

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
July 17, 2026 – 12 p.m. - Meeting Minutes**



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

Eric Hoyt, CSCE President	Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE
Byungik Chang, CSCE President-Elect	Transportation & Development Institute
Jodi Constant, CSCE Vice President	Jose Infante Corona, Fairfield County Branch Member
Junnan Cao, CSCE Secretary	Hannah Rakowski, Chair of SEI-CT Chapter
Song Wang, CSCE Treasurer	Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant
Tyler Parker, CSCE Director I	
Rich Cohen, CSCE Director II & ASCE Region 1 Governor (NJ Section)	

1. Report from Region 1 of ASCE - Region 1 Governor Rich Cohen

1.1 ASCE Region 1 Governors meeting – Rich Cohen will send an update after Monday’s meeting.

1.2 Region 1 Fall Assembly in Rhode Island – September 25-26, 2026 – Eric Hoyt will try to attend this event.

1.3 Installation of 2026-27 Treasurer Song Wang – Rich Cohen made a motion via email on June 23, 2026, to accept Song Wang for the role of Treasurer. Jodi Constant seconded the motion via email. The motion passed unanimously. Then, at this meeting, Rich Cohen installed Song Wang as CSCE Treasurer. Song Wang and Jodi Constant will meet soon about the Treasurer’s files and the internet access to CSCE’s accounts.

2. CSCE Board - Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from CSCE Board Meeting on June 19, 2026

Eric Hoyt made a motion to approve the minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting on June 19, 2026. Jodi Constant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. 2026-27 CSCE In-Person Monthly Dinner Meetings and Webinars

3.1 Upcoming Dinner Meetings Update

- CSCE Dinner Meeting at the University of Connecticut on October 21, 2026 – If CSCE doesn’t have a confirmed speaker by July 22, 2026, CSCE will coordinate with Ranjit Bhawe from Parsons about giving a presentation on the I-91/I-691/Route 15 Interchange program in Meriden, CT, at this meeting. CSCE can ask Professor Ramesh Malla to give a presentation at a CSCE Dinner Meeting in 2027.
- CSCE Dinner Meeting at the University of Hartford on January 27, 2027 – CSCE is still looking for a presenter for this meeting. Jodi Constant will see if a WSP speaker could give a presentation at this meeting. Alternatively, CSCE can ask Professor Ramesh Malla to give the meeting presentation.
- CSCE Dinner Meeting at the University of New Haven on either February 10 or 17, 2027 – Garg Engineering will give a presentation on bridge inspection at this meeting. It is expected that exact date of this meeting will be determined in September 2026.
- CSCE Dinner Meeting at CCSU on either March 10 or 24, 2027 – CSCE invited the CTDOT Commissioner to give a presentation at this dinner meeting, but his schedule for March has not been finalized yet. As such, the Constitution Room has been reserved for both dates. Hopefully, he can give a presentation on one of the dates when his schedule is more finalized in September.

- CSCE Dinner Meeting at the USCGA on April 14, 2027 - CSCE is still looking for a presenter for this meeting. Tyler Parker will reach out to Gold Star Bridge engineers about giving the presentation at this meeting.
- 20th Annual ACE Awards on May 5, 2027 – Amy Petrone will invite an ASCE representative in the fall to attend this event.

3.2 Webinars Update

3.2.1 Scheduled Webinars

- Joint CSCE/COMTO Webinar on Bus Shelter Enhancement Program on 9/9/26 at 12 p.m.
- Ethics Webinar by David Williams - Amy Petrone has reached out to him about giving the webinar in October or November 2026.
- How to be an Expert Witness webinar by David Williams – Amy Petrone has reached out to him about giving the webinar in February or March 2027.

3.2.2 Potential Webinar Topics:

- UES offered to give a free webinar on a variety of topics to CSCE members. The Board discussed the topics and Amy Petrone will ask UES to give a presentation on Assessing Risk of Structure Damage over Abandoned Coal Mines at a CSCE webinar.
- Geotechnical and hydraulics issues related to the MDC tunnel project - Song Wang will ask if representatives are interested in giving a presentation at an upcoming webinar.

