

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
Friday, October 18, 2024 - 12 p.m. Noon - Meeting Minutes**



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

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| Richard Cohen, 2024-25 CSCE President | Sangyul Cho, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute |
| Byungik Chang, 2024-2025 CSCE Treasurer | |
| Jodi Constant, 2024-25 CSCE Secretary | Landon Barlow, Chair of the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute |
| Aaron Foster, 2024-25 CSCE Director I | Kim Fletcher, Chair of Student Chapters Committee |
| Scott Nolan, 2024-25 CSCE Director II | Tom Wamser, YMG President |
| Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant | |

1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor

- ASCE still needs to induct the following 2024-25 CSCE Executive Board Officers: Tyler Parker (President-Elect) and Danelle Morin (Newsletter Editor).
- 9/27-28 Fall Assembly Follow-Up - Richard Cohen attended this event in person. All sections are reporting the same issues related to meetings and volunteers and have the same core group of supporters attending many of their meetings. Based partly on this experience, he suggested that CSCE run a membership drive in November/December and distribute a membership survey to determine what CSCE members would like to see from CSCE.
- IMAX movie Cities of the Future - A couple of student chapters were looking to host this movie on their campuses. University of Hartford was going to host it this month. Richard Cohen heard back from ASCE National about scheduling a screening in Connecticut. It is working directly with the CT Science Center to host a screening in early 2025.
- ASCE Representatives are available to speak to students about joining ASCE at upcoming dinner meetings.

2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from September 20, 2024 – Richard Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Scott Nolan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. CSCE Events

3.1 Past Dinner Meeting – This meeting was held on October 15 at CT State Community College at Three Rivers and offered a presentation on the importance of civil and structural engineers in every aspect of the design and construction of high power electrical systems by Jim Cole, P.E., MBA, PMP, Vice President of Projects at Avangrid. About 30 people attended this meeting, including 12 TRCC students. All the students attended this meeting for free because a grant managed by Diba Khan-Bureau, Ph.D., Professor at CT State Community College at Three Rivers, covered their meal costs.

People enjoyed the presentation and Jim Cole said he would be interested in offering an on-site tour of Avangrid's facility near Bridgeport, CT. Richard Cohen will work with him to schedule a tour in the near future.

3.2 Upcoming Dinner Meetings:

- 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 – This meeting will not offer 1 NYS PDH. Since CSCE expects a large crowd at this meeting, the Board discussed whether this meeting should be held in the larger Constitution Room or the smaller Connecticut Room. Amy Petrone will ask if CSCE can have the meeting in the Constitution Room. If not, then CSCE will let people know that registration is limited for this meeting.
- March 25 at Fairfield County Branch - Two Roads Brewery - Speaker/Topic still need to be finalized.
- April 16 at USCGA - Speaker/Topic still need to be finalized - Sanjeev Mohan and Richard Cohen will work together to schedule a speaker to give a presentation on AI at this meeting.

3.3 Webinars

- 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 is open.
- CSCE needs to renew its subscription for Microsoft 365 Family (For Up to 6 people) that is \$99.99/year.
- Potential Topic: United Precast / National Precast Concrete Association of America - Richard Cohen will reach out to United Concrete about presenting at a webinar.

4. Reports from CSCE Executive Board Members

- Scott Nolan went to the YMG's recent resume reviews and they went well. He is preparing for Industry 101.
- Jodi Contact emailed an annual report for CSCE to the Board. If anyone has any changes to suggest, please let her know.
- Byungik Chang received expense reports from events that he paid. He can't access the Webster account to check balance at this time. Once these issues are resolved, he will update the group on a monthly basis.

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

- ASCE Geo-Institute - Connecticut Valley Chapter – Landon Barlow shared the following information:
 - The GEO-CT Conference on September 27 went great and it had record attendance. Seven students from the University of Maine drove to the conference and some of them shared posters of their work. Seven to eight Younger Members also attended the conference. The Chapter will share a final report about the conference with the Board in a few weeks.
 - The presentation at the CSCE Dinner Meeting on November 19, at Quinnipiac University will have a geotechnical engineering focus on the redevelopment of the New London State Pier. If anyone has an update on the pier project, feel free to share it with Landon Barlow.
- ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Sangyul Cho shared the following information:
 - The seminar was successful with about 60 attendees, 8 presenters, and 5 sponsors. There were lots of new faces at the event and a follow-up survey was sent out yesterday. The Chapter may run a student-focused event in 2025 and another seminar either in 2025 or 2026.
- Student Chapters Committee – Kim Fletcher shared the following information:
 - She has a meeting with the Student Chapter leaders from the schools next week. She has also touched base with three people who are interested in acting as mentors/advisors for the schools. She is going to discuss what would be the most helpful way for those people to volunteer with the schools. Additionally, she is going to ask whether having representatives from ASCE attend the student chapter meetings once in a while would be helpful.
 - The Region 1 Governors had a student outreach roundtable at the Fall Assembly. Richard Cohen passed their contact information along to Kim Fletcher.

- Younger Member Group - President – Tom Wamser shared the following information:
 - 10/29 - Industry 101 at UConn - 7 volunteers will be presenting there.
 - 11/5 – The Connecticut Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America (CT CMAA) asked the YMG to co-sponsor a head-shot social together. Registration is open for this event on CMAA’s website.
 - Sometime between Mid-November and Mid-December – The YMG will host a trip to a UConn Women’s Basketball Game.
 - The recent resume reviews at CCSU (with 8 students) and Quinnipiac (with ~15 students) went well.
 - The recent trail workday went well with 15 attendees in total.
 - The YMG’s expenditures for its recent activities have been less than expected.
 - The Avangrid field trip would be a great idea and the YMG would like to schedule a field trip to the United Concrete plant in 2025.
 - He has a contact at the CT Science Center and he will share that person’s contact information with Rich Cohen to help show the Cities of the Future film there.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m. The next CSCE Board meeting is scheduled via Microsoft Teams for 12 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024.