

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
September 18, 2026 – 12 p.m. - Meeting Minutes**



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

Eric Hoyt, CSCE President	Ranjit Bhawe, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE
Byungik Chang, CSCE President-Elect	Transportation & Development Institute
Jodi Constant, CSCE Vice President	Michael Ciacciarella, YMG President
Song Wang, CSCE Treasurer	Carolyn Foston, President of the Fairfield County Branch
Junnan Cao, CSCE Secretary	Kiera Hollenbeck, Faculty Advisor of ASCE Student Chapter at the USCGA
Tyler Parker, CSCE Director I	Jose Infante Corona, Member of the CT Chapter of the ASCE
Rich Cohen, CSCE Director II	Environmental & Water Resources Institute
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	Sanjeev Mohan, Vice Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE
	Structural Engineering Institute (SEI-CT)
	Hannah Rakowski, Chair of the SEI-CT

1. Report from Region 1 of ASCE - Region 1 Governor Aaron Foster
 - 1.1 ASCE Region 1 Fall Assembly in RI on September 25-26, 2026. The Assembly will include an update from CSCE and ASCE Student Chapters and there will be a PDH presentation & lunchtime tour on September 25th. People can attend the event in-person or virtually. Jodi Constant registered for the event, Eric Hoyt is still deciding if he can attend, and Song Wang may attend the event in-person on Saturday morning.
 - 1.2 2026 Outstanding Section and Branch Engagement and Communication Award – Song Wang submitted a nomination on behalf of CSCE for this award.
2. CSCE Board - Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from CSCE Board Meetings on July 17, 2026, and on August 21, 2026 – Eric Hoyt made a motion to approve these minutes. Jodi Constant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. 2026-27 CSCE In-Person Monthly Dinner Meetings and Webinars
 - 3.1 Upcoming Dinner Meetings
 - November 18th CSCE Dinner Meeting at Quinnipiac University – CSCE will offer the same meal choices as in 2025 (Balsamic Rosemary Marinated Flank Steak, Miso-Glazed Salmon, or Vegetable Lasagna) and 2 types of appetizers at the social hour (crostini & barbecue meatballs). Since the meal count needs to be submitted to Quinnipiac University by October 28th, CSCE will increase the price by \$5 after the 28th instead of a week before the dinner meeting.
 - January 27th CSCE Dinner Meeting at the University of Hartford – Eric Hoyt will ask David Jacobs if he is interested in giving this evening's presentation.
 - March 24th CSCE Dinner Meeting at CCSU – The CTDOT Commissioner can give this evening's presentation.
 - April 14th CSCE Dinner Meeting at the USCGA – Engineers from GM2 will give this evening's presentation on the Gold Star Bridge project.

- 3.2 Past Webinar - Joint CSCE/COMTO Webinar on Bus Shelter Enhancement Program on 9/9//26 – This webinar was good and informative.
- 3.3 Potential webinar topic – Ranjit Bhawe will send information about a possible webinar presentation on a highway capacity manual.
4. Reports from Executive Board Members/Younger Members Group/Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch
- 4.1 Treasurer - Song Wang could be linked with the CSCE Quickbooks online account
- 4.2 History & Heritage Committee
- 4.2.1 Historical Documents Scanning Status – The documents have been scanned and Randy States is organizing them.
- 4.2.2 Rich Cohen is working on some ASCE landmark designation packages, which should be available for review this winter.
- 4.3 Fairfield County Branch
- 4.3.1 The 2026-27 Branch Elections were held at the August 13th Social and the following people were elected to the Board: President: Carolyn Foston, Vice President: Arjan Poudel, Secretary: Pamela Waters, Treasurer: Tommy Tran
- 4.3.2 The next Branch Social is on Thursday, October 29th, at Elicit Brewing in Fairfield, CT.
- 4.4 GEO-CT Valley Chapter – The Chapter's next event is the 2026 GEO-CT Conference on October 2, 2026.
- 4.5 SEI-CT Chapter
- The SEI-CT Seminar will be held at The Mountain Room @ Mount Southington on November 6, 2026.
 - Budget Request – Jodi Constant made the following motion via email on August 21, 2026: Approve the SEI yearly budget as proposed. Byungik Chang seconded the motion via email and the following votes were made via email: Votes in favor: Jodi Constant, Byungik Chang
 - Song Wang requested more information on the following items in the seminar budget request: mileage from NYC, hotel, and printing.
 - A deposit is needed for the seminar. Sanjeev Mohan will pay the deposit on a card and submit reimbursement request. Hannah Rakowski paid \$750 for the initial deposit. The Chapter may not need so much money for student poster portion of the event.
- 4.6 2026 CSCE Infrastructure Report Card Committee Report – CSCE will promote the need for volunteers to help compile this report at its dinner meetings.
- 4.7 Career Guidance Committee Meeting – The Committee has the following upcoming visits:
- September 18th - Visit to Plumb Hill Middle School by Bill Murphy and Joe Risoli
 - 12/2 or 12/9 - Between 10:20-11:20 a.m. - Terryville High School, Terryville, CT – Volunteers needed
 - October 13th Visit to Valley Regional High School – Bob Blake
 - October 8th - 9-10 a.m. visit to Avon High School, Avon, CT

4.8 Younger Members Group

4.8.1 Events: Last month's mini golf event went really well. The Group has a couple of upcoming events including a Professional Licensure Panel on October 6th and Quinnipiac University Men's Hockey Outing on November 13th. The Group is in the process of scheduling events at ASCE Student Chapters in Connecticut and would be interested in coordinating site tours in state. It is also planning an outing to a UConn Women's Basketball game this winter.

4.8.2 Three YMG members attended the ASCE YMLS and Alumni summits in August.

4.8.3 The CSCE Board asked that the YMG submit a revised budget for its outstanding items to the Board.

5. Any Other Business

With no more business to discuss, Jodi Constant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Rich Cohen and it passed unanimously.

The next CSCE Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2026, at 12 p.m. Noon via Teams.