

CSCE Members in Attendance:

Rob Barakat\*                      Greg Holness\*  
Billy Cunningham\*                Tom Loto  
Bob Gomez\*                        Randy States  
Chris Holden\*                      Jason Waterbury\*

*Administrative Staff:*  
*Amy Petrone*

\*Note: CSCE Board Members

**1. President - Rabih Barakat**

- 1.1 Achievement in Civil Engineering (ACE) Awards – 5/10/11 – CSCE will ask Teresa LaBarbera of WFSB if she is interested in being the MC.
- 1.2 History & Heritage Committee – Citation from ASCE History and Heritage Committee (HHC) - ASCE's History and Heritage Committee (HHC) selected the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section as the winner of the History and Heritage Section citation for 2010. CSCE was selected for its efforts to scan historic civil engineering information from its proceedings and make the information accessible to students and the general public through its [website](#), and its willingness to work with other historical organizations such as the Connecticut Historical Society to develop historic exhibitions for the public. CSCE would like to thank CSCE History & Heritage Committee Chair (and former CSCE President) Randy States for all his hard work on these efforts on behalf of CSCE.
- 1.3 Programs Committee – Sponsorship of Meetings – The Board discussed the possibility of companies sponsoring CSCE's monthly dinner meetings. To determine if CSCE members would be interested in this opportunity, Greg Holness will send an overview to Amy Petrone so that she can send an e-blast to CSCE members prior to the October 2010 CSCE Board meeting.

**2. President-Elect - Jason Waterbury**

- 2.1 SPAG Grant – Jason Waterbury will coordinate the effort to submit at least one application for this grant by the deadline, October 29, 2010. CSCE's legislative efforts have received funding in the past. One idea for an application is to request funding to publicize ASCE's Report Card for America's Infrastructure on a billboard.
- 2.2 Water Resources Committee (Tom Loto) – The Board appreciates the effort of this Committee to coordinate the speaker for tonight's dinner meeting.

**3. Vice-President – Billy Cunningham**

- 3.1 Student Chapters – Practitioner Advisors – Currently, CCSU and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy do not have practitioner advisors. A Practitioner Advisor is a Section or Branch member who provides an ASCE Student Chapter with guidance and serves as a liaison between the student and the professional members of the Society. Billy Cunningham will work on identifying CSCE members who would be interested in being Practitioner Advisors for those two schools.
- 3.2 Continuing Education Committee – Based on the successful collaboration of BSCE and the Federal Highway Association on continuing education seminars in Massachusetts, CSCE will explore opportunities to coordinate with the Federal Highway Association and other similar organizations on continuing education seminars as well. Ideas for upcoming seminars include septic system design and temporary bracing during construction.

**4. Secretary/Administrative Assistant – Greg Holness/Amy Petrone**

4.1 Administrative

- 4.1.1 Update the CSCE logo – The Board discussed updating the CSCE logo as requested by ASCE. Following a review of the options put forth by ASCE and the Board, Chris Holden made a motion to update the logo for CSCE to the logo to the right. The logos for the Fairfield Branch of CSCE, the Younger Members Committee of CSCE and the Younger Members Committee of the Fairfield Branch of CSCE will be updated in the same format. This version of the logo will be used on official CSCE documents and related materials while a black version will be used for general CSCE correspondence. The motion was seconded by Greg Holness and it passed unanimously.
- 4.1.2 CSCE Collared Shirts – Billy Cunningham, Rob Barakat and Amy Petrone will obtain quotes to purchase collared shirts with the new CSCE logo for the Board members and other CSCE members to wear when representing CSCE at events like conferences.



4.1.3 CSCE Telephone Number – Rob Barakat will look into obtaining an 888-phone number for CSCE, possibly at no cost to CSCE. If this is not a possibility, Rob Barakat and Amy Petrone will coordinate obtaining a telephone number before the October 2010 CSCE Board meeting. To assist CSCE with this effort, Randy States will look for the incorporation certificate for CSCE from 1884.

4.1.4 CSCE P.O. Box – Amy Petrone will add CSCE’s new P.O. Box address (P.O. Box 1101, Deep River, CT 06417) to the CSCE website.

**5. Treasurer – Bob Gomez**

5.1 Draft Budget – Bob Gomez submitted a draft budget for the Board members to review. The Board discussed the details of the draft budget and requested clarification on a couple of items. As a result, Bob Gomez will review and revise the draft budget accordingly and distribute a second draft budget to the Board members via email prior to the October 2010 CSCE Board meeting.

5.2 Younger Members Committee – Tom Loto is the Co-Chair of the Younger Professionals Committee of the Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association ([www.ctawwa.org](http://www.ctawwa.org)). This Committee would like to work more closely with the CSCE Younger Members Committee.

5.3 Scholarship Committee - New Scholarship Application – The Board reviewed the scholarship application put forth by Bob Gomez. After discussing the application, it was decided that Bob Gomez would edit the application as discussed and forward to the Board members via email prior to the October 2010 CSCE Board meeting.

**6. Director-II – Chris Holden**

6.1 Audit Committee – Because CSCE’s budget is less than \$200,000 per year, CSCE is not required by law to conduct an official audit of its records.

**7. Open Discussion**

7.1 Open ASCE Governor Position – An ASCE Governor position for a Small/Medium section is open. CSCE is a Small/Medium section. Applications for this position are due December 1, 2010.

7.2 ASCE 140<sup>th</sup> National Conference - Oct. 21-23 in Las Vegas – Rob Barakat is interested in attending this conference on behalf of CSCE. Greg Holness made a motion to send a second person, Chris Holden, to the conference from CSCE. The motion was seconded by Bob Gomez and it passed unanimously.

7.3 Sustainable Engineering Degree – The Federal Highway Administration and the Army Corps of Engineers are leading an effort to establish a sustainable engineering degree or certificate program. ASCE has been requested to assist in this effort.

**8. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.