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President's Message

Dear CSCE Members,

It seems like only yesterday we were firing up our grills to kick off the Memorial Day weekend and here we are today, one week after Labor Day with the kids back at school and starting off the CSCE year with our first monthly dinner meeting. I guess the busier you are the faster time goes, and your CSCE Executive Board has been busy.

The yearly planning meeting in early July was very productive. Your Executive Board members displayed the energy, drive and commitment to make this a splendid year. Amongst numerous other things, we set up the 2010-2011 meeting schedule and locations and sent out a postcard so everyone can get them into their calendars early. We discussed and set goals and objectives for the coming year for continuing education and volunteerisms. Remember it's never too late to email us with your suggestions. We established an overdue financial audit committee. Our new Treasurer Bob Gomez, PE has been instrumental in spear-heading this effort. We discussed increasing the number and the amount of scholarships we give out yearly and talked about many additional new ideas and plans brought forth from your Board to continuously improve and make this society better for all involved.

The summer also included a wet, but a successful Younger Member Sponsored CSCE Golf Tournament. The summer social went off without a hitch thanks to our Secretary Greg Holness, PE, Esq. and the new audit committee met to establish internal checks and balances to continuously monitor our balance sheets.

One of the most exciting things that recently occurred is that the National ASCE's History and Heritage Committee has selected the CSCE as the winner of the History and Heritage Section citation for 2010. CSCE was selected for its efforts to scan historic civil engineering information from the Society's proceedings and make it accessible to students and the general public through www.csce.org as well as our partnership with other historical organizations such as the Connecticut Historical Society to develop historic exhibitions for the public. I will have the honor of accepting the award on the Society's behalf when I attend The 2010 Presidents and Governors Forum on October 3rd at ASCE National Headquarters in Reston, Virginia. However, none of this would be possible without the efforts of Randall States, PE a past CSCE President and the current chair of the History and Heritage Committee. Make sure to check out the History and Heritage link on www.csce.org

I look forward to seeing all of you at the September 21st dinner meeting at UCONN where our Water Resources Committee will sponsor a presentation by author and Professional Engineer Thomas S. Baron. Gubernatorial candidate Dan Malloy has also been invited for a brief discussion regarding his thoughts on Transportation in CT. Please check our website for confirmation, regarding his attendance. Lastly, don't forget on **September 17, 2010, The 13th Annual Geotechnical Seminar** will take place in Berlin, CT. This year's topic is Earth Slope Engineering.

In closing, my quote this month comes from James A. Michener, a U.S. novelist and short-story writer. "*Scientists dream about doing great things. Engineers do them.*"

Sincerely,

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

2010 – 2011 CSCE Executive Board

At the ACE Awards dinner in May, the following individuals were sworn in as the CSCE Executive Board for the coming year. Contact information can be found at the end of the newsletter.

President:	Rabih Barakat	President-Elect:	Jason Waterbury
Vice-President:	William Cunningham	Treasurer:	Robert Gomez
Secretary:	Gregory Holness	Newsletter Editor:	Sara Ramsbottom
Director I:	Ronald Nault	Director II:	Christopher Holden

2010 – 2011 Monthly Dinner meetings

September 21, 2010 – University of Connecticut	Water Resources Committee
October 13, 2010 – University of Hartford	Government Engineers
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

October 5, 2010 – Tuscan Oven, 544 Main Ave., Norwalk,	Topic: Lightening Protection
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September 2010 Dinner Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Location: Nathan Hale Inn, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Sponsor: Water Resources Committee & UConn ASCE Student Chapter

Speaker: Thomas S. Baron, P.E., C.E. – former Director of Operations for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority water system

Topic: Mr. Baron has written several publications regarding proposed drinking water supplies for southern New England, including *Southern New England's Future Thirst*, *A Central Lakes Region Solution* and its follow-up *Southern New England's Future Thirst, The Second Drop*. "Turn on Your Lights for Clean Water" will highlight Mr. Baron's concept for a long-term regional water supply that could also contribute to the region's energy system.

