

Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Planning Meeting Conference Call via Teams
Friday, June 30, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. EST



The conference call/meeting began at 11:30 a.m. The following people were in attendance on the call:

Scott Nolan, CSCE President	Ronald Hill, President of the Fairfield County Branch of CSCE
Aaron Foster, CSCE President-Elect	Tom Loto, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute
Rich Cohen, CSCE Vice President	Nathan Rossi, Chair of CSCE Golf Outing Committee
Eric Hoyt, CSCE Secretary	Randy States, Member of the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute
Sam Turek, CSCE Newsletter Editor	Tom Wamsler, YMG President
George Gerard, CSCE Director II	Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant
Danielle Morin, CSCE Member	
Danielle Spicer, ASCE Region 1	

1. 2023-2024 Officer Inductions

Danielle Spicer reviewed the duties of the CSCE Executive Board and installed the following people as officers of the 2023-2024 CSCE Executive Board:

President – Aaron Foster	Treasurer – Eric Hoyt	Newsletter Editor – Danielle Morin
President Elect – Rich Cohen	Secretary – Sam Turek	Director I – Scott Nolan

Since Brianna Ritacco and Tyler Parker could not attend this meeting, CSCE will find another time for Danielle Spicer to install them as officers of the Board.

2. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Danielle Spicer shared the dates of some upcoming events:

- August 18-20 - 2023 Younger Member Leadership Symposium in VA
- September 10-11 - Presidents and Governors Forum 2023 in VA
- September 29-30 - Region 1 Assembly meeting (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)
- October 19-21 - ASCE 2023 Convention in Chicago, IL
- January 26-27 - MRLC for Regions 1, 2, 4 & 5 in Miami, FL

3. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes - June 2, 2023

Scott Nolan made a motion to accept the minutes from the CSCE Meetings on June 2, 2023. Aaron Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. CSCE Monthly Meetings

4.1 The following tentative meeting dates, topics and locations were discussed for 2023-24:

Dates	Tentative Presenters/Topics	Co-Sponsors	Locations
September 26 or 27, 2023 (avoid 9/12)	SLR Consulting/Cove River – Topic to be coordinated by Scott Nolan	ASCE Student Chapter at UNH	University of New Haven
October 2023	WSP/Topic to be coordinated by George Gerard	CT Chapter of the ASCE SEI & ASCE Student Chapter at UConn	University of Connecticut
November 2023	CT DOT Commissioner TBD	Legislative Affairs Committee & ASCE Student Chapter at Quinnipiac University	Quinnipiac University
December 2023	Tighe and Bond/Stratford Pump Station – Topic to be coordinated by Tom Wamser	YMG	CT State Manchester Campus, Three Rivers Campus, or Norwalk Campus
January 2024	Water/Wastewater Topic to be coordinated by Tom Loto at AECOM	CT Chapter of the ASCE EWRI & the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Hartford	University of Hartford
February 2024	Bridge Project – Topic to be coordinated by Sam Turek at CHA	ASCE Student Chapter at CCSU	CCSU
March 2024	Rochambeau Bridge Reconstruction Project – Rich Cohen at Lochner will see if representatives from his company will be able to present on this topic and Ron Hill will look for a local topic too	Fairfield County Branch	Norwalk Inn / CT State Norwalk Campus
April 2024	Past ACE Award Project Winner (Amy Petrone and Scott Nolan will reach out to some companies) or Military Project (Tom Wamser will reach out to a military contact)	Government Engineers Committee	USCGA
May 2024	TBD	TBD	VIRTUAL
May 2024	ACE AWARDS	CSCE	Aqua Turf Club

In 2023, CSCE is looking to offer more virtual meetings that offer NYS PDHs. Some potential topics/speakers include:

- CT Ready Mix Concrete - Scott Nolan will reach out to this company.
- Aaron Foster will reach out to colleagues for presentation topics
- Ethics Topics
- Bike Lane Design - Sam Turek or Tom Wamser will contact Adam Webber of the City of New Haven to see if he is interested in speaking on this topic.

People were asked to send suggested topics/speakers to csceinfo@gmail.com by July 7, 2023. Once received, the topics could be assigned to a CSCE committee or a chapter of an ASCE institute. Amy Petrone and Jeff Benoit will reach out to schools for meeting dates on a Tuesday or Wednesday night in the 2nd and 3rd weeks of the month based on the calendar above. Amy Petrone will coordinate a postcard mailing of 2023-24 meetings/events in August 2023.

4.2 Board Meeting Dates through the end of 2023 – It was decided that the Board would have monthly Teams calls from 12-1:00 p.m. on the third Friday of every month on July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, and November 17.

5. CSCE Executive Board Activities

5.1 Report from President - Scott Nolan/Aaron Foster

5.1.1 The Board discussed offering annual sponsorships to companies. Aaron Foster made a motion to offer an annual sponsorship of \$2,000 per year for highlighting the sponsor at the beginning of each dinner meeting presentation on an opening PowerPoint slide, on postcard, on emails sent by CSCE, and 5 registration vouchers for monthly dinner meetings (excluding the ACE Awards Ceremony in May). Scott Nolan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5.1.2 CSCE should utilize the PDH Certificate Generator to save time & efforts when distributing PDH certificates, keeping records, etc.

