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Season's Greetings,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2016. This has been a busy year for the CSCE and we have accomplished many things as a society. It is also clear to me that interest in sustainable infrastructure is growing quickly amongst infrastructure stakeholders, and that there is a growing awareness in the general population around the need to be sustainable in our communities.

We are on the right track and we will keep the conversation going!

Our conversation has been, and remains focused on our three strategic directions:

- 1. Enhanced services to members
- 2. Growing with youth
- 3. Leadership in sustainable infrastructure

The CSCE Technical Divisions are communicating with all CSCE members on a regular basis, and I anticipate that other committees will launch a similar initiative in the coming year. It is critical that our members and the general public hear about the excellent work our members are doing to promote sustainability. When they hear from us, our members respond enthusiastically and engineers that should be members will want to be a part of the action.

Student engagement in this conversation is very encouraging. The future infrastructure leaders are already convinced that sustainability is essential.

Our initiatives with other sustainability partners have grown significantly this year. Collaboration with CNAM, CCA, ACEC-Canada, Engineers Canada, and others including international groups will strengthen our voice as part of the Canadian conversation. We look forward to engaging with Infrastructure Canada and our collaborators on an ongoing basis. I am very excited about the possibilities this will create for the CSCE in the coming years.

I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday season, and I hope to see everyone in Vancouver at the next Annual Conference.

Happy Holidays! Jim