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Employment Opportunities – new opportunities added!

Upcoming Events
January 2010 Dinner Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Location: The Red Barn Restaurant, 292 Wilton Road, Westport, CT

Speakers: Richard Franzetti, P.E. BCEE – Malcolm Pirnie
Mr. Franzetti will discuss case studies that look at the redevelopment of existing parcels in a northeastern urban city setting and will include the cost implications, water quality benefits, and long-term operations and maintenance costs of retrofitting parcels to be more stormwater and environmentally friendly.

Kristin Morico, P.E., DEE, CSP, CHMM, Global Leader-GE Water Program, GE Corporate Environmental Programs – Civil Engineering...a Corporate Perspective
Ms. Morico will discuss the role of civil engineers in the corporate world and new environmental initiatives at General Electric involving civil engineers such as GE’s newest ecomagination water reduction goal and the development of an Environmental Excellence Program.

Cost: $35 CSCE members $45 Non-members $15 Full-Time Students
Unemployed Members: Free

Please pay at the door with cash or check payable to CSCE

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm Social hour
6:30 – 7:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Program

Dinner: To be determined upon arrival at The Red Barn

Reservations: Please contact Amy Petrone by email at admin@csce.org or by telephone at (860) 526-5935 by Sunday, January 17, 2010.

Directions: From I-95 North & South – Take Exit 17, turn left at end of ramp. Travel straight onto Route 33 North. The Red Barn restaurant is 3.3 miles ahead on the right side.

From Hartford: Merritt Parkway South – Take Exit 41. Turn right at end of ramp. The Red Barn Restaurant is 0.25 miles straight ahead.

From New York: Merritt Parkway North – Take Exit 41. Turn left at end of ramp. The Red Barn Restaurant is right there.
President’s Message

Welcome to the New Year and a new decade! The future holds exciting prospects for Civil Engineers—beyond the current challenges. The opportunity is there before us to demand and grab a greater role in managing Society. The old criticism of our profession unfortunately is still all too relevant: Engineers make things run—but rarely run things.

So, befitting the calendar, following are a couple of New Year’s Resolution wishes for CSCE:

- Engage and motivate more of the membership from all disciplines with Civil Engineering to attend a meeting and get involved in their society.

- Provide the leadership and guidance to Connecticut’s Civil Engineers to exercise our clout and take our rightful place in running things: Work toward establishing a New Order where we influence the decision process and help achieve results as part of the Team.

We have some terrific meeting topics coming up for Winter/Spring 2010 starting with a Water Resources focus on January 20th in Fairfield County. Come hear about the latest in Stormwater Management and also about opportunities for Civil Engineers in the Corporate world from our guest speaker Kristin Morico, Fellow ASCE who also works for a little company named General Electric.

Happy New Year!

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!
Upcoming CSCE Events

January 2010

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 – Fairfield County Branch, location: Red Barn Restaurant, Westport, CT

February 2010

February 14 – 20, 2010 Engineers Week
Tuesday, February 23, 2010 – Engineers Week joint dinner @ Hawthorne Inn. Speaker TBD

March 2010

Race Brook Country Club, Orange, CT
See next page for more information and registration form
Tuesday, March 23, 2010 – Monthly dinner meeting; exact location & speaker TBD.

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ACSE National Conferences

2010 Structures Congress – May 12-14, 2010, Orlando, FL

2010 World Environmental and Water Resources Congress – May 16 – 20, 2010, Providence, RI
Visit [http://content.asce.org/conferences/ewri2010](http://content.asce.org/conferences/ewri2010) for more information.

For a complete listing of all ASCE conferences, please visit: [http://asce.org/conferences](http://asce.org/conferences)

Other Events

American Council of Engineering Companies 2010 Annual Convention and Legislative Summit
April 25-28, 2010, Washington, DC; Visit [www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org) for more information

If you have or know of an event that you would like to include in the newsletter, please send an email to NL-editor@csce.org.
Success Begins With Who You Know!

The 14th Annual Joint Dinner of the Design and Construction Industry

Wednesday March 3, 2010
Registration / Networking 5:30 pm
Cash Bar Reception
Dinner 7:00 pm
Race Brook Country Club
246 Derby Avenue (Route 34) Orange, CT

After Dinner Remarks Presented by Joan McDonald,
Commissioner, Department of Economic & Community Development
There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

$54.00 Reception & Dinner
$25.00 Reception Only

RSVP by March 1, 2010
Cancellations must be received by March 1, 2010

The Joint Dinner Meeting of the Design and Construction Industry is an evening of networking, collegiality and relationship building. This annual event is an extraordinary business opportunity for members of the professional associations invited to participate. State agency officials and legislators are invited. We sincerely hope that you will join us for this evening.

