

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Planning Meeting Conference Call via Teams
Monday, November 8, 2021, at 12:00 P.M. EST**



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

Brianna Maljanian, CSCE President
Scott Nolan, CSCE President-Elect
Aaron Foster, CSCE Vice President
Clay Patterson, CSCE Treasurer
Richard Cohen, CSCE Secretary
Tyler Parker, CSCE Newsletter Editor
George Gerard, CSCE Director I

Roy Merritt, Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
Danielle Spicer, ASCE Region 1 Governor
Alex Mora, Chair of CT Chapter of the ASCE
Structural Engineering Institute
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

1. Review/Approve Minutes from CSCE Board Conference Call on September 17, 2021

The meeting attendees reviewed the meeting minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting/Conference Call on September 17, 2021. Brianna Maljanian made a motion to approve the minutes. Aaron Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Danielle Spicer shared the following information at this meeting:

- The Fall Assembly was held last Friday.
- Covid vaccine policy related to upcoming events in 2022 – ASCE hasn't developed a policy yet and no additional information available at this time. ASCE's existing policy is being enforced at the national and regional events, but not at the section level at this time.
- Spring 2022 Assembly –Region 1 is contemplating holding the Assembly in person in Connecticut. This may be held at the end of April or in the beginning of May on a Friday and Saturday. CSCE should let Region 1 know of any other events happening in that timeframe. The Assembly may be held in conjunction with ERYMC in June in Hartford. CSCE should send a schedule to Danielle Spicer to help Region 1 coordinate the Spring Assembly with the ERYMC.
- MRLC 2022 – This event will be held virtually on February 9-11, 2022 (1-5 p.m.).
- Hybrid (Virtual and In-Person) Legislative Fly-In on March 2-4, 2022 – The deadline to sign up is December 1, 2021.

3. Recent Events

- Monthly Meeting on October 20, 2021 – This meeting offered an ethics presentation. It went well. For future meetings, CSCE should consider limiting the number of polling questions to 2-3 questions.
- Fall Geotechnical Mini-Series on October 22 & 29, 2021 – This event went well.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1 Monthly Meetings

- Monthly Meeting on November 17, 2021 - The topic of this meeting is the Walk Bridge Program. The co-sponsors of this meeting are the CT Chapter of the ASCE Construction Institute & ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Connecticut. The PDH questions for this meeting are in the pdf of meeting background material.
- Monthly Meeting on December 15, 2021 - The topic of this meeting is Benjamin Wright. This meeting is sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute. CSCE will not be offering PDHs for this meeting and there

will be free registration. Donation opportunities should remain available to registrants. CSCE is still waiting for the project summary, photos and other details to promote the meeting.

- Monthly Meeting on January 26, 2022 – The topic of this meeting is the Hartford Roof Failure/Chimney Retrofit and the meeting is co-sponsored by the Connecticut Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Hartford. The speaker is not interested in giving the presentation virtually. CSCE needs to determine if it wants to hold this meeting in person. Other organizations are holding in-person dinner meetings. CSCE will have to determine its masking policy beforehand, i.e., when to wear a mask, vaccination status/mask, etc. and CSCE will adhere to the school's Covid/mask policy where the meeting is being held. After discussing the possibilities, CSCE will plan to have the January meeting in person. Amy Petrone will reach out to the University of Hartford to find out its policies related to an in-person event.
- Monthly Meeting on February 16, 2022 - Topic TBD – Co-Sponsors: CSCE Legislative Affairs Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at Quinnipiac University
- Monthly Meeting on March 22, 2022 - Topic TBD at the Norwalk Inn – Sponsor: Fairfield County Branch
- Monthly Meeting on April 13, 2022 - Topic TBD – Co-Sponsors: CSCE Government Engineers Committee and the ASCE Student Chapter at the USCGA
- Monthly Meeting on May 10, 2022 – Topic: Applications of iTwin – Sponsor: Connecticut Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute – The CSCE Board is still waiting to get confirmation that this topic/speaker is available for this meeting.

