

Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers  
(CSCE) Board Planning Meeting Conference Call via Teams  
Friday, August 18, 2023, 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:

Aaron Foster, CSCE President	Landon Barlow, Chair of the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute
Eric Hoyt, CSCE Treasurer	Byungik Chang, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute
Danielle Morin, CSCE Newsletter Editor	Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute
Brianna Ritacco, CSCE Director II	Tom Loto, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute
Scott Nolan, CSCE Director I	Hudson Jackson, Chair of CSCE Student Chapters Committee
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	Sanjeev Mohan, YMG Vice President

1. 2023-2024 Officer Inductions

Danielle Spicer installed Brianna Ritacco and Tyler Parker as 2023-24 CSCE officers earlier in August.

2. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Danielle Spicer

August 18-20 - 2023 Younger Member Leadership Symposium in VA – Katie Hedberg-Klose, Tom Wamser and Ariana Antonucci are attending this event.

September 10-11 - Presidents and Governors Forum 2023 in VA - Aaron Foster is interested in attending this event.

September 29-30 - Region 1 Assembly meeting (Montreal, Quebec, Canada) - Scott Nolan is interested in attending this event.

October 19-21 - ASCE 2023 Convention in Chicago, IL - Eric Hoyt may be interested in attending this event.

3. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from June 30, 2023, and July 21, 2023

Scott Nolan made a motion to approve the minutes from the CSCE Board Conference Call meetings on June 30, 2023, and July 21, 2023. Brianna Ritacco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. CSCE Monthly Meetings

September 26 – This dinner meeting will be co-sponsored by the CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, CT. The CTDOT Commissioner will give the presentation at this meeting.

October 18 – This dinner meeting will be co-sponsored by the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at Quinnipiac University. Aaron Foster will contact George Gerard about scheduling a speaker for this meeting and Byungik Chang will ask the CT Chapter’s Board members for speaker suggestions too.

November 14 – This dinner meeting will be co-sponsored by the CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of New Haven. Ranjit Bhavé will identify a speaker for this meeting's presentation.

December – This dinner meeting will be co-sponsored by the Three Rivers Campus of CT State College in Norwich, CT. Ryan Benoit of Tighe & Bond will be giving the presentation at this meeting about the Stratford Pump Stations.

January 30 – This dinner meeting will be co-sponsored by the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Hartford. Landon Barlow will identify a speaker for this meeting's presentation.

February 21 – This dinner meeting will be co-sponsored by the CT Chapter of the ASCE Construction Institute at the ASCE Student Chapter at CCSU. Billy Cunningham will identify a speaker for this meeting's presentation.

March 19 – This dinner meeting will be sponsored by the Fairfield County Branch and Rich Cohen will identify a speaker to give a presentation about the Rochambeau Bridge and Ron Hill will also look for a local speaker. This meeting will be held in the Norwalk area.

April 16 – This dinner meeting will be co-sponsored by the Government Engineers Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Dr. Brock Barry will be giving a presentation at this meeting.

Before CSCE opens registration for these meetings, it needs to determine the registration prices for them. Amy Petrone will send cost estimates for the meetings at the University of Connecticut, Quinnipiac University and UNH to the CSCE Board by next Monday or Tuesday to help the Board determine the prices for the meetings.

CSCE will send 2023-24 events postcards out again this year. Amy Petrone will contact Pages, Inc., about managing this type of mailing again this year.

## 5. Webinars

- Aaron Foster is setting up webinars on the following topics:

Permitting	Noise Analysis	CT Railroad Future
Rights-of-Way CEPA	Scoping Process	Structural considerations over mines

- Scott Nolan will contact CT Ready Mix Concrete about giving a webinar.
- CSCE would like to hold a webinar on bike lane design between December 2023 and April 2024. Scott Nolan will ask people at SLR Consulting and Brianna Ritacco will ask people at CTDOT about giving a webinar on this topic.
- Aaron Foster contacted Katie Hedberg-Klose about co-sponsoring a virtual presentation on ethics as a joint presentation with WTS.
- Some of these topics could be topics at in-person dinner meetings. Aaron Foster will look into this possibility.
- Aaron Foster will work with Amy Petrone to set these webinars up.

## 6. CSCE Executive Board Activities

### 6.1. Report from President - Aaron Foster

- Annual Sponsorship – Aaron Foster has draft language about this sponsorship that he will send out to CSCE Board members.
- PDH Certificate Generator Tool – Using this will save time distributing PDH certificates and keeping PDH records. Aaron Foster will set up a meeting with Amy Petrone, Rich Cohen and Tyler Parker soon about this topic.

### 6.2 Report from Treasurer – Eric Hoyt

Eric Hoyt received an email from Tyler Parker about accessing PayPal, Webster and Quicken account. They will meet soon.

### 6.3 Report from Newsletter Editor – Sam Turek/Danielle Morin

Sam Turek, Amy Petrone and Danielle Morin will aim to review the Newsletter Editor's files next week.

### 6.4 Report from Director II – Brianna Ritacco

- The Past President's Council meeting has been scheduled for September 27, 2023.
- Brianna Ritacco sent an email to the CSCE Board with edits to the CSCE Operations Manual. She hasn't seen any markup or responses to comments in Manual yet. In September/early October, she could set up another meeting for Board members to review the edits.
- Draft email to ACE Awards attendees re: speaker comments - She thinks it is important for CSCE to acknowledge that CSCE disagrees with the comments and could provide the speaker's apology to the attendees. CSCE discussed the suggestion. Hudson Jackson agreed and suggested that CSCE be direct with the attendees about the comments at the ACE Awards and share the speaker's apology with the attendees soon. Aaron Foster and Brianna Ritacco will develop this response next week.

### 6.5 Report from Director I – Scott Nolan

- YMG trip to the Yard Goats game – Scott Nolan is working with the SLR Consulting marketing team about distributing swag or sending attendees from different engineering disciplines to the game.

## 7. Reports from Institute Chapters/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

### 7.1 ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Chair – Byungik Chang

- No student seminar will be held in September. This event will be moved to January 2024.
- He met with Amy about the 2023 Structural Engineering Seminar on 10/20/23. CSCE is ready to set up registration and promote the event.

### 7.2 Younger Member Group - President – Sanjeev Mohan

- Upcoming events include a trip to a Hartford Yard Goats game on 8/31, a resume review at UNH on 8/29, and an event with Engineers Without Borders on 9/9 or 9/10.
- The YMG is looking to schedule field trips to local job sites.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. The next CSCE board meeting is scheduled for 12 noon EST via Teams on 9/15/23.