2010 Hosting Organizations
American Council of Engineering Companies of CT
American Institute of Architects, CT Chapter
American Society of Interior Design, CT Chapter
American Society of Landscape Architects, CT Chapter
Associated Builders & Contractors of Connecticut, Inc.
Associated General Contractors of CT
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Associated General Contractors of Connecticut
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Connecticut Construction Industries Association
Connecticut Green Building Council
Connecticut In-Plant Operators Association
Connecticut QBs Council
Connecticut Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Connecticut Road Builders Association
Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers
Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers
Connecticut Subcontractors Association
Construction Institute, University of Hartford
Construction Management Association of America
Equipment Dealers Division
Heavy and Highway Division
Independent Electrical Contractors of New England
International Masonry Institute
Mechanical Contractors Association of CT
NAIOP – Commercial Real Estate Development Association
National Association of Women in Construction,
Hartford Chapter, 165
National Fire Sprinklers Association
Professional Women in Construction—CT Chapter
Society for Marketing Professional Services
Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut

Please respond by March 1, 2010

The 14th Annual Joint Dinner of the Design and Construction Industry

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Directions
Race Brook Country Club
246 Derby Avenue (Route 34)
Orange, CT
203-389-9521

From the Merritt Parkway North or South
Take Exit 57 off the Merritt Parkway. Go straight off the exit onto Rte. 34 East.
Go approximately 1.5 miles, you will turn Right into the Club driveway.
Look for mail box and two stone pillars for Club entrance.

From South: I-95
I95 North to Exit 38 (Connector to Wilbur Cross Parkway).
Take Wilbur Cross Parkway North to Exit 57 and proceed as above.

From North: I-95
I95 South to Exit 47 (Rte. 34 West – Downtown New Haven). At intersection with Rte. 10, turn Right onto Ella Grasso Boulevard. Take first Left onto Derby Avenue (Route 34 West) and continue until you pass a Gas Station on the Right (located in Orange). Stay in Left hand lane. Approximately 400 yards you will turn Left, cross over Route 34 East and proceed straight, between two stone pillars into Club entrance.

From Route 8 North of South
Take Exit 15 and bear Right. Turn Right. Head straight over the bridge. Turn Right onto Derby Avenue (Route 34 East).
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ASCE Extends Condolences to Haiti Victims, Residents

The American Society of Civil Engineers expresses its sorrow over the magnitude of loss and suffering caused by the January 12 earthquake in Haiti, especially to those ASCE members and civil engineers in Haiti and elsewhere that have been personally affected by this tragic disaster. ASCE stands ready to contribute its technical expertise, and pledges its support for relief efforts. We urge you, our members and partners, to join us in supporting the relief efforts organized by our longstanding partner, the American Red Cross. We also encourage you to consider volunteering to help at the scene, especially if you are a structural engineer or if you speak French or Creole.

Engineers Without Borders-USA students are safe in Haiti
Students from the University of Wisconsin Engineers Without Borders-UW chapter posted a blog Tuesday saying the quake was barely a tremor at the location where they have been working on a hydro-electric power generation project. Read the blog entry.

How you can help
• Send $10 to the American Red Cross relief effort immediately by texting “Haiti” to 90999 from your cell phone. The donation will appear on your cell phone bill. Or donate via the American Red Cross Web site.
• Help at the scene – enroll in the ASCE Disaster Assistance Volunteer Directory to match your skills with disaster relief efforts. Urgently needed are structural engineers or any engineer who speaks French or Creole; please specify such skills when enrolling.

Please give what you can – financially or in expertise – to assist in the recovery from this disaster.
“Bounty” Offered to Sections and Branches for Peer Review Referrals

Sections and Branches appreciate additional revenue sources to help carry out their programs and services. There is now another source of income available from ASCE National. The Committee on Peer Review for Public Agencies is introducing a $250 incentive for referrals that result in a peer review.

What is Peer Review?

The purpose of ASCE’s Peer Review for Public Agencies Program is to help public sector engineering and construction agencies improve the management and quality of their engineering services through a quick, confidential, and affordable process. Reviewers study an organization’s policies and objectives and conduct staff interviews to determine how well those policies and procedures are understood and practiced. Management areas covered include: organizational management, project management, emergency management, technical procedures, human resource management, finance, and public relations. The focus may cover planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance – and can include an entire agency or just a portion. The team concludes the process with an oral report to the engineer/director requesting the review, and if requested follows up later with a written report.

