

Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Planning Meeting Conference Call via Teams  
Friday, September 15, 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	
Rich Cohen, CSCE President-Elect	Byungik Chang, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute
Tyler Parker, CSCE Vice President	
Eric Hoyt, CSCE Treasurer	Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute
Sam Turek, CSCE Secretary	
Danielle Morin, CSCE Newsletter Editor	Nathan Rossi, Chair of CSCE Golf Outing Committee
Scott Nolan, CSCE Director I	Hudson Jackson, Chair of CSCE Student Chapters Committee
Brianna Ritacco, Director II	Tom Wamser, YMG President
Danielle Spicer, Outgoing ASCE Region 1 Governor	Sanjeev Mohan, YMG Vice President
Geoffrey Schwartz, Incoming ASCE Region 1 Governor	Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Danielle Spicer & Geoffrey Schwartz

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

September 10-11 - Presidents and Governors Forum 2023 in VA - No one from CSCE attended this forum.

September 29-30 - Region 1 Assembly Meeting (Montreal, Quebec, Canada) – Aaron Foster and Rich Cohen will attend this event virtually.

October 19-21 - ASCE 2023 Convention in Chicago, IL - Eric Hoyt may be interested in attending this event. He has checked with his company to see if it can cover the cost of his trip, but he hasn't heard anything yet.

January 26-27 - ERYMC/MRLC/YMLS – Sam Turek, Tyler Parker, Tom Wamser, Aaron Foster, Ariana Antonucci and Mohamed Hashem are interested in attending this event. People will ask their companies if they can pay for their trip expenses. The registration deadline for sponsors is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Change of Governor – Danielle Spicer has been the ASCE Region 1 Governor for the past 6 years. Geoffrey Schwartz, who is located in Cambridge, MA, will be the next Governor. If CSCE has any needs for speakers in the future, please contact him. Danielle Spicer will also be available to answer any questions.

Spring Assembly – Information about the dates and times is forthcoming.

2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from August 18, 2023

Aaron Foster made a motion to approve the minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting Conference call on August 18, 2023. Rich Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### 3. CSCE Monthly Meetings

The following items were discussed related to the upcoming meetings:

- 3.1 Amy Petrone will ask George Gerard about offering a presentation on I-95 Bridgeport at the meeting on February 21, 2024.
- 3.2 The topic for the meeting on November 14, 2023, will be UHPC by engineers from HNTB.
- 3.3 The topic for the meeting in December 2023 will be the Stratford Pump Stations by Ryan Benoit from Tighe & Bond.
- 3.4 Amy Petrone will ask David Jacobs if he can give a presentation at Quinnipiac University on October 18, 2023.
- 3.5 Aaron Foster, Rich Cohen, Tyler Parker and Amy Petrone met and set the prices for the dinner meetings in September, October, November and December. They are as follows:
  - CSCE Members - No NYS PDH: \$40.00 + \$10.00 = \$50.00
  - CSCE Members who want to earn 1 NYS PDH: \$50.00 + \$10.00 = \$60.00
  - Non CSCE Members - No NYS PDH: \$50.00 + \$10.00 = \$60.00
  - Non CSCE Members who want to earn 1 NYS PDH: \$60.00 + \$10.00 = \$70.00
  - Full Time Students - No NYS PDH: \$10.00 + \$10.00 = \$20.00
- 3.6 CSCE intends to offer webinars that offer PDHs beginning in October on the following topics:
  - CT Railroad Future - October - Jay Young
  - Design Build/Challenging Permitting - Raquel Ocasio
  - Rights-of-Way - Matt G.
  - Noise Analysis - Anna
  - CEPA Scoping Process - Kevin F.
  - Eightmile River Conservation - Pat Young
  - Structural Considerations Over Mines
  - Ethics Presentation - Frederick Hedberg
  - CT Ready Mix Concrete
  - Bike lane design and Complete Streets – Scott Nolan will ask colleagues at SLR and Brianna Ritacco will ask colleagues at CTDOT about giving a presentation on this topic.
- 3.7 Aaron Foster is working on scheduling the following equity presentations/events:
  - Catalyst Inc. - Either: “Recruit more women” or “Help women engineers advance in the workplace”
  - WBE Seminar - WBE companies panel discussion on topics like the challenges facing small business owners in the civil engineering space (can be non-civil engineers)
  - ASCE Mosaic
  - Panel Discussion on Women in the workforce - Challenges/successes
  - College outreach:
    - Engr 101 - why become a civil engineer?
    - Consulting 101 - teaching new hires - what the industry is like
    - Civil engineering industry – Sam Turek and Tom Wamser offered to help with this type of event.
    - Senior Design – presentation
  - High School outreach:
    - Career day - what the day looks like? Steps it took to get where we are?
    - Guidance counselors – Rich Cohen and Amy Petrone could send information about ASCE’s Future World Vision initiative via email to CSCE members.
    - Tyler Parker will reach out to Avon.
    - Society of Women Engineers – CSCE will look into opportunities to partner with SWE on programs. Danielle Morin will contact SWE about this opportunity.

- PWC - Tom Wamser will reach out to PWC about a presentation or program.
- Scott Nolan and Rich Cohen's presentation at Wolcott High School was well received.
- Danielle Morin and O&G Industries contacted high schools to meet with students and participated in Career Days.

3.8 Brianna Ritacco developed an email that could be sent out to address the comments made at the ACE Awards and to promote the events listed above. CSCE will aim to send the email to individuals from ACE Awards Dinner on October 1, 2023, and send a separate email to the entire membership with the upcoming events.

#### 4. CSCE Executive Board Activities Not Discussed Above

4.1 Report from Treasurer –Eric Hoyt – He met with Sam Turek to review tasks of the CSCE Secretary.

4.2 Report from Director II – Brianna Ritacco:

- 9/27 Past President's Council meeting - 15 people are on the list.
- Edits to the CSCE Operations Manual – She will meet with Amy Petrone to review the proposed changes and send them to the Board.
- She heard from City Steam re invoice for ERYMC event.

4.3 Report from Director I – Scott Nolan

- YMG trip to the Yard Goats Game on 8/31/23 – This trip went very well. It was well attended and there were a lot of giveaways from SLR for the attendees. There were good photos taken for social media and there was a good level of interest from students and Younger Members.
- Pizza for Resume Review – Scott Nolan made a motion to provide up to \$250 for pizza at UConn Resume Review on next Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Brianna Ritacco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

5.1 Younger Member Group - Sanjeev Mohan shared that volunteers are needed for the Resume Review on September 19, 2023.

5.2 Transportation & Development Institute – Ranjit Bhavé will work with Byungik Chang on the upcoming CSCE meeting at UNH on November 14, 2023.

Since there was no more business to discuss, Brianna Ritacco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 p.m. Scott Nolan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.