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

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

Directions: From I-84, take Exit 68 (Tolland), Route 195 South. From exit, take a right off ramp onto Route 195 and follow 7 miles to the University of Connecticut. Take a right onto Mansfield Road, just past the pond on your right-hand side. At the first stop sign, proceed left onto Gilbert Road. Go left onto Gilbert Extension. The Nathan Hale Inn is straight ahead. Parking is in the lot to the left of the Inn.

www.nathanhaleinn.com

Upcoming Events

September 2010

September 15, 2010 – American Society of Mechanical Engineers – Discussion by author Allan McDonald about his book “Truth, Lies, & O-Rings: Inside the Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster” @ University of New Haven. (See page 9 for more information)

September 17, 2010 – 13th Annual Geotechnical Seminar
Co-sponsored by CSCE Geotechnical Group and the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI)
Topic: Earth Slope Foundations; Visit www.csce.org and www.dfi.org for additional information.
See page 11 for more information & how to register.

September 21, 2010 – Monthly dinner meeting @ UConn

ACSE National Conferences

140th 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 for more information.

1st T&DI Green Streets & Highways Conference – November 14-17, 2010, Denver, Colorado
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/greestreehighways2010/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 Geoengineering –
June 26-28, 2011, Atlanta, GA
Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/GeoRisk2011/> for more information.

Call for Papers

EWRI Congress 2010 – Early deadline September 7, 2010; late September 21, 2010
<http://content.asce.org/conferences/ewri2011/submission.html>

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>

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.

CSCE Wins the History and Heritage Section Citation for 2010!

ASCE's History and Heritage Committee (HHC) has selected the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section as the winner of the History and Heritage Section citation for 2010. They were selected for their efforts to scan historic civil engineering information from their proceedings and make it accessible to students and the general public through their website (www.csce.org/history.htm), and their willingness to work with other historical organizations such as the Connecticut Historical Society to develop historic exhibitions for the public. CSCE would like to thank CSCE History & Heritage Committee Chair (and former CSCE President) Randy States for all his hard work on these efforts on behalf of CSCE!



Region 1 News

What's going on in Region 1? Find out at <http://region1.asce.org>! New announcements have recently been added. Also check the site for events happening at other nearby ASCE sections and branches.

Information on ASCE Fall 2010-Winter 2011 Continuing Education Seminars and Computer Workshops in Region 1 has recently been posted to the website. The list of upcoming seminars and workshops appears below. For more information about each topic, click on the corresponding link.

Copies of the Region list, as well as a list of Fall 2010 – Winter 2011 seminars and workshops for all ASCE Regions, can be downloaded from the Region 1 website at <http://www.asce.org/PPLContent.aspx?id=8000> under the 'Links' tab.

DATES	SEMINARS AND COMPUTER WORKSHOP LINKS	Technical Division	City/State
October 14-15, 2010	Leadership Development for the Engineer	Management & Leadership	Portland, ME
October 28-29, 2010	Sustainable Land Development- Ensuring Growth in a Green Economy	Construction/ Development	Boston, MA
November 4-5, 2010	Testifying and Forensic Report Writing Skills for Civil Engineers	Management & Leadership	Boston, MA
November 17-19, 2010	Introduction to Tunnel Design and Construction	Geotechnical	NYC, NY
November 18-19, 2010	Design of Cold Formed Steel Structures The New 2007 Specification	Structural	Rochester, NY
November 18-19, 2010	Introduction to Dam and Levee Safety, Evaluation and Rehabilitation	Hydraulics & Water Resources	NYC Metro Area
November 18-19, 2010	Stormwater BMPs That Work: Effective Analysis, Design and Maintenance	Environmental	Boston, MA
December 9-10, 2010	Earthquake-Induced Ground Motions	Structural/ Geotechnical	NYC Metro Area
January 20-21, 2011	Design Build Contracting	Construction/ Development	NYC Metro Area
February 17-18, 2011	Design and Renovation of Wood Structures	Structural	NYC Metro Area
March 9-11, 2011	HEC-HMS Computer Workshop	Hydraulics & Water Resources	NYC Metro Area
March 10-11, 2011	Design of Lateral Force Resisting Systems Using the 2009 International Building Code	Structural	NYC Metro Area
March 17-18, 2011	Deep Foundations: Design, Construction and Quality Control	Geotechnical	Boston, MA
March 17-18, 2011	How to Resolve Disputes Without Costly Litigation: Engineer's Workshop on Arbitration and Mediation	Management & Leadership	NYC Metro Area
March 24-25, 2011	Seismic Design and Performance of Building Structures	Structural	Boston, MA

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. Baker is an EEO/AAP (M/F/V/H) e-Verify Employer

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.

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

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has posted a vacancy announcement for an **Engineer Intern** open to the public, with a closing date of September 17, 2010. For more information, visit the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) website at www.das.state.ct.us and click on "Jobs", then "State Job Postings".

