



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

Aaron Foster, CSCE President	Landon Barlow, Chair of the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE
Rich Cohen, CSCE President-Elect	Geo- Institute
Tyler Parker, CSCE Vice President	Byungik Chang, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE
Eric Hoyt, CSCE Treasurer	Structural Engineering Institute
Sam Turek, CSCE Secretary	George Gerard, Past CSCE President
Danielle Morin, CSCE Newsletter Editor	Tom Wamser, YMG President
Scott Nolan, CSCE Director I	Sanjeev Mohan, YMG Vice President
Geoffrey Schwartz, ASCE Region 1 Governor	Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

1. Report from ASCE Region 1 Governor – Geoffrey Schwartz shared the following information:

1.1 Upcoming ASCE Activities include:

- January 26-27 - ERYMC/MRLC/YMLS - Miami, FL – CSCE members can attend this conference.
- February 28 – March 1 - 2024 Legislative Fly-In - Washington, D.C.
- The Region 1 Spring Assembly is scheduled to be held in Portland, ME, in mid-March 2024.
- April 19-21 - 2024 Northeast Student Symposium (including Steel Bridge competition and Concrete Canoe competition) will be held at the University of New Hampshire.

1.2 Annual Section Report due to ASCE by November 30 - Rich Cohen, Eric Hoyt and Sam Turek will coordinate this effort.

1.3 ASCE Grant Applications – ASCE accepts grant applications of up to \$500 for student-related events. Geoffrey Schwartz will circulate a flyer about this type of grant application after this meeting. Tom Wamser submitted a \$500 grant application to support the YMG's recent events. Applications have a rolling deadline and should be submitted 90 days before the event.

2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from September 15, 2023

Tyler Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the CSCE Board Meeting Conference call on September 15, 2023. Rich Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Feedback about Recent Events

- September 22 - GEO-CT Conference – This event went very well, and the presenters were very good. The CT Valley Chapter would be happy to have a dinner meeting occur the night before a future conference and the Chapter can take that into account when it reserves rooms at the hotel for the conference.

- October 18 – Dinner Meeting at Quinnipiac University – The speaker and the food were great. The presentation was interesting.
- October 20 - Structural Seminar – This seminar featured excellent presentations and was well-run & well-attended. In the future, CSCE could host a dinner meeting the night before the seminar. Sponsors could be asked to help cover the costs of the dinner meeting and conference.
- October 24 - Webinar on the Federal-aid Highway Program in Connecticut by the FHWA – This event went very well. Students and YMG thought it was a great event.
- October 31 - Webinar on Underground Mines – This was an interesting topic.
- 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 was paid \$175. Next year, CSCE could team up again with CAFM and hold a dinner meeting the night before the conference to possibly increase attendance at both the meeting and the conference.
- November 14 – Dinner Meeting at the University of New Haven – This meeting went well, attendance was good, and student turnout was great.
- November 16 - YMG Social – This event went well. The YMG aimed to have 30 people attend. Instead, 20 people attended. So, the YMG didn't meet the bar minimum and YMG incurred an extra \$70 charge. Tom Wamser should submit a reimbursement request for the \$70. The YMG should notify Byungik Chang about future YMG Socials so he can forward the information to the UNH Alumni network and hopefully increase attendance.

#### 4. Upcoming Meetings:

- 4.1 2024 CSCE Meeting Prices – The Board discussed if the meeting prices should be increased from 2023 rates. After discussing this possible increase, it was decided that CSCE would increase only the student meal prices from \$20 to \$30 for the 2024 meetings.
- 4.2 December 12 – Dinner Meeting at CT State Community College – Three Rivers - Co-Sponsored by the CT Chapter of the Environmental & Water Resources Institute and CT State Community College – Three Rivers - Presentation Topic: Stratford CT Six Wastewater Pumping Stations Rehabilitation Project - Speaker: Ryan Benoit, P.E., of Tighe & Bond - Aaron Foster is unable to attend this event. Rich Cohen will give the updates about CSCE and Tom Loto will help with the speaker introductions.
- 4.3 January 30 – Dinner Meeting at the University of Hartford - Co-sponsored by CT Chapter of ASCE Transportation & Development Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Hartford - Speakers from DOT will give a presentation on DOT's Complete Streets Initiative. CSCE will offer a plated meal at this dinner meeting. CSCE still needs to finalize information about the presentation and the meal choices.
- 4.4 February 21 – Dinner Meeting at CCSU - Co-sponsored by the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at CCSU – Speakers from WSP will give a presentation on the Widening of I-95N Exit 27A in Bridgeport. CSCE still needs to finalize information about the speakers and the meal choices.

