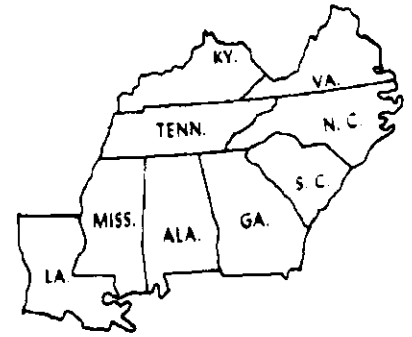


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President's Message

By Bob Mabry (Deep South)

1998 Has Been Extraordinary!

It was you, the members of SDITE who made it so. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who served our District this year, including those of you that served in the various areas of our Sections. Ours is an organization of professionals

dedicated to making our transportation systems safer and more efficient. The success of ITE depends on volunteers to go the extra mile, to serve on committees, to take opportunities to share our message to the public, and to promote our profession.

Again, I would like to publicly express my appreciation for those who have served the DSITE this year and I honor you with this poem:

Extraordinary Approbation

If with pleasure you are viewing
 Any work a man is doing,
 If you like him or you love him,
 tell him now.
 Don't withhold your approba-
 tion
 Til the parson holds oration
 And he lies with snowy lilies
 o're his brow.
 Well, no matter how you shout
 it,
 He won't really care about it,
 He won't know how many
 teardrops you have shed.

If you think some praise is due
 him,
 Now's the time to slip it to him,
 For he cannot read the tomb
 stone when he's dead.

More than fame and more than
 money

Is the comment kind and sunny
 And the hearty warm approval
 of a friend.

For it gives to life a saver
 And it makes you stronger,
 braver

And it gives you strength and
 courage to the end.

If he's earned your praise bestow
 it,

If you like him, let him know it.
 Let the words of true encourage-
 ment be said.

Do not wait till life is over
 And he lies beneath the clover,
 For he cannot read the tomb-
 stone when he's dead.

May God Bless You,
 Bob Mabry



International Director's Report

By Gaye Sprague
(South Carolina)

It continues to be a pleasure to represent you on the international Board of Directors of ITE. Our Sections and our District are active and productive, and I am proud of what you all do for our profession.

It is an exciting time at international ITE. We are being asked to take a leading role in the FHWA's renewed emphasis on traffic operations. It is likely that this role will continue some of the recent work we have been doing in professional capacity building and other initiatives. This relationship with FHWA provides a service to that agency, provides revenue to the Institute, and provides useful products for our members.

Here are few highlights of the August and November Board meetings:

- Agency membership is growing. A new brochure is due out in the spring. Please let me know if there is anything that I or ITE staff and officers can do to help promote these memberships in your Section. Contact from Section leadership is essential, but we can help.

- Student members will now be upgraded automatically to Institute members upon graduation. We need to get and keep these fine young people involved in Section and District activities.
- The Institute has made arrangements for Section and District general liability insurance policies. The costs vary depending on the level of coverage desired. Contact me for more information.
- Ted Barton and Garrett Morgan were elected as Honorary Members of the Institute. Garrett Morgan's nomination came from a contact of Paul Sloan from the City of Louisville. A group of Kentucky school children asked for our help in getting a postal stamp issued in Mr. Morgan's honor.
- All Districts have been asked to give complementary registration to meetings to candidates for international vice-president. If there are extra complementary rooms from the hotel, we have also been asked to give those to the candidates. International officers and staff will pay for their registrations and rooms. We also need to get our visitors on the program at times when they will get a

large audience. I think we've done a pretty good job of that.

- There will be a dues increase for next year. This increase came before we knew what an outstanding year we would have with outside contracts.
- The 2006 ITE Annual Meeting will be held in Milwaukee.

Hot Topics for 1999 will be:

- Safety
- Training in Support of the Traffic Operations Engineering Certification Professional Certification Program
- Harmonization
- Operation and Management of the Transportation System
- Year 2000 Challenges in Transportation
- We adopted a policy on automated enforcement of traffic laws.
- The certification exam will be given in January. I made a motion to delay the test, but no one would second the motion. Although I generally support the concept of certification, I will not be taking the test in January. I realized when I read some sample questions that, because the test is closed book, I will have to study, and I just

don't have time for that right now—maybe later.

