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## *President's Message*

Dear CSCE Members,

I write this message to you on the heels of my recent visit to ASCE Headquarters in Reston, VA. The two-day affair was a great opportunity to engage with ASCE's national contingent and converse with many branch and section presidents and regional governors from all corners of our great nation.

Personally, attending this event, re-defined for me our role in our society with respect on how CSCE fits in to the big picture that is ASCE. CSCE's 1,500 members are just a small, but very important part of the 144,000 national members and \$54 million annual budget of ASCE. It also became more apparent to me that we need to become better leaders in order to highlight, stimulate and energize the public regarding what we do as civil engineers and how civil engineering impacts the society at large, daily. This led to discussions regarding every Sections role for the implementation of the roadmap to "Achieving the Vision of Civil Engineering in 2025".

Vision 2025 was a result of 2006 summit that included over 60 engineering and non-engineering experts from around the world that capped over 8 years of effort to enhance the role of the profession and present an aspirational vision of what the future could and should be. I encourage all members to read this document and it's available on [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org). The final vision emerged as follows:

*"Entrusted by society to create a sustainable world and enhance the global quality of life, civil engineers serve competently, collaboratively and ethically as master: planners, designers, constructors, and operators of society's economic and social engine—the built environment; stewards of the natural environment and its resources; innovators and integrators of ideas and technology across the public, private, and academic sectors; managers of risk and uncertainty caused by natural events, accidents, and other threats; and leaders in discussions and decisions shaping public environmental and infrastructure policy."*

They say that our profession never gets noticed because we do our jobs so well. Unfortunately, it always takes some sort of civil engineering failure due to a natural disaster or catastrophe such as Hurricane Katrina and the I-35 Minneapolis bridge collapse for the politicians and the public to notice what we do and how important it is to public safety and our quality of life. I think we, as civil engineers, all realize that our infrastructure is approaching the end of its service and/or design life and needs our immediate attention. All members of CSCE should become more proactively engaged with our State and National legislators, not as lobbyists, but as citizens and professionals offering our expertise regarding Connecticut and the Nation's need to re-vitalize our infrastructure.

I look forward to seeing you on October 13th at the University of Hartford. Lastly, this month's quote comes from Henry A. Kissinger, the former Secretary of State *"A leader does not deserve the name unless he is willing occasionally to stand alone."*

Sincerely,

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

## 2010 – 2011 Monthly Dinner meetings

November 9, 2010 – Central Connecticut State University      Structures Technical Group

January 2011 – Date/location TBD – Joint dinner with Fairfield County Branch

February 2011 – Date/location TBD – Engineer’s Week joint dinner

March 8, 2011 – University of New Haven      Construction Technical Group

April, 13, 2011 – United States Coast Guard Academy      Geotechnical Technical Group

May 10, 2011 – ACE Awards

Costs (for all but February 2011 meeting and ACE Awards):

CSCE Members: \$35.00

Non-members: \$45.00

Unemployed CSCE members: Free

Full-time Students: \$5.00

**Fairfield County Branch meetings** – as announced

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### Did you know?? The Hoover Dam just turned 75!

On September 30, 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the Hoover Dam. To mark the anniversary, the US Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation held a special event on September 30, 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam/75thanniversary.html>.

ASCE will also be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the upcoming Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

## Architects for Humanity – Presentation on New Haven “Downtown Crossing” Proposed Development

The New Haven Chapter of Architects for Humanity invites you to attend a presentation about the proposed Downtown Crossing development in New Haven. Mike Piscitelli, Director of the New Haven DOT, Traffic & Parking will facilitate the presentation on November 1, 2010 @ 6:30 pm at BAR in New Haven. For more information contact [a4nhct@gmail.com](mailto:a4nhct@gmail.com). For information on the proposed development, visit: <http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/CityPlan/Route34East.asp>.

# October 2010 Dinner Meeting

- Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2010
- Location:** Harry Gray Center, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
- Sponsor:** Government Engineers Committee & UHart ASCE Student Chapter
- Speaker:** Thomas A. Harley, Chief Engineer, Connecticut Department of Transportation
- Topic:** CSCE is very happy to have the Connecticut Department of Transportation Chief Engineer Thomas Harley join us to share his unofficial *Annual State of the DOT Address*. Mr. Harley will update CSCE on the activities of the DOT and address various topics ranging from the latest news from Washington, D.C regarding the re-authorization of the nation's Transportation Bill to the status of the DOT's American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) projects in Connecticut.
- Cost:** \$35 CSCE Members    \$45 Non-members    \$5 Full-time students  
Unemployed CSCE 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:** Buffet featuring winter salad (Mesculine greens/sliced pears & Mandarin oranges/dried cranberries/smoked gouda/caramelized almonds w/almond dressing), sauté breast of chicken w/roasted artichoke and parsley sauce, herb roasted tenderloin with mushroom sauce, penne Alfredo, herb roasted new potatoes, green beans w/roasted peppers, bread/butter, dessert table
- Reservations:** Please contact Amy Petrone by email at [admin@csce.org](mailto:admin@csce.org) or by telephone at (860) 526-5935 by Friday, October 8, 2010.
- Directions:** From I-84 East: Exit 44 toward Prospect Ave.; turn slight left onto Caya Ave. Turn left onto Prospect Ave. Turn right onto Rt.44/Albany Ave. Turn left onto Bloomfield Ave./Rt. 198. UHA will be 0.4 miles on the right.  
From I-84 West: Exit 50 onto Rt. 44 West. Continue on Rt. 44 West/Main St. for approximately 2.5 milts. Turn right onto Bloomfield Ave./Rt.189. UHA will be 0.4 miles on the right.  
Parking is in Lot K (visitor) or F. The Gray Center is located in the middle of the UHart campus. Go to [www.hartford.edu](http://www.hartford.edu) for a campus map.