4.5 March 19 – Dinner Meeting in Norwalk - Sponsored by the Fairfield County Branch of CSCE – Christopher Hylas, P.E. and Tyler Parker, P.E., of Lochner, will give a presentation on the Rochambeau Bridges – I-84 over the Housatonic River. CSCE will offer a plated meal at this dinner meeting. CSCE still needs to finalize information about the presentation and the meal choices.

4.6 April 16 - Dinner Meeting at USCGA - Co-Sponsored by the Government Engineers Committee - Topic: Nonverbal Communication, Speaker: Dr. Brock Barry of West Point. CSCE will offer a buffet at this dinner meeting. Registration for this event can open up soon.

## 5. Upcoming Webinars

5.1 December 4 – Ethics Webinar

5.2 Future webinar topics include:

ASCE Mosaic (Could be held in January Potentially)	WBE Challenges
CT Railroad Future - Jay Young (December or later)	Design Build/Challenging Permitting - Raquel Ocasio - Jan./Feb.
Rights-of-Way - Matt G.	Noise Analysis - Anna
CEPA Scoping Process - Kevin F.	Eightmile River Conservation - Pat Young - February/March
CT Ready Mix Concrete	Bike Lane Design

## 6. Presentations with Affiliated Organizations

6.1 Equity Presentations/Events with Catalyst Inc., WBE, ASCE Mosaic, Women in the Workforce Panel

6.2 College outreach - Engr 101 - Tom Wamser gave a Consulting 101 presentation at Tighe & Bond. He can give the presentation for the ASCE Student Chapter at UNH. Eric Hoyt is also interested in coordinating an introduction to engineering presentation.

6.3 High School outreach – Tyler Parker reached out to the Avon Schools about participating in a career fair in the spring. He will let us know more when he gets information. Rich Cohen has been in contact with Daniel Hand High School in Madison, CT, to give a presentation to prospective civil engineering majors. Scott Nolan is also interested in helping with these presentations. George Gerard is a Daniel Hand High School alumni and he could help with a presentation at that school.

## 7. CSCE Executive Board Activities

7.1 Report from President - Aaron Foster - Annual Sponsorship - \$2,000 annually for ASCE/CSCE Firms – Information about this sponsorship will be distributed when ACE project applications are distributed in 2024.

7.2 Report from President Elect– Rich Cohen - Fairfield County Branch Representation – Ron Hill recently stepped down as President of the Branch. On behalf of the Board, Rich Cohen will manage the effort to retain new leadership for the Branch. As part of that effort, Amy Petrone will send an email to the Branch members and ask for volunteers.

7.3 Report from Treasurer – Eric Hoyt – Former Treasurer Tyler Parker is trying to connect CSCE’s Webster account, PayPal account and ASCE’s Quicken online accounts. CSCE could continue to use Quickbooks until August 2024 and then aim to switch to ASCE’s Quicken online account on October 1, 2024.

7.4 Report from Secretary - Sam Turek – He has started the annual report and is meeting with Eric Hoyt next week. Amy Petrone will send information about the Fairfield County Branch’s activities to him for the annual report.

7.5 Report from Director I – Scott Nolan

- Registration for ERYMC in Miami is open. CSCE needs to determine if it can cover people’s costs to attend the event. Tom Wamser and Mohammed are going to the event funded by Tighe & Bond. Ariana Antonucci and Michael Ciacciarella are going but are not getting reimbursed by their municipal employers. The estimated cost for a person to attend the conference is \$1900. Last night, Chris Ruopp said he may be interested in going. From the CSCE Board, Scott Nolan, Eric Hoyt and Aaron Foster are interested in going. Sam Turek may consider going. Landon Barlow will ask Alex Ciccone from Keller if he is interested in going too. Based on this discussion, Aaron Foster made a motion to have CSCE pay \$5700 to cover the full costs for 2 Younger Members and partial or full costs for 1 additional CSCE Member to attend the 2024 ERYMC. This motion was seconded by Scott Nolan and it passed unanimously.
- A professor from UNH recently moved to CT and is interested in joining CSCE leadership.

## 8. Reports from Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

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

- The CT Valley Chapter’s scholarship proposal has been finalized and Landon Barlow will send it to the Board for its feedback.
- Landon Barlow requested information about the CSCE transition to Thrive/Informz platform. Amy Petrone shared that CSCE plans to transition to ASCE’s Thrive/Informz platform by the summer of 2024.

8.2 Student Chapters Committee

- This Committee will need a new chair in 2024.
- UConn requested funding/sponsorship from CSCE. Aaron Foster will respond to the request.

8.3 Younger Member Group - President – Tom Wamser

- Group outing to a Quinnipiac University’s 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 February 16 and 17, 2024. This group outing could be co-sponsored by the YMG, the Past President’s Council and the Student Chapters Committee. Michael Ciacciarella is interested in coordinating this group outing.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.