



## President's Message By John W. Van Winkle

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As my tenure as district president comes to a close, I would like to say that this year has certainly been an exciting and challenging one for me. A year ago I wasn't sure what to expect and, in light of my recent illness, I did have some concerns that I wouldn't be able to fulfill all the responsibilities of this office.

Fortunately, I have had fantastic support from a very capable group of elected and appointed leaders who have worked tirelessly to make this district the fine organization that it is. I would especially like to thank Richard Atkins, our district director, who has encouraged me and given me guidance as we planned and implemented our goals for this year.

Once again, the Southern District was well represented at the International ITC meeting in Philadelphia. There were several individual and organizational award winners announced at the meeting.

- The Alabama Department of Transportation was awarded the Transportation Achievement Award for Facilities in recognition for its outstanding efforts to reconstruct a fire-damaged bridge at the I-65/20/59 interchange in Birmingham.
- Dr. Arun Chatterjee (Tennessee Section) received the Goods Management Award for Outstanding Council Paper Award for his paper "Truck Parking and Safety in Rest Areas in Tennessee".
- Kimley-Horn and Associates and Alternate Street Design (North Carolina Section) were presented the Transportation Planning Council's Best Practices Award for their paper "Feasibility Study/Conceptual Plans for the Reconstruction of Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, December 2001."
- Once again the Georgia Section was presented the Section Activities Award. Good job, Georgia!

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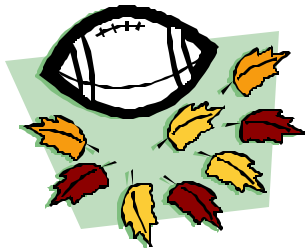
## International Director's Message By Richard Atkins

The Year End Board meeting was held at the ITE Headquarters on November 01-02, 2002. The following are the highlights of actions taken, items discussed, and information shared:

### ITE Strategic Plan

The Board completed our first cut of ITE's Vision, Mission, and Goals. We'll be developing a refined version and action steps for 2003 before the end of the year. I plan to discuss this at the Southern District year end board meeting in Covington, Kentucky on December 2, 2002.

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## ITE Annual Meeting

The 2003 SDITE Annual Meeting will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, April 13-16. Plans are in the works to visit the Historic District of Old Salem, the Richard Joshua Reynolds Home, unique shops near Wake Forest University and spend an entire day at the International Home Furnishings and Furniture Market in High Point. And, of course, there will be the customary outstanding technical program. ABD is putting an event together that will make this another memorable gathering. The gathering will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Winston-Salem. Early registration forms will be out in November.

### Vice President's Report by Stan Polanis

So far this year, my Southern District Board activities have been as follows:

- Submit draft Year-End Board Meeting Minutes
- Report to ITE International, officers for this year
- Assist Secretary Treasurer Rick Day in his transition to that post.
- Submitted the District's annual federal tax return.
- Chaired the Membership Committee.
- Prepared resolutions thanking the LAC, ABD & Consultants for their contributions to our annual meeting in New Orleans.

In accordance with the operations manual, I am working on a list of Committee Chairman for next year and beginning work on the District's budget for 2003.

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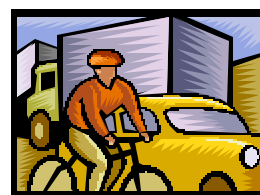
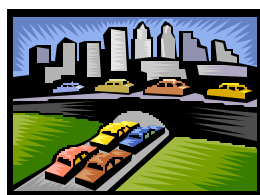
- John Exnicios, (Deep South Section) was recognized as being named an ITE Honorary Member.
- James Yarbrough (Tennessee Section), Chair of the Transportation Safety Council was recognized for his service as Chair of this committee. His term will expire December 31, 2002.

Richard Atkins (North Carolina Section), our district representative to the ITE International Board of Directors, was recognized for his three years of outstanding service. Richard's term of office expires December 31, 2002. Richard is to be commended for his many years of dedicated service to this organization and our profession.

This year my primary goals have centered on student chapters and communications. I am happy to report that progress has been made in both areas. Through the efforts of James Foster, the Education and Students Chapters Chair, we have begun the process of encouraging the sections to appoint members to serve as liaisons to their respective student chapters. Several sections have completed this task. More work needs to be done, but we are well on our way to completing this goal.

