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**Hello,**

Greetings to all of our CSCE members and others that may have occasion to read this e-letter. Summer has passed and we are well into Fall. The past few months have been rather busy for me with work on behalf of CSCE. With the elimination of the Executive Director role earlier this year, it has resulted in some additional responsibilities for me. Firstly, we are very fortunate to have a very dedicated staff in the CSCE national office. I am also grateful to the other executive members for assisting with this transition. A Task Force, led by Past President, Jim Gilliland is now working hard to re-examine roles and responsibilities with the ultimate goal of making the national office stronger and relevant for the changing needs of the organization. I am grateful for Jim's leadership on this initiative and look forward to seeing the outcome of that exercise.

National office and the many great CSCE volunteers, are working to ensure we advance our three strategic directives: Strategic Direction 1: enhanced services to members and Strategic Direction 2: growing with youth CSCE will develop programs and benefits that will support students and Young Professionals, targeted to their specific career development needs and Strategic Direction 3: Strategic Direction 3: leadership in sustainable infrastructure. All members, and especially those engaged in leading the Society, are encouraged to actively participate in helping us to take action to make the strategic directions come to life. It is the sum of all of our efforts that will result in meaningful impact on the vitality of our Society; please do not underestimate the importance of your contributions to our work!

This fall also resulted in various CSCE representatives attending various brother/sister organization annual meetings. In early October Adrian Munteanu, VP Ontario Region attended the Canadian Geotechnical Society meetings in Ottawa. A little later in the month, Glenn Hewus President Elect attended the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) Annual conference in New Orleans.



Michel Kouday, Senior Vice President of CSCE, Canadian Senator Rosa Galvez and our National Lecture Tour speaker, Chris Olidis Principal Engineer with Applied Research Associates and myself participated in a CSCE sponsored Panel Session on Public Private Partnerships (PPP).  
The event was a huge success with very positive feedback.

I also attended the CSCE Hong Kong Branch (HKB)  
Annual Dinner 2017 cum Canada 150



Brian Burrell, Vice President International also attended on October 26, 2017. The annual dinner was attended by well over 200 people and was a fantastic event. There were a number of high-ranking dignitaries at the event,

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including Canada's Consul General at Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong. The Branch did a wonderful job of raising the CSCE (and Canadian) flags; indeed, the leadership team is to be commended!

The fall workshop and meeting of the Board of Directors was held November 4 -5, 2017. The workshop was led by President-Elect Glenn Hewus focused on Communication. We all brainstormed and worked together to improve communication strategies. We also discussed our Membership Campaign Action Plan and the Pin Challenge. The Board meeting involved approving the proposed budget for 2018, discussing upcoming conferences and the Membership Renewal Blitz among various other issues. The Board recognized the loss of Dr. Todd Chan as a great ambassador of our society. He will be sadly missed.

I have been working with a group of volunteers to develop an innovative communication tools, THE HUB. We were pleased to receive responses to our CSCE Hub survey. The HUB CSCE Hub will be an expansion of the CSCE website, which will provide a Professional Network for members, unlike any other in use today. It will enable for an online community in which members can interact with mentors, employers, each other, and the CSCE itself, provide relevant news and social feeds, as well as, an expanded job posting section, enable for an expanded membership profile (i.e.. professional development courses, education, work experience) and compliment a new loyalty initiative program geared towards all members. The intent is to create a framework for the CSCE to later expand upon and enable a wider range of services to members such as secure online payments for events, membership fees etc.

Next year's annual conference will be held in Fredericton June 13 – June 16. Aside from the general conference on a wide array of civil engineering topics, there will also be several specialty conferences and a workshops. Details about the conference, including abstract submission procedures, can be found at [csce2018.ca](http://csce2018.ca)

As I close this e-letter, I would like to say, I am delighted to be serving in the role of President. I am very grateful to serve with a very engaged executive and board as well as countless volunteers from across the country. Thank you for your effort in making this society great! We look forward to hearing from you! Get involved we want your feedback! As a previous President said, Be Seen, Be Heard, Be Relevant and I would add, Be Proud!!!

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