Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams Friday, December 15, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. EST

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



Aaron Foster, CSCE President Rich Cohen, CSCE President-Elect Tyler Parker, CSCE Vice President Eric Hoyt, CSCE Treasurer Sam Turek, CSCE Secretary Landon Barlow, Chair of the CT Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo- Institute
Tom Loto, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Environmental & Water
Resources Institute
Ranjit Bhave, Chair of the CT Chapter of the ASCE Transportation &
Development Institute
Tom Wamser, YMG President
Nathan Rossi, CSCE Golf Outing Chair

## 1. Report about ASCE Information

Annual Reports for CSCE and Fairfield County Branch were due by November 30, 2023. Sam Turek submitted the reports.

# 2. Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from November 17, 2023

Rich Cohen made a motion to accept these meeting minutes. Tyler Parker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Since there was no meeting in October 2023 due to a lack of quorum, there are no minutes from that meeting.

#### 3. CSCE Monthly Meetings

#### 3.1 Recent Meetings

- December 12<sup>th</sup> at CT State Community College Three Rivers This meeting went off without a hitch. Scott Nolan connected with students from Three Rivers and there were more attendees outside of the student population. CSCE needs to work on ways to drum up additional membership attendance. The awarding of NYS PDHs at this meeting is a good start.
- December 4 Ethics Presentation This webinar went well.

# 3.2 Upcoming Meetings:

- January 30 at the University of Hartford Speaker from DOT/Complete Streets Co-sponsored by CT Chapter of ASCE Transportation & Development Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Hartford – The meal choices and student assistance for this meeting need to be finalized.
- February 21 at CCSU Speakers from WSP/DOT on the Widening of I-95N Exit 27A in Bridgeport, CT Co-sponsored by the CT Chapter of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and the ASCE Student Chapter at CCSU The meal choices and student assistance for this meeting need to be finalized.

- March 19 in Fairfield County 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 - The venue and who will manage the meeting on behalf of the Branch still need to be finalized.
- April 16 Dinner Meeting at USCGA Co-Sponsored by the Government Engineers Committee, Topic: Nonverbal Communication, Speaker: Dr. Brock Barry of West Point

### 4. <u>Upcoming Webinars</u>

ASCE Mosaic – March 5, 2024 WBE Challenges

CT Railroad Future - Jay Young Design Build/Challenging Permitting - Raquel Ocasio - Feb/March

Rights-of-Way - Matt G Noise Analysis - Anna

CEPA Scoping Process - Kevin F. Eightmile River Conservation - Pat Young - Feb/March

Bike Lane Design

CT Ready Mix Concrete - Aaron Foster will touch base with Scott Nolan about this webinar

# 5. Presentations with Affiliated Organizations

5.1 College outreach - Engr 101 - Tom Wamser gave a Consulting 101 presentation at Tighe & Bond. He can give a presentation for the ASCE Student Chapter at UNH. Eric Hoyt is also interested in coordinating an introduction to engineering presentation. They will contact UNH about giving these presentations to students.

# 5.2 High School Outreach Progress

- Rich Cohen has been in contact with Daniel Hand High School in Madison, CT, to give a presentation to prospective civil engineering majors. He and Scott Nolan plan on going to this high school in January 2024. The high school's Career Fair is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.
- 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.
- Tom Wamser and Sam Turek will contact colleges to get updates on Senior Designs.
- Sam Turek asked if people knew of an active construction project that could be toured by STEM students from an all-girls school during spring of 2024.

#### 6. CSCE Executive Board Activities

- 6.1 Report from President & President Elect– Aaron Foster and Rich Cohen
  - Fairfield County Branch Leadership Amy Petrone sent an email to the Branch members to see if anyone was interested in managing the Branch's activities. Three people who expressed interest are Jose Corona, Carolyn Foston, and Pam Waters.
  - March 15th is the deadline for the applications for scholarships, ACE Awards and CSCE Sponsorships.
- 6.2 Report from Vice-President Tyler Parker bought the Zettle 2 card processor and is working on the PayPal Contact Person Transition.
- 6.3 Report from Treasurer Eric Hoyt Anticipated operating budget Former Treasurer Tyler Parker is trying to connect CSCE's Webster account, PayPal account and ASCE's Quicken online account. CSCE could continue to use Quickbooks until August 2024 and then aim to switch to the Quicken online account on October 1, 2024.

6.4 Report from Secretary - Sam Turek submitted the annual reports for CSCE and the Fairfield County Branch.

# 7. Reports from Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

ASCE Geo-Institute - Connecticut Valley Chapter - Landon Barlow shared that this Chapter is planning a spring geotechnical seminar on the topic of coastal resilience.

ASCE Environmental & Water Resources Institute – CT Chapter – There will be a wastewater special conference at the CT Convention Center in April 2024.

Golf Outing Committee – Nathan Rossi shared that the tentative date for the ITE/CSCE Golf Outing is June 28, 2024.

Student Chapters Committee - UConn requested a funding sponsorship from CSCE. Aaron Foster will respond to the request.

Younger Member Group - Tom Wamser shared that Michael Ciacciarella is interested in coordinating a group outing to a Quinnipiac Ice Hockey game in 2024.

The next CSCE Board meeting is scheduled via Microsoft Teams for noon on Friday, January 19, 2024.