- The joint effort of ITE and FHWA in ITS Professional Capacity Building won an Armond Hammer National Award for Partnership in Reinventing Government. We had one of the seminars developed for this program at our Southern District meeting in Memphis. Contact Mark Norman at ITE for a list of the available seminars. I'm not sure how much longer they will be free, so call soon if you have a meeting at which there would be sufficient interest to include one of these seminars.
- Other Districts have some interesting activities going on in partnership with other organizations such as AAA, IEEE, APWA, and APTA. One program of particular interest is a workshop for elected and appointed officials about traffic issues. ITE is a co-sponsor of the workshop led by City Traffic Engineers and AAA.

There are a lot of great things going on in ITE. Please take advantage of Councils, the Web Page, meetings and workshops, and the many excellent publications of the Institute. Please call me at 864/299-5393 for more information.

1999 Officers

During the business meeting at the SDITE Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, the Tellers Committee announced the following results of the election of District officers:

- President: Slade F. Exley (DS)
- Vice President: Kenny O. Voorhies (GA)
- Secretary-Treasurer: James A. Meads (AL)
- Past President: Bob L. Mabry (DS)
- International Director: Gaye G. Sprague (SC)

Congratulations are extended to these fine officers upon their election, and for their continuing demonstration of leadership in 1999.

1997 SDITE Award Winners

During the Banquet at the 1998 Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, the District recognized the following individuals and groups for their achievements:

- Joseph M. Thomas
Outstanding Young Member Award: Terry M. Snow, P.E.

- Marble J. Hensley
Outstanding Individual Activity Award: Philip L. Wylie, Sr., P.E.
- Herman J. Hoose
Distinguished Service Award: Richard Atkins, P.E.
- Outstanding Section Award: Georgia Section
- Best Sponsored Technical Paper: Samantha S. Jones and Nikiforos Stamatiadis, "Accident Warrant for Signalized Intersections Revisted"
- Best Non-Sponsored Technical Paper: Nikiforos Stamatiadis, "ITS and Human Factors for the Older Driver: Where We Stand?"
- Best Non-Sponsored Technical Paper: Terence Thomas, "Air Bags Relation to Automotive Safety Technology"
- Best Technical Committee Report: Georgia Technical Committee, Richard Fangmann, Chairman, "Report on Pedestrian Safety"
- Outstanding Student Chapter: Georgia Institute of Technology
- Best Student Paper: Sandy Melhorn, Mississippi State University, "Developing Warrants for the Use of Flashing Beacons at Stop Sign Controlled Intersections"

Call for Awards Nominations

One of the rich traditions of SDITE is that we recognize our fellow members who have distinguished themselves through individual achievements. The three most prestigious awards — the Hoose Award, the Hensley Award, and the Thomas Award — are presented annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to the District and to our profession. The selection of recipients is based on personal traits such as integrity, morality, and leadership; individual accomplishments such as traffic engineering innovations, technical research, and paper writing; and organizational service such as meeting participation and committee work. These awards are described as follows.

The Herman J. Hoose Distinguished Service Award is bestowed upon an individual who, over a period of years, has contributed outstandingly to the advancement of transportation engineering and to the SDITE.

The Marble J. Hensley Individual Activity Award is granted to an individual who, over the previous year, has contributed outstandingly to the

advancement of transportation engineering and SDITE.

The Joseph M. Thomas Young Member Award is provided to an individual who, over the person's young professional career, has contributed to the advancement of transportation engineering and SDITE. The recipient must be under the age of 35.

The Awards Committee depends on the membership to identify candidates for these three awards. Nominations for the awards have been solicited directly from District Officers, Section Representatives, and Section Presidents; however, anyone in the District is welcome to make a nomination for all or any of the awards. Please take a few minutes to think about fellow colleagues whom you feel fulfill and exemplify the criteria identified above. The nominee does not have to be a member of your Section. Ideally, all nominations from a Section should be submitted through the Section's Representative; however, this is not a mandatory process and anyone in the District is welcome to submit directly to the Awards Committee. You may contact the Chairman of the Awards Committee (see below) to receive a Nomination Form.

Nominations must be received by January 22, 1999.

If you have any questions or to request a Nominations Form, contact Gene Arnold, Chairman of the Awards Committee, at 804/293-1931, 804/293-1990 (FAX), or garnold@vdot.state.va.us (e-mail).

MEET US IN MONTGOMERY!!!

Come experience the Heart & Soul of the South! We have a great meeting planned, April 18-21, 1999!