4. Reports from Executive Board Members/Younger Members Group/Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

- 4.1 Treasurer – Jodi Constant gave an update on CSCE’s accounts. To help cover costs for its upcoming events, she suggested that the Younger Members Group apply for ASCE grants before CSCE approves its budget request. Additionally, Amy Petrone will reach out to all the past annual sponsors to see if any of them would like to be annual sponsors again in 2026-27.
- 4.2 Continuing Education Committee - Proposed Collaboration: Civil & Construction Software Training Program at University of Hartford – Song Wang is working on developing a session where students would attend for free. Once the session is finalized, CSCE can help promote it.
- 4.3 History & Heritage Committee – Historical Documents scanning funding request - On June 23, 2026, Rich Cohen made a motion via email to approve the budget request of outgoing History and Heritage Committee Chair Randy States in the sum of \$2,820 for the digital scanning of CSCE historical documents. Jodi Constant seconded the motion via email and it passed unanimously.
- 4.4 GEO-CT Valley Chapter – The Chapter is starting to plan its 2026 GEO-CT Conference in Rocky Hill, CT.
- 4.5 SEI-CT Chapter – Hannah Rakowski gave an update on the seminar that the Chapter is planning for November 6, 2026. The Chapter Board is visiting 2 possible venue locations and is still looking for abstracts. People can send abstracts to Hannah Rakowski or submit them online. The seminar will host an undergraduate student poster session organized by Kim Fletcher and the Chapter will discuss hosting a poster session for recent undergraduate and graduate students.

- 4.6 2026 CSCE Infrastructure Report Card Committee Report – There are currently 6 people who are interested in writing report sections. There hasn't been much progress on this report since it has been difficult to find people to write the section on dams and ASCE won't publish a report card without a section on dams. To help find engineers who work on dams, CSCE is working with CT DEEP to give a presentation on dam safety standards and infrastructure. If CSCE could offer a presentation related to dams at a dinner meeting, CSCE may be able to connect with local engineers who work on dams. Song Wang also has a colleague who works on dams. He will reach out to her to see if she knows anyone who can help with this Report Card section.
- 4.7 Career Guidance Committee – Kurt Prochorena, Salman Ali, Wiktor Szwajger, John Mills, and Joe Risoli are interested in co-chairing this committee. They are planning to hold a Teams meeting later in July to determine who can be co-chairs for 2026-27, to discuss any improvements to suggest to help volunteers preparing for, attending or following up on the visits in the upcoming school year, and to determine if there any supplies CSCE could buy to use on the visits.
- 4.8 Younger Members Group – The Board reviewed the YMG's budget request. Large portions of the request relate to travel and registration at a leadership conference and symposium. Jodi Constant made a motion to approve the YMG's August events (Younger Members Leadership Symposium and Summit on August 21-23, 2026, and its Mini-Golf Social on August 26, 2026). Eric Hoyt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. Any Other Business
- 5.1 CSCE Summer Social for the Board, Fairfield County Branch Board, YMG Board, and chairs/boards of Committees/Institute Chapters – Since it is too difficult to schedule a social that is separate from the Fairfield County Branch Social, CSCE won't schedule a Board social this year.
- 5.2 Lands' End Logo Apparel for CSCE's Leaders – The Board discussed the allotment for CSCE leaders to purchase items with a CSCE logo on it from Lands' End for use at upcoming CSCE/ASCE events.
- 5.3 Possible Approval of CSCE Events by Licensed Site Professional (LSP) Board that may increase popularity of CSCE's events – At the 2026 geotechnical seminar, a presenter suggested that CSCE contact the LSP Board to see if CSCE could get approved to provide LSP continuing education credits for the presentations at its professional development events that relate to LSPs. CSCE will explore this opportunity at future CSCE events that involve presentations by Licensed Site Professionals.
- 5.4 Funding Request from She Looks Just Like Me: Girls STEM Leadership Experience – The Board reviewed this funding request.

With no more business to discuss, Eric Hoyt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Jodi Constant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next meeting date: Friday, August 21, 2026, at 12 p.m. Noon via Teams