## ***Upcoming Events***

### **November 2010**

November 9, 2010 – Monthly dinner meeting @ Central Connecticut State University

### **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.

## ***ACSE National Conferences***

140<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Engineering Conference – October 21-23, 2010, Las Vegas, NV

Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/annual2010/index.html> for more information.

5th International Conference on Scour & Erosion (ICSE-5) – November 7-10, 2010, San Francisco, CA

Visit [www.icse-5.org](http://www.icse-5.org) for more information.

1st T&DI 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.

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.

GeoRisk 2011 – Risk Assessment and Management in Geoenvironmental Engineering –

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!

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

## Other Events

Connecticut Section – American Water Works Association/Connecticut Water Works Association Fall 2010 Conference – Friday, October 29, 2010. Visit [www.ctawwa.org](http://www.ctawwa.org) for 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](mailto:NL-editor@csce.org).

**Unemployed?** ASCE National has a program to waive dues of unemployed members. For more information, please contact Patrick Ballou directly at the following address:

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**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](http://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](mailto: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 [tloto@pirnie.com](mailto:tloto@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 [tloto@pirnie.com](mailto:tloto@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](mailto:howard.hurd@hrpassociates.com)

**See also ASCE Career Connections:**  
<http://careers.asce.org/search.cfm>

## Region 1 News

As with most Sections and Branches, activities within the Region begin in earnest in September. This year's Region 1 activities began with an Assembly at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY on September 17-19. The Cornell Student Chapter and Ithaca Section were a tremendous help in organizing and running this event. Region 1 has upcoming vacancies beginning in October 2011. These include: Governor from a small/medium section, Governor from Boston Section, and Region 1 Society Director. Those individuals interested in serving on the Region 1 Board should review the "Duties of Society Director and Regional Governors" section of the Region 1 website (<http://www.asce.org/PPLContent.aspx?id=8019>). On a National level, I have been active in Board of Direction activities and the Program Committee. I have summarized some of those activities in a Director's Report posted on the Region 1 website. Please feel free to contact me or any Regional Governor if you have any questions. Thanks you for your time and dedication to ASCE.

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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.



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## 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. Addition information, including full rules and requirements and the application form, will be available soon on the CSCE website ([www.csce.org](http://www.csce.org)).

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, each member that renews will be automatically entered to win one of four \$250 cash prizes. Visit [www.asce.org/finishline](http://www.asce.org/finishline) to renew today!

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## Recap: 13th Annual CSCE-DFI Geotechnical Seminar

This event was held September 17, 2010 @ the Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT. Once again, we had a great turnout, with a full house of 133 attendees learning about Earth Slope Engineering. In addition, Larry Johnson, Stanley Bembem, and Jim Graham were recognized as the founders of the seminar and each was presented a plaque commemorating the occasion. CSCE would like to thank them as well as this year's speakers: Francisco Silva-Tulla (Independent Consultant), Gonzalo Castro (GEI Consultants), Barry Christopher (Independent Consultant), Robin Sotir (Robin B. Sotir Associates), Harry Schnabel (Schnabel Foundation Company), and Yogesh Prashar (Slope Reinforcement Technology). Exhibitors were: Geobrugg North America; GEI Consultants, Inc.; Hager-Richter Geoscience Inc.; Schnabel Foundation Company; Geocomp Corporation/GeoTesting Express; Monotube Pile Corporation; Moretrench; Foundation Supportworks, Inc.; Berkel & Company Contractors, Inc.; and Skyline Steel, LLC.

Thank you to all who made it another successful event, especially the CSCE Geotechnical Committee, and we look forward to seeing you next year.

# You can help the History and Heritage Committee

The committee seeks brief descriptions of notable civil engineering works throughout Connecticut. Notable works are structures that benefit Connecticut's health, economy, well-being, and infrastructure. This could be a substantial listing since so many of our works provide substantial benefit.

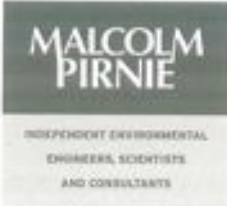
The committee will publish descriptions in our newsletter as space permits. We propose publishing these descriptions on CSCE's web page also, possibly with hot links on a map.

Please suggest civil engineering works & submit the information below.

Name:	Location:
Function:	Owner:
Designed by:	Constructed by:
Year Completed:	Current Status:
Further Information:	
Notable Features (Narrative)	

Thank you.

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

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

### **November 1**

Dozens of honors and awards have a November 1 nomination date, here are just a few:

Civil Engineering History & Heritage Award  
Innovation in Civil Engineering Award  
ASCE President's Medal  
Hans Albert Einstein Award  
Roebing Award  
Robert H. Scanlan Medal

### **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.

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## 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.

***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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