



CSCE Bi-Weekly Conference Call Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 12:00-1:00 PM EST

Approve/review meeting Minutes from 9/10 board meeting (Aaron)

Attendees: Aaron, Ben C., Amy P., Danielle Spicer, Dave Chapman, Scott Nolan, Ron Hill,
Motion to approve min: Ben, Dave C. Second; Unanimous

Unplanned Dinner Meetings (All)

1. October 22 dinner meeting at UConn finalized? *Jeff is organizing*
 - a. Meal choices need to be selected
 - b. Student chapter assistance at registration table?
 - c. Student resumes on display and student presentation?
2. November 12 dinner meeting at UHart finalized?
 - a. Room need to be confirmed/booked
 - b. Meal choices need to be selected
 - c. Student chapter assistance at registration table?
 - d. Student resumes on display and student presentation?
 - e. Board meeting preceding the dinner meeting - will provide zoom login for those who cannot attend in person *around 5pm*
3. January 28, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at the Yale Graduate Club, New Haven (**TBD meal choices**) Meeting Co-Sponsors: CSCE Construction Technical Group (CSCE Contact: Billy Cunningham and ASCE Student Chapter at the University of New Haven Topic/Speaker: **TBD**)
4. February 11, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at Quinnipiac University (**TBD meal choices**) Meeting Co-Sponsors: CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee/ACEC (CSCE Contact: Roy Merritt and the ASCE Student Chapter at Quinnipiac University) Topic/Speaker: **TBD**
5. March 10, 2020 - Dinner Meeting in at Norwalk Inn Meeting Sponsor: Fairfield County Branch (CSCE Contact: Ron Hill) Transportation Topic/Speaker: **TBD Trends in employment law, harassment, ct paid family leave - ethics pdh session?**
6. March – Stand-alone board meeting - Date/time/location: **TBD**
7. April 17, 2020 - Annual CSCE Spring Geotechnical Workshop - UNH Topic - **See below for G-1 Updates**
8. April 21, 2020 - Dinner Meeting at the USCGA (**TBD-Officers Club needs to be confirmed/booked - meal choice - buffet?**) Meeting Co-Sponsors: Government Engineers Committee (CSCE Contact: Rabih Barakat) and the ASCE Student Chapter at the USCGA Tentative Speaker: DOT Commissioner (**TBD-Needs to be invited/asked**) Student Awards Distribution - DOT Commissioner and/or local politicians could help distribute student awards Board meeting - 5:00 p.m. at USCGA *Amy to coordinate with Rabih*
9. May 19, 2020 - ACE Dinner - Aqua Turf Club - Glass Room (booked) - Billy status update on ASCE president? Note that Region 1 Director (Tony Cioffi) can also initiate board

Results of 9/10/19 Dinner Meeting Survey Feedback (All)

1. Signage to the building - *will include a map with invite*
2. Credit card reader for the bar or entry - *will scrap this*

3. No PDHs- *Ben Cote + Dave C. to investigate will invite Brianna to work on this as well*
4. Formal activity during social hour to encourage networking
 - a. Ben met with Ellen Ornato from The Boulder Company (<https://www.theboldercompany.com/>) at SMPS event - excellent
 - b. Helps promote networking, emotional intelligence, presentation skills and organizational dynamics
 - c. Have them for a dinner meeting or at least host a networking hour during a CSCE workshop or seminar?
5. Spread out appetizers and more high tables to promote mingling
6. Send out map to event - *part of number one here*
7. Hold meetings other than Tuesday's - *will look into it*

Other Dinner Meeting Improvements (All)

1. See feedback above from 9/10/19 meeting
2. Consider waiving charge to dinner meetings with proof of ASCE membership - *add required personal email address; Only 10 dollars; maybe keep it at that price.*
3. Consider becoming a certified NYS PDH organization (NYC Met Section is)
4. Need to get 2x8 pull-up banners and table-top banners ASAP - *George is banner guy*
5. Slide deck for meeting openings - see region 1 LTC resources, "membership 2020" initiative, and upcoming meeting announcements - *Ben/Amy to work on this; solicit sponsors for slide deck ads*
6. Hosting committee members should make announcements at meetings -
7. Free dinner for "invite a friend" - *Invite a co-worker*
8. Member Get a Member - get a free \$50 gift card <http://message.asce.org/mgam>
9. Consider completely waiving charge to dinner meetings for students with proof of ASCE membership - and have ASCE signup forms at meetings for new students
10. BSCES is moving to half or full day seminars instead of dinner meetings - had some success - thoughts? - *More people and more financial success*
11. Email blasts - need to reduce countdown reminder emails - where we left off at 12:47pm
12. (Aaron) Purchasing all of the dinner meetings for the year upfront. This could either be done through a PayPal link or maybe through annual renewals through ASCE.
 - a. This could help increase attendance at dinners (even though we have great attendance now).
 - b. It could allow the usual dinner discount to be applied upfront.
 - c. If someone does not attend a specific dinner they could always give their ticket to someone else.
 - d. They could either choose their "typical" dinner (e.g. always beef, or vegetarian, etc.) or get sent a note when an upcoming meeting is occurring asking for their meal choice then and if they plan on attending that specific dinner.
 - e. This would not start until the 2020-21 season.
 - f. Amy – is there any benefit with having one credit card purchase vs. multiple on our account?
 - g. Do you think this is possible with PayPal or the annual ASCE registration?
13. (Amy) Connect with members via LinkedIn to promote dinner meetings.