Great Technical Sessions – sample topics:

- “Trip Generation for Entertainment Land Uses
- “Calming Neighborhood Traffic with Speed Humps”
- “Impact of Shoulder Widths on Traffic Safety”
- “New Design Standards for Local Roads and Streets”

The Spouse/Guest program looks like it will be a great time. Plans include visiting Old Alabama Town, reception in their honor at the Chamber and lot of other special events and gifts!

The Associated Business Division promises lot of fun and good food at their "A Night at the Races!" event at Victory Land.

Also plan to visit some of Montgomery's star attractions: The Alabama Shakespeare Festival and Museum of Fine Arts attracts more than 460,000 visitors annually.

- The Shakespeare Festival has the distinction of being the fifth largest Shakespeare Festival in the world. A variety of productions are offered year round.
- The Museum of Fine Arts is the oldest fine arts institution in Alabama and exhibits a collection of more than 2,800 works, with emphasis on American paintings, old master prints, regional art and decorative art.
- The Montgomery Zoo is not your typical zoo. It is a 40-acre wildlife park featuring more than 700 exotic animals from five continents in naturalistic, barrier free exhibits.
- The Alabama Science Center is a hands-on facility designed to generate interest in science. Through the use of hands-on exhibits, touch screen interactive computer programs and other exciting activities, the visitor is sure to find that "science that's done is fun."

Upcoming Annual Meetings

The Southern District has a rich heritage of conducting informative and educational Annual Meetings, mixed with plenty of social occasions for members to learn from each other. The 2000 International ITE Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville. The following meeting sites have already been approved:

- 2000 — Greenville, SC, Hyatt Hotel
- 2001 — Williamsburg, VA, Williamsburg Marriott
- 2002 — New Orleans, LA, the District's 50th anniversary
- 2003 — Winston-Salem, NC
- 2004 — Kentucky

Mid-Year Meeting of Executive Board

The Executive Board will meet on Friday, December 04, 1998 in Greenville, South Carolina to wrap up the year's business. Attending will be Officers, Section Representatives, Section Presidents, ABD Representatives and other SDITE leaders. The meeting is open to all Members. The host for the meeting will be

Roger Dyar, Chair of the Local Arrangement Committee for the 2000 District Annual Meeting.

Call For Abstracts

The Southern District invites you to submit an abstract of a paper that you would like to have considered for presentation at the District's Annual Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, April 18-21, 1999.

To qualify, your abstract must be received no later than December 31, 1998. Your abstract should be about 300 words in length. Your name, title, mailing address and phone number must appear on the abstract.

Call For Papers

Best "Sponsored" and "Non-Sponsored" Technical Paper Awards

These awards are given for the best sponsored technical paper and best non-sponsored technical paper. The term "sponsored" implies that the paper was prepared essentially as part of the author's job responsibility and on company time. The term "non-sponsored" implies that the paper was prepared on the author's own time

and essentially apart from his/her job responsibility. Cash Awards \$100.00 for best paper and \$50.00 for runner-up paper.

To qualify, the papers must meet the following: (1) author (or authors) is a member of the Southern District, (2) the paper must be in the field of transportation or traffic engineering, (3) a cover letter should contain a statement clearly indicating the author's relationship to the study in terms of design, conduct of the work, analysis of data, and writing of the paper, (4) the report must have been completed since December 1, 1997, and (5) the paper must be submitted by December 31, 1998.

Best Technical Committee Report Award

To qualify, the report must meet the following: (1) authored by a technical committee officially established by a Section in the Southern District, (2) the report must be in the field of transportation or traffic engineering, (3) the report must have been completed since December 1, 1997, and (4) the report must be submitted by December 31, 1998.

Papers and committee reports should be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page, and should be a minimum of 1500 words in length. The original and five copies should be submitted.

Submittal

Abstracts, papers, and committee reports should be submitted to Robert Vecellio, Chair, ITE Southern District Technical Council, Civil Engineering Department, 238 Harbert Engineering Center, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849-5337. Please call with any questions to (334) 844-6286, Fax to (334) 844-6290 or email at vecellio@eng.auburn.edu.

Highlights of the Southern District ITE Annual Board Meeting

By Slade Exley (Deep South)

President Bob Mabry called the meeting to order. Twenty-nine officers, section representatives and committee chairs were present. A moment of silence was observed to honor deceased members Herman Hoose, one of the District's founding members, and Bill Temple, a great supporter of the District.

