

Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams

Friday, September 20, 2024 - Meeting Agenda

People on the call:

1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Geoffrey Schwartz
 - Need to induct the following 2024-25 CSCE Executive Board Officers - Tyler Parker (President-Elect) and Danelle Morin (Newsletter Editor)
 - 9/27-28 Fall Assembly
 - IMAX movie Cities of the Future
 - ASCE Representatives could speak to students about ASCE
2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from August 16, 2024
3. CSCE Events
 - 3.1 Dinner Meetings
 - 3.1.1 Past Dinner Meeting - September 10 at UConn - Topic: UConn Science 1 Intersection Improvements project, Presenters: Will Kresic, Eric Nigosanti and Joe Balskus of VHB

3 Survey responses	Please provide feedback about the dinner meeting (presentations, venue, food, program).	What were your favorite parts of the evening’s technical presentation?	Did you meet someone new or reconnect with someone at the dinner meeting?	Do you have any suggestions for topics, speakers or improvements for future events?
Response1	all was good	the plan snippets, pictures, drone shots and progress pictures	yes	I liked the assigned table and "enforced mixing" of different attendees - keep that up please
Response2	Excellent presentation, location & food	Overall very good. Having 3 presenters was a good approach to provide variety (vs. a single speaker).	YES, both. Had not been to an in-person dinner meeting since pre-COVID-19.	I think the current mix of locations around the state throughout the year works nicely.
Response3	The presentation was excellent. The food, not so much. The salmon was dry, and very tough. And the meal pacing was very slow, and finished far too late. Dessert was served at the end of the presentation.	The description of the design process.	No	No

3.1.2 Upcoming Dinner Meetings:

- October 15 at Three Rivers – Registration is open - Topic: The importance of civil and structural engineers in every aspect of the design and construction of high power electrical systems, Presenters: Jim Cole, P.E., MBA, PMP, Vice President of Projects at Avangrid
- November 19 at Quinnipiac – Topic: Redevelopment of the New London State Pier into the First Operational United States - Based Offshore Wind Farm Terminal, Presenter: Katrina T. Perez Mejia, P.E., LEED GA
- January 29 at UHA – Topic: Live Load Impact on Railroad Bridges, Presenter: David Jacobs, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE
- February 11 at UNH -Topic: Pittsfield, MA, Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade to Ballasted Flocculation Process for Phosphorus Removal by engineers from Kleinfelder & AECOM
- March 12 at CCSU - Presenter: CTDOT Commissioner
- March 25 at Fairfield County Branch - Two Roads Brewery - Could be I-95 bridge fire response
- April 16 at USCGA - Room reserved, Speaker/Topic still need to be finalized

3.2 Webinars

3.2.1 Upcoming Webinar: December 10 - Webinar co-sponsored by CT Chapter of the Transportation & Development Institute - 12 p.m. Noon - Topic: Role of a Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator and the CTDOT's newly created Active Transportation Unit by Paul Ashworth, CTDOT - Registration will open after CSCE's Microsoft Teams license is renewed.

3.2.2 Need to Renew CSCE's Microsoft 365 subscription - Subscription expires in November 2024 - Microsoft 365 Personal (For 1 Person) is \$69.99/year and Microsoft 365 Family (For Up to 6 people) is \$99.99/year

3.2.3 Potential Topics: Sustainability, Ethics, Multi-modal Transportation, Construction - United Precast / National Precast Concrete Association of America, Utility Infrastructure, History & Heritage/Covered bridges in CT.

4. Collaborations with Affiliated Organizations - Updates on connections with PWC, SWE, COMTO, CT AWWA, etc.

5. Reports from CSCE Executive Board Members

6. Reports from /Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

- ASCE Construction Institute - CT Chapter - Chair - Billy Cunningham
- ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute – CT Chapter - Chair - Tom Loto
- ASCE Geo-Institute - Connecticut Valley Chapter - Chair – Landon Barlow - 9/27 GEO-CT Conference, 11/19 CSCE Dinner Meeting
- ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Chair – Sangyul Cho - 10/10 SEI-CT Seminar, See Proposal for Registration fee discount for the board members of technical institutes and committees who have volunteered in organizing full-day CSCE events on the next page.
- ASCE Transportation & Development Institute – CT Chapter – Ranjit Bhawe
- Career Guidance Committee - Contact person is CSCE Vice President Eric Hoyt
- Continuing Education Committee - Contact person is CSCE Vice President Eric Hoyt
- Fairfield County Branch - President – Carolyn Foston
- Golf Outing Committee – Chair – Nathan Rossi
- Government Engineers Committee - Chair - Rabih Barakat
- History & Heritage Committee - Randy States
- Infrastructure Report Card Committee & Legislative Affairs Committee – Contact Person is CSCE President Rich Cohen

