

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
Friday, November 15, 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:

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	Landon Barlow, Chair of the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geotechnical Institute
Jodi Constant, 2024-25 CSCE Secretary	Randy States, Chair of the CSCE History & Heritage Committee
Scott Nolan, 2024-25 CSCE Director II	Jose Infante Corona, Fairfield County Branch Treasurer
Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant	Tom Wamser, YMG President
	George Gerard, CSCE Past President

1. Report from ASCE Region 1

- January 31-February 1, 2025 - ASCE Regions 1, 2, 4, & 5 Workshop for Section, Branch, and Institute Leaders (WSBIL), at the Hilton Memphis, TN – Sections can nomination 1 person to attend this Workshop. That person should register by November 22. Before January 9, the person should make a hotel reservation online.
- The following 2024-25 CSCE Executive Board Officers still need to be inducted by ASCE: Tyler Parker (President-Elect) and Danielle Morin (Newsletter Editor).

2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from October 18, 2024 – This was not done because of a lack of a quorum.

3. CSCE Events

3.1 Past Events – Recent events managed by the CSCE Younger Members Group (YMG) including Industry 101 at the University of Connecticut on October 29, the YMG & CT CMAA Cornhole & Headshots event on November 5, and the YMG Trip to a UConn Women’s Basketball Game on November 7 went very well. Additionally, CSCE’s dinner meeting at CT State Community College at Three Rivers on October 15th went well.

3.2 Upcoming Dinner Meetings:

- November 19 at Quinnipiac University – Due to unforeseen circumstances, the advertised presenter for this meeting had to withdraw from providing the planned presentation on the redevelopment of the state pier at New London. As a result, the topic & speaker was changed to Long-Term Performance of Prefabricated Deck Level Connections, an Accelerated Bridge Construction technique, through use cases across three ConnDOT bridges, from Michael Culmo, P.E., Chief Bridge Engineer at CHA.
- 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
- March 25 at Fairfield County Branch - Two Roads Brewing Company, Stratford, CT - Michael Rosenblatt, Project Engineer in District 3 of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, will give a presentation on the I-95 Fairfield Avenue Bridge Project in Norwalk, CT

- April 16 at USCGA - Speaker/Topic still needs to be finalized - The cadets were interested in hearing about AI and civil engineering. A professor at the University of New Haven may be able to give a presentation on that topic. Rich Cohen has been in contact with the professor about her availability to give a presentation at this meeting.

3.3 Webinars

3.3.1 Upcoming Webinar: On December 10, at 12 p.m., Paul Ashworth of CTDOT will give a presentation on the Role of a Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator and the CTDOT's newly created Active Transportation Unit.

3.3.2 CSCE's Microsoft 365 Family subscription – This subscription was renewed in October.

3.3.3 Potential Topics:

Sustainability	Utility Infrastructure	Multi-Modal Transportation
Construction - United Precast / National Precast Concrete Association of America	Ethics (Amy Petrone emailed Frederick Hedberg & asked him if he would be interested in presenting at another webinar in 2025)	History & Heritage/Covered bridges in CT

4. Reports from CSCE Executive Board Members:

President Rich Cohen:

- Coordinating speaker on AI at the CSCE dinner meeting on April 16, 2025.
- Looking into scheduling a site tour of the I-91/I-691/Rt-15 Interchange project.
- Looking into scheduling a site tour of the Avangrid facility in Bridgeport that was recently upgraded with flood mitigation measures.

Director II Scott Nolan:

- Attended recent YMG events and all went well. The YMG should get faculty advisors more involved in its activities to get more students to attend them.
- Will attend the next dinner meeting on November 19 at Quinnipiac University.

Treasurer Byungik Chang reviewed CSCE's expenditures and payments received in October and November (to date).

Secretary Jodi Constant sent draft annual reports for CSCE and Fairfield County Branch activities to Board members in October and November. She will incorporate the comments that were received and upload information to ASCE's website before the end of November, possibly this weekend.

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

- ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute – CT Chapter – On behalf of this Chapter, Jose Infante Corona is coordinating the speaker for the CSCE dinner meeting on February 11 at UNH.
- ASCE Geo-Institute - Connecticut Valley Chapter - Landon Barlow shared that the Chapter's Board is meeting next week, applying for an ASCE Chapter Award, and would like to coordinate with the CSCE board about the 2025 geotechnical student scholarships. Hudson Jackson is the Scholarship Committee Chair for Chapter.
- ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Sangyul Cho shared that the Chapter received a \$500 grant from the SEI Futures Fund and the Chapter is preparing for a distribution of scholarships in 2025.

5. Reports from /Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch (Continued)

- Fairfield County Branch - Jose Infante Corona shared that the Branch hosted a get together in August and the Branch will talk about holding another social soon. Branch President Carolyn Foston confirmed via email that Michael Rosenblatt, Project Engineer in District 3 of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, will give a presentation on the I-95 Fairfield Avenue Bridge Project in Norwalk, CT.
- Infrastructure Report Card Committee & Legislative Affairs Committee – This Committee will seek volunteers in early 2025 to help develop the 2026 Infrastructure Report Card.
- Membership Committee - Contact Person is CSCE Secretary Jodi Constant - CSCE can send out welcome emails to new members monthly via Higher Logic and direct new members to the Membership Committee if they have any questions about CSCE. Also, CSCE could hold a membership drive in early December via Higher Logic. If each CSCE member could try to bring a colleague to CSCE events and encourage them to join ASCE, that would help CSCE's membership grow.
- Younger Member Group - Tom Wamser shared the following information with the Board:
 - Paige DiCiccio recently joined the YMG Board. Now, 8-11 people regularly attend the board meetings.
 - Industry 101 at UConn went well. The YMG would like to hold a similar event annually at different schools in Connecticut.
 - The Social with CT CMAA went well. It was held at a great venue (The Truck Bar in Berlin, CT).
 - The trip to a UConn Women's Basketball game went well, but it was challenging to get the tickets to people and to sell the tickets. About 20 CSCE members attended this event.
 - For the 2025 Yard goats game trip, a deposit of \$1,100 is due now.
 - The MRLC and Fly-In registrations are open now. People should begin asking their employers for their support to attend the events.

With no more business to discuss, Rich Cohen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m. Byungik Chang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.