

Minutes for the CSCE Board Meeting – February 23, 2010 – The Hawthorne Inn, Berlin – 4:30 p.m.

CSCE Members in Attendance:

Rob Barakat*	Peter Heynen	Sara Ramsbottom*	Randy States	<i>Administrative Staff:</i>
Gary Fuerstenberg	Greg Holness*	Mario Ricozzi	Jason Waterbury*	<i>Amy Petrone</i>
Billy Cunningham	Tom Loto	Jay Silva*		
Robert Gomez*	Ron Nault*	Jim Sime		*Note: CSCE Board Members

1. President's Report (Ron Nault):

1.1 ACE Awards

- 1.1.1 Awards - Life Members will be recognized at the ceremony. The Board decided to move the student awards ceremony to the April dinner meeting and the students may also be recognized at the ACE Awards ceremony.
- 1.1.2 The photographer and master of ceremonies still have to be determined.
- 1.1.3 E-Blast – Amy Petrone will e-blast the ACE materials to the CSCE membership.

- 1.2 History & Heritage Committee – 125th anniversary of CSCE** – Mario Ricozzi distributed a proposal for CSCE to be the local sponsor of the program, “Liquid Assets,” on CPTV this spring. Following a discussion of the proposal, Jason Waterbury made the following motion: CSCE will be the underwriter for the airing of “Liquid Assets” on Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc. substantially in accordance with the Agreement attached to the report, and 125th Anniversary Committee, is authorized to enter the Agreement on behalf of CSCE. In addition, the 125th Anniversary Committee is authorized and encouraged to seek Partner Sponsors to broaden the coalition of like organizations and to assist with the cost. Greg Holness seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mario Ricozzi will forward information about the sponsorship opportunities to Amy Petrone for distribution throughout CSCE.

1.3 Programs Committee

- 1.3.1 Discount for Unemployed CSCE Members – CSCE will continue to waive the costs of the dinner meetings for unemployed CSCE members for the March and April dinner meetings, but not at the ACE Awards banquet in May. The Board will revisit the issue over the summer at the annual planning meeting.
- 1.3.2 Order of the Engineer – Jason Waterbury will be accepting applications at this meeting and the ceremony will be held at the March dinner meeting.
- 1.3.3 Connecticut Science Center – There is an opportunity to promote CSCE at the Center through a display or a dinner meeting.

2. President-Elect's Report (Rabih Barakat):

2.1 Geotechnical Technical Group (Gary Fuerstenberg)

- 2.1.1 Wall/Slope Workshop – This workshop will be postponed until 2011.
- 2.1.2 2010 CSCE/DFI Seminar – This is scheduled for September 17, 2010.
- 2.1.3 Regional Geo-Institute – The Geotechnical Technical Group is working with a similar group in western Massachusetts to form a regional geo-institute. Another potential partner may be a similar group in Vermont.

3. Treasurer's Report (Greg Holness):

- 3.1 Budget** - Status of Accounts – CSCE is doing well financially. As such, CSCE should consider sending an additional member to regional events and meetings.
- 3.2 Younger Members Committee (Sara Ramsbottom)**
 - 3.2.1 Status of activities – This Committee is organizing a trip to see the Hartford Wolf Pack.
 - 3.2.2 February 2010 Regional Meeting in Atlanta, GA – Sara Ramsbottom attended this meeting and will distribute an overview of what she learned there.
- 3.3 Scholarship Committee (Jim Sime)** - Status of Portfolio – Jim Sime raised issues related to fixed assets and exchange-traded funds vs. managed funds. He will forward a suggested plan of action to the Board members for their opinions and comments.

- 4. Newsletter Editor (Sara Ramsbottom):** March Newsletter – The next newsletter deadline is March 12th.

5. Director-II (Jay Silva):

- 5.1 Audit Committee** - Set firm date to audit CSCE books – Jay Silva will look at the books before the March dinner meeting.
- 5.2 Nominating Committee** -Randy States, Billy Cunningham, and Jay Silva will review the applications for the Benjamin Wright Award.

- 6. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next dinner meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2010