President Mabry reported all the committee assignments had been made and all members asked to serve eagerly agreed to do so. He also expressed thanks to the Local

Arrangements Committee (LAC), the Associated Business Division (ABD), and the Transportation Consultants for their work in preparation of the 1998 Annual Meeting in Memphis.

Vice-president Slade Exley reported the District Annual Report Form for 1997 has been submitted to International ITE. Resolutions thanking the LAC, ABD, and consultants for their efforts in arranging, sponsoring and conducting the Memphis meeting had been prepared for presentation at the annual banquet.

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny Voorhies reported the account balance was increased by \$3660 in 1997 and the account had a balance of \$32,794 as of April 15, 1998. He also reported an Audit Committee had been formed and would meet Monday.

International Director Gaye Sprague reported on several actions taken by the ITE International Board.

- A board has been formed to develop and administer the Traffic Engineering Certification program.
- ITE has hired a Chapter Services Manager.
- A new Trip Generation Manual is available.
- The Affiliated Agency membership is now available for public agencies to encourage

public sector employees to become more involved in ITE. Each section should encourage state and local agencies to consider the Affiliated Agency membership opportunity.

Annual Meeting Statistics Chair Craig Hanchey reported the annual meeting statistics data had been collected and he handed out a sample of the data. The report will be completed by the December 1998 Board meeting and will incorporate the Memphis meeting statistics.

Career Guidance Committee Chair Jim Epps reported four sections (Alabama, Deep South, Georgia, and Virginia) have career guidance committees. Each section will be compiling their experiences in a notebook for the District's use. The ITE activity/coloring book has been distributed.

Education/Student Chapter Committee Chair Carol Young reported seven chapters submitted their annual reports to the District. Georgia Tech was selected as the Outstanding Student Chapter and the University of North Carolina was selected runner up. Ms. Sandy Melhorn of Mississippi State University submitted the winning student paper and Mr. Yilmaz Hatipkarasulu was the runner up. President Mabry

asked each section to encourage the student chapters in their section to submit a report and to remind them the District provides a \$100 award for each report submitted.

Historical Records Chair Bob Stammer reported the committee was reviewing records and plans to produce a report for the December Board meeting.

Past Presidents-Increasing District Membership Chair Marsha Anderson reported the committee has completed its task by distributing the Guide for Increasing District Membership.

Professional Development Committee Chair Bob Murphy described the professional development session scheduled during the Annual Meeting.

Review of Publications Procedures Committee Chair Gene Arnold handed out a draft scope of work for the committee's work. The schedule is to complete the scope within one month and to begin work soon after. A survey was developed and would be distributed to all attendees at the meeting.

Technical Council Chair Jamie Hurley reported the committee has arranged a program of 32 technical presentations and an ITS Telecommunications seminar for the meeting.

Vision 2000 Committee Chair Bob Stammer reported a draft strategic plan will be presented to the Board in December.

International President Brian Bochner reported the ITE web site was recently redesigned and suggested everyone should visit it soon. ITE staff and members have provided significant input to Congress and on the ISTE reauthorization and the bill is expected to pass soon.

ITE Executive Director Tom Brahams reported ITE has changed their way of doing business over the past few years. Most of their publications are by electronic means and ITE is using CD-ROM extensively for publishing materials. The Institute has hired a librarian to handle the explosion of information now available on different types of media. Two of the current "hot" topics nationally are traffic calming and ITS standards.

President Mabry proposed keeping the Membership Committee as suggested in Marsha Anderson's report. He suggested the committee consist of the vice-presidents of each section and chaired by the vice-president of the District. Draft wording will be proposed for the *Manual of Operations* by the December Board meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

By Kenny Voorhies (Georgia)

The District account has a balance of \$25,456 as of November 25. Thus far this year the District has spent

\$13,129.83 and received \$12,956.65. Reports are that the Annual Meeting held in Memphis will achieve a profit of over \$6000. Congratulations to George Barnes and his LAC members for their great work and the excellent meeting. With some anticipated expenses and

that income, the year end balance is expected to near \$32,000, an increase of about \$6000.

The current membership total for the District is 1344. Section membership is shown in the following table.

