

**CSCE Board Conference Call**  
**Tuesday October 13, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. EST**



The conference call/meeting began at 9:00 a.m. The following people were in attendance on the call:

George Gerard, CSCE President

Brianna Maljanian, CSCE President-Elect

Scott Nolan, CSCE Vice President

Clayton Patterson, CSCE Secretary

David Chapman, CSCE Director II

Ben Cote, CSCE Director I & CT Valley Geo-Institute Chair

Aaron Foster, CSCE Treasurer

Tim Ariosto, CSCE Newsletter Editor

Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

**1. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from CSCE Board Conference Call on September 18, 2020**

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on September 18, 2020. George Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes. Brianna Maljanian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**2. Recent Events**

The site visit to the I-91 Charter Oak Bridge Project and the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual CSCE/ITE Golf Outing have been held since the last CSCE Board conference call. The golf outing went well and netted \$1,000 each for ITE and CSCE. A meeting will be held in the next few weeks to review the outing and plan for next year's outing.

**3. Meeting Software Platform Discussion**

The Board discussed using Microsoft Teams or another platform like Webex to coordinate virtual meetings. Microsoft Teams was used for the virtual geotechnical mini-series in September 2020, but it was not able to make the necessary connections for today's virtual lunch meeting. Instead, Webex will be used today. The use of Microsoft Teams may depend on an individual company's IT permissions and settings. Ben Cote experienced some challenges using Microsoft Teams for the mini-series, but they were overcome when the speakers joined as a presenter vs. as a participant. To iron out all the details of managing virtual meetings and platforms, a sub-group of the Board could meet prior to the next virtual meeting.

**4. Upcoming Events**

Date TBD Virtual Lunch Meeting - Water Resources Topic – Two topics have been suggested for this meeting. Amy Petrone will contact David Sacco to determine if he is available to speak about Engineers Without Borders/Yale's water projects in Tanzania and Cameroon in late October.

November 17, 2020 – Virtual Lunch Meeting – The topic at this meeting will be the Charter Oak Bridge Construction and the speaker will be Juan Ruiz of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT).

Quinnipiac University is a co-sponsor of this meeting. Amy Petrone will contact Faculty Advisor John Greenleaf to confirm the school's involvement with this meeting.

Early December 2020 – Possible Virtual Meeting sponsored by the Connecticut Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute. George Gerard will contact Ranjit Bhawe about this meeting.

January 26, 2021 – CSCE Meeting – The presentation topic for this meeting will be a structural analysis of the Perry Memorial Arch in Bridgeport, CT, by Tim Ariosto and colleagues from WJE New Haven. The co-sponsors of this meeting are the Connecticut Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute (SEI-CT) and the University of Connecticut. It is not clear at this time if the meeting will be held in-person or virtually.

## 5. Updates from Board Members & Committees

President – George Gerard attended the virtual Region 1 Assembly in September. He learned that while ASCE has had a drop in membership nationally, CSCE's membership renewal rate is higher than in past years.

President-Elect – Brianna Maljanian received information on a LEED Green Associate training opportunity. CSCE may be able to promote and post the information for CSCE members and CSCE members would get a discount to attend the training.

Vice President – Scott Nolan and Brianna Maljanian will meet to review the tasks of the Vice President.

Treasurer/Financial – The signatures were updated on CSCE's Webster Bank accounts. Currently, CSCE has two checking accounts at the bank. To earn more interest and improve the safety of the accounts, the Board decided to convert the second checking account to a savings account. Aaron Foster made a motion to convert CSCE's second checking account into a savings account, contingent upon confirmation of the background of the two accounts. George Gerard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. To make this conversion, CSCE President George Gerard needs to either meet Aaron Foster and Scott Nolan at the bank in-person or submit a notarized letter requesting this conversion.

To obtain the status of CSCE's scholarship fund, the Board will ask Jim Sime to provide a scholarship report.

Younger Members Committee – The upcoming Social/Fundraiser is scheduled for November 5, 2020. The members planning the 2022 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) / Eastern Region Younger Member Council (ERYMC) will be meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m.

SEI-CT – The SEI CT Chapter Ballots to elect new officers are due by October 15, 2020.

## 6. Lands' End Clothing Account

People were interested in CSCE's Lands' End clothing account. In January 2020, CSCE allotted \$75 per Committee Chair and Board member to purchase clothing with a CSCE logo on it using CSCE's Lands' End account. So far, only Ben Cote has used the allotment. Amy Petrone will send out a link to order the clothing to the Board members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. The next meeting/conference call is scheduled for either Friday, October 30, 2020, or Friday, November 6, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. Noon EST.