

Minutes for the CSCE Board Meeting - October 14, 2009 – Tuscany Grill, Middletown- 5:00 p.m.

CSCE Members in Attendance:

Gary Fuerstenberg	Ron Nault*	Randy States
Chris Holden*	Sara Ramsbottom*	Jason Waterbury*
Greg Holness*	Mario Ricozzi	

*Administrative Staff:*  
*Amy Petrone*

\*Note: CSCE Board Members

**1. President's Report (Ron Nault):**

**1.1 ACE Awards** - Members of ACE Awards Subcommittee – Ron Nault, Jason Waterbury, Roy Merritt and Chris Holden will be the members of the ACE Awards subcommittee. The committee would like to have the 2010 application ready for distribution before January 2010.

**1.2 Fairfield County Branch** - Finalize location and speaker for January dinner meeting – Ron Nault will contact Tom Loto and Ron Hill to determine if the Water Resources Committee would be interested in coordinating the speaker for this dinner meeting.

**1.3 Outreach** - Establish a closer relationship with Student Chapters – Jason Waterbury, Sara Ramsbottom and Ron Nault will be meeting with 10-20 students on the University of Hartford campus before the October dinner meeting. The students will be asked to prepare a summary of campus activities that will be presented at the dinner meeting.

**1.4 History & Heritage Committee**

**1.4.1 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Activities** – An exhibit highlighting past Connecticut engineering projects will be on display outside the café entry at the Legislative Office Building from November 2 – November 30, 2009. In addition, CSCE is exploring the possibility of showing Liquid Assets on CPTV. The fee to show Liquid Assets on CPTV on a weekend day in April 2010 includes advertisements for CSCE throughout the program, promotions on national public radio (NPR), a commercial for CSCE during the program made by CPTV and a link to the CSCE website on the CPTV website for 4 months. CSCE will look for co-sponsors to help defray the cost. Once the program is shown on CPTV, then it can be shown on local public access stations. To better understand the entire scope of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities (including Liquid Assets, billboard costs, etc.), Mario Ricozzi and Randy States should submit a cost proposal to the Board for all the activities associated with the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CSCE.

**1.4.2 2010 SPAG** – To help prepare for the upcoming SPAG application, Amy Petrone should forward last year's SPAG application to Mario Ricozzi and Randy States.

**1.5 Programs Committee**

**1.5.1 Publicity** - CSCE should publicize the upcoming meetings & speakers at each monthly dinner meeting.

**1.5.2 Discount for unemployed CSCE members** – CSCE should consider waiving the costs of the dinner meetings to those CSCE members who are unemployed.

**1.5.3 November Dinner Meeting** - Jason Waterbury will coordinate the Order of the Engineers Ring Ceremony at the November dinner meeting and CSCE will offer CSCE members who are active or retired military personnel a dinner on behalf of CSCE at this meeting in honor of Veterans Day.

**1.5.4 Schedule the joint meeting in February** – Ron Nault will contact Paul Brady regarding the date and location of this meeting.

**1.6 Action Items List** – Ron Nault and Amy Petrone will work on updating an action items list for 2009-2010.

**1.7 Outstanding Section** – Billy Cunningham, Chris Holden and Greg Holness will coordinate the application submittal for this award on behalf of CSCE.

