



Southern District
Institute of Transportation Engineers



SDITE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2007
MARRIOTT HOTEL, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by SDITE President Colin Kinton at 8:40 AM.

II. TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

SDITE President Colon Kinton recognized the deceased member of SDITE since the last Annual Meeting. Those were:

Robert Dodds (NC), Joe Womble (GA) Bill Kervin (TN), and Mike Howard (TN)

II. FINAL CALL FOR BALLOTS

SDITE President Colon Kinton issued a final call for Ballots. He then directed the Tellers Committee to tally the Ballots and return with the results.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2005 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes from the April 4, 2006 Business Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi were reviewed. No corrections were noted. The motion was made by Martin Bretherton and seconded by Bob Murphy and approved by voice vote.

V. DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

- **SDITE President Colon Kinton** gave an overview of his goals for the year. They included continuation of the Strategic Goal effort and developing a more permanent committee structure and financial plan for the Traffic Bowl. He would also like to see the nominations process change although it would require a vote from the membership.
- **SDITE Vice President Craig Hanchey** reviewed his role for the year as well as presentation of the financial reports for 2005. He indicated he would present the Membership Report during the Committee Reports portion of the meeting
- **SDITE Secretary-Treasurer Karen Mohammadi** had to leave the meeting early and was not in attendance.
- **Past President Steve Strength** indicated that he would be taking on the required responsibilities of a Past President including chairing the Nominations Committee for 2009 officers.

- **International Director** Kenny Voorhies thanked ITE staff for attending the meeting. He discussed the following items:
 1. The Safety Certification process has started. More information will be forthcoming.
 2. The Traffic Signal Assessment was sent out last year. A second report card will be out in September.
 3. ITE staff will be updating the web site soon with better search capabilities.
 4. ITE is looking at better ways to improve student chapters and enhance recruitment to the profession.
 5. ITE has received a request to review signal work as a peer review process. They are proceeding cautiously with this in an effort not to compete with consultants.
 6. Atlanta is still being considered as a potential site for the 2012 ITE International Meeting.
 7. Brian Bochner and Andrew O'Brien were elected as honorary members of ITE.
 8. All sections were reminded of Kenny's earlier request for section meeting dates so that they can be added to ITE's calendar.
 9. ITE District boundaries in Northern Virginia, West Virginia and Puerto Rico are being reconsidered. A committee is being formed. Recommendations will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Each areas' members will be surveyed. This could have a strong impact on the Virginia section. They would like to see the boundaries changed. Three of the four last section presidents did not reside in the section's boundaries.

VI. DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

SDITE President Colon Kinton recognized the chairs of the various SDITE committees. The reports presented included the following:

- **Annual Meeting Local Arrangements/ Annual Meeting Statistics** –LAC Co-Chairs Hollis Loveday and Cindy Pionke welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. They reported preliminary attendance numbers and noted that attendance was good and the meeting should be a financial success.
- **Audit** (chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer) – Jim Meads agreed to conduct the audit since Secretary Karen Mohammadi was not able to stay for the Business Meeting due to a family emergency in Louisville. Jim Meads indicated that the Audit Committee had reviewed the financial records from 2006 and were found to be in order.
- **Awards Committee** (chaired by the Past President) – Chair Rick Day reported that all of the District awards would be presented at the Annual Banquet.
- **Education/Student Chapters** – the following awards for the year were selected:
 - Outstanding Student Chapter – Clemson University
 - Best Undergraduate Student Paper – Kevin Miller (NC State University)
 - Best Graduate Student Paper – Zachary Clark (NC State University) and runner up Bryan Fyes (Clemson University)
- **Historical Records** – Chair Bob Stammer suggested that the District look at moving more toward electronic records and wanted to put more history on the SDITE website