The process was modeled after a similar one used by the American Council of Engineering Companies in the late 1980’s. Since 1987, almost 70 different local entities have benefitted from the ASCE Peer Review for Public Agencies program. Typical comments include “We were and still are very happy with the review that was performed.” And “Experience showed and was very valuable.” More information, including a brochure, is available on the ASCE Web site at http://www.asce.org/professional/peereview/peer_review.cfm.

ASCE Peer Review is a voluntary and confidential program for public infrastructure organizations and is conducted by experienced government engineer/managers who are trained in the process. Timing is typically controlled by the requesting agency. A review can be done quickly. The turnaround time can be within 90 days of the request. Cost is low for this kind of study since reviewers volunteer their time, and therefore no cost is included for their salaries. The fee covers reviewer travel costs and administration. It typically ranges from $6,000 to $20,000 but depends on the size of the agency being reviewed and whether the agency requests a more customized review to address specific challenges or opportunities that they are facing.

Benefits of a Peer Review

A peer review provides an objective outside assessment of strengths and weaknesses by fellow government engineers experienced in leadership and management. They have no stake in future work; their intent is to provide a useful service to colleagues. Agency management can gain insights into procedural difficulties, communication obstacles, organizational problems, and employee morale but also positive reinforcement from staff feedback. This helps them prioritize and implement suggestions for improvement of effectiveness in a manner that utilizes both staff and management input.

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Incentive process

Sections and Branches should email Becky Waldrup, ASCE’s staff contact for the Committee on Peer Review for Public Agencies, at rwaldrup@asce.org to recommend an agency. Provide the following information:
1. ASCE Section or Branch name and contact, and
2. Government agency name and contact information.

Becky will acknowledge your submission, enter the contact information into ASCE’s Peer Review tracking system, and follow-up with the agency to determine their interest. Upon completion of a review and payment of the review fee, the ‘nominating’ Section or Branch will receive payment of $250. There is no limit on the number of referrals that a Sections and Branches may make or the number of referral fees that they may earn.

Agencies who have used this service have found that the process is very valuable. The Committee on Peer Review for Public Agencies hopes that this incentive offer will increase the exposure of this service. Please consider participating in the referral program for the benefit of your local public agencies as well as for the financial assistance that it will provide to your Section or Branch.

What’s New at ASCE in 2010?

New – ASCE eLearning Workshops – Use free member-only access to live Web learning programs designed to help you hone critical career skills.
New – Expanded eMentoring Programs – Mentors and protégés benefit from an extended personal online network to exchange ideas, learn new skills, and share experiences.
Growing – Participate in EWB-USA – Help bring sustainable engineering projects to developing communities worldwide by joining or renewing with EWB-USA at an exclusive ASCE member discount.

Refer to the 2009-2010 Member Resource Guide for more information about the benefits of your ASCE membership. A hard copy was delivered with your August 2009 Civil Engineering magazine or it can be accessed on-line at www.asce.org/mrg.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Energy Management Specialist: The Connecticut Army National Guard has an opening for a civilian position of Energy Management Specialist. CSCE members seeking employment can access the Connecticut DAS web site: http://www.das.state.ct.us/exam/default.asp. Look for “Exam Schedules”.

Structural Engineer needed for reinforced concrete building foundations and concrete high rise designs. Please send resume to jrogers@pustola.com.

Professional Civil Engineer: CME Associates, Inc. is seeking a full-time Civil Engineer to work in our East Hartford office. The ideal candidate possesses a CT PE License with a minimum of 7 years experience in highway/transportation design and is familiar with CT DOT policies and procedures. Proficiency in Microstation is required while experience with In-Roads is considered a plus. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and three references to: CME Associates, Inc., Attn: Human Resources, PO Box 849, Woodstock, CT 06281. CME is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Project Engineers and Civil Engineers: Growing Civil Engineering firm in central Connecticut is seeking Project Engineers and Civil Engineers with broad experience in roadway, bridge, water/wastewater and stormwater management. Excellent opportunity for professional growth and advancement. Cardinal Engineering has been serving municipalities and state agencies for 48 years. Cardinal offers an excellent benefit package and competitive salary. Interested candidates should send or email a cover letter and resume to Cardinal Engineering Associates, Inc. 3 Colony Street, Meriden, Ct. 06451, Telephone: 203-238-1969, Fax: 203-630-2056, Email: jac3@cardinal-engineering.com.