Section	Number of Members
Alabama	135
Deep South	134
Georgia	273
Kentucky	100
North Carolina	254
South Carolina	45
Tennessee	197
Virginia	204
Total	1344

News

From The Sections

Alabama Section:

The Alabama Section is working very hard to plan a Southern District Meeting! Make your plans now to meet us in Montgomery, April 18 – 21, 1999. The meeting is co-chaired by Locke "Bubba" Bowden (334/241-2910) and Nancy Hudson (205/254-2450).

The first section meeting of 1998 was held at Auburn University on March 12, 1998, and hosted by the Student Chapter. The 52 members in attendance enjoyed a very interesting technical session, covering topics such as Tiger Transit at Auburn University by Jim Ferguson and Introducing the ALSITE Web Site by John McCarthy and James Brown. Other topics were Public Transportation in Alabama – The Invisible Infrastructure by John Sorrell and Optimum Signal Timing with CORSIM by Yan Wang.

Our annual meeting was held in Gulf Shores on June 11 & 12. This meeting was our 25th meeting in Gulf Shores and all the Past Presidents were recognized. It was great to see our founding

fathers! We had 104 members in attendance and everyone enjoyed the excellent technical programs.

The last meeting of the year was held in Tuscaloosa on October 8th. The technical session topics included TEA 21 in Alabama, the University of Alabama Research Center, ITS in America and Certification of Transportation Professionals.

We continue to work on our Strategic Plan. We have several goals that have been completed and others that are near completion.

1999 elected officers:

- President — Robby Anderson
- Vice President — Tim Taylor
- Secretary/Treasurer — Stacey Glass
- Immediate Past President — James Foster
- Section Representative — Nancy Hudson
- Affiliate Director — Tommy Lee
- Assistant Affiliate Director — Walter "Doc" Dorsey

The Alabama Section awarded two scholarships during 1998 in the amounts of \$3000 and \$1000. The scholarship balance currently exceeds \$59,000.

Deep South Section:

The highlights of the DSITE year included the awarding of four \$750 scholarships. The current balance in our scholarship fund is about \$8,300. The section provided two speakers for the Louisiana Engineering Society's Annual Conference and the Mississippi Transportation Conference. The State Boards of Registration for Engineers in Louisiana and Mississippi were contacted in order to qualify the section's technical sessions as Professional Development Hours for our attendees. Mr. Bob Canfield, P.E. was presented with the Outstanding DSITE Member Award, and Dr. Olin Dart became a Life Member of the Institute.

The DSITE Strategic Plan was developed during the course of the year. The Plan's goals include promoting education, technical assistance for small communities, (i.e., brochures, handbooks), promoting ITE with DOTs and FHWA's, and promoting the Deep South Section.

The Deep South Section held three meetings during 1998. The Winter Meeting was held in Hammond, Louisiana in February which included two days of technical sessions. The first day of technical sessions included presentations on the

Computerized Traffic Signal Synchronization Project in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Motorists assistance Patrols on I-10 in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Traffic Law Enforcement Cameras and New Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Technologies. An ITS Seminar on ITS Telecommunications was held on the second day. A social hour and auction was held in which \$625 was raised for the Scholarship Fund. Fifty members were in attendance at the meeting.

New Orleans was the location of the Summer meeting in July in which 55 members were registered. The meeting was kicked off with a seafood buffet and scholarship auction that raised \$1,300. The technical session presentations at the meeting were on HOV/Transit Lanes on the Mississippi River Bridge in New Orleans, Implementing Multi-way Stops Using the Petition Process, I-10 Bypass in Baton Rouge, and a Study of Rail-Highway Conflicts in Jackson. The group attended a New Orleans Zephyrs Triple A baseball game. The meeting ended with a visit to the facilities of Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering Division.

The Fall Meeting was held in Jackson in October. The 35 members registered enjoyed tech-

nical sessions which included presentations on the Airport Parkway Project in Jackson, Beau Rivage Casino Impact Study, TEA-21: What it Means for You, and Pedestrian and School Crossing Safety: Fluorescent Yellow Green. The election results for 1999 DSITE officers were announced as follows;

- PresidentL.P. Ledet
- Vice President.....Jeff Smith
- Sec.-Treas.Nick Ferlito
- Affiliate Dir.Jim Rhodes
- Immediate Past Pres.

Chris Morvant

Georgia Section:

Thirty-two (32) Georgia Section members attended the District 5 meeting in Memphis. Again the Georgia Section won the District 5 Best Section award which made the Section eligible for the international award. Georgia went on to win ITE's 1998 Section Activities Award at the meeting held in Toronto last August for an unprecedented second year in a row.