- **Membership** – Craig Hanchey reported that as of March 31st, there were 1,376 voting members in the District. Numbers are very similar to last year. International gave lost membership list to sections so they could follow up with members.
 - **Nominations** – Chair Bob Murphy presented a written report of the nominees for 2007 officers. Those nominated were:
 - President – Craig Hanchey (TN)
 - Vice-President – Karen Mohammadi (KY)
 - Secretary-Treasurer – Jim Westmoreland (NC) and Bill Cashman (VA)
 - **Professional Development** – Cindy Pionke reported that the professional development component of the meeting would be on Wednesday on ethics.
 - **Publications** – President Colin Kinton reported for Jeff Hammond that the District was going to stop sending post cards announcing the newsletters except for those in the past who had requested notification in writing. Most members now have email and will be notified of new publications through email.
 - **Safety** – Bob Canfield reported that the committee was working on a project and hoped to have something soon.
 - **Site Selection** – Chair Scott Walker listed the future annual meeting sites. Future annual meeting sites are:
 - 2008 – Charleston, South Carolina (March 30-April 2, 2008)
 - 2009 – Birmingham, Alabama (April 19-23, 2009)
 - 2010 – Portsmouth, Virginia
 - 2011 – Lafayette, Louisiana
 - 2012 – North Carolina
 - 2013 – Kentucky
 - 2014 - Georgia
 - **Technical Council** – no report.
 - **Web-Site** – John Van Winkle reported that the Strategic Planning group would be looking at ways to replace the current website.
 - **Student Scholarship Traffic Bowl** – Chair James Foster reported that 24 students were participating in the traffic bowl competition. There are also 7 alternates in attendance. .
- Strategic Planning** – Chair Richard Atkins reported that 411 members had responded to the survey that was sent out on SDITE. The survey found that better mentoring is needed, that the website needs significant investment and that the organizational structure needs to be improved. Richard Adkins asked the committee for \$6,000 for leadership development and \$2,700 for the website development. The committee plans to develop three to four modules and PowerPoint presentations for training in key areas.

XII. SECTION REPORTS

- **Alabama Section** – Becky White reviewed the report on the activities of the Alabama Section. Among other things, she discussed their joint meetings with the Deep South Section.
- **Deep South** – Bob Mabry reviewed DSITE’s report on the activities of the Deep South Section. Among other things, the section was recovering from Hurricane Katrina and he thanked everyone for their support.
- **Georgia** – Keith Strickland presented a report on the activities of the Georgia Section. Among other things, he noted they had restarted their newsletter.
- **Kentucky** – Bill Seymore reviewed the report for the Kentucky Section. He indicated that Kentucky had opportunities for joint meetings and would be pursuing them.
- **North Carolina Section** – Dale Privette reviewed the report submitted for the Section and noted that they are looking to increase the number of scholarships from 6 to 9.
- **South Carolina** – Eric Trippi gave the South Carolina report and noted the great student participation that they experience.
- **Tennessee** – Steve Allen gave the Tennessee Section report and thanked everyone for coming to Knoxville.
- **Virginia** – Bryant Goodloe gave the Virginia report and noted that three of the four students on the Virginia Tech Traffic Bowl team who won the section contest are attending the meeting in spite of the school’s recent tragedy.

XIII. ABD REPORT – no report

IX. FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

- 2008 – Charleston, SC (March 30-April 2), Co-Chair Jeff Davis state the meeting would be at the historic Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston. He suggested that members get their reservations in early since it is a smaller hotel.
- 2009 – Birmingham, Alabama – The meeting will be April 19—22 in Hoover at the Ross Bridge Renaissance Hotel which has a on-site golf course that hosts Senior PGA events. This is a new and unique resort. Becky White will be the LAC Chair.
- 2010 – Portsmouth, VA – they have the site and hotel determined and three LAC co-chairs
- 2011 – Louisiana – no report
- 2012 – North Carolina – no report

- 2013 – Kentucky – no report
- 2014 – Georgia – no report

X. International Vice Presidential Candidates Comments

International ITE Vice Presidential Candidates Rod Kelly and Kenneth Voight each gave presentations on their candidacies.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- Resolutions of Appreciation – SDITE Vice Craig Hanchey read resolutions of appreciation prepared for the LAC, the ABD and Consultants for their support of the meeting.
- Tellers Committee Report – Committee Chairman Tim White presented the results of the election as follows:

President – Craig Hanchey
Vice-President – Karen Mohammadi
Secretary-Treasurer – Jim Westmoreland

President Steve Colon Kinton accepted the report and thanked the committee for their work. A motion was made to destroy the ballots by Bob Stammer and seconded by Jim Yarbrough. The motion was approved by voice vote.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steve Colon Kinton adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Craig Hanchey, SDITE Vice President