In communications, ITE International will soon be the host for the district website. Many thanks to Mike Reese and NC State for their service in hosting the website for the past several years. In addition, the Alabama Section will be one of the first sections in the country to be hosted by the International ITE website.

Finally, I would like to say thank you all for your efforts during this past year. I am grateful and truly feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with you and serve as district president. I look forward to continuing working with you and serving this fine organization in the future.



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### **Membership Increase**

Our membership has experienced a net increase of 2.73% during the past twelve months. We now have approximately 15,100 International ITE members and approximately 1400 SDITE members.

### **Agency Memberships**

We now have a total number of 165 agency memberships. A number of agencies in the Southern District should consider participating in the Public Agency Memberships.

### **Website Hosting**

ITE headquarters staff is now providing the opportunity to assist other Sections in the hosting of their web site. Please contact me should your Section wish to be considered for the next phase of assistance by ITE headquarters staff.

### **Nominations Process**

The Board approved new board procedures and will seek a constitutional amendment regarding the nominations process for becoming a candidate for International ITE Vice President. The board procedures were intended to "level the playing field" for potential VP candidates by reducing the number of campaign trips outside the candidates home section, providing complimentary registration to the Spring Conference and Annual Meeting, having ITE Headquarters print up to 8,000 campaign brochures, having ITE headquarters to electronically distribute campaign flyers to all District and Section newsletter editors, and prohibit candidates from making technical presentations during campaign visits

The proposed constitutional amendments address the notification of candidates prior to the annual business meeting, clarifies the Nominating Committee, alters the schedule for the nomination process, and alters the petition process. Petitioners will be required to present a petition to be signed by at least 2% of the voting members, shall have no more than 30% of signatures from a ny District, and shall gain 10 signatures from at least half of all Districts.

### **Assistance to Vice Presidential Candidates**

The Board of Direction respectfully requests all Districts to provide International ITE VP candidates complimentary registrations at the Annual Meeting and provide a time on the meeting schedule that provides good exposure to the candidates. The process for becoming an International ITE Vice President is time consuming and it is important to give VP candidates exposure at District meetings. Any additional considerations such as providing complimentary hotel rooms are also encouraged.

### **Location of Spring Meetings**

For a number of years, our mid-year board meetings have been generally rotated between California and Florida. The board has approved the recommendations of a special committee that recommended consideration of other sites outside of these two states. This will provide Districts / Sections outside of California and Florida to partner with ITE in hosting an international meeting. The first opportunity for such meeting will be in 2005.

### **Improved Communications**

One of the highlights of my participation as your representative on the International Board of Direction occurred when the Board approved the consideration of a weekly update to elected members in our Executive Director's incentive compensation plan. I have relentlessly brought to the attention of the International Board the importance of pro-active communications from our headquarters staff. Let's stay tuned on this one.

### **Committee Participation**

During the past year, I participated on the Nominations Committee, Elections Task Force, Achievement Awards Committee, Mid-year Conference Committee, Roles & Responsibilities of Executive Director Committee. Additionally, I was an active participant in our strategic planning effort. This has allowed me to gain a considerable bit of additional knowledge regarding the operations of our international organization. I am prepared to share this knowledge with our new District Director, Brent McKinney.

**Thanks for the opportunity to serve you during the past three years!**

## Transportation Tips

Co-editors: Martin Bretherton & Bridget Smith

### Alternative Pavement Treatment

Are brick pavers and/or stamped concrete driving your project costs up? With the increased interest in providing aesthetics to roadway, traffic calming, and pedestrian projects these items are being used more and more, usually with a high price. A new creative paving solution is making the rounds in Arizona and in several western states. Existing asphalt, in good shape, is heated, stamped with a pattern, and then painted. Any type of pattern is available, colors can be changed any time, the paint is oil and gas resistant, and it is ADA compliant. All of this at a price of \$3 to \$5 a square foot compared with brick pavers on concrete, which typically run at \$8 to \$12 a square foot. The material is easily repairable, maintainable, restorable and quickly installed. A typical crosswalk installation can be installed and open within 8 to 10 hours. Two traffic calming projects in Scottsdale, Arizona are currently using this material on approaches to medians, breaks in bulb outs and medians, and in several crosswalk areas. For more information about Scottsdale's experience, you may contact Andrew Smigielski, PE, President ITE Arizona, at 602/263-5309 or smigielskiar@c-b.com, Carter Burgess, 3003 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1700, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.



parameters including skew angles, traffic control, exclusive left and right turn lanes, sight distance and driveways. The study enables highway agencies to estimate the safety performance of existing or proposed highways and to compare the safety performance of geometric design alternatives.