Fairfield County Branch (Ron/Ben)

1. Need to consider action this year to re-establish
 - a. "How to Avoid Common Legal Pitfalls for Employers"
 - b. Possible joint dinner/meeting with Lower Hudson Valley Section (Peter Mancuso - peter.mancuso@wsp.com; 211-631-3828)

Continuing Education Survey (Brianna)

1. Currently provided on survey monkey
2. How to leverage ASCE national, etc. to get high response turnout?

Student Outreach (Jodi and Ben)

1. Can-struction updates
2. Currently no practitioner advisor at USCGA
3. Pinning ceremony at universities for new officers
4. Giveaways for students at dinner meetings?
5. Roundtable discussions/site visit trips for student groups
6. Trail cleanup in spring?
7. Planned resume review/mock interviews
8. Ski/day or hockey game trips in winter
9. Did our student groups receive their membership toolkit? <https://www.ascemembershipkit.org/>
10. Talking points slides available online https://files.asce.org/xythoswfs/webui/xy-e3612757_1-t_g9BvRPqJ
11. Dream Big Relaunch - do we have DVD copies? Showings at local tech/STEM/magnet schools
12. Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) Jan 31-Feb 1, 2020 in Philadelphia - who is attending?

Construction-Institute (Billy)

1. Please reach out to Craig Ruyle (Reg 1 Governor and C-I in NY) craig.ruyle@dot.ny.gov or 718-482-4526
2. Consider attending national C-I conferences
3. Ben has C-I swag for Billy
4. Teaming with other CT construction societies - CCIA, UHart Construction-Institute

Structural-Institute (Ranjit)

1. Need to continue ½ or 1-day seminars
2. New student competitions to replace steel bridge?

Geo-Institute (Ben)

1. Meeting/conference call on 10/11/19 to plan April seminar
2. Need to assign other committee members to fixed activities (or appoint a fixed board)
3. Have commitments from Bob Bachus (Geosyntec) for 3 hours (various topics) and Vern Schaefer (Iowa State) for half day seminar on lightweight fill - may be a “geo-mix” of topics
4. Beginning talks with G-I national (Brad Keelor) and other NE G-I chapter to start a “Geo-New England” conference. Need to contact Laurie Gibeau at BSCES.
5. New student competitions to replace steel bridge? (Ben to discuss with G-I national)

Legislative Affairs (Roy)

1. Committee meeting update
2. Local fly-in Hartford?
3. National fly-in scheduled for March 11-12, 2020 https://www.asce.org/legislative_fly-in/
4. Application period is October 1-Nov 19, 2019
5. Consider hyperlink on CSCE webpage and updates to the ASCE state tracking page <http://cqrcengage.com/asce/state/connecticut>
6. Do we monitor PE board meetings?

Region 1 Events and Activities (All)

1. Outstanding Branch Awards due by October 30 - who is leading this for CSCE? <http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/awards>
2. \$500 Section & Student Chapter Grants - what to apply for? Do our universities know? <http://regions.asce.org/region1/awards>
3. Great resources for all groups/committees on Leader Training Committee website - please take a look! <http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/resources>

Website updates (All)

1. No one from NH was at Region 1 Assembly

2. Look into others - seems to be on par with others <http://regions.asce.org/region1/resources>
3. Scott Nolan was going to contact NH section
4. George finalized automatic link from csce.org to the new website
5. Hannah Clark at ASCE is POC for websites

Treasurer/Financial (Scott)

1. Did Bob Gomez finish audit?
2. Federal Tax Filing due to ASCE Accounting Department by December 15
3. Status of signatories update on the Webster Bank Account?
4. Status of transfer of \$35k to the Schwab account?

Newsletter (Amy)

1. How is switch to Joomag going? When can we see first one?
2. Do we have read rate metrics available?

Region 1 Assembly in Connecticut March 27-29, 2020 (Ben)

1. Ben is working with Danielle Spicer (Gov) and Tony Cioffi (Director)
2. Tentatively in Glastonbury at Hilton Garden Inn
3. All executive board members should attend
4. Committee chairs also consider attending
5. Full day Saturday and half day Sunday
6. Friday is Region 1 meeting only in evening
7. Social Hour Saturday night 3/28 - CSCE would pay half \$200-\$300 - all board members invited! Drinks and apps
8. PDH lecture - someone local? Craig Royle of NYC Met Section would get PDH credits lined up
 - a. CSCE board member want to talk??
9. Need to get list together of local restaurants and bars - reservation for Saturday night dinner
10. *Assembly March 27 through 29. CT board members are invited Saturday/Sunday Morning*
11. *Need presentation of local project for a PDH*
12. *Region 1 grants - up to \$500*

Golf Outing (TBD)

1. July 19 Golf Tournament - CSCE raised \$1,000 dollars for its scholarship fund with 42 golfers at the event (total net was \$2,750 split among the three organizations). The tournament involved about the same number of golfers as in past years. The intent for the 25th annual tournament (next year) is to increase attendance considerably.
 - a. 9-holes in morning and offer 2-4 PDHs at lunch?
 - b. Call it "Fore-and-Four"

Other (All)

1. CSCE apparel on Lands End - Region 1 has an account already <https://business.landsend.com/store/asceregion1/>
2. Consider a zoom account for biweekly board meetings and other committee meetings - \$15/mo. This one was done on a free trial but limited to 40 minutes per meeting.
3. Annual Report due November 30

Next call scheduled for Thursday, October 3 at Noon