Other awards received at the Memphis meeting included the Georgia Tech Student Chapter being named the District's Outstanding Student Chapter

for the sixth year in a row, and the Technical Committee award was received for work done by the committee chaired by Richard Fangmann last year.

In Toronto, the Georgia Section Newsletter was awarded Best Newsletter in its circulation category. Editor was Betsy Williams.

The May meeting was our annual get-together for barbecue hosted by the Georgia Tech Student Chapter. Glenn Rix, Interim Director of the Georgia Transportation Institute, talked on "GTI's Role in Addressing Georgia's Transportation Needs."

Our June meeting was held at Mary Mac's Tea Room. Rick Day presented "The Georgia Section ITE's Strategic Plan." The Summer Seminar was held at Jekyll Island July 12 through July 15. Additional meetings were held at Mary Mac's Tea Room in August, September, October, and November. Speakers included:

- August: Jim Croy, Director of Cobb County DOT, presented "Cobb County's Transit Initiatives."
- September: Michael Bolton, NCSU/ITRE, discussed "Bus Rapid Transit."
- October: Bill Finger, City of Charlotte, NC DOT, dis-

cussed "Charlotte's Bus Priority Initiatives."

- November: Gaye Sprague, District 5 International Director, was our speaker. Her topic was "The New Professional Traffic Operations Engineer Certification."

Other highlights of this past year:

- The Georgia Section has been very active in an effort sponsored by the Georgia Conservancy called "Blue Prints for Successful Communities." In that effort several participants from the Georgia Section were involved as speakers and moderators in a two-day symposium held on September 11th and 12th. Section members have participated in several community development workshops, and this Section is responsible for the program on December 8, 1998, which will focus on transportation issues in the Atlanta area.
- We have joined forces with the American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association, and the American Society of Landscape Architects to form a group known as the

Interprofessional Community Design Collaborative (ICDC). The focus of this organization is to evaluate design standards, community development correction, general urban growth initiatives, and make recommendations to policy makers and the general public. The Georgia Section hosted the quarterly meeting held on September 1, 1998, with a program devoted to transit issues.

- A new membership directory was published and sent to all Georgia Section members and affiliates. The directory will also be sent to approximately 100 of the news media in the Atlanta area inviting them to contact Section members for information when preparing transportation oriented news articles.

The Georgia Section Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, at the Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta. Our annual awards will be presented and election of officers will be held.

Kentucky Section:

Elected as officers for 1998-1999 were:

- President: Paul Slone
- Vice-President: Nick Stamatiadis
- Sec.-Treas.: Steve Skaggs
- Director: Simon Cornett
- Director: Ron Herrington
- District 5 Rep: Lonnie Yates

Site selection for the 2004 Southern District Meeting began in 1998. All cities with a Convention and Visitor's Bureau in the Commonwealth were contacted and the choice of host city was narrowed to either Lexington, Covington or Bowling Green. This research was completed under the guidance of 2004 Site Selection Co-General Chairpersons: Lonnie Yates, Karen Mohammadi and Paula Osborne.

The first section meeting of 1998 was held in the gracious surroundings of Spindletop Hall near Lexington on March 25th. The meeting consisted of a technical presentation on the new Trip Generation Manual. The technical presentation was by Ahmad Al-Akhras, a transportation engineer formerly with the Columbus Ohio MPO and Trip Generation Manual Update Committee Member.

For the first time the section hosted a summer technical meeting. The meeting was held at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort. The topic of the meeting was "Changes to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices". The meeting consisted of a panel discussion by members of the MUTCD national committee.

The third meeting was the annual picnic and golf outing held in Frankfort on September 15th. The section reestablished the Scholarship Fund Raiser as part of the Golf Outing and raised over \$1,000.

The final meeting of the year was the Section's Annual Meeting held in Louisville on November 19th. The meeting was held at the Rose Garden Café. This business meeting included the installation of the 1999 officers and the announcement of the three 1998 Scholarship winners. The meeting concluded with an auction to raise additional funds for the KYSITE Scholarship Program. This was the section's second auction and it proved once again to be a financial success.

The Section continued efforts to develop a web site that is expected to be up and running by the end of 1999. The section is looking for a host site.

