

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
June 20, 2025 – 12 p.m. - Meeting Minutes**



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

Tyler Parker, CSCE President	Carolyn Foston, Fairfield County Branch President
Eric Hoyt, CSCE President-Elect	Jose Infante Corona, Fairfield County Branch Treasurer
Byungik Chang, CSCE Vice President	Scott Nolan, CSCE Past President
Rich Cohen, CSCE Director I	Hannah Rakowski, SEI-CT Board 2026 Chair
Aaron Foster, CSCE Director II	Nathan Rossi, Chair of the CSCE Golf Outing Committee
Geoff Schwartz, ASCE Region 1 Governor	Jim Sime, Chair of the CSCE Scholarship Committee
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	Tom Wamser, CSCE YMG Past President

1. Report from Region 1 of ASCE - Region 1 Governor Geoffrey Schwartz

- 1.1 Swearing in 2025-26 CSCE Board Members: The following Board Members were sworn in by Geoff Schwartz: President Tyler Parker, President-Elect Eric Hoyt, Vice President Byungik Chang, Director I Rich Cohen, and Director II Aaron Foster. The remaining Board members will be sworn in at a future meeting.
- 1.2 September 14-15 - 2025 Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) at ASCE Headquarters in Reston, Virginia. The PGF features interactive professional development sessions, best practice presentations, hands-on exercises for effectively running your groups, and opportunities for open discussions with your Society leaders. This event is meant for an incoming President or their designee. There is no registration fee to attend this event, but attendee expenses need to be covered by CSCE or the individual. The attendee should register by July 7th using the google form sent out via email.
- 1.3 September 19-20 - ASCE Region 1 Fall Assembly - Syracuse NY – Hopefully, CSCE can send a person to attend this event in-person.
- 1.4 Aaron Foster was recently elected to be an ASCE Region 1 Governor. Congratulations!

2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from May 16th Board Meeting

Tyler Parker made a motion to approve the minutes. Rich Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. CSCE Executive Board Activities

- 3.1 ASCE Cities of the Future Film Screening at the Connecticut Science Center – The Board could coordinate a Section viewing and encourage the Student Chapters to have their own viewing on campus. Rich Cohen was able to speak with someone at the Connecticut Science Center’s Travelling Programs Office about this film screening. The Center will be showing a 25-minute version of the film throughout the month of July, twice a day at 9 AM and 3:30 PM. Tickets will go on sale after June 30 in coordination with the launch of the Center's new website. The Center will be emailing information about purchasing group tickets and setting up a group event to him and he will share it with the Board. To help promote this film screening, CSCE can send an e-blast with the information above to its membership. Once it gets more information about group tickets or a group event, the CSCE Board can schedule a formal trip to see the film in late July.

3.2 Treasurer: Review of 2024-25 spending, 2025-26 Budget Review

- 3.2.1 Disbursement from Scholarship Fund - Jim Sime can pick up the disbursement check and deliver it to a Board member to deposit into CSCE's checking account.
- 3.2.2 Tyler Parker reviewed the CSCE checking account balance over the last 2 years with the group. He noted that the cost of events has been rising, and CSCE has been distributing more scholarships in the past couple of years. The submitted budgets for YMG and other subgroups in CSCE don't appear too different from past years. He will put together a more formal CSCE budget proposal for 2025-26 and send it out to the Board next week for its review and approval at the next CSCE Board Meeting on July 18, 2025.
- 3.2.3 To help manage its financial records in the coming year, CSCE should use ASCE's Quickbooks account.

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

- 4.1 Fairfield County Branch – Jose Infante Corona gave an update on the Branch's activities. The Branch sent a budget to the CSCE Board for review. An upcoming Branch social is scheduled for August 14th at the Brewport in Bridgeport, CT. Branch members are going to reach out to their employers to request sponsorships of Branch events.

