January 7, 2016 CSCE Board Meeting Minutes – 7:00 p.m. – Elizabeth’s, Rocky Hill, CT

People Present: Chris Beaulieu*, David Chapman*, Billy Cunningham, Gary Fuerstenberg*, Hudson Jackson*, Tom Loto, David Semnoski*, Randy States, Kassim Tarhini*, and CSCE Administrative Assistant Amy Petrone  
* CSCE Board Member

The meeting began at 6:15 p.m. and the following items were discussed:

1. Region 1 meeting (April 8-10 at Quinnipiac University) – Billy Cunningham will be coordinating the meeting on behalf of CSCE. He will reserve a block of rooms at a nearby hotel and a Quinnipiac University professor is coordinating the reception. He will report back to the CSCE Board about the planning process for the event in about 1 month.

2. CSCE-DFI – Update – CSCE and DFI will no longer be partnering to provide annual geotechnical workshops and seminars. The CSCE’s Geotechnical Technical Group will now be managing these events and will continue to offer PDHs that are accepted in New York and Florida. DFI has offered to post information about these upcoming events on its website. Kassim Tarhini made a motion to have CSCE continue to run the annual geotechnical workshops and seminars. David Chapman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

* CSCE will also implement online registration and payment using Constant Contact and PayPal so that people can register and pay for these workshops and seminars online as well as for upcoming CSCE dinner meetings. CSCE will continue to accept cash or check at the registration table on the day of the event, but it would like to move away from accepting credit cards at that time.

* In the future, the Geotechnical Technical Group may partner with the Structures Technical Group on a future continuing education seminar or workshop.

3. OCEA (Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement) Award – CSCE will nominate CTfastrak for this national award.

4. Report Card – Omkar Jambotkar is managing this effort on behalf of CSCE. Report cards could be developed on the following topics: bridges, roads, railways, drinking water and wastewater. The next step in the process of developing the report cards is to gather the data from sources in the state. CSCE needs to apply to ASCE about a year in advance for each topic. ASCE has a training on developing a report card that people need to attend before starting the process. Locally, CCIA recently distributed a report about bridges.

5. Attendance at upcoming conference in Pittsburgh (Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders (WSBL) and the Eastern Region Younger Member Council (ERYMC) – Chris Beaulieu and Hudson Jackson may be able to attend the WSBL meetings and 1-2 members of the CSCE Younger Members Committee may be able to attend the ERYMC meetings.

6. March 15-17 Legislative Fly-In – ASCE will provide subsidies to sections to attend the Fly-In and meet with Connecticut political representatives in Washington, DC. Omkar Jambotkar is interested in learning more about the Fly-In. Amy Petrone will send the recent email from ASCE about the Fly-In to him. Kassim Tarhini made a motion to send a CSCE representative to the Fly-In. David Chapman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. ACE Awards – The following items were discussed related to the ACE Awards:

* Review examples of ACE trophies – Since the glass format of past ACE Awards has been discontinued by Dinn Bros., Amy Petrone showed the Board three types of awards that could replace the glass awards. People generally preferred the largest of the 3 awards and were interested in knowing if the awards could be in the shape of Connecticut. Amy Petrone will check with Dinn Bros. about awards in the shape of Connecticut and will look for awards that come in at least 2 sizes so CSCE can offer one for the ACE Awards and one for the ACE Awards of Merit.
* CSCE could show the preview trailer for *Dream Big: Engineering Wonders of the World* that evening. Amy Petrone will forward an email about this trailer to Board members.

* CSCE will solicit applications for all the other awards given out at the ACE Awards like the Benjamin Wright Award, etc., early on in 2016 and the due date for those awards would be March 31, 2016.
* Aqua Turf Contract – Amy Petrone will check with the Aqua Turf about the status of the contract.

* In January/February, CSCE will invite Life Members, Past Presidents, representatives from ASCE and other engineering-related organizations to ACE Awards (see below):

  - ASLA – American Society of Landscape Architects – Barbara Yeager (reciprocate invitation)
  - AIA – American Institute of Architects - Philip H. Cerrone
  - IEI – Institute of Transportation Engineers - Kwesi Brown
  - CALS – Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors - Jeffrey J. McDougal
  - Connecticut Construction Industries Association - Don Shubert
  - Governor Malloy
  - Congressman Joe Courtney
  - Senators Murphy and Blumenthal
  - CT Department of Transportation Commissioner Redeker

8. CSCE Newsletter – Omkar Jambotkar expects to distribute the next CSCE newsletter in 1-2 weeks.

9. Engineers Week – The Joint Engineering Societies Dinner Meeting has been scheduled for February 22, 2016, but a venue has not been booked yet.

10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.