

Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Planning Meeting Conference Call via Teams
Friday, August 19, 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:

Scott Nolan, CSCE President	Byungik Chang, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute
Aaron Foster, CSCE President-Elect	Roy Merritt, CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
Rich Cohen, CSCE Vice President	Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute
Tyler Parker, CSCE Treasurer	Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant
Sam Turek, CSCE Newsletter Editor	
Danielle Spicer, ASCE Region 1 Governor	

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

- Updates on ASCE Region 1 Fall Assembly - 9/23-9/24 in Rochester, NY – People interested in attending the Assembly should register for it using [eventbrite](#) and can reserve a room at the Strathallan Rochester Hotel & Spa in Rochester, NY. ASCE would like to see at least one person from CSCE attend in person and more can attend virtually. The agenda for the Assembly will be sent out about a week before the Assembly.
- Presidents & Governors Forum in Reston, VA – This will be held on September 11-12, 2022.

2. Review/Approve CSCE Annual Planning Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2022

- Scott Nolan made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting/call on July 22, 2022. Aaron Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Monthly Dinner/Virtual Meetings

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Even though prices for hosting dinner meetings have gone up from past years, CSCE will move forward without raising prices for dinner meetings at this time.
- September 21, 2022 – The co-sponsors for this meeting are the CT Chapter of the Construction Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of New Haven. It will be held at the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale, but CSCE is also checking on the availability of the German Club Ballroom at UNH, which could be used between October and May because it lacks air conditioning. If it were available at another time in 2022-23, then CSCE would need to decide if it could reserve it for a future dinner meeting. No topic/speaker has been confirmed for this meeting yet.
- October 18, 2022 – The co-sponsors for this meeting are the Water Resources Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Connecticut at Storrs. It will be held at the Graduate Hotel at UConn. The speakers for this meeting will be from SLR Consulting.
- November 2022 - The co-sponsors for this in-person dinner meeting are the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at Quinnipiac. The speaker is Mike Culmo from CHA Consulting and he will be giving a presentation on the Straddle Bent for the Charter Oak Bridge Approach Ramp. No location has been reserved for this meeting yet.
- December 2022 – The sponsor for this virtual lunch meeting is the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute. A date hasn't been chosen yet and a suggested topic is the Mega-Yacht Lift. CSCE could coordinate a site visit to

view this lift at a warmer time of year. Amy Petrone will ask Landon Barlow if he has a different topic in mind for this meeting. If not, Amy Petrone can reach out to RACE Coastal to see if its representatives would like to present at this meeting.

- January 2023 – The co-sponsors for this in-person dinner meeting are the CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee and ASCE Student Chapter at University of Hartford. CSCE Programs Committee Chair Jeff Benoit is checking to see if there are any available dates at the 1877 Club at the University of Hartford to hold this meeting. At this meeting, representatives of the Legislative Affairs Committee will be giving an update on the latest Infrastructure Report Card for Connecticut.
- February 15, 2023 – The co-sponsors for this in-person dinner meeting are the CSCE Younger Members Group and ASCE Student Chapter at CCSU. This meeting will be held at the Constitution Room in Memorial Hall at CCSU. The tentative meeting topic is the TPC Highlands.
- March 23, 2023 – The sponsor for this in-person dinner meeting is the Fairfield County Branch of CSCE. The meeting will be held at the Norwalk Inn in Norwalk, CT, and Dan McCarthy with Preload is scheduled to give a presentation on the construction of three 22-million-gallon tanks in Baltimore County.
- April 18, 2023 – The co-sponsors for this meeting are the CSCE Government Engineers Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at the USCGA. A suggested topic for the presentation is *Civil Engineering in the Military*.
- May 17, 2023 – The sponsor for this virtual lunch meeting is the CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute. At this meeting, Patricia Houser, AICP, with Parsons will give a presentation on either sustainable transportation or equity in transportation.
- May 23, 2023 – ACE Awards at the Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT
- August – Promotional Postcard Mailing of 2022-2023 Meetings/Events – Amy Petrone is waiting until dates/locations for the fall meetings are finalized before mailing the postcards. The lists of EITs and PEs from the state's website have been downloaded. Amy Petrone will let people know how many addresses were added this year from the two lists.

4. CSCE Executive Board Activities

- Report from President-Elect - Aaron Foster reviewed suggestions from the list of previous Benjamin Wright winners and narrowed down the names of people to nominate to become ASCE Distinguished Members.
- Report from Vice President – Rich Cohen has not received any offers yet from people to be videoed for CSCE's outreach to students in coordination with Ben Cote's EngiMentor program. Scott Nolan is interested in getting people from SLR Consulting to be videoed and he would be happy to be videoed. Aaron Foster can also ask for volunteers at CHA Consulting and Tyler Parker can help find volunteers from Lochner.
- Report from Treasurer – Tyler Parker shared the following information:
 - He will order checks for CSCE that will be mailed to VN Engineers.
 - The balances in CSCE's accounts are about \$37,000 in the checking account, about \$34,500 in the money market account and about \$13,000 in the PayPal account.
 - All the ERYMC reimbursements have been made
 - Amy Petrone will continue to reach out to the ASCE student chapters in Connecticut to let them know that CSCE can offer funding assistance or volunteer resources to them.
 - Before the next Board meeting, he will check to see if all the scholarship checks have been cashed.
 - He will finalize CSCE's most recent tax return.
 - He will plan to make a deposit into CSCE's scholarship fund.
 - He has provided tax exempt forms when needed to Amy Petrone for venues and CSCE purchases.

- Report from Director I – Brianna Ritacco shared the following information:
 - The Past Presidents Dinner is on September 7, 2022. There are 10 people on list and the RSVP deadline is August 24, 2022.
 - CTDOT Partner Program – The contract for this program has been signed. She and Katie Hedberg-Klose are meeting with ASCE on August 30, 2022, to review the contract and the materials that describe how to get employees to register for the program.
 - SMPS CT will be hosting the 2022 Win More Work (WMW) Summit. CSCE is going to be a collaborating sponsor for the event and will try to get some CSCE members to attend this event.
- Report from Director II – George Gerard would like to transfer the payment for the CSCE Teams license to CSCE. Tyler Parker will reach out to him about paying the CSCE Teams license from the CSCE account.

5. Report from Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

- Infrastructure Report Card Committee – Roy Merritt provided the following information about the 2022 Report Card:
 - The Report Card is being unveiled at a 10:00 a.m. (tentative time) press conference on September 27, 2022.
 - Roy Merritt will need a check from Tyler Parker to cover the costs of the Report Card designer’s work.
 - ASCE is spending the next couple of weeks editing the Report Card.
 - CSCE could get a billboard ad to promote the Report Card during the week of September 27th. Aaron Foster will get a quote for this type of ad.

With no more business to discuss at this time, the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.