. The event organizers received positive feedback about this event. In 2026, the forum will probably be held in February. To support this event, SEI-CT received \$500 from the SEI of ASCE through the SEI Futures Fund.
- Geotechnical Seminar on April 25
- Covered Bridges in CT Webinar on May 6
- 18th Annual ACE Awards on May 14 – CSCE can talk about reserving a room for the 2026 ACE Awards at the CSCE Planning Meeting.

4.2 Upcoming Events

- June 5 - 30th Annual CSCE-CT ITE Golf Outing at Timberlin Golf Club, Berlin, CT – Registration is open and early registration ends today. There are 84 on list as of today and there is no need for more volunteers at this time. Ray Culver was able to gather more prizes for the raffle/silent auction than in past years.
- CSCE Annual Planning Meeting – This meeting will be held at 12 p.m. on June 20 via Teams – The Board will be looking for dinner meeting topics outside of roads and bridges. One potential dinner meeting topic is the Stone Bridge site development project and Scott Nolan will ask his team for possible speakers on this complicated project for a dinner meeting.

4.3 Webinars

- Ethics in August – CSCE needs to pick a date – Amy Petrone will ask if the webinar speaker is available after the 1st week in August.
- Potential Topic: Tyler Parker will follow-up with speakers on the topic of the MS4 Unit by CTDOT.

5. Reports from CSCE Executive Board Members

Treasurer's report – Byungik Chang sent an email to the Board about budget requests from committees and subgroups of CSCE. Over the past year, CSCE's account balances dropped to their lowest amounts. Detailed budget requests would help CSCE plan for future expenditures.

6. Reports from Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch/Younger Members Group

- ASCE Transportation & Development Institute – CT Chapter – Chapter Chair Ranjit Bhawe is interested in planning a tour of the I-691 project site. He will forward related information to the CSCE Board and try to schedule the site tour at the end of September. He could try to team up with Brian Mercure on this site visit.
- ASCE Structural Engineering Institute – CT Chapter – Chapter Chair Sangyul Cho shared that the SEI-CT recently held elections and Hannah Rakowski was elected to be the chair of the SEI-CT Chapter Board in 2026-28.
- CSCE Awards Committee – Just in case CSCE wants to nominate people for ASCE awards, here are some that are due June 1st: OCEA, OPAL, Ralph B. Peck Award, H. Bolton Seed Medal, Karl Terzaghi Award, and the Karl Terzaghi Lecture award.
- Career Guidance Committee:
 - April 24 – Cassi Champagne had a great visit at West Haven High School.
 - Date: TBD – Bloomfield, CT Middle or High School - Song Wang is available most of the days in and Cassi Champagne can visit on May 15-16, 19-20, 22-23, 26-27, 29-30. Tyler can also visit on those dates. Amy Petrone will connect with the school's representatives and schedule a visit.
 - ASCE/CSCE Swag to give away – The Board discussed buying squeezies to give away at career fairs since kids find them fun. Tyler Parker made a motion to order 50 ASCE Hard Hat squeezies for \$100. Eric Hoyt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Fairfield County Branch - President Carolyn Foston shared that the Branch is holding a Social at Spacecat Brewing on May 29.
- Younger Member Group - President Tom Wamser shared the following information:
 - April 27th CCSU baseball trip – This trip went well.
 - April 29th United Concrete Field Trip – This event had lower than expected attendance, which could have been caused by a variety of factors including holding it at 2 p.m. on a weekday.
 - May 30 PE tell all – This event will be virtual and free.
 - June 7th Trail Workday will be held in Chester, CT
 - July – The YMG will participate in a summer camp at the University of Hartford.
 - The YMG is going through its Board election process now and it will end at 11 a.m. on May 22nd. The YMG will hold its Board meeting at 12 p.m. on May 22nd to announce the election results and plan for the upcoming year.
 - The YMG wants to work on K-12 outreach in 2025-26.

- The proposed YMG Budget for 2025-26 is shown below. The YMG requests approval of it at the CSCE Planning Meeting in June.

Event or Item	Year 24/25	Year 25/26	Notes
<i>Student Chapter hosted Events, Presentations, or Panels</i>			
Career Preparation x10	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	
Presentations or Panels x2	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Joint Student Chapter Events	\$0.00	\$500.00	
<i>Networking Socials</i>			
Spring Social	\$600.00	\$500.00	
Winter Social	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Fall Social	\$600.00	\$500.00	
<i>Sports Outings</i>			
Yard Goats - Baseball (Summer Social)	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	Charge ticket prices with a discount
College Sporting Events x2	\$400.00	\$400.00	Charge ticket prices with a discount
<i>Conferences</i>			
Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) - 2 Registrations	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	
Younger Member Leadership Symposium (YMLS) - 2 Registrations	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Younger Member Leadership Symposium (YMLS) Alumni Summit - 2 Registrations	\$3,800.00	\$0.00	Nobody eligible this year
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>			
In-Person Board Meetings x4	\$600.00	\$800.00	
Promotional Items (Swag)	\$0.00	\$300.00	
K-12 Outreach	\$0.00	\$500.00	Supplies for activities
	\$16,600.00	\$12,100.00	

It would help CSCE to plan for these activities in 2025-26 if the YMG could add another column to the table explaining the events/items' justification.

With there being no more business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.