The report forms the basis for the Crash Prediction Module of the Interactive Highway Safety Design Module (IHSDM). The software is currently under development. Beta testing of the software began in early 2002.

The abstract of the report is available at <http://www.tfhrc.gov/safety/99207.htm>. Copies of the report are available from Mike Griffith at [mike.griffith@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:mike.griffith@fhwa.dot.gov). For general information about IHSDM, please call Ray Krammes at [ray.krammes@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:ray.krammes@fhwa.dot.gov) or (202) 493-3312.

### Traffic Calming Guidelines Available On Line

The City of Sacramento, with the help of their consultants, Fehr and Peers Associates, Inc., have developed guidelines for the use of traffic calming devices in both existing and new neighborhoods. The guidelines provide a framework for the selection, application and design of traffic calming measures. The primary use of the guidelines is intended for City staff and neighborhood residents for developing traffic calming plans as part of Sacramento's citywide traffic calming program, NTMP. Developers concerned with avoiding traffic problems in new neighborhoods will also use the guidelines. The guidelines are available on the city's website: [www.pwsacramento.com/traffic/ntmp.html](http://www.pwsacramento.com/traffic/ntmp.html). For more information, you may also contact Karen Shipley, Program Specialist at 916/264-8365, [kshipley@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:kshipley@cityofsacramento.org) or City of Sacramento Traffic Engineering Services, 1000 I Street, Suite 170, Sacramento, CA 95814.

### Safety Performance of Rural Two-Lane Highways

FHWA has produced a report that documents the algorithm for predicting the safety performance of rural two-lane highways. The report is titled "Expected Safety Performance of Rural Two Lane Highways". The algorithm estimates the effect on safety performance of roadway segment parameters including lane width, shoulder width, shoulder type, horizontal curves, grades, driveway density, two-way left turn lanes, passing lanes and roadside design. The algorithm also estimates the intersection

### A Solution to Children at Play Signs

The Town of Gilbert, Arizona has developed an alternative to using "Children at Play" (CAP) signs. Their web site describes four reasons for not using CAP signs.

- There is no evidence that the sign slows traffic down or makes drivers more aware of children.
- The sign is not recognized as an official sign by state or national standards.
- The sign can promote a false sense of security to both children and parents.
- Every neighborhood in the City has children, so an absence of the sign would incorrectly imply that children do not live in the area.

The Town of Gilbert has developed the KidZone program. The program is intended to increase child safety in the neighborhoods. The idea behind the program is to educate children and parents on child safety as it relates to traffic, fire safety, stranger danger, bicycles, etc. A neighborhood qualifies for the KidZone program by holding a meeting that is attended by at least 15 children and 15 parents. The meeting is conducted by Town officials from the Police, Fire and Traffic Engineering Departments. KidZone neighborhoods will have up to three KidZone signs installed at the entrances to their subdivision. The signs are intended to remind drivers that child safety is important to this neighborhood and that the residents have taken steps to ensure the safety of their children.

In order to maintain KidZone status, the neighborhood must renew the program on a yearly basis. Failure to do so will result in removal of the signs. It is important to remember that the signs do not provide any type of physical protection for the children. There is no substitute for proper supervision and education.

For more information, contact Kim Kelley, Crime Prevention at (480) 503-6548. The website is located at <http://www.ci.gilbert.az.us/traffic/kidzone.htm>