Under guidance of a new editor, Jo Anne Tingle, the section newsletter was revamped this year. Two newsletters were published during 1998, one in the spring and one in the fall. Plans are in the works to develop an electronic version of the newsletter to help cut down on postage. The newsletter will eventually be e-mailed to members or posted on the web site.

The proceeds from the advertising for the newsletters, the golf outing and the auction are combined with half of each member's dues and individual contributions to provide funds for scholarships each year. During 1998 the Section was pleased to present three scholarships to the following individuals: 1st Place (\$500); Emily Zechman, University of Kentucky. 2nd Place (\$400); Giovanni Puccini, University of Kentucky. 3rd Place (\$200); Anthony Layne Parkinson, University of Louisville

The SDITE Board has asked the Kentucky section to update the Annual Meeting Manual based upon our experiences hosting the meeting. Paula Osborne is continuing those efforts for the Kentucky Section.

North Carolina Section:

Although we lost our bid (Charlotte) to host the International meeting to a city known for its mouse and a bunch of drawfs, the North Carolina Section had a great year. The Technical Training Committee was very active, putting on two workshops on Traffic Signal Design and two on Human Factors. The Legislative Committee provided updates on all transportation issues via the Internet. Membership in the Section grew to 167 full members and 237 affiliates (including 32 students). During the year the Section became an Approved Sponsor of Continuing Professional Competency activities for the Board of Registration for Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Our first meeting of the year was at the Top of the Mart furniture market in High Point with an attendance of 110. The evening speaker was David King, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, who spoke on Transit 2001. This followed an interesting afternoon session, Introduction to Global Positioning, presented by the students from NCSU and UNCC. A summer joint meeting with VASITE attracted only 15 but Virginia Beach provided a

great time for all who did attend. A fall meeting in Raleigh attracted 98 people to hear Garland Garrett, Secretary of Transportation, speak about Departmental plans and the future of the national highway bill.

Our Annual Meeting was held in Greensboro as part of a day-long Conference on Land Use and Transportation with the American Planning Association and the Public Transportation Association. The selected evening speaker was the Honorable Howard Coble, a member of the House Transportation Committee. The conference was preceded by an afternoon golf tournament and an evening social. A short business meeting was followed by the annual awards presentations with NCSU winning the Outstanding Student Chapter Award and Jim Westmoreland, the President's Award. The Jay W. Quinn, Jr. Technical Excellence Award was given to John Tippett, a current officer of APA. The R.V. Moss Service Award went to Emily Blount and the Robert J. Dodge Professional Image Award, to Philip Wylie. The Contribution to Transportation Award, presented to an individual who contributed to the success of transportation

in North Carolina, was presented to Congressman Coble.

South Carolina Section:

The South Carolina Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (SCSITE) has held three meetings and one summer social so far in 1998, with the final business meeting scheduled for December 15, 1998. Key details include:

Members in Good Standing: Paid Dues As Of November 15, 1998: 80 members. Elections for 1999 will be at the December Year-End Meeting.

The first meeting of the year was held on March 9 and the topic covered Continuing Education Requirements. The second meeting for 1998 was on June 9 and involved an inside look into UPS shipping and transportation. Our third meeting this year was on November 2 and representatives from the FHWA discussed TEA 21.

A second scholarship fund was established in 1998. This additional scholarship is in honor of Gilbert H. Rowe, Jr. To date, a total of \$5,250 has been collected for this scholarship.

Tennessee Section:

The Tennessee Section ITE had a very active year in 1998. The primary activity was hosting the 1998 Southern District Annual Meeting in Memphis. In addition, planning efforts continued for the year 2000 International ITE Annual Meeting to be held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. Finally, a joint meeting with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association was held in November.

The Tennessee Section ITE has two awards that can be presented to members for outstanding service to the Section and to the profession. The Tennessee Section Award is presented to a member who demonstrates outstanding service to the Section or the profession over the past year. The Volunteer Award is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Section or the profession over time. TSITE also has a student scholarship that can be given out each summer and requests papers for a student paper contest each year.

The 1998 TSITE award winners were announced at the Summer Meeting in Alcoa. George Barnes was awarded the Tennessee Section Award for

1998 because of his efforts as the General Chairman for the 1998 Southern District ITE Annual Meeting. Dr. Jack Humphreys was presented the Section's Volunteer Award because of his lifetime dedication to the traffic engineering profession and his influence on his many students at the University of Tennessee. Carrie Whitley, an undergraduate student at the University of Tennessee, received this year's student scholarship. Padmapriya Vathsal, a graduate student at Vanderbilt University, won the 1998 student paper contest.

