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President's Message

Dear CSCE Members,

Well, I don't know about you, but I'm sure glad to see the end of the campaign ads on our airwaves, specifically the negative ads. As we wrap up a very busy campaign season and a very hard fought election, our State has voiced their votes and come January 5th 2011, we will have a new Senator representing us in Washington, DC and a very narrowly elected Governor here in Connecticut. Our newly elected officials will have their hands full in trying to address the many different controversial issues that face Connecticut, specifically that one single touted campaign promise made by both Republicans and Democrats alike, "Creating Jobs".

I think that most people would agree creation of jobs will never be the result of any single elected official or single majority party. In addition, jobs created by government are only a small part of the economic machine of the United States. Consumer confidence and economic certainty are the two main ingredients in people and business' habits that will lead to economic recovery. However, these two things take time to re-build in the hearts and mind of society and politics alone will never change that. The thing we have going for us is that the United States is still the largest single country economic power in nominal GDP in the world and the resiliency and entrepreneurship of the American people will always endure.

The other thing we have going for us is that in accordance with November 2010 Money Magazine on CNNMoney.com, civil engineering was ranked #6 out of the top 100 Best Jobs in America. This included a look at the rate of pay, potential for job growth and the quality of life. Although this may be hard to believe today, as many of our friends, colleagues and recent graduates struggle to find work, the study looked at long term job growth projected out to 2018. Of course this is also due to mega projects in the emerging global markets like China and India that also create a shortage of qualified local engineers, increasing the demand for U.S. talent as well as America's own desperate need for long term infrastructure improvement and increased capacity. So let this report be a hopeful reminder to all of us, regardless of what sector of civil engineering that you're in or prefer, from small towns to big cities, from public transportation to public highways, from water resources to land development, that the civil engineering profession will be called upon to lead our nation on the road to recovery. Sooner or later we will be presented with the opportunity to create our future legacies. In the mean time we have to take this time to further our knowledge and sharpen our skills to help us be in better positions to react when we are called upon.

Lastly, I want to personally thank the Department of Transportation Chief Engineer, Mr. Thomas A Harley, P.E. for filling in for Commissioner Parker on such short notice at the October dinner meeting. This month's meeting promises to deliver another interesting topic, in the Do's and Don'ts of Combined Sewer Overflow Tunneling, presented by Glenn Boyce, Ph.D., P.E., Senior Associate, with Jacobs Associates and Irwan Halim, Ph.D., P.E., Vice President & Principal Tunnel Engineer with the URS Corporation and hosted by the Structures Technical Group and the Central Connecticut State University Student Chapter. I look forward to seeing you there.

This month's quote comes from Alan Kay, a computer science engineer and former leader at Apple and Disney and founder of Viewpoints Research Institute who said "*The best way to predict the future is to invent it.*"

Sincerely,

Rabih "Rob" Barakat, PE, MBA, M. ASCE
President

November 2010 Dinner Meeting

- Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2010
- Location:** Central Connecticut State University Memorial Hall (Constitution Rm), New Britain, CT
- Sponsor:** Structures Technical Group & CCSU ASCE Student Chapter
- Speakers:** Glen Boyce, Ph.D., P.E., Senior Associate – Jacobs Associates
Irwan Halim, Ph.D., P.E., Vice President & Principal Tunnel Engineer – URS Corporation
- Topic:** CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) Tunneling: The Dos & Don'ts
- Glen Boyce will provide an overview of his work with the construction of shafts, pump station, and tunnels for the West Side CSO project for the City of Portland, OR. The pump station excavation portion of this project is one of the largest in the world. Construction of the project began in 2002 and was completed and operational in September 2006. Dr. Boyce received his Ph.D. from the University of California and has 28 years of experience in the areas of geotechnical, underground, and tunnel engineering. He served as Project Manager and lead tunnel engineer during design and construction of the West Side CSO Tunnel, Shaft, Pump Station, and Pipelines Project.
- Irwan Halim of the URS Corporation will discuss his experience during constructions of the shafts, pump station, and tunnels for the Narragansett Bay Commission CSO Abatement Phase I Program, which was completed and operational in October 2008. Dr. Irwan received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois and has 20 years of experience in the areas of geotechnical, underground, and tunnel engineering. He served as lead tunnel engineer and project manager during design and construction of the Narragansett Bay Commission CSO Abatement Phase I Program.
- Cost:** \$35 CSCE Members \$45 Non-members \$5 Full-time students
Unemployed CSCE Members: Free
In honor of Veterans Day, there is no cost for CSCE members who are active in or retired from the military.
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:** Choice of Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Francaise, or Vegetable Lasagna
- Reservations:** Please contact Amy Petrone by email at admin@csce.org or by telephone at (860) 526-5935 by noon on Friday, November 5, 2010 with diner choice.
- Directions:** From Rt. 9 South: Take Exit 29 & turn right onto Ella Grasso Blvd. At 3rd traffic light turn left into the Student Center Parking Lot or park in the garage.
From Rt. 9 North: Take exit 29. At end of ramp, go straight and follow Fenn Rd. to the 2nd traffic light; turn left onto Ella Grasso Blvd. At the 4th traffic light, turn left into the Student Center Parking Lot or park in the garage.