## News from the Sections



### Alabama Section

#### ALSITE Scholarships Program

Since 1986 ALSITE has awarded 24 scholarships with a total value of \$ 48,000. The scholarship program has grown to almost \$90,000 this year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>Amount of Award</u>
Norman Steigler	1986	Auburn University	\$ 1,000
J. Keith Maxwell	1987	Auburn University	\$ 1,000
Curtis Lineberry	1988	University of Alabama	\$ 1,000
John E. Murphy III	1989	Auburn University	\$ 1,000
Aubrey H. White III	1990	Auburn University	\$ 1,000
David J. Turner	1991	University of Alabama	\$ 1,500
Stacey N. Glass	1992	Auburn University	\$ 1,500
Onis Glenn III	1993	Auburn University	\$ 1,500
Jason C. Walker		University of Alabama	\$ 1,000
Rodney N. Chester	1994	University of Alabama	\$ 2,500
Noel E. Gregory	1995	University of Alabama	\$ 2,500
Edgar N. Leicht	1996	University of Alabama	\$ 2,500
Matthew A. Mobley	1997	Auburn University	\$ 2,500
Edgar N. Leicht		University of Alabama	\$ 1,500
Elizabeth M. Ford	1998	Auburn University	\$ 3,000
Marilyn H. Hogue		University of Alabama	\$ 2,000
Tracy A. Hamil	1999	Auburn University	\$ 3,000
Donnie J. Daniels		Auburn University	\$ 1,000
Sara M. Jacobs	2000	Auburn University	\$ 3,000
Douglas R. Peterson		Auburn University	\$ 2,500
Laura Emily Fuqua	2001	Auburn University	\$ 3,000
Jil Chambliss		University of Alabama	\$ 2,500
Ben D. Pierce	2002	Auburn University	\$ 2,500
Amanda Dawn Estes		University of Alabama	\$ 3,500

#### ALSITE 2002 Elected Leadership

Immediate Past President - Mr. Stacey Glass, P.E.  
 President - Ms. Becky White  
 Vice President - Mr. Ken Cush, P.E.  
 Secretary/Treasurer - Mr. Tim Westhoven, P.E.  
 Southern District Representative - Mr. James Foster  
 Affiliate Director - Mr. Mike Chambliss  
 Assistant Affiliate Director - Mr. Larry Profit

#### ALSITE STRATEGIC PLAN

At a joint meeting of the ALSITE Board and Strategic Planning Committee on December 12, 2001, the ALSITE Board set in motion a schedule to update the current Section Strategic Plan.

The Section's current Mission Statement with specific Goals and Objectives was adopted in late 1998. Significant progress has been made in reaching those goals and objectives, however, the ALSITE Board feels the direction of the Section should be evaluated at this time and updated to ensure support to its membership, professional development and other elements related to the Section activities is appropriately focused. An implementation strategy to update the strategic plan was adopted by the Section Board at the December meeting.

#### AU ITE STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

Engineering Council Representative, David Welch, reported that the ITE Student Chapter successfully implemented a van shuttle system on campus for E:Day, open house for high school students and parents, on February 22. Three vans shuttled 551 persons between a remote parking lot and Foy Union. An additional 416 persons arrived on 13 school and charter buses. Nine ITE students installed parking signs, drove the vans and directed bus traffic.

The Student Chapter hosted two technical presentations in April:

April 2 - "I-65 Bridge Replacement in Birmingham"

Juan Carlos Ospina and Kevin White, Brasfield & Gorrie, Birmingham

April 5 - "Transportation Design and Career Opportunities"

James M. Hunnicutt and Allan Davis, Hunnicutt Davis Associates, Kensington, MD

The Student Chapter received the 2001 Best Student Chapter Runner-Up Award from the Southern District ITE at the New Orleans Annual Meeting on April 23. Chapter officers were Emily Fuqua, Doug Peterson and David Welch. Congratulations!

Becky White, Assistant Vice President of Traffic and Transportation, of Sain Associates, Inc. The current president of ALSITE has been honored as the inaugural recipient of the Work Life Balance Award of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). The award recognizes those who have had a positive impact in establishing a landmark program for their organization to improve the ability of women engineers and other employees to balance work and family responsibilities. The award will be presented at the SWE National Conference to be held in Detroit in October.

ITE International President Jenny Grote met with students on the UA and UAB campuses in October. There is interest on both campuses for a student chapter and ALSITE is working toward establishing chapters for each.

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At the 50th Anniversary, Southern District ITE Annual Meeting, ALSITE was honored with the following:

Alabama Section  
 Best Section Award - Group 2  
 Auburn Student Chapter - Runner-up  
 Best Student Chapter Award  
 Darrell Skipper - Herman Hoose Distinguished Service Award

Alabama Section 2003 Meetings

Spring Meeting – date TBA, Prattville, AL  
 Joint Meeting with the Alabama Transportation Planners Association  
 Annual Meeting – June 4th - 6th, Gulf Shores, AL  
 Joint Meeting with the Deep South Section  
 Fall Meeting - date TBA, Huntsville, AL  
 Joint Meeting with the Tennessee Section

## Virginia Section



This year we are continuing to set attendance records for our VASITE 2002 Spring and Annual (and hopefully Fall) events, both for meetings and continuing education courses. I am pleased to have such a great group of professionals on the VASITE Board and as Chairs of the various Committees that work so efficiently for VASITE. VASITE continues to provide high quality and technically relevant meetings and continuing education that provide assistance to our membership. Our VASITE membership contains both ITE International and non-ITE members.