Appledore Marine Engineering, Inc. Appledore Marine Engineering is a dynamic consulting engineering firm dedicated to providing marine/waterfront design, and inspection services around the world. We are located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a waterfront city that offers history, culture, and recreational opportunity in a thriving business climate.

Senior Structural Engineer: Looking for a senior structural engineer to lead challenging design projects. Minimum requirements include a BSCE, structural PE and 10 years experience in design of waterfront structures. Typical projects include designs for shipyards, dry docks, offshore towers, fixed piers and other related structures. Prospective candidate is expected to have a thorough understanding of concrete, steel and timber design as well as experience in developing bid documents for construction. We provide a comprehensive benefits package and an excellent work culture. Please forward your résumé to: Appledore Marine Engineering, Inc., 600 State Street, Suite E, Portsmouth, NH 03801 email: vswasey@appledoremarine.com.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, cont.

**Water Treatment Manager**: Seeking Applicants for the Position of WATER TREATMENT MANAGER at the South Central CT Regional Water Authority; Position manages surface & ground water facilities in south central CT. Minimum of five (5) years experience with Class IV facilities; Bachelor’s Degree in a relevant engineering or science field required. Application deadline is February 1, 2010. Contact hr@rwater.com for more information. AA/E0 Employer M/F/H/V

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has posted a continuous recruitment **Sanitary Engineer I** examination open to the public. In order to apply for a job with this title, an individual must have taken and passed this exam. Visit the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) website at www.das.state.ct.us and click on “Jobs”, then “State Employment Examinations” for information.

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**Order of the Engineer**

The Order of the Engineer was initiated in the United States in 1970 to foster a spirit of pride and responsibility in the engineering profession, to bridge the gap between training and experience, and to present to the public a visible symbol identifying the engineer. Participants take the Obligation of the Engineer and wear a steel ring as a reminder of their commitment to high ethics and professionalism.

CSCE will host an Order of the Engineer ceremony at an upcoming dinner meeting. Sign-up will be available at the February joint meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Hawthorne Inn. Look for more information in the February newsletter. For more information, go to http://content.asce.org/professional/orderengineer.html.
Upcoming ASCE Region 1 Spring 2010 Assembly

A big part of the regional activities revolves around the Assemblies that are held twice a year – April and September. Each section/branch is encouraged to send participant(s). Typically, the April meeting has had a more “business” tone in a central location. The September meeting has been located throughout the Region and has typically included a tour/presentation. Feedback from participants has been very positive.

The upcoming Spring Assembly will be held in Albany, NY on April 17-18 at the Best Western – Albany Airport (http://www.bwalbanyairport.com). Rooms for $89/night have been blocked for Friday and Saturday. Mark Rusnica and Tony DeFranco have graciously volunteered to help organize the event. The basic agenda is as follows. Additional details will be provided as the event approaches.

Spring 2010 Assembly

Saturday, April 17, 2010  8:00am to 12:00pm  NE and NY Council
Saturday, April 17, 2010  1:00 pm to 6:00pm  Region 1 Assembly
Sunday, April 18, 2010  8:00 am to 11:00am  Region 1 Assembly
Sunday, April 18, 2010  11:30 am to 3:00pm  Board of Governors meeting

The September 2010 assembly will be held the weekend of September 18th or 25th in Ithaca, NY. Bill Merwarth and the Ithaca section are organizing of this event. More details will follow as the event approaches.

125th Anniversary of CSCE

History & Heritage of CSCE

What was is like to be a civil engineer in 1869?
Ever wondered about the history of CSCE and ASCE?
What happened at the 44th annual CSCE meeting in 1928?
Or the 49th annual meeting in 1933?
Or the 54th annual meeting in 1938?
Where are the historic engineering sites in Connecticut? Do you know where the Main Street Bridge is in Hartford? You may even drive under every day and not know it.

Your questions can be answered! All of this information and more can be found at the History & Heritage section of the CSCE website.

Learn what many of your colleagues have already.

Go to http://www.csce.org/history.htm or click on “History and Heritage” from the CSCE homepage.
This premier black-tie event, held in Washington, D.C., annually brings together the most recognizable names in civil engineering. On March 25, 2010, ASCE will honor the remarkable achievements of civil engineers over the past year by awarding five lifetime achievement awards, the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA) for the year's most outstanding project, the Charles Pankow Award for Innovation, the Henry L. Michel Award for Industry Advancement of Research, and the ASCE Excellence in Journalism Award.