5. 2025-2026 CSCE In-Person Monthly Dinner Meetings, Webinars and Board Meetings

- 5.1 The Board discussed the following in-person Dinner Meeting dates, topics, sponsors and locations:

Dates	Topic	Sponsor	Location
September	<i>DBIA – Round table / 691 Design build</i>	CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute & the ASCE Student Chapter at UConn	UConn
October	<i>New London Community Recreation Center</i>	CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute or CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the CT State Community College at Three Rivers	CT State Three Rivers/Mohegan Sun
November 18	<i>Greater Hartford Mobility Study – presenter: FHI</i>	CT Chapter of the ASCE Construction Institute & the ASCE Student Chapter at Quinnipiac University	Quinnipiac Univ.
January	<i>business management topic</i>	CSCE Continuing Education Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Hartford	Univ. of Hartford
February	<i>utility/offshore wind – Avangrid/UI</i>	CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of New Haven	Univ. of New Haven
March	CT DOT Commissioner - State of the DOT address	CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee & the ASCE Student Chapter at CCSU	CCSU
March	Walk Bridge Update?	Fairfield County Branch	Two Roads Brewing
April	<i>East Lyme / Goldstar bridge</i>	CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at the USCGA	USCGA
May 12	ACE Awards	CSCE	Aqua Turf Club
June	CSCE-ITE Annual Golf Outing	CSCE – ITE	Timberlin Golf Club

To help plan for these meetings, CSCE discussed the following tasks:

- ACE Awards – Amy Petrone will contact the Aqua Turf Club and reserve the Glass Room for May 12, 2026, for the 19th Annual ACE Awards.
- September CSCE Dinner meeting – Amy Petrone will ask the Graduate Storrs and the UConn Alumni Center about available dates in September for a dinner meeting.

- Fairfield County Branch Meeting in March - People were interested in hearing about a status update of the Walk Bridge. This is a possible topic for this dinner meeting presentation.
- January 2026 CSCE Dinner Meeting – If anyone has any leads on a business management topic, please let the CSCE Board know. Alternatively, the presentation at this meeting could be about the Greater Hartford Mobility Study.
- Since there was interest in hearing an update on the Stone Bridge Crossing (SBC) in Cheshire, CT, Tyler Parker will reach out to Scott Nolan for more information about this project.
- Amy Petrone will reach out to the Faculty Advisors to see if any professors would like to give a presentation at a dinner meeting.
- March 2026 CSCE Dinner Meeting - Amy Petrone will reach out to CTDOT Commissioner's office to see if he can speak at the CCSU dinner meeting in March 2026.
- Windfarms/State Pier are possible meeting topics.
- The ASCE Committee on Technical Advancement offers speakers/topics for meetings/webinars.
- For either the Dinner Meeting at Quinnipiac University on November 18th or at the University of Hartford in January 2026, Amy Petrone will ask Joe Balskus of VHB to see if he could arrange for speakers on one of the following topics: Road diets in CT; Roadway Safety or Safety Conscious Planning; Roundabouts in CT by CTDOT roundabout committee or Safe Routes to School by CTDOT and municipalities.
- A future dinner meeting topic could be the 2026 CSCE Infrastructure Report Card. CSCE needs to begin planning for this Report Card by recruiting lead authors and co-authors, holding the first planning meeting to assign chapters, and laying out the schedule for its submission to ASCE and final release.

5.2 To help plan for webinars in the coming year, CSCE discussed the following details:

- August 28: CSCE will hold an Ethics webinar that will offer 1 NYS PDH at 12 p.m. ET. The A/V check-in for this webinar will be on August 7th at 12 p.m. ET. Amy Petrone will start setting up and promoting this event soon.
- September 24 – CSCE will hold a webinar on the activities of the DOT MS4 Unit that will offer 1 NYS PDH at 12 p.m. ET. Amy Petrone will start setting up and promoting this event soon.
- Tyler Parker will reach out to CTDOT to schedule a webinar featuring a presentation about DOT automated work zone representatives in December.

5.3 Ways to Offset Costs of Dinner Meetings – CSCE will look into ways to reduce costs of these events, including offering full tables at dinner meetings to companies, including 1 person's registration in meeting sponsorships and not offering alcohol at dinner meetings.

5.4 CSCE will mail a promotional postcard CSCE's 2025-26 Meetings/Events again this year. Amy Petrone will set this up in July and have it mailed in early August.

5.5 CSCE Board Meeting Dates – The Board will continue to hold its meetings via Microsoft Teams at 12 p.m. ET on the third Friday of the month

With no more business to discuss, Tyler Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 p.m. Byungik Chang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.