If we continue to partner with other local agencies next year, we hope to continue our Association Goal to provide technical continuing education courses before each of our three yearly meetings. In 2002, there has been a 1-day and two 2-day courses held immediately prior to each of the meetings during the year, with attendance of 15 to 25 persons each. These are subsidized from a generous grant from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles; otherwise, we couldn't offer them to our members at such reasonable fees.

### VASITE Scholarship Fund/Award Overview

We were very pleased to award two \$1,000 scholarships at our June 2002 Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach; one to a Virginia Tech student chapter member, Jared M. Ulmer and one to a

University of Virginia student chapter member, John P. Holst. Both are currently active in the field of transportation engineering. Award checks were distributed for the Fall 2002 Semester.



## Deep South Section



The Deep South Meeting was held at the Grand Casino Oasis Hotel in Gulfport, Mississippi on July 11-12, 2002. If you missed it, you missed one of the best.

**Special Thanks** to Roger Melancon, Jr. who not only was the auctioneer and "encouraged" bidding by everyone, but also offered his services as an item for bid. He agreed to provide his Suburban and to act as driver from 7 PM to 2 AM any night that the successful bidder requested. His chauffeur services were won by Jodie Davis of 3M for \$80.00.

**Extra Special Thanks** to the various companies that helped support the meeting by sponsoring the pre-banquet reception and open bar at the banquet.

**Capt. Ralph Mitchell, LA State Police Troop C Commander** spoke to the group about the TrafficStat Program he uses in his troop area. By using this program he has reduced injuries, fatalities and fatalities involving alcohol, although the total number of tickets issued has been reduced. By working with LaDOTD and the South Central Regional Planning District (MPO) he has shifted the use of his personnel from just writing routine citations (speed violations primarily) to having them issue citations for those violations that are related to the types of crashes in his area. One area of concern has been motorists following too closely. By issuing all of his troopers stopwatches they have concentrated on reducing rearend crashes. Utilizing the program he has been able to place his troopers at the location and time where this is the greatest problem. Another program he uses is the Centipede Program. This is a speed enforcement program where several troopers are placed along a section of road at intervals. Motorists drive along and see a trooper on the side of the road. With the usual reaction, the motorist speeds up not expecting another trooper on the road, and gets caught by the next one, or it may be one of the ones after that.

**Cade Braud and Russell Yaffee, Urban Systems, Inc.**, described the traffic plan for the 2001 Super Bowl held in the New Orleans Superdome. While there have been many Super Bowls over the years, this was the first after the September 11<sup>th</sup> incidents. Stepped-up security for this large crowd event took priority over the convenience of driving to the game. Some of the unique aspects of the Super Bowl security included:

- Closing the N.O. airport during the game.

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- Shutting down 5,000 parking spaces in and around the dome.
- Closing several of the nearby Interstate ramps
- Closing some of the adjacent major streets
- Installing a security fence around the Superdome
- Requiring all fans to go through security checks

Pregame publicity recommended to fans that they arrive at the Superdome four hours before the game to go through the security checks. Special pregame entertainment was provided at the Superdome to help the fans pass the time. Traffic detours were marked to help the traffic avoid the congestion around the Superdome.

**Jimmy Catt, Neel-Schafer, Inc.** outlined a Traffic Signal Inventory project that his firm developed along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The project called for inventorying the existing equipment, taking photos of all intersections and the signal controllers, and making recommendations for changes to meet current technology capabilities and traffic needs. Recommendations included:

- Replacing existing electro-mechanical controllers.
- Replacing older type solid state controllers.
- Install emergency vehicle equipment detection.
- Develop a Traffic Management Center.
- Utilize LED signals and backplates.

**L.P. Ledet, Neel-Schafer** described a planning process for small communities. To date most activity has centered around larger communities (50,000 population and over) with little effort directed at smaller towns and cities. This project successfully showed that there is application for the smaller communities. Most of the traditional planning activity such as developing maps that show Major and Collector routes, land use patterns, posted speed limits and traffic counts were included in the project. Deficiencies were identified in the street system and recommendations made.