Upcoming Events

Spring 2011

Save the Date for the new spring Geotechnical Workshop. Tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2011 at the University of New Haven. More information will be available soon.

National Conferences

Build Boston 2010 – November 17 – 19, 2010, Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, MA
Visit www.buildboston.com for more information.

1st T&DI (Transportation & Development Institute) Green Streets & Highways Conference –
November 14-17, 2010, Denver, Colorado
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/greenstreets-highways2010/index.html> for more information.

Inaugural COPRI (Coasts, Oceans, Ports, & Rivers Institute) 2010 Congress –
November 14 – 17, 2010, Nashville, TN
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/copri2010/index.html> for more information.

T&DI 2011 First Congress – March 13 – 16, 2011, Chicago, IL
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/tdicongress2011/index.html> for more information.

2011 Architectural & Engineering Institute (AEI) Conference – March 30 – April 2, 2011, Oakland, CA
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/aei2011/index.html> for more information.

ASCE International Conference on Vulnerability & Risk Management (ICVRAM)/5th International Symposium on Uncertainty Modeling & Analysis (ISUMA 2011) – April 11 – 13, 2011
University of Maryland, Hyattsville, MD
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/icvram2011/index.html> for more information.

2011 Structures Congress – April 14 – 16, 2011, Las Vegas, NV
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/structures2011/index.html> for more information.

EWRI (Environmental & Water Resources Institute) 2011 Congress –
May 22-26, 2011, Palm Springs, CA
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/ewri2011/index.html> for more information.

COPRI Solutions to Coastal Disasters 2011 – June 26 – 29, 2011, Anchorage, AK
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/cd2011/index.html> for more information.

GeoRisk 2011 – Risk Assessment and Management in Geoen지니어ing –
June 26-28, 2011, Atlanta, GA
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/GeoRisk2011/> for more information.

Call for Papers

2011 Conference on Coastal Engineering Practice

The Conference will focus on developing practical solutions for coastal engineering problems as well as ensuring sustainable coastal development. Mark your calendars for the August 21-24, 2011 event in San Diego, and submit an abstract today! Abstracts are due November 16, 2010.

EWRI 8th Operations Management Workshop

You are invited submit to your abstract to the 8th Operations Management Workshop to be held on March 1-2, 2011, following the Georgia Water Resources Institute's Kindsvater Symposium (February 28) at the GTRI Conference Center of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia. Go to <http://content.asce.org/om11/index.html> for more information. Abstracts are due December 15, 2010.

For a complete listing of all ASCE conferences, please visit: <http://asce.org/conferences>

Other Events

November 18, 2010 – ASCE Rhode Island Section dinner meeting (see flyer on page 13 for more details)

This month's ASCE Rhode Island Section dinner meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 18, 2010** at Spain of Narragansett. The guest speaker will be Davy McDowell, P.E., Associate Executive Director of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) who will present "**Major Changes to the FE/PE Exams and Proposed Changes for Registration and Continuing Education**".


Please RSVP to Kevin Schott via e-mail at schotkw@cdm.com by Friday, November 12, 2010. You may also call in your reservation to (401) 457-0313.

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.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

STV Incorporated is recruiting for Construction Inspection positions in CT and Metro NYC locations. Positions include Resident Engineers with current PE license; Office Engineers with NICET 3 or 4; Chief, Senior, and Junior level inspection personnel with NICET certification. For opportunities, please contact Samuel Scozzari PE, Manager of Construction Services, samuel.scozzari@stvinc.com

Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) is recruiting for Structural Engineers with Bridge Inspection or Load Rating experience to work on projects in CT, MA and RI. Requirements include a BS Civil Engineering, a minimum of 5 years of relevant experience with CDOT, MassDOT or RIDOT; EIT required; CE positions require PE. Bridge Inspection positions require NBI standards experience; Load Rater positions prefer experience with AASHTO, Virtis, and Brass-Culvert/Girder. For more information on these positions, please visit the Career section of our website at www.mbakercorp.com. Baker is an EEO/AAP (M/F/V/H) e-Verify Employer

Allied Engineering Civil Engineer needed for family friendly civil engineering firm in North Canaan, CT. AutoCAD experience required. Please email cover letter and resume to George at allied-engineering@snet.net.

Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. is seeking an experienced project engineer in Middletown, CT with strong technical skills in developing detailed design documents for municipal water and wastewater treatment facilities requires five to ten years experience. A strong working knowledge of CADD to produce design drawings is required. Contact Thomas A. Loto, P.E., BCEE at tlotop@pirnie.com.

Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. is seeking an entry level engineer in Middletown, CT to assist with detailed design for municipal water and wastewater treatment facilities including the development of engineering reports and construction documents. Knowledge of CADD to produce design drawings is a plus. Contact Thomas A. Loto, P.E., BCEE at tlotop@pirnie.com

HRP Associates, Inc. is seeking Environmental Compliance Specialists for our office in Farmington, CT. Requirements: 2-5 yrs. experience, BS degree in environmental engineering or related, good communication skills, proficiency in MS Office. Experience with ISO14000 environmental management systems is a plus. Contact: Howard S. Hurd, CPG, LEP, howard.hurd@hrpassociates.com

CT Department of Transportation (DOT) has posted continuous recruitment notices for various **Transportation Engineer I, II, & III** examinations open to the public. In order to apply for a job with these titles, an individual must have taken and passed the appropriate 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.

"Civil Engineer" has been ranked as one of America's Top 10 jobs – read more here:
<http://www.asce.org/Content.aspx?id=12884902060>

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Veterans Day



November 11, 2010



Fairfield Branch 20th Anniversary!

2011 marks the 20th anniversary of the Fairfield Branch of CSCE. Many thanks go to Branch President Ronald Hill for his service to CSCE, and to all the members of the branch. Congratulations!

Happy Birthday to ASCE



Then and now: On November 5, 1852, 12 men gathered to form an organization for civil engineers. Today, ASCE has more than 140,000 members from around the world. To read more, visit <http://www.asce.org/PPLContent.aspx?id=2147485181>

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CSCE has a new logo!

As you may have noticed earlier this year, ASCE adopted a new logo. ASCE also requested that Sections consider changing their current logo to reflect this new one. CSCE has chosen to follow suit, and has changed our logo. The new version will incorporate the traditional outline of Connecticut with the new ASCE logo, and spell out the name "Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers" with our year of organization. The logos for the Fairfield Branch and Younger Members Committee will also reflect the new logo. Look for this new look in the coming months on various correspondences from CSCE.



New CSCE Scholarship

Beginning this year, CSCE will be offering a new educational scholarship, to complement those already offered. This new scholarship will be available to high school seniors accepted in a civil engineering or construction-related program and current college students in those same types of programs. Additional information, including full rules and requirements and the application form, will be available soon on the CSCE website (www.csce.org).

The Renewal Race Is On!



Will CSCE be a 2011 renewal cash prize winner? ASCE will award \$1,250 each to the small, medium, and large Section that has the highest percentage of renewing members by December 14th. Also, each member that renews will be automatically entered to win one of four \$250 cash prizes. Visit www.asce.org/finishline to renew today

History & Heritage News

Engineering Landmark Nomination – We Need Your Help!

The History and Heritage Committee is preparing to nominate the Farmington Canal / Canal Road / bike trail for an ASCE Engineering Landmark. The alignment originally linked New Haven and Northampton through Cheshire, Farmington, Suffield, Westfield, MA as an inland waterway. Canal construction was largely completed by 1827, operated for 20 years at a financial loss, then transformed almost overnight to become a railroad. The “Canal Road” railroad was more of a success. The railroad has been supplanted by roads, then modern highways and much of the alignment has become a rail trail for recreational purposes.

The New Haven-Northampton alignment is a microcosm of the history of civil engineering, was a hands-on “college” of engineering for early Connecticut and United States engineers and surveyors, and a contributor to Connecticut’s and Massachusetts’ economic development throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. The transportation alignment has served many functions over its many years of existence.

To prepare this application the Committee seeks help for a number of tasks. We are looking for people that would like to research any of the following areas:

- Literature Research on the Farmington Canal / railroad
- Historic photographs of the canal, railroad and rail trail in use
- Photographs of the existing condition
- Documentation of the owners (Towns?, DOT?, non-profits?)
- Documentation of economic development resulting from the canal, rail, and trail
- Sources of information such as town historical societies, libraries, and private collections
- Preparation of the application

If any of these tasks are of interest, or if you would like to suggest another area to develop, please contact:

Randy States at rtstates@yahoo.com

Billy Cunningham at vicepresident@csce.org

The national History and Heritage Committee accepts applications at any time. This committee would like to submit our application April or May 2011. We have some material now and we need your help. Thank you.

