

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers  
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams  
Friday, November 17, 2023 - Meeting Agenda**



1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Danielle Spicer / Geoffrey Schwartz  
September 29-30 - Region 1 Assembly meeting (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)  
October 19-21 - ASCE 2023 Convention in Chicago, IL  
January 26-27 - ERYMC/MRLC/YMLS - Miami, FL  
February 28 – March 1 - 2024 Legislative Fly-In - Washington, D.C.
2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from September 15, 2023
3. CSCE Monthly Meetings
  - 3.1 Recent Meetings
    - October 18 at Quinnipiac University - Feedback?
    - November 1 - CSCE partnered with the Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (CAFM) on its 10th Annual Conference & Meeting at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, CT - CSCE provided 5 NYS PDHs to 7 people and earned \$175.
    - November 14 at UNH - Feedback?
  - 3.2 Upcoming Meetings:
    - 2024 CSCE Meeting Prices (should they be increased from 2023 rates?)
    - December 12 at TRCC - Co-Sponsored by the CT Chapter of the Environmental & Water Resources Institute and TRCC, Presentation Topic: Stratford CT Six Wastewater Pumping Stations Rehabilitation Project, Speaker: Ryan Benoit, P.E., of Tighe & Bond
      - Can TRCC students provide help at the registration table and give update on engineering-related activities at TRCC?
      - What other representatives from TRCC would like to give short presentations at this meeting?
    - January 30 at the University of Hartford - Speaker from DOT/Complete Streets - Co-sponsored by CT Chapter of ASCE Transportation & Development Institute and the the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Hartford
      - Items that need to be finalized:
        - Meal choices (CSCE may want to have a plated meal since the 3 fall meetings featured buffets as will the April meeting)
        - Can UHA students provide help at the registration table and give update on activities of ASCE Student Chapter?
    - February 21 at CCSU - Co-sponsored by the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at CCSU
      - Items that need to be finalized:
        - Speakers - Presentation Topic: Widening of I-95N Exit 27A in Bridgeport (George Gerard of WSP is coordinating the speakers for this meeting)
        - Meal choices (CSCE may want to have a plated meal - see note above for January 30 meeting)
        - Can CCSU students provide help at the registration table and give update on activities of ASCE Student Chapter?

- March 19 at the Norwalk Inn - Sponsored by the Fairfield County Branch of CSCE, Presentation on the Rochambeau Bridges – I-84 over the Housatonic River, by Christopher Hylas, P.E. and Tyler Parker, P.E., of Lochner
- Items that need to be finalized:
  - Meal choices (CSCE may want to have a plated meal - see note above for January 30 meeting)
  - Who would like to give an update on activities of the Fairfield County Branch?
- April 16 - Dinner Meeting at USCGA - Co-Sponsored by the Government Engineers Committee, Topic: Nonverbal Communication, Speaker: Dr. Brock Barry of West Point

#### 4. Webinars

##### 4.1 Recent Webinars

- 10/24/23 - Free Webinar - Federal-aid Highway Program Overview in Connecticut
- 10/30/23 - What Structural Engineers Should Know About Building Above Underground Mines (1 NYS PDH)

##### 4.2 Upcoming Webinar - 12/4/23 - Ethics

##### 4.3 Future topics:

CT Railroad Future - Jay Young	Design Build/Challenging Permitting - Raquel Ocasio
Rights-of-Way - Matt G	Noise Analysis - Anna
CEPA Scoping Process - Kevin F.	Eightmile River Conservation - Pat Young
CT Ready Mix Concrete	Bike Lane Design

#### 5. Presentations with Affiliated Organizations

- 5.1 Equity Presentations/Events with Catalyst Inc., WBE, ASCE Mosaic, Women in the Workforce Panel
- 5.3 College outreach - Engr 101 - why to become a civil engineer?, Consulting 101, Senior Designs
- 5.4 High School outreach - Career Day (Danielle M.), Reaching out to Guidance Counselors (Rich & Amy), Avon (Tyler), Society of Women Engineers (Danielle M.), PWC (Tom W.)

#### 6. CSCE Executive Board Activities

##### 6.1 Report from President - Aaron Foster

- Annual Sponsorship - \$2,000 annually for ASCE/CSCE Firms includes the following:
  - PowerPoint slide recognition at every meeting – presented by CSCE
  - Company logo included in emails promoting the meeting
  - Company logo included on all the meeting/event invitations sent by CSCE
  - 5 dinner meeting registration vouchers - These can be used all at one dinner meeting or spaced out throughout the year at multiple dinner meetings, but not at the ACE Awards event
    - Includes PDHs for employees attending the meetings that offer PDHs
  - Sponsorship recognition in CSCE Newsletter and on the CSCE website

When should CSCE begin to promote this? Benefits and costs are similar to what WTS offers annual sponsorships.

##### 6.2 Report from President Elect– Rich Cohen

- 6.3 Report from Vice-President - Tyler Parker - Zettle 2 bought, PayPal Contact Person Transition Update
- 6.4 Report from Treasurer – Eric Hoyt - Anticipated operating budget
- 6.5 Report from Newsletter Editor – Sam Turek/Danielle Morin
- 6.6 Report from Director II – Brianna Ritacco
  - 9/27 - Past President’s Council meeting
  - Status of edits to CSCE Operations Manual
  - City Steam invoice from 2022
- 6.7 Report from Director I – Scott Nolan
- 7. Reports from Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

ASCE Construction Institute - CT Chapter - Chair - Billy Cunningham

ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute – CT Chapter - Chair - Tom Loto

ASCE Geo-Institute - Connecticut Valley Chapter - Chair – Landon Barlow

ASCE Structural Engineering Institute - CT Chapter - Chair – Byungik Chang

ASCE Transportation & Development Institute – CT Chapter – Ranjit Bhawe

Career Guidance Committee - Chair – Vice President – Tyler Parker

Continuing Education Committee - Chair - Vice President – Tyler Parker

Fairfield County Branch - President - Open

Golf Outing Committee – Chair – Nathan Rossi

Government Engineers Committee - Chair - Rabih Barakat

History & Heritage Committee - Chair – Aaron Foster

Infrastructure Report Card Committee & Legislative Affairs Committee – Roy Merritt

Membership Committee - Chair – Sam Turek

Past Presidents Council - Chair - Brianna Ritacco

Programs Committee - Chair - Jeff Benoit

Scholarship Committee - Chair - Jim Sime

Special Events - Eric Hoyt

Student Chapters Committee - Hudson Jackson - Will need new chair in 2024

- Request from UConn for sponsorship

Website Committee – Director I – Scott Nolan

Younger Member Group - President – Tom Wamser

- Idea from Amy Petrone - Coordinate a group outing to a Quinnipiac Women’s Ice Hockey game on February 3, 9, and 10, 2024 - Tickets for groups of 15 or more are \$5 each - FYI- The men's hockey discounted ticket rate is \$18 each and they have home games on 2/16 & 2/17. This group outing could be co-sponsored by the YMG, the Past President’s Council and the Student Chapters Committee.