4.2 ACE Awards

- 2021 ACE Awards

The revised deadline for applications was October 1, 2021. The Board needs to schedule a meeting to discuss the applications and determine how it will announce the winners.

- 2022 ACE Awards on May 26, 2022
 - CSCE will run a PowerPoint slideshow to highlight winners from 2020 and 2021.
 - CSCE could give out plaques beforehand or send an email to past winners before 2022 ACE Awards and give out plaques at the event.
 - The photographer could take group photos of the winners from 2020, 2021 and 2022.

5. CSCE Executive Board Activities

5.1 Report from President

- Brianna Maljanian researched the ASCE COVID Vaccination Policy (covered above) and the nomination process for ASCE Distinguished members. The nominations are due October 1st and ASCE only chooses 12 people per year. For more information for a future nomination, here is a link: <https://www.asce.org/career-growth/awards-and-honors/distinguished-members>.
- Board Member Goals - Based on a suggestion from a recent ASCE Presidents and Leaders Forum, Board members were asked to come up with 1-2 goals for their position on the Board for the remainder of the CSCE program year. Brianna Maljanian's goals relate to getting DOT employees more involved with CSCE and working with WTS on a joint event to help increase number of women in civil engineering. CT DOT is hosting a Lunch and Learn with representatives from professional societies to give a quick overview of their activities in December for new hires at DOT. Brianna Maljanian is going to explore opportunities for DOT employees to join professional societies at a discounted rate.
- CSCE Laptop - Check-in/Check-out - Brianna Maljanian will work with Amy Petrone on the sharing of the laptop for CSCE activities. George Gerard will look for a new bag/case for the laptop.

- Past Presidents Committee - Brianna will email George Gerard and Ben Cote to determine a purpose for the Past Presidents Council.

5.2 Report from Vice President

- Aaron Foster will meet with Clay Patterson at the end of November or in early December to review the Treasurer's responsibilities and tasks.
- 2021 Outstanding Section and Branch Award Nomination – Aaron Foster met with Rich Cohen about this nomination. Rich Cohen will review and transfer notes to the ASCE Annual Report form for CSCE and the Fairfield County Branch section. CSCE would have a stronger nomination in the future if it strengthened its activities related to encouraging women in engineering, volunteering with affiliated organizations, and history & heritage topics. Aaron Foster will develop a list of initiatives for CSCE to take on over the next year to strengthen its nomination in 2022.
- ASCE Distinguished Members – People nominated for this honor from CSCE could be people who have won the Benjamin Wright Award in the past.
- Connecticut Trolley Museum – A fundraiser is scheduled for June 25, 2022. The Museum is interested in having a co-sponsor of the event.

5.3 Report from Treasurer

The balances of the CSCE accounts are \$27,097.99 (checking), \$59,581.12 (savings) and \$10,989.12 (PayPal).

5.4 Report from Secretary

- Rich Cohen sent updates to the Bylaws for the Connecticut Chapter of the ASCE Transportation & Development Institute to Amy Petrone, Brianna Maljanian and Ranjit Bhavre for their review and comment.
- The CSCE and Fairfield County Branch Annual Report is due to ASCE soon. Rich Cohen is reviewing the checklist for it.

5.5 Report from Newsletter Editor

The October Newsletter was released and the November Newsletter is expected to be distributed before Thanksgiving. The Board discussed if newsletters should be distributed monthly vs. bi-monthly. If there is not much content, then maybe CSCE could run a shorter newsletter every other month. Future newsletters could highlight the infrastructure bill and its impact in Connecticut and previous winners of ACE Awards in project spotlights. Brianna Maljanian will write a President's Message and send it to Tyler for the November newsletter.

5.6 Report from Director I

- George Gerard will order the vertical CSCE banners for use at the January meeting.
- George Gerard and Aaron Foster will meet with Jim Sime to adjust the CSCE scholarship applications for 2022.

6. Report from the Infrastructure Report Card Committee

Brianna Maljanian provided information for the Report Card to Roy Merritt.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting will be on Friday, December 3, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.