GHD: Infrastructure Engineer - Middletown, CT Office: This position will assist with the preparation of investigations, designs and project development of wastewater / water and infrastructure projects.

Requirements for position: Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering; 3-5 years related experience; Prior consulting experience working with municipal clients on wastewater treatment and infrastructure projects; Pipeline experience; Must be a team player; Strong interpersonal and communication skills; Some travel may be required. We reward your commitment with an attractive salary and full roster of competitive benefits. If you'd like to be considered, please submit your résumé and salary requirements along with the office location you are applying for, in confidence, via www.ghd.com/careers.

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

Special Event – Discussion on Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster

From Beth Bennett, Chair, ASME-New Haven

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers – New Haven Chapter has extended an invitation to all CSCE members for their upcoming event, a presentation by Allan McDonald, the director of the Space Shuttle Solid Rocket Motor Project at the time of the Challenger disaster. Mr. McDonald will speak about his recent book, "Truth, Lies, and O-Rings: Inside the Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster," at the University of New Haven on Wednesday, September 15th. He will give the same presentation twice: once at 12:15 p.m. and once at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided 15 minutes prior to each talk, and an optional dinner is available after the evening talk. The event is co-sponsored by the University of New Haven.

For more information, and to RSVP (RSVP only required for the evening event), please see: <http://www.asmenh.org/events/mcdonald/>.

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!

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15th Annual CSCE Golf Tournament – another rainy, but fun, day!

CSCE and the Younger Members Group would like to thank all those that turned out for a day of golf and fun. For the second year in a row it rained just a bit, but the die-hards made it through the day. Hopefully next year the third time will be a charm and we'll see the sun!



These folks have the right gear!



A very wet 12th tee



Weather more suited to the swans – but watch out, they defend their turf!



Congratulations to the winning foursome!

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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ASCE 2010 National Election Results

The following individuals were elected to their respective positions in the 2010 Election:

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At-Large Director-Elect (2010-2012): Christine F. Andersen, P.E., M.ASCE

Region Directors-Elect (2010-2013):

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Region 6: Martha F. Juch, P.E., CFM, M.ASCE

Region 7: D. Vaughan Griffiths, Ph.D., D.SC, P.E., F.ASCE

Region 10: Albert T. Yeung, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE

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For more information, visit www.asce.org.



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.

October 1

Nominations are being accepted for the ASCE Community Service Awards!

If your Section or Branch or one of your members has been active in serving your community in the past year, consider submitting a nomination for the **2010 Citizen Engineer Award** and/or the **2010 Public Service Award**. Both awards will be presented at the Multi-Region Leadership Conferences. **Click here** for more information and nomination forms, or call Becky Waldrup at 800-548-2723, ext. 6281. Please e-mail nominations to rwaldrup@asce.org by the October 1, 2010 deadline.

Citizen Engineer Award

The ASCE Citizen Engineer Award is awarded to civil engineers based on their contributions to their community through public involvement, public awareness, or public service.

Public Service Award

The ASCE Public Service Award is awarded to organized components within ASCE based on their contributions to their community through public involvement, public awareness, or a single community service project.

Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize

The Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prizes recognize members of the Society, in any grade, who demonstrate notable achievements in research related to Civil Engineering.

Preference is given to younger members (generally under 40 years of age) of early accomplishment who can be expected to continue fruitful careers in research.

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>.

More Region 1 News...

We have an OPAL Winner!

Col. Stephen J. Ressler, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE, Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, U.S. Military Academy, has been selected to receive the OPAL Education Award at the 2011 awards ceremony. Congratulations!



Nominations for Distinguished Members for 2011 are due on October 1, 2010. Visit the "Awards" section of ASCE's web site for more information.

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State Government Relations Award

Do you think CSCE had an outstanding government relations activity this year? Do you want the opportunity to be recognized? You just might win an award for it. ASCE is still accepting nominations for this year's State Government Relations Award.

This award is given out by the State Government Relations Committee to Sections involved in outstanding state government relations activities throughout the year. [Please download and complete the nomination form](#) or you can get one by emailing Adam Gagnon, ASCE's Manager of State Government Relations, at agagnon@asce.org.

Completed nomination forms are due back to Adam Gagnon by September 17th. Applications must be submitted electronically to agagnon@asce.org. Sections will be notified by the State Government Relations Committee of the results.

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.

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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