- Membership Committee - Contact Person is CSCE Secretary Jodi Constant - Idea - CSCE can send out welcome emails to new members on a monthly basis via Higher Logic and direct new members to the Membership Committee if they have any questions about CSCE.
- Past Presidents Council - Contact person is CSCE Director I Aaron Foster
- Programs Committee - Contact person is CSCE President Rich Cohen
- Scholarship Committee - Chair - Jim Sime
- Special Events - Contact person is CSCE Treasurer Byungik Chang
- Student Chapters Committee – Kim Fletcher
 - CSCE Rep requested at 10/15 TRCC Environmental Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Committee Meeting at 3:30.
 - ASCE Student Chapter Officer Training Webinars - CSCE leaders, Students & Faculty could register for these to help manage the ASCE Student Chapters:
 - Your Role as Faculty Advisor - Expectations of FAs September 26 3:00 - 4:00 Eastern
 - Student Chapter Officer Training – ASCE Resources October 1 3:00 - 4:00 Eastern
 - Your Role as Practitioner Advisor - Expectations of PAs October 3 3:00 - 4:00 Eastern
- Website Committee - Contact person is CSCE Director I Aaron Foster
- Younger Member Group - President – Tom Wamser - Review/Approval of YMG Budget

Yard Goats	\$	2,000
Other sports outing	\$	400
Resume reviews (12)	\$	3,000
Industry 101 (2)	\$	300
Socials (2)	\$	1,200
MRLC (2)	\$	3,800
YMLS (3)	\$	1,500
YMLs Alumni (2)	\$	3,800
Board Meetings (4)	\$	600
Total: \$ 16,600		

7. New Business

<p>Proposal Title</p>	<p>Registration fee discount for the board members of technical institutes and committees who have volunteered in organizing full-day CSCE events</p>
<p>Background</p>	<p>Board members of SEI-CT chapter, a CSCE Technical Institute, have actively volunteered and played a key role in shaping the technical seminar content and structure for several months: from selecting the seminar theme, searching, identifying and inviting potential speakers, to promoting sponsorship and attendance opportunities within their organization and through professional network. Tasks including arranging the seminar venue, coordinating meals and refreshments supply, online/on-site registration can be assigned to board members.</p> <p>Depending on employers, some board members may not get time and monetary support from their employers to attend a full-day event for which they put lots of effort and time in organizing: no professional activity time and/or no reimbursement of the registration fee. Different from the dinner meetings which are typically after-work events, full-day events take more pre-coordination efforts and, on the event day, the commitment during normal business hours. For general attendees, if they could not get support from their employers, it would be no big issue for them to skip the interested event. However, for some board members under this unsupportive scenario, it is a discouraging situation to spend employees' own time, even with make-up, and money in addition to the previous efforts put on. Getting NYS PDH credits may not be enough to justify attending a CSCE full-day event for board/committee members who do not have NYS professional license, especially younger members.</p> <p>Therefore, this proposal is to avoid such awkward situation and to support the board/committee members to attend the full-day event they have contributed to. By providing the monetary incentive to them, the whole CSCE community can show appreciation for their efforts and foster a collaborative environment where their insights and feedback can be more easily integrated. This will eventually encourage other CSCE members to be actively involved with CSCE technical institute boards and CSCE committees.</p>
<p>Proposed Change</p>	<p>Apply the government employee (non-profit employee) rate to members of CSCE technical institute boards and CSCE committees who have volunteered in organizing a full-day CSCE event. No discount applies to non-younger board/committee members who are non-profit employees.</p> <p>Younger board/committee members (under 35-year-old) get additional 30% discount: i.e. 70% of the government employee rate.</p>