

CSCE Board Conference Call Friday, September 18, 2020, at 12:00 PM EST

The conference call/meeting began at 12:00 p.m. The following people were in attendance on the call:



George Gerard, CSCE President
Brianna Maljanian, CSCE President-Elect
Aaron Foster, CSCE Treasurer
Ben Cote, CSCE Director I & CT Valley Geo-Institute Chair
David Chapman, CSCE Director II
Danielle Spicer, ASCE Region 1 Governor
Ron Hill, CSCE Fairfield County Branch President
Alex Mora, SEI-CT Chapter Chair
Jud Wible, CSCE Golf Outing Chair
Katie Klose, CSCE Younger Members Committee Chair
Tom Loto, CSCE Water Resources Committee Chair
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

1. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from CSCE Board Conference Call on August 14, 2020

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on August 14, 2020. George Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes. Brianna Maljanian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Region 1 Update

September 25 - ASCE Region 1 Fall Assembly in Sheraton, Rocky Hill, CT – An email with a meeting invitation was sent to CSCE. George Gerard will forward an email with up-to-date information about the Assembly to the Board.

3. Recent Events

Connecticut Valley Geo-Institute Virtual Mini-Series - September 4, 9, 11, 2020 –The event went well and raised over \$7,000 for CSCE’s Scholarship Fund. For future Microsoft Teams Live events, it was suggested that the meeting coordinators practice with presenters beforehand, ask attendees to check-in with the moderator via the Question & Answer option, and review guidance on how to run a Microsoft Teams event, including online tutorials that can be found on YouTube. To accurately record attendance at the event, CSCE cross-referenced each session’s attendee report, Question & Answer (QnA) report, and emails between CSCE and attendees. Amy Petrone will forward an email with a link to a session to the Board members and others on this conference call so they can view the session.

Younger Members Student Resume Review – September 8, 2020 –There were 13 attendees, which included representatives from the University of Hartford, the University of New Haven, and the University of Connecticut.

Younger Members P.E. Tell All – September 10, 2020 - There were 12 attendees and 2 were signed up to take the Professional Engineer (P.E.) exam in October 2020 while others may take it in 2021. In 2021, Connecticut may not offer a location to take the P.E. Exam. Connecticut residents may need to take the exam in a neighboring state, like Rhode Island.

University of Connecticut Student Resume Review – September 17, 2020 –This event included 20 students and 6 reviewers, 4 of which were CSCE members.

Over the next few years, the Younger Members Committee will aim to improve communication between its members and students from ASCE student chapters in Connecticut. Also, the Committee used Ring Central for the events on September 8 and 10, 2020, and it worked well.

ACE Awards Announcement – Originally scheduled for September 15, 2020 – The awards will be announced virtually.

Site Visit to the I-91 Charter Oak Bridge Project – September 18, 2020 – Ranjit Bhawe is managing this site visit, which was scheduled to start at 8:45 a.m. this morning.

4. Upcoming Events

September 29, 2020 – Virtual Lunch Meeting – Water Resources Topic - Two possible topics are a recent green infrastructure project in New Haven, CT, and recent water projects in Tanzania and Cameroon by Engineers without Borders/Yale University students. After a discussion about hosting the event and the costs associated with the event, it was decided that CSCE would host the meeting and offer the following prices to attend:

- No charge just to watch the presentation – No Professional Development Hour (PDH) offered
- CSCE Member who would like to earn 1 PDH for attendance at the meeting - \$20
- Non-CSCE Member who would like to earn 1 PDH for attendance at the meeting - \$30

Amy Petrone will wait until Monday, September 21, 2020, to hear back from George Gerard and Tom Loto confirming the presentation before beginning to promote the meeting.

