

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Planning Meeting Conference Call via Teams
Friday, September 17, 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
Scott Nolan, CSCE President-Elect
Aaron Foster, CSCE Vice President
Richard Cohen, CSCE Secretary
Tyler Parker, CSCE Newsletter Editor
George Gerard, CSCE Director I
Ben Cote, CSCE Director II

Tom Loto, Water Resources Committee Chair
Katie Klose, Younger Members Group President
Ron Hill, Fairfield County Branch of CSCE President
Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of CT Chapter of the ASCE
Transportation & Development Institute
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

1. Review/Approve Minutes from CSCE Board Conference Call on May 28, 2021

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on May 28, 2021. Brianna Maljanian made a motion to approve the minutes. Aaron Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Review/Approve Minutes from CSCE Board Conference Call on August 20, 2021

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on August 20, 2021. Brianna Maljanian made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Nolan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Danielle Spicer sent the following information prior to this meeting:

- The Region 1 Assembly will be postponed from September 24, 2021, to a date to be determined.
- The ASCE Presidents & Governors Forum is being held virtually from September 29 - October 1 (1:00 p.m. EST – 4:30 p.m. EST each day. People can contact Nancy Berson at ASCE directly if they want to attend.
- The ASCE Annual Conference is being held virtually on October 6-8, 2021. Information about this conference can be found online at <https://convention.asce.org/>.
- Grant opportunity - Region 1 offers \$500 grants for new events at the section level. People can find out more information about them online at <https://regions.asce.org/region1/awards>.

4. Upcoming Events – The Board discussed details about the following events:

Virtual Lunch Meetings in 2021:

- September 22 - Permeable Reactive Barrier Feasibility for Nitrogen Removal – Co-sponsors: CSCE Water Resources Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of New Haven – A practice online meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today.
- October 20 - Ethics Presentation (CCSU) – Attorney Hedberg’s presentation will meet the ethics PDH criteria for NYSED.

- November 17 - The topic for this meeting will be the Walk Bridge Program.
- December 15 - The topic for this meeting will be, Benjamin Wright: Father of American Civil Engineering. The meeting will be sponsored by the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute.

Virtual or In-Person Meetings in 2022:

- January 26 – The topic for this meeting needs to be determined. The meeting is co-sponsored by the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Hartford. Chapter Chair Alex Mora will provide more information on the meeting topic at the next CSCE Board meeting.
- January 27-29 Eastern Region Younger Member Council (ERYMC) Conference
- 2022 MRLC moved to virtual - Date: TBD
- February 16 - The topic for this meeting needs to be determined. The meeting co-sponsors are the CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at Quinnipiac University
- March 22 - Meeting at the Norwalk Inn, Norwalk, CT – The topic for this meeting needs to be determined. The meeting sponsor is the Fairfield County Branch of CSCE.
- April 13 - This meeting will include the student awards distribution and is co-sponsored by the ASCE Student Chapter at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The meeting co-sponsors are the Government Engineers Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The topic has been chosen by the CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute and will be, Applications of iTwin. Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of the CT Chapter, will be coordinating with the speaker for this presentation.

Other Fall 2021 Events:

- October 22 & 29 - Geotechnical Virtual Seminar
- October 1 – Revised ACE Awards Application deadline – The Board will meet during the week of October 11-15 to discuss the application received, a new date for the awards ceremony and to discuss virtual award ideas.

Spring 2022 Events:

- May 26 - 2022 ACE Awards
- Date TBD - 2022 Geotechnical Spring Workshop – Topic: TBD – Location: TBD
- June - 2022 SEI Structures Seminar – The CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute has started to brainstorm about the topic/presenters for this seminar, which may be held online.

The promotional postcard mailing of the 2021-2022 meetings & events has been finalized and mailed out.

5. CSCE Executive Board Activities

Report from President - Brianna Maljanian shared the following information with the group:

- ASCE Distinguished Members – Information was gathered about the application for this honor. Applications are due October 1st. CSCE could review the list of Benjamin Wright Award winners for nominees for this award. Aaron Foster will review the information for a future application.
- 2021 Presidents and Governors Forum Board Attendance – People were encouraged to attend this forum.

- 2021 Outstanding Section and Branch Award Nomination – The deadline for this nomination is October 30, 2021. CSCE could use the topics covered in the nomination form as a basis for future event planning. Aaron Foster will review the nomination form to see if CSCE can fill it out before October 30th.
- SMPS CT Collaborating Sponsor - CSCE could become a sponsor with the CT Chapter of the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) to promote CSCE events to the SMPS CT membership. The Board was supportive of this sponsorship. Brianna Maljanian will contact SMPS CT to say CSCE would like to become a sponsor.

Report from President-Elect – Scott Nolan will meet with Aaron Foster to review the Vice President responsibilities and with Clay Patterson to review past Treasurer responsibilities.

Report from Vice President – Aaron Foster shared the following information:

- CSCE received an invoice for the dinner meeting at the University of Hartford (UHA) on November 12, 2019. There is an extra charge on the invoice and wasn't on the original catering invoice. He will ask UHA about this invoice.
- Connecticut Trolley Museum Fundraiser Event on June 4, 2022 - This museum is trying to extend its rail line and needs some engineering services. The group brainstormed ways that CSCE could assist the museum including seeing if engineering services could be a senior design project at a university in Connecticut. This type of assistance could fall under the community service activities on the ASCE Outstanding Section and Branch Award Nomination form. He will provide more details about this opportunity and the fundraising event.
- He will upload some CSCE Treasurer information to the CSCE laptop and meet with Clay Patterson to review the Treasurer information.

Report from Secretary – Rich Cohen is going to meet with Clay Patterson about the responsibilities of the Secretary position and is waiting for feedback from Amy Petrone and Brianna Maljanian on the latest changes to the Operations Manual/Appendices.

Report from Newsletter Editor – Tyler Parker shared with the group that the September CSCE newsletter has been released. The next newsletter will be finalized in early October. Tom Loto has an article for the next newsletter. He should forward the information to Tyler Parker via email. Any updates on projects should be sent to Tyler for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Report from Director I – George Gerard will set up the new CSCE laptop this weekend.

6. Reports from Institute Chapters/Committee Chairs

Legislative Affairs Committee - Roy Merritt provided the following update before this meeting: the Federal Infrastructure Bill talks continue on Capitol Hill. The Senate has passed a bill and the House is scheduled to vote on September 27, 2021.

Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Alex Mora provided the following update prior to the meeting: the Chapter is looking for a volunteer this year who is interested in becoming Chapter secretary next year.

Water Resources Committee - Tom Loto will send an article for the newsletter article to Tyler Parker at tparker@hwlochner.com.

Transportation & Development Institute – CT Chapter - Rich Cohen updated this Chapter's Bylaws in the CSCE Operations Manual & Appendices.

Infrastructure Report Card Committee – Roy Merritt provided this update before this meeting: the 2022 Report Card is anticipated to have a September/October 2022 Release. Authors have been secured for the sections on bridges, roads, rail, drinking water and wastewater. Other volunteers have offered to co-author sections as well.

Younger Members Committee President - Katie Klose shared that an email on upcoming events is anticipated to be sent out over the next week.

7. Adjournment & Next Meeting

With no more business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The next board meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. EST on Friday, November 5, 2021, via Microsoft Teams.