

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Planning Meeting Conference Call via Teams
Friday, June 3, 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
Aaron Foster, CSCE Vice President
Rich Cohen, CSCE Secretary
Danielle Spicer, ASCE Region 1 Governor
Nathan Rossi, 2022 Golf Outing Chair
Sam Turek, CSCE Member

Katie Hedberg-Klose, Younger Members Group President
Roy Merritt, CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
Byungik Chang, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE
Structural Engineering Institute
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 - May 6, 2022

Since there was no quorum, the minutes were not reviewed or approved.

2. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Danielle Spicer shared the following information:

- Region 1 Assembly – The Assembly is next Friday from 8-12:00 p.m. If you will attend in person, register via Eventbrite to help the organizers plan for food.
- Fall Assembly – This in-person Assembly will be held on September 23-24, 2022, in New York state, possibly near either Rochester or the Finger Lakes region. Region 1 recently purchased a Meeting Owl to help run hybrid meetings (virtual and in-person).
- CSCE Officers - June 24 - She is available to help swear in the 2022-23 CSCE Executive Board at the planning meeting on June 24, 2022.

3. Recent Events

- Monthly Dinner Meetings
 - May 10, 2022 - Applications of iTwin - T&DI – Virtual Meeting – This meeting went well.
- 2022 ACE Awards – People were happy to be back in person and ending the event before 8:00 p.m. worked well.

4. Upcoming Events

- Monthly Dinner Meetings - Fall 2022 – These meetings will be discussed at the Planning Meeting. Amy Petrone will reach out to universities to see if they are planning on allowing external groups for in person events. All Committee Chairs should start reaching out to potential speakers.
- 2022 ERYMC - June 10-12, 2022 – Today is the last date to register for ERYMC at the regular price. Registration will stay open until the day before the conference. Volunteers are still needed. The social events are open to everyone, not just conference attendees. The first is on June 10th at the City Steam Brewery and the second is on June 11th at the Thomas Hooker Brewery.
- 2022 SEI Structures Seminar - June 16, 2022 - Location: MDC Operations Facility & Training Center, Hartford, CT – There will be 6 presentations offered between 8-4:30 p.m.

- Connecticut Trolley Museum Fundraiser - June 25, 2022 - Location: CT Trolley Museum 58 North Road East Windsor, CT – The theme of this event will be the 1920s and CSCE has promoted the event via email. CSCE will consider making a donation to the fundraiser.
- Fall 2022 CSCE/ITE Golf Outing – Nathan Rossi is working with Colleen Jost from ITE on this fundraiser. They may have the outing at the Timberlin Golf Course in Berlin, CT. Potential dates include September 16, October 7, October 14 and October 21. September 16 is the best date for ITE. CSCE is looking for volunteers to help with filling bags and helping on the day of the event with activities like collecting money for raffles. CSCE can send out email requests for volunteers once the date is set.

5. CSCE Executive Board Activities

5.1. Report from President - Brianna Ritacco shared the following information:

- CTDOT Involvement - Katie Hedberg-Klose has been working with ASCE to get the CTDOT partner program started. The goal is to work on a lunch-and-learn presentation internally for DOT employees to join ASCE and utilize this program over this summer.
- Re-Engage the Past President’s Council – A dinner may be planned for past presidents so they can discuss possible activities of the Council.
- PayPal Account – She will discuss the details of the account over the summer with Aaron Foster and Tyler Parker.
- Open Positions on the Executive Board (Secretary and Newsletter Editor) - The candidates for these positions need to be discussed by the Board.

5.2. Report from President-Elect – Scott Nolan shared the following information:

- Finalize 2021 PDH Records – He and Amy Petrone will finalize the records.
- He will be volunteering at the ERYMC.
- He encourages Board members to meet with the people who will replace them on the Board.

5.3. Report from Vice President – Aaron Foster shared the following information:

- He met with CSCE Past President Bob Gomez to go over CSCE’s tax filings.
- He encouraged all who spent money on items related to the ERYMC to save their receipts for reimbursement.
- CSCE has a debit card that Brianna Ritacco will return to him.
- He is ready to hand off the CSCE Treasurer files to Tyler Parker.
- He will meet with George Gerard and Jim Sime to discuss the CSCE Scholarship Fund.

5.4. Report from Secretary – Rich Cohen shared the following information:

- High School Outreach/Presentations – He discussed outreach efforts with Danielle Spicer at the ACE Awards. He reached out to Reed Brockman, who is the Outreach Coordinator with the Boston Section of ASCE and does a lot of K-12 outreach. He aims to reach out to schools in the fall with a 20-25 minute video that will be made over the summer.

5.5 Report from Newsletter Editor – The May newsletter was just released. The next newsletter is expected to be distributed during the week of June 27 - June 30.

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

- Connecticut Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute - Landon Barlow shared the following information:
 - The Chapter is planning on holding a conference on September 23 and volunteers will be needed.
- Legislative Affairs Committee - Roy Merritt shared the following information:
 - SE Licensure - Robert Zygmunt said he will try to push it along further next year.
 - The Connecticut Legislative Session ended a few weeks ago.
 - The suspension of the gas tax will run until December 2022.
- Scholarship Committee - Chair - Jim Sime sent an update via email.
- Infrastructure Report Card Committee – Roy Merritt shared the following information:
 - 5 sections have been drafted and shared with state agencies.
 - The Committee is waiting to get comments back by mid-June.
 - Just before this meeting, he had a call with ASCE. Gordon Thomas is the new Report Card contact at ASCE.
 - The goal is to release the Report Card on September 27.
- Younger Members Committee President – Katie Hedberg-Klose provided the following information:
 - Alex Klose will be the next president of the YM Group.
 - YM events for the next year will begin to be planned soon.

The next board meeting will be the Summer Planning Meeting on Friday, June 24, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.