

Minutes for the CSCE Board Meeting – November 17, 2009 – Hartford Marriott - Rocky Hill – 4:30 p.m.

CSCE Members in Attendance:

Rob Barakat*	Tom Loto	Mark Rodriguez
Billy Cunningham*	Roy Merritt	Jay Silva*
Gary Fuerstenberg	Ron Nault*	Jason Waterbury*
Robert Gomez*	Sara Ramsbottom*	

Administrative Staff:
Amy Petrone

*Note: CSCE Board Members

1. President's Report (Ron Nault)

1.1 ACE Awards – May 11, 2010 - December 2010 Meeting – Jason Waterbury, Ron Nault, Chris Holden and Tom Roy will meet in December to discuss the upcoming tasks and deadlines.

1.2 Fairfield County Branch

1.2.1 January 20, 2010 Dinner Meeting – The location and speaker still need to be finalized. Tom Loto will determine if the Water Resources Committee can coordinate a speaker for this meeting. The CSCE President could send a personal note to the Branch members inviting them to attend the January meeting. The meeting could also be free to Fairfield County Branch members.

1.2.2 Recruit additional officers – The CSCE Board should review the list of attendees from the October 2009 meeting in Fairfield County to find any members who are interested in serving on the Fairfield County Board.

1.3 History & Heritage Committee - 125th Anniversary - Update on status of activities (exhibit at LOB, Liquid Assets, etc.) – The exhibit at the Connecticut Legislative Office Building (LOB) was installed and will be on display until November 30, 2009. Randy States also has a potential speaker for the April dinner meeting.

1.4 Programs Committee - List of Upcoming 2009-2010 dinner meetings:

<u>Committees/Groups:</u>	<u>Locations:</u>	<u>Dates:</u>
Fairfield County	Place = TBD	1/20/10
Construction Technical Group	Place = TBD - UNH, Yale, Jimmies	3/23/10*
Geotechnical Technical Group	Place = USCGA	4/20/10
ACE Awards	Place = The Aqua Turf Club	5/11/10

* Jason Waterbury will coordinate an Order of the Engineer Ring Ceremony at the March dinner meeting instead of in November. To avoid spring recess schedules, the dinner meeting was changed from March 16, 2010 to March 23, 2010.

1.5 Outstanding Section – CSCE submitted an application for this award.

1.6 Report Card Committee – Roy Merritt will coordinate CSCE's effort to develop a report card rating Connecticut's infrastructure.

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

2.1 SPAG Grant Application – The applications were submitted to ASCE and CSCE has not heard if the applications were approved. According to Billy Cunningham, ASCE has \$100,000 to distribute and received \$188,000 in 62 applications from 31 branches.

2.2 Geotechnical Technical Group (Gary Fuerstenberg)

2.2.1 2009 DFI/CSCE Seminar – CSCE earned \$6,300 from this seminar.

2.2.2 Dinner meeting - 4/20/10 at USCGA – The speakers will be Alan Pelletier of The Metropolitan District and James Sullivan of AECOM and the topic will be the Homestead Avenue Interceptor Sewer (Hartford, CT).

2.2.3 Upcoming Spring Workshop – The proposed site for this workshop is at the University of New Haven.

2.3 Legislative Affairs Committee - Roy Merritt will set up a meeting in the next two weeks.

2.4 Construction Technical Group (Billy Cunningham) - Dinner meeting - 3/16/10 at UNH - A suggested topic for this meeting is the pedestrian bridges in New Have.

- 2.5 Water Resources Committee - January 2010 Dinner Meeting** – Tom Loto will determine if the Water Resources Committee can coordinate a speaker for this meeting.

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

- 3.1 Public Relations Committee** – To improve communications with the student chapters, CSCE will consider offering scholarship applications directly to students instead of through the faculty advisors, assigning a practitioner advisor to each student chapter and connecting CSCE members/alumni with student chapter members.

4. Secretary's Report (Robert Gomez)

- 4.1 Records & Correspondence - E-blasts** –Amy Petrone has been assigned as back up sender for e-blasts. She will send one out for the November CSCE newsletter.
- 4.2 Annual Report** – Annual reports are no longer required to be submitted to ASCE.
- 4.3 Membership Committee** - To better communicate with its members, CSCE could join LinkedIn and advertise its dinner meetings there.

5. Treasurer's Report (Greg Holness)

5.1 Younger Members Committee (Sara Ramsbottom)

- 5.1.1 UConn Football Game** – This Committee will be coordinating a trip to the game on December 5, 2009. Sara Ramsbottom will forward information about the game to Amy Petrone for posting on the CSCE website.
- 5.1.2 Other activities** – The Committee is also interested in attending a Hartford Wolfpack game and sponsoring a family (possibly through the Salvation Army) during the upcoming holiday season.

6. Newsletter Editor (Sara Ramsbottom)

- 6.1 Coordinate Postcard Mailing** - Amy Petrone will coordinate the mailing to CSCE members by the end of 2009. In addition to determining if CSCE members are receiving e-blasts from CSCE, a request to “save the date” of the ACE Awards (with more information to follow in January) and a request to contact CSCE through admin@csce.org with ideas to help CSCE serve its membership better will be included on the postcards.
- 6.2 December newsletter** – There will be a December newsletter published next month.

7. Director-II (Jay Silva)

- 7.1 Audit Committee** – Jay Silva will contact Greg Holness to coordinate an audit. Billy Cunningham gave Jay Silva the records he received from Greg Holness for last year's audit.

8. New Business

- 8.1 2009 ASCE National Meeting in Kansas City** – Roy Merritt attended this meeting on behalf of CSCE. The theme of the meeting was sustainability and the three pillars of sustainability are economic, environmental and social. ASCE aims to define sustainability and establish a certification in it. Topics of interest for CSCE at the meeting included offering scholarship applications directly to students instead of through the faculty advisors, assigning a practitioner advisor to each student chapter, connecting CSCE members/alumni with student chapter members, developing report cards for the state based on guidance available from ASCE.
- 8.2 Regional Meeting in Atlanta** – Robert Gomez, Jen Buchanon and Sara Ramsbottom may attend this meeting on behalf of CSCE on February 12-13, 2010.
- 8.3 2010 Workshop for Section & Branch Leaders in Atlanta** – Robert Gomez should attend this meeting on behalf of CSCE.

- 9. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.