

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Planning Meeting Conference Call via Teams  
Friday, August 20, 2021, 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:

Brianna Maljanian, CSCE President

Clay Patterson, CSCE Treasurer

Richard Cohen, CSCE Secretary

Tyler Parker, CSCE Newsletter Editor

George Gerard, CSCE Director I

Ben Cote, CSCE Director II

Danielle Spicer ASCE Region 1 Governor

Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

Tom Loto, Water Resources Committee Chair

Katie Klose, Younger Members Group President

Roy Merritt, Legislative Affairs Committee Chair

Jud Wible, Golf Outing Committee Chair

Ron Hill, Fairfield County Branch of CSCE President

Alex Mora, Chair of CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute

1. 2021-2022 Officer Inductions - Treasurer & Newsletter Editor

Danielle Spicer inducted Tyler Parker as the Newsletter Editor and Clay Patterson as the Treasurer on the CSCE Executive Board for 2021-2022.

2. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Danielle Spicer

Danielle Spicer provided the following information to the Board:

- ASCE Region 1 is holding a Virtual Assembly on September 24, 2021.
- ASCE's National and Regional events will be held virtually until January 3, 2022.

3. Younger Members Group Activities

Katie Klose provided the following information to the Board:

- The speaker and topic for the ethics dinner meeting presentation on October 20, 2021, has been confirmed.
- The Group is waiting for guidance from ASCE National about holding the 2022 MRLC in-person at the end of January 2022.
- Board members were asked to encourage younger employees (35 years old or younger) or newer staff at their offices, to get involved with the YM Group and CSCE.
- Board members were asked to encourage their employers to sponsor the 2022 MRLC if they are not sponsoring it already.

4. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from CSCE Planning Meeting/Conference Call on July 23, 2021

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Planning Meeting/Conference Call on July 23, 2021. Brianna Maljanian made a motion to approve the minutes. George Gerard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## 5. Upcoming Events

### 5.1 Monthly Dinner Meetings

- September 22, 2021 – Topic: Living Shoreline - Scott Nolan is coordinating the speaker for this meeting.
- October 20, 2021 – Topic: Ethics – The speaker is confirmed for this meeting. Brianna Maljanian will look into the PDH requirement for ethics and check to see if an hour-long presentation is required.
- November 17, 2021 – Topic: Walk Bridge Program – The speakers are confirmed for this meeting. Brianna Maljanian offered to see if the speakers can do a presentation at the March 22nd presentation at the Norwalk Inn in Norwalk instead since the Walk Bridge Program is located in Norwalk.
- December 15, 2021 - Topic TBD - Geo-Institute (No school identified)
- January 26, 2022 - Topic TBD - SEI
- February 16, 2022 - Topic TBD - Legislative Affairs (Quinnipiac)
- March 22, 2022 - Topic TBD - Norwalk Inn (Fairfield County Branch)
- April 13, 2022 - Topic TBD - T&DI (No school identified)

### 5.2 Fall Geotechnical Seminar

Clay Patterson, Chair of the Connecticut Valley Chapter of the Geo-Institute, provided the following information about the seminar:

- The seminar will be held virtually.
- A half day of presentations have been confirmed. The Chapter is looking for more presenters.
- The seminar is proposed to be held on October 22 and October 29, 2021.

### 5.3 CSCE/ITE Golf Outing

Per ASCE recommendation, sections were advised to hold events virtually instead of in-person from now through the end of 2021. Also, towns in Connecticut are requiring people to wear masks indoors, which includes engineering offices. As a result of the recommendation by ASCE, Jud Wible will see if ITE wants to host the golf outing on its own this year.

### 5.4 ACE Awards

To allow for more nominations to be submitted, CSCE extended the deadline for ACE Awards project and engineer/firm nominations until October 1, 2021. Amy Petrone reserved the Glass Room at the Aqua Turf Club for May 26, 2022, just in case the 2022 ACE Awards can be held in-person.

## 6. CSCE Executive Board, Committee, Branch & Institute Activities

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- 6.2 Report from Vice President – Once CSCE completes an audit of its records and the Treasurer transition is complete, the review of the scholarship changes will happen, probably this fall.
- 6.3 Report from Treasurer – Aaron Foster and Clay Patterson will meet soon to review the Treasurer responsibilities.
- 6.4 Report from Secretary – Rich Cohen has started to review the CSCE Bylaws & Operations Manual. He will update them as needed and send them to Amy Petrone and Brianna Maljanian. Rich Cohen and Clay Patterson intend to meet next week to talk about the responsibilities of the Secretary position.
- 6.5 Report from Newsletter Editor – Tyler Parker is working on September’s newsletter. He is going to include a project he is working on for the project spotlight portion of the newsletter.
- 6.6 Report from Director I – George Gerard looked into laptop options and suggested that CSCE purchase an HP 17.3” laptop with an Intel Core i5 processor and 8 GB of memory for \$619.99. He made a motion to purchase the laptop. Brianna Maljanian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. On a separate issue, George Gerard will contact Rachael Flores of George Washington University to get more information about her request for CSCE to promote an engineer well-being survey to CSCE members.
- 6.7 Report from CT Chapter of Structural Engineering Institute – The Chapter’s Board hasn’t met this month. It is currently looking for another Board member. Alex Mora is finalizing the presentation for the CSCE meeting on January 26, 2022.
- 6.8 Fairfield County Branch – Ron Hill will find a topic & speaker for the CSCE meeting on March 22, 2022. If anyone has suggestions for topics/speakers, please let him know.
- 6.9 Legislative Affairs Committee – The Committee is not going to meet until October/November. Roy Merritt is managing the development of CSCE’s next Infrastructure Report Card. Its confirmed authors so far are Rich Cohen for the Roadway section and Chris Fagan for the Bridges section. Tom Loto offered to assist with the Drinking Water & Wastewater section and Roy Merritt is waiting to hear back from Sara Ramsbottom about her availability to help with that section as well. He will also contact Julie Silva about her availability to help with the Drinking Water & Wastewater section. He is also waiting to hear back from Aaron Foster about helping with the Rail Section. Brianna Maljanian will check with Aaron Foster about his availability this afternoon. Once the sections authors are finalized in the next couple of weeks, Roy Merritt will contact ASCE.
- 6.10 CT Chapter of the Transportation & Development Institute – Brianna Maljanian will coordinate with Ranjit Bhawe about the bylaws for this Chapter and get them incorporated into CSCE’s Operations Manual & Appendices.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

The next CSCE board meeting will be on Friday, September 17, 2021, at 12 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.