October 13, 2020 - Virtual Lunch Meeting - Geotechnical Topic – Co-Sponsor: CCSU – At this meeting, Dimitrios Konstantakos of Deep Excavation, LLC, will offer a presentation on, *The Future of Geotechnical Engineering and Construction*. CSCE is going to try to have involvement from the ASCE Student Chapter at CCSU at this meeting. The costs for this event are as follows:

- No charge just to watch the presentation – No Professional Development Hour (PDH) offered
- CSCE Member who would like to earn 1 PDH for attendance at the meeting - \$20
- Non-CSCE Member who would like to earn 1 PDH for attendance at the meeting - \$30

November 17, 2020 - Virtual Lunch Meeting – Construction Topic – Co-Sponsor: Quinnipiac University – Billy Cunningham is coordinating the speaker for this meeting. The costs for this event are as follows:

- No charge just to watch the presentation – No Professional Development Hour (PDH) offered
- CSCE Member who would like to earn 1 PDH for attendance at the meeting - \$20

- Non-CSCE Member who would like to earn 1 PDH for attendance at the meeting - \$30

5. Board/Committee Updates:

President – George Gerard will move forward with purchasing new CSCE banners will be purchased since the CT Chapter of the Transportation & Development Institute has been established. He will also pick up the current CSCE banner from Ben Cote.

Treasurer/Financial - CSCE is in the process of updating the signatories on its accounts at Webster Bank. As such, CSCE needs to submit a letter from the CSCE President to Webster Bank to authorize Aaron Foster to become a signatory on the CSCE accounts at Webster Bank. The new signatories will need to meet in person at Webster Bank to sign paperwork related to the accounts. To update the signatories on the CSCE accounts at Webster Bank, George Gerard made the following motion:

- Add Aaron Foster, 2020-21 CSCE Treasurer, as a signatory;
- Remove Robert Gomez, Past CSCE President, and George Gerard, 2020-21 CSCE President, as signatories; and
- Retain Scott Nolan, 2019-2020 CSCE Treasurer, as a signatory.

The motion was seconded by Ben Cote and it passed unanimously.

Younger Members Committee

- The Committee is considering hosting a bingo event on November 5, 2020. It may need to contact the State of Connecticut since the activity could be considered gambling.
- The Committee's Bylaws have been revised and finalized. They will be sent to the CSCE Board and to ASCE Legal Counsel for review.
- ERYMC Update: The Younger Members Committee held a local kickoff meeting assigning committees and sparking interest. Anyone interested in getting involved can get involved now and should contact Katie Klose. The 2021 ERYMC is scheduled to be held in North Carolina in June. The 2022 ERYMC is still scheduled to be held in Connecticut in January. The next meeting to plan for the 2022 ERYMC is scheduled for October, when goals will be set for fundraising. George Gerard will be involved in the event as CSCE President and as a Younger Member. The fundraising goal for the event is \$68,001 and the committee needs to develop plans for events to help determine how much needs to be raised.

Legislative Affairs Committee - CSCE recently endorsed a letter from the Connecticut Construction Industries Association (CCIA) regarding transportation funding

Structural Engineering Institute – CT Chapter – The Chapter has met and selected a topic for the January 2020 CSCE meeting.

Water Resources Committee – This Committee has had challenges in getting new members and finding speakers for meetings. To connect with other engineers and speakers in water resources-related engineering fields, the Committee has considered becoming a state chapter of ASCE's Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) in the past. To gauge the interest of current CSCE members in such a chapter, Amy Petrone contacted the CSCE members who were also members of ASCE's Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) to see if they would like to be involved in a CT Chapter of the EWRI. Approximately 5-10 CSCE members expressed

an interest in being involved in such a chapter. This opportunity could also be promoted at the virtual lunch meeting on September 29, 2020.

Golf Outing – Twenty people have signed up for the outing so far. The goal is 50. Amy Petrone will send an e-blast today promoting the outing.

As there was no more business to discuss, George Gerard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Ben Cote seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The next meeting/conference call is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2020, at 12 p.m. Noon EST.