

CSCE Members in Attendance:

Rob Barakat* Tom Roy Jason Waterbury*
Greg Holness* Jay Silva*
Ron Nault* Jim Sime

Administrative Staff:
Amy Petrone

*Note: CSCE Board Members

1. President's Report (Ron Nault):

1.1 ACE Awards

1.1.1 Publicity - CSCE will publicize last year's ACE Awards winners through press releases to the publications on CSCE's press contact list as well as to the Hartford Business Journal, CCM and other local weekly newspapers. CSCE will publicize the ACE awards in the CSCE newsletters throughout the year.

1.1.2 ACE Awards Subcommittee – A new subcommittee headed by the Vice President will be established to focus on the ACE Awards. As Vice President, Jason Waterbury will manage this committee this year.

1.2 Fairfield County Branch - Location and speaker for fall dinner meeting – This meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2009 with a topic of Firestop.

1.3 Outreach – To improve communication with other organizations, CSCE should work more closely with Don Shubert of CCIA and the Board will set up a meeting with the faculty advisors of the student chapters as well as some student members this fall. The Board also discussed meeting with members of the student chapters prior to the dinner meetings and moving Board meetings to another night prior to the dinner meeting.

1.4 History & Heritage Committee - 125th Anniversary & SPAG Grant – CSCE needs to spend a little over \$700 of last year's SPAG funds by September 30, 2009. Ron Nault will contact Mario Ricozzi and Randy States to discuss this matter.

1.5 Programs Committee – CSCE should consider fitting a dinner meeting or event to be coordinated by the Water Resources Committee in this year's calendar.

1.6 Professional Development - Consider offering PDHs at dinner meetings – Ron Nault will contact Paul Brady of ACEC to discuss this matter.

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

2.1 SPAG Grant Application - Team up with the New Haven Museum and Historical Society (NHMHS) on a future grant application – Rob Barakat will contact the NHMHS regarding this matter.

2.2 Structures Technical Group (Mark Rodriguez) – This item was not discussed.

2.3 Geotechnical Technical Group (Gary Fuerstenberg) – This item was not discussed.

2.4 Legislative Affairs Committee (Roy Merritt) – This item was not discussed.

2.5 Construction Technical Group (Billy Cunningham) – This item was not discussed.

2.6 Water Resources Committee (Tom Loto) – See item 1.5 above.

3. Vice-President's Report (Jason Waterbury):

3.1 Public Relations Committee - Contact all faculty advisors and student chapter presidents to schedule a planning meeting - Chris Holden, Ron Nault, Jason Waterbury, Tom Roy and Sara Ramsbottom will schedule a meeting with the student chapter at the University of Hartford immediately prior to the October dinner meeting.

3.2 Continuing Education Committee - Continuing Education Seminars - Survey CSCE membership online to determine potential topics for seminars – Jason Waterbury and Amy Petrone will work together on this matter. He will contact the Committee Chairs via email to obtain topic suggestions.

- 3.3 **Government Engineers Committee (Rabih Barakat)** – CT DOT Commissioner Joseph Marie is scheduled to speak at the October dinner meeting at the University of Hartford. CSCE will consider including Order of the Engineer Ring Ceremony at this dinner meeting. According to the ASCE website, the contact person for such ceremonies is Alicia Karwoski at professional@asce.org.
- 3.4 **Career Guidance Committee** – This item was not discussed.
- 3.5 **Membership Committee (Jason Waterbury)** – This item was not discussed.
- 4. **Secretary's Report**
 - 4.1 **Administrative Activities** – Amy Petrone distributed business cards to the Board members. She will distribute revised letterhead, directory, expense forms and an updated action item list based on 7/17/09 meeting's minutes to the Board members, Committee Chairs, and the Technical Group Chairs as well as add the list of past CSCE presidents to the CSCE website.
 - 4.2 **E-Blasts** - Billy Cunningham will coordinate the sending of e-blasts, with Amy Petrone serving as a back up – Amy Petrone will contact Mike Cook of ASCE to see if she can also send e-blasts.
- 5. **Treasurer's Report (Greg Holness):**
 - 5.1 **Budget**
 - 5.1.1 **Update on accounts** – Greg Holness provided the Board with a report for expenditures and deposits from May-August 2009 and an updated budget.
 - 5.1.2 **Interest-bearing account for a portion of budget** – After the September dinner meeting costs have been finalized, Greg Holness will move a portion of CSCE's funds into an interest-bearing account.
 - 5.2 **Younger Members Committee (Sara Ramsbottom) - Summer activities (CSCE's Annual Golf Tournament)** – The tournament was successful and ended only \$500 in the red.
 - 5.3 **Scholarship Committee (Jim Sime)** – Jim Sime distributed a scholarship fund report to the Board. Since the July planning meeting, a deposit of \$5,000 was made into the Scholarship Fund and the portfolio has been rebalanced according to the percentages suggested in the Marketimer Model Portfolio I in Bob Brinker's Marketimer Newsletter, Volume 24, No. 7. CSCE's existing bond fund has not been closed yet because the fund value has been increasing at an unusual and beneficial rate over the past two months. Once the rate of increase returns to normal levels, the swap sale of Payden GNMA will be carried out. No new actions are recommended at this time.
- 6. **Newsletter Editor (Sara Ramsbottom)** – This item was not discussed.
- 7. **Director-II (Jay Silva):**
 - 7.1 **Audit Committee** - This item was not discussed.
 - 7.2 **Nominating Committee** - This item was not discussed.
 - 7.3 **Operations Manual - Updates** - This item was not discussed
- 8. **Director-I (Chris Holden):**
 - 8.1 **Past Presidents Council** - This item was not discussed
 - 8.2 **Awards - Outstanding Section Award** – Billy Cunningham and Greg Holness will coordinate CSCE's application for this award.
 - 8.3 **Website - Ad for book** – An author contacted CSCE to ask about publicizing his book through CSCE. Ron Nault and Amy Petrone will contact the author regarding this matter.

9. New Business

9.1 Meeting Location Suggestion – Rob Barakat suggested offering a dinner meeting at the Science Center.

9.2 Region 1 Assembly – Billy Cunningham and Ron Nault will attend this meeting.

9.3 Connecticut Road Builders Association Luncheon with Joe Courtney at the Aqua Turf Club on September 18, 2009 – Rob Barakat will attend on behalf of CSCE.

9.4 ASCE's Request for Best Practices – The Board believes that reconfiguring the OPAL Awards into the ACE Awards is an example of a best practice.

10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. on October 14, 2009 at the Tuscany Grill in Middletown. This is a week before the October 20th dinner meeting.