

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
October 16, 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
Byungik Chang, CSCE President-Elect
Jodi Constant, CSCE Vice President
Junnan Cao, CSCE Secretary

Tyler Parker, CSCE Director I
Michael Ciacciarella, YMG President
Hannah Rakowski, SEI-CT Chair
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

The following items were discussed:

1. Report from Region 1 of ASCE

1.1 Recap of ASCE Region 1 Fall Assembly in RI on September 25-26, 2026

Jodi Constant and Eric Hoyt attended the Assembly virtually on Friday. All sections in Region 1 are having challenges with retaining members, especially student members. CSCE YMG events on campuses are great ways to engage student members. People should also be encouraged to bring co-workers to events. In other news, ASCE is planning a Spring assembly, date and location still to be determined.

1.2 October 18-19 Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) and Leader Orientation (LO) for new Governors is at ASCE Headquarters in Reston, VA – No one from CSCE will be attending this event.

1.3 March 2027 ASCE Conference in Philadelphia – Eric Hoyt may be able to attend this event.

2. CSCE Board - Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from CSCE Board Meeting on September 18, 2026 – Eric Hoyt made a motion to approve the minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting on September 18, 2026. Jodi Constant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. 2026-27 CSCE In-Person Monthly Dinner Meetings and Webinars

3.1 Recap of meeting at CT State College Three Rivers, Norwich, CT on 9/23/26 – At this meeting, there were a lot of attendees from GM2. One reason the meeting had good attendance was because the speaker was from CTDOT. The venue and presenter were great and people liked the food. In the future, CSCE should coordinate with the speaker to highlight environmental aspects of their project since students at this school have environmental backgrounds and interests. Also, at future meetings, the bar could be moved away from where the food is being served.

3.2 Increase prices by \$10 instead of by \$5 for CSCE Dinner Meeting at Quinnipiac University – At the CSCE Board meeting on September 18th, the Board decided to increase the price of the registration options by \$5 after October 28. Since the meal count needs to be submitted to Quinnipiac University by October 28th and since CSCE usually increases the prices for dinner meetings by \$10, CSCE will increase the prices by \$10 instead of \$5 after October 28th.

3.3 Request to reduce dinner meeting prices for retirees – CSCE has recently received suggestions to reduce its prices at monthly dinner meetings for retirees and engineers who don't work for large private companies. After discussing these suggestions, the Board decided to offer a \$60 Retiree rate for people 65 years and older. This option would not include NYS PDHs and would rise by \$10 about a week before just like the other registration options.

- 3.3 Webinar - Recap of Ethics Webinar on October 7th at 12 p.m. – David Williams was a very enthusiastic speaker. There was no interaction between attendees and the speaker at the webinar. At future webinars, it would be good to have interaction between the attendees and the speaker via the chat in Teams.
4. Reports from Executive Board Members/Younger Members Group/Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch
- 4.1 Student Chapters Committee - Funding Request from UNH Student Chapter – CSCE received a request from the ASCE Student Chapter at UNH for \$500 to support the Chapter’s design and construction of a new transportation stand for its concrete canoe. After discussing this request, Eric Hoyt made a motion to approve the \$500 request. Jodi Constant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 4.2 History & Heritage Committee – Randy States has the historical files that were scanned over the summer. He is collating them. He and Amy Petrone will meet next week to talk about how to upload them to ASCE Collaborate.
- 4.3 Fairfield County Branch – The Branch’s next Social is on Thursday October 29th at Elicit Brewing in Fairfield, CT. Eric Hoyt just signed up for it.
- 4.4 GEO-CT Valley Chapter’s 2026 GEO-CT Conference in Rocky Hill, CT – The event went really well.
- 4.5 SEI-CT Chapter
- 4.5.1 Budget Request – On August 21, 2026, Jodi Constant made the following motion via email: Approve the SEI yearly budget as proposed. Byungik Chang seconded the motion via email and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4.5.2 SEI-CT Chair Hannah Rakowski shared that the SEI-CT is planning its SEI-CT Seminar, and its early bird deadline is today.
- 4.6 2026 CSCE Infrastructure Report Card Committee Report – The Committee is still looking for authors. CSCE needs to schedule a meeting with ASCE regarding the next steps for this Committee.
- 4.7 Career Guidance Committee – Past/Upcoming Visits:
- September 18 - Visit to Plumb Hill Middle School by Bill Murphy and Joe Risoli – This visit went well.
 - October 12 Visit to Valley Regional High School by Bob Blake – This visit was postponed because no students were expected at the guidance counselor’s office that day. VRHS will try to schedule a visit to a class. CSCE members could visit classes like Physics, Calculus, drafting, etc.
 - October 19 - 9-10 a.m. visit to Avon High School, Avon, CT, - Mike Appleby and Song Wang will visit this school.
 - December 2 - Between 10:20-11:20 a.m. - Terryville High School, Terryville, CT – Song Wang and Eric Hoyt will visit this school.
- 4.8 Younger Members Group
- 4.8.1 YMG Budget Request –On September 18, 2026, Eric Hoyt made the following motion via email: I motion to approve the attached YMG budget. Jodi Constant seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4.8.2 The YMG recently held the following events:

- October 6th YMG Professional Licensure Virtual Panel – This event had 25 attendees and a good response to CSCE’s request for panelists. The YMG could run this event annually.
- October 7th Industry 101 at Quinnipiac University – This event attracted 15 students and was well-received.

4.7.4 The YMG has the following upcoming events:

- October 19th Resume Review at UConn
- October 27th YMG Presentation for CCSU students
- November 2nd Resume Review at UNH
- November 4th or 5th Resume Review at the University of Hartford
- November 13th 1 YMG Outing to QU Hockey – Six people have signed up and 25 tickets were purchased. So, there is plenty of room for more people to attend this event.
- Dates TBD – Hartford Yard Goats game trip and UConn Women’s Basketball game trip

5. New Business

5.1 Scholarship: For 2027 CSCE and Geo-tech applications, are there any changes to 2026 applications? Items to discuss include what evidence can students provide to show acceptance in a civil engineering program or related discipline. The Board will discuss this topic at the next CSCE Board meeting on Friday, 11/20/26.

With no more business to discuss at this meeting, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The next CSCE Board meeting is scheduled for 12 p.m. on Friday, 11/20/26, via Microsoft Teams.