Randall T. States, P. E.
History & Heritage Committee

History & Heritage 2010 Citation Award

On October 3, 2010, at the ASCE Presidents and Governors Forum, CSCE President Rahib (Rob) Barakat accepted the award on behalf of the Section from outgoing ASCE President Blaine Leonard.

Read the article about the award in the October 2010 issue of *ASCE News*: <http://asce-news.asce.org/> (page 13).



For more information on ASCE History & Heritage and the Historic Civil Engineering Landmark Program, visit www.asce.org/history.



American Society of Civil Engineers
Rhode Island Section

ASCE-RI NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

- Date:** **Thursday, November 18, 2010**
- Location:** *Spain of Narragansett*
1144 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI 02882
- Keynote Speaker:** **Davy McDowell, P.E., Associate Executive Director**
National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)
- Time:** Social Hour to begin at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner served promptly at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers will follow.
- Topic:** *Major Changes to the FE/PE Exams and Proposed Changes for Registration and Continuing Education*
(25 minute presentation, 10 minutes Q&A)
- Menu:** Garden Salad with House Dressing and choice of (1) 14oz Costillo de Lomo - Charbroiled Sirloin Steak with our chef's roasted garlic sauce, (2) Pechuga de Pollo Al Marsala - Boneless Chicken Medallions sautéed with Marsala wine and mushrooms, or (3) North Atlantic Salmon - Broiled and finished with a saffron citrus glaze. Coffee and dessert also included.
- Price:** **\$35.00 Members and Guests - \$15.00 Students** (Please make checks payable to "ASCE RI Section")
*** The ASCE Board understands what a difficult economic time this is for many and has voted to allow unemployed members wishing to attend the monthly dinner meetings to pay the reduced student rate. It is strictly an honor system so if you wish to take advantage of this, please indicate so when you RSVP.*



Please RSVP via e-mail to schottkw@cdm.com by **Friday, November 12, 2010**. You may also call in your reservation to (401) 457-0313.

If you would like to mail your payment rather than pay at the meeting, please mail check payable to ASCE RI-Section, and mail to Mr. Kevin Schott, P.E., CDM, 56 Exchange Terrace, 2nd Floor, Providence, RI 02903. *Unfortunately, RI ASCE will be billed for the number of reservations. It will therefore be necessary to bill all "no shows".*





HONORS AND AWARDS

ASCE's Honors and Awards program recognizes the commendable achievements and remarkable accomplishments of the civil engineering profession. With more than 80 awards, the program distinguishes the unique contributions engineers make to both the industry and society. Below is sampling of awards by nomination date.

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

February 1

Collingwood Prize
Edmund Friedman Young Engineer Award for Professional Recognition
Daniel Mean Prize for Younger Members
Younger Member Group Award

March 1

Civil Government Award
Edmund Friedman Award for Professional Recognition
Parcel-Sverdrup Civil Engineering Management Award

May 1

Alfred Nobel Prize

June 1

OPAL – Outstanding Projects and Leaders
OCEA – Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement
Ralph B. Peck Award
H. Bolton Seed Medal
The Professional Practice Ethics & Leadership Award



Established in 1999, these prestigious awards recognize and honor outstanding civil engineering leaders whose lifetime accomplishments and achievements have made significant differences in one of five categories: Construction, Design, Education, Government, and Management.

For a list of winners and finalists, visit: <http://www.asce.org/opal>.

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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. The nomination deadline will be announced. The Executive Board will vote to determine the award winner and make the presentation at our annual ACE Awards dinner on May 10, 2011. Candidates will be considered for 10 years following their nomination.

Save the Date! 2011 Geotechnical Workshop

The CSCE Geotechnical Committee is planning a Geotechnical Workshop this coming spring. Tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2011 at the University of New Haven, the planned topic is "Reinforced Soil Walls and Slopes". Professional Development Hours will also be offered.

Look for more details in upcoming newsletters and on the CSCE website as they become available.

University of Hartford Student Chapter needs your help! A message from the Student Chapter Vice President

Hello, I am the vice president of the student chapter of ASCE at the University of Hartford and our chapter is pursuing the steel bridge competition this semester. Our chapter was wondering if CSCE would be willing to donate funds, willing volunteers, and or steel to help our chapter with the project. Our student government on campus cut the funds to our program this year and we are in desperate need of any kind of help we can get.

Sincerely,
Emily McDermott (emcdermot@hartford.edu)

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