



## CSCE Bi-Weekly Conference Call Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:00-5:30 PM EST

Approve/review meeting Minutes from 10/31 board meeting

### Unplanned Dinner Meetings (All)

1. 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:
  - a. Dave Jacobs lined up, structural railroad topic
  - b. Jess is managing meal choices
2. 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: Jenny Drescher and Ellen Feldman Ornato of The Bolder Company (will attend 11/12 meeting as guests of CSCE)
  - a. Emotional Intelligence Session
  - b. Normal rate is in the neighborhood of \$1,500
  - c. Would be a 75 minute presentation
3. March 10, 2020 - Dinner Meeting in at Norwalk Inn Meeting Sponsor: Fairfield County Branch (CSCE Contact: Ron Hill) Transportation Topic/Speaker:
  - a. *“Legal Pitfalls for Employers” for free about 60 minutes long, PPL, sexual harassment laws, 1099, geared towards employers?*
  - b. *“Harassment Prevention Training” for \$1,500 for up to 50 people - 90 to 120 minute presentation, certified course annually required by CT*
  - c. *Ron will verify until after the board meeting to verify the topic*
4. March – Stand-alone board meeting - Date/time/location: **TBD**
5. April 17, 2020 - Annual CSCE Spring Geotechnical Workshop - UNH Topic
  - a. Bob Bachus (3 hours) and Vern Schaeffer (4 hours) for April workshop
  - b. Title of Workshop: Geo-Medley: Lightweight Fill, Big Data, and Everything in Between
  - c. Ben reached out to speakers for presentations for PDH application on 11/5
  - d. Pricing and time is the same
  - e. Venue already secured
6. 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
7. 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
8. Lunch or dinner meeting Offer from Jerry Lukowski ([essayon242@gmail.com](mailto:essayon242@gmail.com)) 860-883-5975
  - a. Officers Club - 360 Broad St, Hartford, CT

- b. Located in the Hartford Armory - Next door to the LOB and the Capital.
- c. Available for Lunch or Dinner - If we reserve a few months out there is availability.
- d. Has a full kitchen (catered onsite) and full bar available.
- e. I would estimate they can handle 100-125 at tables.
- f. Topics Vary (Suggest when you in Hartford - Stop by for lunch or a few drinks after work) But they can include:
  - i. Briefing and tour of the Armory.
  - ii. Military engineering units in the State of CT.
  - iii. Military Construction (MILCON) in the State of CT.

#### Region 1 Assembly in Connecticut March 20-22, 2020 (Ben)

1. (Aaron) presentation of local project for a PDH?

#### Treasurer/Financial (Scott)

1. Audit/Federal Tax Filing due to ASCE Accounting Department by December 15
2. Status of transfer of \$35k to the Schwab account?

#### Fairfield County Branch (Ron)

1. Any other updates?

#### Continuing Education Survey (Brianna)

1. Currently provided on survey monkey
2. 30 Responses so far! Would like to have 100
  - a. Now up to 33 responses
  - b. Do we do a last call to increase turnout?
  - c. Last call by 11/1, reminder email on 11/5 and close on 11/8
  - d. We can use CSCE account (free account) to send out survey monkey surveys in the future
3. Feedback for how CSCE can improve
  - a. Shorter, lunch time topics
  - b. Make dinner meetings worth PDH's (working on it!)
  - c. Seminars where multiple PDH's can be earned in one day
  - d. More webinars or 1-2 PDH events instead of 6-7 PDH events
4. Do you believe that Connecticut should require PDH's to maintain PE licensure?
  - a. As of 10/13, 50% Yes 50% No
  - b. As of 10/31, 55% Yes and 45% No

#### Student Outreach (Jodi)

1. November 14 UConn event status
  - a. How many YM able to go?

#### Construction-Institute (Billy)

1. Please reach out to Craig Ruyle (Reg 1 Governor and C-I in NY) [craig.ruyle@dot.ny.gov](mailto: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
5. Still needs bylaws

#### Structural-Institute (Ranjit)

1. Need to continue ½ or 1-day seminars
  - a. Will be looking into speakers in the next few weeks
2. Still needs bylaws, Ranjit will reach out to national chapter for standard template

#### Geo-Institute (Ben)

1. September 20 (tentative) 2020 seminar Coastal Resiliency, Climate Change and Geotechnical Engineering
  - a. 2 speakers tentative already
  - b. Looking at possible alternate venues
    - i. Sheraton Hartford South (Rocky Hill)
    - ii. Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport (Windsor)
    - iii. Red Lion Hotel (Cromwell)
    - iv. Courtyard Hartford Cromwell (Cromwell)
    - v. Hilton Garden Inn Wallingford/Meriden (Wallingford)
2. Need to assign other committee members to fixed activities (or appoint a fixed board)
  - a. Vice chair and secretary needed
3. Status of G-I bi-laws incorporation

#### Legislative Affairs (Roy)

1. Committee meeting update held on tuesday 10/29 - updates/outcomes?
2. Local fly-in Hartford?
3. National fly-in scheduled for March 11-12, 2020 [https://www.asce.org/legislative\\_fly-in/](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?

#### Newsletter (Amy)

1. How is switch to Joomag going?
2. Do we have read rate metrics available?

#### Golf Outing (TBD)

1. Is Judson Wible available (Brianna)?
  - a.

#### Dinner Meeting Improvements

1. Becoming a certified NYS PDH organization (Brianna)
  - a. <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pels/pelscesponsor.htm>
  - b. Application in progress
  - c. Brianna is still processing comments on application, looking to incorporate everything on 11/3, Amy provided various documents and recordkeeping address
  - d. CSCE needs to figure out a physical address not a PO box for mailing
  - e. Brianna to look up online what the Met Section did for approval - updates?
2. (Ben) Ellen Ornato from The Bolder Company (<https://www.theboldercompany.com/>)
  - a. Potentially speaking at spring dinner meeting, already provided discount code to CSCE members for November 2019 events
3. (George) need to get 2x8 pull-up banners and table-top banners ASAP please

#### Other

1. (Amy) CSCE apparel on Lands End <https://business.landsend.com/store/asceregion1/>
2. (Aaron) Annual Report due November 30

\*\*\*Next call/meeting scheduled for *Thursday, December 5 at 12 noon*\*\*\*