Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
November 21, 2025 – 12 p.m. - <u>Meeting Minutes</u>

Tyler Parker, CSCE President
Eric Hoyt, CSCE President-Elect
Byungik Chang, CSCE Vice President
Jodi Constant, CSCE Treasurer
Rich Cohen, CSCE Director I
Aaron Foster, CSCE Director II

Geoffrey Schwartz, ASCE Region 1 Governor
Sangyul Cho, Chair of the CT Chapter of the
 ASCE Structural Engineering Institute
Mike Ciacciarella, YMG Vice President
Carolyn Foston, Fairfield County Branch President

1. Report from Region 1 of ASCE - Region 1 Governor Geoffrey Schwartz:

1.1 January 9-10, 2026 - Regions 1, 2, 4 & 5 MRLC in Jacksonville, FL – Mike Ciacciarella, Rich Cohen and Aaron Foster will be attending this event.

1.2 March 18-20, 2026 - ASCE Legislative Fly-In in Washington, DC – Aaron Foster will be attending this event.

1.3 Nominations for 2026 ASCE Director or Governor Election are due by December 1st.

1.4 Congratulations to Aaron Foster and Rich Cohen for becoming Region 1 ASCE Governors. There are 7 different Governors in Region 1 and their 3-eyar terms run from October-September annually. Rich Cohen will represent the New Jersey Section and Aaron Foster will represent CSCE. They can serve on the CSCE Board and as Region 1 Governors simultaneously. Anyone can reach out to Geoff Schwartz, Aaron Foster and Rich Cohen for information about activities in Region 1.

1.5 ASCE Student Symposium in April 17-18 – This event will be held at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. CSCE is part of ASCE's New England region for these types of events. CSCE should reach out to the ASCE Student Chapters to encourage them to attend these events. ASCE is having monthly symposium check-in calls to prepare for the event.

1.6 At the end of October, CSCE submitted an Outstanding Section and Branch application to ASCE.

1.7 Tyler Parker and Jodi Constant will work together on submitting the ASCE Annual Reports for CSCE and the Fairfield County Branch before the deadline.

2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from CSCE Board Meetings on September 26, 2025, and October 17, 2025 – Tyler Parker made a motion to approve the minutes, Rich Cohen seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

3. CSCE Executive Board Activities

3.1 Treasurer Update on Accounts: Jodi Constant is trying to set up an online login for the CSCE checking account and she will send an update on CSCE's account balances by email.

4. 2025-2026 CSCE In-Person Monthly Dinner Meetings, Webinars and Board Meetings

4.1 Monthly Dinner Meetings/Webinars/ACE Awards

- Recap of November 18th CSCE Dinner Meeting – This event went really well on a topic that is looking decades into the future about planning around Hartford. Just over 70 people attended it. Quinnipiac University students are planning on competing in the upcoming steel bridge competition.

- CSCE still needs to schedule a speaker for the CSCE Dinner Meeting at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on April 14, 2026. Rich Cohen has reached out to speakers about a presentation related to the CT Port Authority/State Pier.

4.2 Possible Dinner Meeting Topics/Task Updates:

- Stone Bridge Crossing (SBC) in Cheshire, CT – This could be a future dinner meeting topic or webinar.
- CSCE could host a presentation on the implementation of the Greater Hartford Mobility Program at a future dinner meeting.

4.3 Past & Upcoming Webinars:

- November 20 – 12 p.m. webinar on Bicycle Infrastructure – The presentation went well and the speakers shared information on different cities and metro areas in CT and highlighted projects in cities that implemented bike lanes.
- December webinar about DOT automated work zones –Tyler Parker will reach out to a potential speaker for this topic.

5. Reports from Younger Members Group, Institute/Committee Chairs, and the Fairfield County Branch

5.1 Past Events held by the Fairfield County Branch, SEI-CT, and the YMG:

- October 22nd CTDOT Highway Operations Center Tour at 12 p.m. – This event was well received and had about 10 attendees.
- October 25th CSCE YMG Career Path Roundtables at CCSU at 5 p.m. – This event was very well received and had about 20 attendees.
- October 29th YMG Quinnipiac University Alumni Panel – Three alumni spoke with 10 students about careers in civil engineering.
- October 30th Fairfield County Branch Social at Elicit Brewing Company in Fairfield, CT at 5:30 p.m. – The Branch had a good turnout for this event.
- November 7th SEI-CT Seminar at the Hilton Garden Inn Hartford South/Glastonbury, in Glastonbury, CT – This event had 80 attendees including 25 students, 11 poster presenters judged by volunteers, 6 student poster prizes, and 6 sponsors. The SEI-CT Chapter members sent a reimbursement request to the CSCE Treasurer. People discussed how CSCE handled past scholarships and if checks were given directly to students or to their schools. Jodi Constant attended this year's seminar and thought the event went really well.
- November 11th YMG presentation at UNH on International Visas – This event was very well received and had many attendees.
- On November 13th, the YMG held a workshop on LinkedIn with students at UNH that was very well received.

The YMG has also held monthly board meetings and quarterly in-person meetings. No events were held at the University of Connecticut or the University of Hartford this semester, but there are plans to schedule resume review events at those schools in February.

5.2 Upcoming Events that will be held by the Fairfield County Branch, SEI-CT, and the YMG:

- January 29th Fairfield County Branch Social at Elicit Brewing Company in Fairfield, CT, at 5:30 p.m.
- February 12th SEI-CT Student Career Forum at CCSU – The SEI-CT Chapter is finalizing the event contract with CCSU and is inviting speakers to this event.
- May 27th Hartford Yard Goats YM Social
- June 4th CSCE-CT ITE Golf Outing at Timberlin

With no more business to discuss, Tyler Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m. Rich Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.