Achievement in Civil Engineering - ACE Awards

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual CSCE ACE Awards Dinner on May 11, 2010! The ACE Awards honor the design and construction achievements of Connecticut civil engineers. The Achievement in Civil Engineering or “ACE” Awards commend projects on which significant engineering expertise or innovation was exhibited by CSCE members. The ACE Awards will distinguish the projects, and thereby honor the overall contributions of numerous engineers and other team members. The ACE Awards recognize innovation and advancement in the field of Civil Engineering; contribution to the well-being of people and communities; excellence in the management of design and/or construction; accomplishment of project objectives in the face of significant challenges; ingenuity in construction techniques; and client satisfaction. Award categories include Construction, Geotechnical, Structural, Transportation, and Water Resources/Environmental. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

More information on the 2010 ACE Awards, including nomination information, will be available soon. Check future editions of the newsletter or www.csce.org for updates.
Benjamin Wright Award

The Benjamin Wright Award is CSCE’s highest award, presented each year to a civil engineer practicing in Connecticut who has demonstrated outstanding practice his or her career, and made significant contributions to civil engineering. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague. Nominations are due in April. The Executive Board will vote to determine the award winner and make the presentation at our annual ACE awards dinner in May. Candidates will be considered for several years following their nomination.

ASCE has many honors and awards to recognize deserving members. For a complete listing of all ASCE awards, please visit www.asce.org/awards.

2009 ACE Award Winners

Water Resources/Environmental ACE Award
Project: Sanitary & Storm Sewer Repairs, Middletown
Owner: Middletown Water & Sewer Department
Applicants: United International Corporation and DeRita Construction Company

Water Resources/Environmental Award of Merit
Project: Biological Nutrient Removal, Hartford WPCF
Owner: The Metropolitan District Commission
Applicant: Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

Transportation ACE Award
Project: Truck Escape Ramp, Avon
Owner/Applicant: Connecticut Department of Transportation

Transportation Award of Merit
Project: Route 34 Roundabout & Roadway Improvement Project, New Haven
Owner: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Applicant: Tighe & Bond, Inc.

Construction ACE Award
Project: Middletown to Norwalk 345 kV Transmission Project, Bridgeport & Stratford
Owner: United Illuminating Company
Applicants: Black & Veatch Corporation and Luchs Consulting Engineers, LLC.
Geotechnical ACE Award  
Project: New Haven Harbor’s Twin 48” Force Main Crossing, New Haven  
Owner: Greater New Haven WPCA  
Applicants: URS Corporation and GeoDesign, Inc.

Structural ACE Award  
Project: Beacon Hall Conversion at Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport  
Owner: Connecticut Department of Public Works  
Applicant: GNCB Engineers

In addition, Representative Joe Serra was recognized as CSCE’s 2009 Legislator of the Year due to his long-standing service to the civil engineering industry in Connecticut, from his 37 years of service for the City of Middletown’s Public Works Department, to his serving as the Secretary-Treasurer for the Connecticut Association of Street and Highway Officials (CASHO) for the past 30 years, to his advocacy on behalf of the industry while serving as State Representative for the 33rd District in Middletown – a position he has held for the past 17 years.

Are you a recent college grad, or about to be? Do you know someone who is, and think they’d be interested in joining ASCE?

Did you know that ASCE offers pro-rated discounted membership dues for recent college graduates? From the year you graduated all the way through your 4th year after graduation you can get discounted dues. For more information visit [http://www.asce.org/membership](http://www.asce.org/membership).

Are you a “Younger Member”?  

A Younger Member is considered to be 35 years of age or younger. The Younger Member Committee fosters the professional growth, ethical awareness, and technical competence of the Section's younger members. The Committee meets once a month, and organizes several activities throughout the year, including for fun and community service. Check future issues of this newsletter for upcoming events, including taking in a Hartford Wolfpack hockey game. If you are interested in joining the committee or want more information, contact Sara Ramsbottom at [sara.ramsbottom@ct.gov](mailto:sara.ramsbottom@ct.gov).

Meetings for 2009-2010 will be Tuesdays – dates to be announced for 2010. The start time is usually about 5:30pm. Contact Sara Ramsbottom if you are a new member interested in attending so that you will be sure to get the meeting details.
The Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers was formed in 1884. Separately, the Connecticut Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) was founded in 1919. The two organizations merged in 1981. We represent about 1,600 civil engineers statewide.

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