

Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
Friday, May 17, 2024 - 12 p.m. Noon - Meeting Minutes



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

Aaron Foster, CSCE President	Tom Wamser, YMG President
Rich Cohen, CSCE President-Elect	Nathan Rossi, Chair of the Golf Outing Committee
Eric Hoyt, CSCE Treasurer	Landon Barlow, Chair of the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute
Jodi Constant, CSCE Newsletter Editor	Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute
Geoff Schwartz, ASCE Region 1 Governor	Tom Loto, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	

1. ASCE - Update from Geoff Schwartz, ASCE Region 1 Governor

- a. ACE Awards – It was great to attend the ACE Awards.
- b. Spring Symposium - He was able to attend the Spring Symposium at the University of New Hampshire for students in Region 1 where many concrete canoe and steel bridge teams from schools in Region 1 attended and there were 11-13 teams for each competition. CSCE and YMG are encouraged to set up teams from CT universities for next year since it is a good way for students to connect with future employers.
- c. ASCE 2024 President Marsia Geldert-Murphey spoke at the ACE Awards, partly about ASCE rolling out its Cities of the Future film. Jane Howell from ASCE is the contact related to sections showing this movie.

2. Golf Outing – Update from Nathan Rossi, Chair of Golf Outing Committee

- a. The Outing is 6 weeks away and a preparation meeting is scheduled for 12 p.m. on 5/23/24 via Teams.
- b. There are 51 golfers on the list now and the goal is to have 72 golfers.
- c. The Committee is looking for volunteers to manage holes from about 12 p.m. to the end of the outing.
- d. Amy Petrone will check with Jeff Cashman from Resource Options to see if any volunteers can attend.

3. Annual Planning Meeting – This in-person meeting is scheduled at 12 p.m. at HNTB in Rocky Hill.

4. How did the ACE Awards go?

- a. Food/Tables – People thought the chicken was great, the stuffed shrimp could have been better and the main meals in general weren't as good as they had been in the past. CSCE won't order the stuffed shrimp in 2025. CSCE will keep offering tables of 10.
- b. Photos – CSCE should set up the banner with more space around it to help with taking group photos.
- c. Timing – The speed of the presentations and format went well and finishing around 8 p.m. works well.

- d. Applications for ACE Awards – CSCE will mail flyers via USPS in January to civil engineering firms to promote applications for the ACE Awards. Applications may increase in the future as projects receive more funding for them.
5. **CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute - Update from Landon Barlow:**
 - a. The Chapter held its seminar in April.
 - b. The program for the September 27 conference at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill is 1/3-1/2 full and sponsorship inquiries are coming in.
 6. **CT Chapter of the ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute – Update from Tom Loto:** The Chapter needs more volunteers to help with planning activities.
 7. **Younger Members Group (YMG) - Update from Tom Wamser:**
 - a. The YMG had elections for the 2024-25 YMG Board. Tom Wamser will be President, Ariana Antonucci will be Vice President and Mike Ciacciarella will be Secretary.
 - b. There will be a YMG Social in Derby, CT, from 5-8 p.m. on May 22, 2024. There are currently 13 people on list for this event.
 - c. The YMG may coordinate a visit to the Aquarion Reservoir and Trail workday in June.
 8. **Other Business**
 - a. CSCE would like to host events with COMTO - CT Chapter in the future.
 - b. Kimberly Fletcher volunteered to manage the Student Chapters Committee for 2024-25.

With no more business to discuss, Rich Cohen made a motion to adjourn at 12:34 p.m. Aaron Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.