5.1.3 The Board discussed establishing a geotechnical-specific scholarship. Aaron Foster made a motion to set aside \$1,000 for a geotechnical engineering sponsorship for which the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute will solicit nominations and award a scholarship for a CT resident going to study civil engineering or a civil engineering student going to a college/university in CT. Rich Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5.2 Report from President-Elect – Aaron Foster/Rich Cohen

5.2.1 CSCE should reach out to WTS to host a joint event.

5.2.2 CSCE should start in March/April 2024 to discuss an increase to its Section dues since the form is due in May.

5.3 Report from Vice President – Rich Cohen will share information with Tyler Parker about the Vice President's responsibilities.

5.4 Report from Treasurer – Eric Hoyt will contact Tyler Parker about the Treasurer's files and the cloud-based Quicken files.

5.5 Report from Secretary - Eric Hoyt and Sam Turek will review the Secretary's files in July.

5.6 Report from Newsletter Editor - Sam Turek and Danielle Morin will review the Newsletter Editor's files in July.

5.7 Report from Director I – Brianna Ritacco/Scott Nolan - Brianna Ritacco will be the chair for the CSCE Past Presidents' Council. She wants to host another event for Past Presidents in 2023-24. CSCE will review its budget before making a decision about the funding for this Past Presidents' event.

5.8 Report from Director II – George Gerard/Brianna Ritacco – George Gerard would like to serve on the Scholarship Committee and/or the Audit Committee in the coming year. He also suggested that CSCE consider having an in-person

Board meeting in January or February 2024 at Elizabeth's in Rocky Hill, CT, as it had done before the pandemic, to strategize about the year's events.

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

6.1 ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute – CT Chapter - Chair Tom Loto shared the following information with the Board:

6.1.1 September 12th is the Annual Golf Outing for AWWA is scheduled for September 12, 2023.

6.1.2 Upcoming events from affiliated organizations include the Annual NEWEA Conference & Exhibit in Boston on January 21-24, 2024; the NYWEA Conference on February 5-7, 2024, the NEWEA Spring Meeting on May 19-22, 2024; in Newport, RI; and the NYWEA Spring Technical Conference during the first week in June 2024.

6.1.3 He will reach out to volunteers to help plan activities for this Chapter. He may look into hosting a joint event with CTWEA (Connecticut Water Environment Association), which is the organization that resulted from the merger of the Connecticut Water Pollution Control Authority (CWPCA) and the Connecticut Water Pollution Abatement Association (CWPAAs).

6.2 ASCE Geo-Institute - Connecticut Valley Chapter – The Chapter is hosting its 2nd Annual GEO-CT Conference on September 22, 2023, and a Geotechnical Seminar in spring of 2024.

6.3 ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter – The Chapter is hosting a Structural Engineering Seminar on October 20, 2023.

6.4 Legislative Affairs Committee - Aaron Foster will reach out to Chris Fagan to see if he wants to work with Roy Merritt on this committee.

6.5 Membership Committee - Scott Nolan will follow up with Sam Turek about the activities of this committee.

6.6 Scholarship Committee Chair Jim Sime sent a scholarship report to the Board, but he was unable to attend this meeting. In the report, he requested that CSCE authorize subscribing to the new Brinker Advisor service either for six months or for 1 year. The Board discussed his request and wondered if a subscription is necessary since the recommendation in the report is to continue to maintain the Board-approved Policy Portfolio Asset Allocation percentages in each asset class investment through periodic re-balancing. It was decided that George Gerard will ask Jim Sime to give an overview of the Brinker newsletter/website at a future CSCE Board meeting.

6.7 Golf Outing Committee –Nathan Rossi helped manage this great event on behalf of CSCE.

6.8 Younger Member Group President Tom Wamser shared the following information with the Board:

6.8.1 Yard Goats Game Trip at the end of August - SLR Consulting may be a sponsor for this event. Several other technical groups/companies are planning trips to Yard Goats games in August as well including CTAWWA on September 1st, CTWEA on August 4th, WTS on August 3rd, and AECOM on a date TBD. Tom Wamser and Scott Nolan will talk after the meeting to pick a date for the YMG trip.

6.8.2 YMG Bylaws Review - Scott Nolan needs to review the bylaws.

6.8.3 The YMG could have possible trail clean up with EWB (Engineers without Borders).

6.8.4 There are now 3 active YMG members in addition to the elected officers.

6.8.5 A potential field trip is to visit the Stratford Wastewater Pump Station.

6.8.6 He is interested in submitting a YMG award nomination to ASCE on behalf of the CSCE YMG before February 1, 2024.

7. Goals / Open Discussion:

7.1 Scott Nolan would like CSCE to aim to increase the CSCE Membership to 2,000 CSCE members by the 2024 ACE Awards.

7.2 Scott Nolan will explore the idea of having the PDH Credits people earn lead to a discount of the fees paid for their PE Renewal Application each year.

7.3 The Board discussed its response related to comments made at the ACE Awards.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams on July 21, 2023.