**1.8 CSCE Secretary for 2009-2010** – Jason Waterbury made a motion to nominate Robert Gomez to be the CSCE Secretary for 2009-2010. Greg Holness seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- 2.1 2010 SPAG Application** – The New Haven Museum and Historical Society (NHMHS) is no longer available to team up with on a future grant application. CSCE will submit two applications for the 2010 grant round to support Keep Connecticut Moving and to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CSCE.
- 2.2 Structures Technical Group (Mark Rodriguez)** - Dinner meeting - 11/17/09 at CCSU – Ron Nault will contact Mark Rodriguez to coordinate the speaker and topic for this dinner meeting.
- 2.3 Geotechnical Technical Group (Gary Fuerstenberg)**
  - 2.3.1 DFI/CSCE Seminar on September 25, 2009** – 125 people attended this seminar and the profit for CSCE is approximately \$5,000.
  - 2.3.2 Spring 2010 Workshop** - The Group is considering offering a 1-day workshop in the spring with a nationally recognized speaker. Gary Fuerstenberg will submit a proposal for this workshop to the Board for their input and approval.
  - 2.3.3 Publicity for the 2010 CSCE/DFI Seminar** – CSCE should send an e-blast in August 2010 promoting the seminar.
- 2.4 Legislative Affairs Committee (Roy Merritt)**
  - 2.4.1 Upcoming efforts** – Roy Merritt will coordinate CSCE’s efforts against increasing licensure fees and engineering work being conducted by non-engineers and supporting the Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) and stream flow regulations. In addition, this Committee is looking for new members.
  - 2.4.2 Improve Communications with Legislators** – Ron Nault and Roy Merritt will schedule a meeting with other related organizations at the MDC by the end of the year.
- 2.5 Construction Technical Group (Billy Cunningham)**
  - 2.5.1 Dinner meeting - 3/16/10 at UNH** – Instead of holding the dinner meeting at Jimmies, CSCE should consider hosting the dinner at Yale or the New Haven Lawn Club.
- 2.6 Water Resources Committee (Tom Loto)** - Water for People Golf Tournament – CSCE sponsored a hole at this tournament.
- 3. Vice-President’s Report (Jason Waterbury):**
  - 3.1 Public Relations Committee**
    - 3.1.1 Meetings with Student Chapters & Faculty Advisors** – CSCE will meet with student chapters and faculty advisors on a monthly basis prior to the dinner meetings instead of scheduling one central meeting with all the student chapters.
    - 3.1.2 Notifications of each meeting** – CSCE should send dinner meeting announcements to local newspapers. To increase the number of government engineers who attend the dinner meetings, CSCE should ask some CSCE Board members and other CSCE members to post the dinner meeting notices at their workplaces and on government bulletin boards. Amy Petrone will develop a list of places & CSCE members to post the dinner meeting announcements and circulate it each month prior to the monthly dinner meeting.
  - 3.2 Continuing Education Committee (Jason Waterbury)**
    - 3.2.1 Crane Safety Seminar** – Randy States will submit a proposal to the Board for CSCE to sponsor a safety course for engineers about cranes in November 2009.
    - 3.2.2 Geotechnical Seminar** - The Geotechnical Technical Group is considering offering a 1-day workshop in the spring 2010 with a nationally recognized speaker. Gary Fuerstenberg will submit a proposal for this workshop to the Board for their input and approval.
    - 3.2.3 Webinar** – CSCE should consider hosting a webinar at the the MDC training center.
    - 3.2.4 Stormwater Management** – Ron Nault will contact Kim Lesay of Conn DOT and Sharon Yurasevecz of CT DEP to coordinate this type of seminar in the spring 2010.

- 3.2.5 **Septic System Design or another timely topic** – Sara Ramsbottom will contact Bob Scully of DPH about possible dates in February 2010 for this type of seminar.
- 3.3 **Membership Committee (Jason Waterbury)** - To increase participation on CSCE committees, Jason Waterbury will forward the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) Committee application to Amy Petrone so that something similar can be offered to new CSCE members.
- 4. **Treasurer's Report (Greg Holness):** Greg Holness submitted a report for September 2009. CSCE is in good financial standing. The Treasurer will look to place a portion of the budget in an interest-bearing account by the end of 2009. In the future, CSCE should consider adding a line item in its budget for special initiatives (approximately \$5,000).
- 4.1 **Younger Members Committee (Sara Ramsbottom):**
  - 4.1.1 **Upcoming activities** - New Britain Rock Cats game in spring 2010, volunteer day with Habitat for Humanity, Hartford Wolf Pack hockey game, helping with Foodshare, etc.
  - 4.1.2 **Group seating at a UConn football game** – Sara Ramsbottom will check to see if there is a game earlier than 11/28 for CSCE to attend.
  - 4.1.3 **Group seating at a Yale football game** – Sara Ramsbottom will check for group seating at any games this fall.
- 5. **Newsletter Editor (Sara Ramsbottom)** – The newsletter will be finalized shortly.
- 6. **New Business**
  - 6.1 **Proposed Date of 2010 Golf Tournament** – Jason Waterbury proposed that the 2010 golf tournament be held on July 20, 2010 at the Tradition Golf Club.
  - 6.2 **Regional Meeting in Atlanta** – Sara Ramsbottom and another CSCE member will attend this meeting on February 12-13, 2010.
- 7. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.