A History of the Tennessee Section (formerly Tennessee Division) is now being prepared. The Tennessee Division ITE was formed in 1966 and changed to the Tennessee Section in 1988. Information such as past officers, past award recipients and meeting information will be compiled.

The Tennessee Section ITE held its Winter Meeting in Murfreesboro on March 9th. The technical program consisted of a presentation on Murfreesboro's new traffic surveillance system by Dana Richardson with the City of Murfreesboro. Following the meeting, a technical tour was held to a video camera installation site and Murfreesboro's Traffic Management Center.

Tennessee was the host Section for the 1998 Southern District ITE Annual Meeting. It was held in Memphis at the Marriott Hotel on April 19th-22nd. Attendance was great, with 288 registering for the meeting. The Tennessee Section brought 81 attendees to the meeting (28% of the registrations). An informative technical program was presented, including a one-half day FHWA seminar on ITS telecommunications.

The TSITE Summer Meeting was held in Alcoa at the Hilton Hotel on July 31st and August 1st. An FHWA seminar on "ITS and the Transportation Planning Process" was conducted on Friday. The Annual Dinner was held on Friday night. It included presentation of the Section's awards and an auction to benefit the scholarship fund. Over \$1,800 was raised at the dinner for the scholarship fund. The technical program was held on Saturday morning and included a presentation on "ITS Strategic Assessment for Knoxville" by Hollis Loveday with Wilbur Smith Associates and Jeff Welch and Kim Begg with the Knox County MPC.

A joint meeting of the Tennessee Section ITE and the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works

Association was held in Nashville at the Airport Marriott on October 17th to 20th. Elections for 1999 TSITE Officers at the Business Meeting.

Elections were held for new Tennessee Section ITE Officers for the 1999 calendar year at the Fall Meeting in Nashville. 1999 will mark the first year that the Tennessee Section will have two Section Representatives to the Southern District ITE Board. The number of representatives is based on membership in the Southern District. The two Section Representatives will serve overlapping two-year terms. A new Section Representative will be elected each year for the overlapping terms.

1999 TSITE Officers:

- President: John Gould
- Vice President: Mike Brugge
- Sec./Treas.: Hollis Loveday
- Section Representative (1998-1999): Craig Hanchey
- Section Representative (1999-2000): Anthony Todd

Virginia Section:

VASITE held its Annual Meeting at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach on June 24-26, 1998. The meeting focused on

Virginia's Transportation Systems "From Sidewalks to Spaceports." Approximately 110 persons attended. As usual, the ABD Reception and Banquet were a success.

Officers elected in June 1997 are serving through December 1998 as part of the conversion to a "calendar year." The following section Officers were elected in 1998 and will serve terms beginning January 1, 1999.

- John B. Kaoudis, President
- Valerie Henschel, Vice President
- Warren Hughes, Sec./Treas., Director (ITE)
- Joe Wallace, Director (ITE)
- George Rogerson, Jr., Director (Affiliate)

Remaining on the Board were Jeffrey Minnix (ITE) and Melinda Hofrichter (Affiliate) as Directors. VASITE became eligible for a second District Representative in 1998 and Craig Eddy was elected to serve through December 1999. Lynn Allsbrook was elected District Representative to replace Bob Humphrey and serve from January, 1999 through December, 2000.

The Section presented its Distinguished Service Award and Outstanding Young Member

Award to Dave Berg (former District Representative) and Jeff Cutright, respectively. Scott Thomas, a junior at Virginia Tech, was awarded a \$750 scholarship.

Planning is well underway for the Year 2001 Southern District Annual Meeting to be held in Williamsburg. A Group Sales Agreement has been executed for securing the Marriott Hotel for both the April 22-25, 2001 conference and the year-end Southern District Board Meeting on December 10, 1999. Selection of Committee Chairpersons has been initiated and is expected to be completed by Spring 1999.

The Section's Career Guidance Committee made five appearances at schools and universities to discuss transportation issues.

Continuing education courses for VASITE members during 1998 included:

- "Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Highway Safety Appurtenances and Features," — March 1998
- "Signal Timing Software" — June 1998
- "Signal Operations for Designers and Technicians" — October 1998

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