**Scholarship Fund/Auction** – The annual Auction raised over \$2,200 for our scholarship fund. We thank the extreme generosity of all those who attended the banquet and auction for their donations to the auction and for their willingness to open their wallets and purses to help us exceed our goal this year of \$2,000.

**John Webb, Mississippi State Port Authority** presented information about the port activities along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This port is #3 on the Gulf Coast and is second busiest for handling tropical fruit imports. The port makes maximum use of rollon-rolloff container type operations. Over 8700 jobs are directly linked to the port operation. The presentation was followed by a tour of the port facilities.

**Paul Misticawi, Econolite Control Products**, discussed the use of television detection for traffic signal control signals and surveillance. Color cameras are used with zoom capability. Paul recommended the use of twisted pair cables for this type of operation. Each camera has its own IP address for direct contact.

He indicated that various communities in Louisiana and Baton Rouge are utilizing the systems. Lafayette (50), Alexandria (5), Jefferson Parish (16) and Baton Rouge (20).

**President's Award** was given to Robert Walker of Neel-Schaffer, Inc. This award is given at the discretion of the Deep South President. Robert was recognized for his past activities in Deep South including holding various official positions in Deep South and publishing the Deep South Newsletter and currently does the same for the Southern District Newsletter. As President Dan Gaillet outlined, Robert has also been helpful to others in the profession both on a professional as well as personal level.

**John Exnicios and Hibbett Neel Awards.** In the past a single Outstanding Member Award was given by Deep South ITE. It was recently decided to provide two awards, one to an individual in government work and one to an individual in the private sector. Since John Exnicios and Hibbett Neel represent the best of each of these two areas and are founding fathers of Deep South ITE, the awards were given in their name and will be in the future as well. This will keep their names fresh in our minds in appreciation for what they have done to create and continue Deep South ITE.

**Tony Tramel, Lafayette, LA** Director of Transportation was awarded the John Exnicios Award. Tony has been a dynamic force both in presenting the highest level of professionalism in the way he handles his job duties in dealing with the public and his Mayor and Council. In addition, Tony has taken on controversial issues such as the use of Red Light Running Cameras. For Deep South ITE he has spoken at a number of meetings and just recently hosted a Deep South meeting in Lafayette. Tony is currently Section Representative for Deep South ITE to the Southern District.

**Bob Canfield, Baton Rouge, LA** Was awarded the Hibbett Neel Award. Since his retirement ten years ago from the City of Baton Rouge he has been working in the consulting field. He has held several offices in Deep South and has received the Marble Hensley Award from the Southern District. He has also edited the Newsletter for Deep South ITE for the last few years and is a past Section Representative from Deep South ITE to the Southern District. He also was responsible for the Technical Sessions at the recent Southern District ITE meeting

## South Carolina Section



The following are our great Section's officers for this year as duly elected by the membership without the hint of negative advertising on TV spots before Monday Night Football (it is rumored that Wil Ravenhorst participated in a bitter recorded telephone advertising campaign that was conducted during dinner)

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New officers will be elected at our December meeting. There is no speculation to our future leadership except that it will be excellent. Brett Wallace is already forming a Presidential strategy for the upcoming year, assuming that he is elected.

Our scholarship fund balances total over \$23,000; however, due to the dismal return on investments over the past year, our returns have been negligible. Luckily, the Scholarship Committee, chaired by SC Registration Board Member, singer and general famous person Gaye Sprague, had a golf tournament in May which was coordinated and officiated by Don Turner of SCDOT and raised over \$1,400. This year we will award two \$400 scholarships to transportation students in South Carolina at our Year End Meeting in December.

Our Membership Chair, Carol Jones, recently added a new edition to her family with a new baby girl born in September. This is Carol's second child. Carol has been busy over the past several months assembling a new directory for the South Carolina Section. The directory is to be completed in early December and will include color pictures of the membership and will be distributed state-wide as a reference for municipal leaders.

Speaking of babies, the past year has been the year for ITE babies in South Carolina. It all started with Past President, Wayne Sarasua, whose wife had her third child in February of 2001. Then President Susan Ruinen had a baby boy in the summer. Mike Ridgeway of WSA finished out 2001 with a baby girl in November. Jumping into 2002 was Brad Morrison with the Town of Mount Pleasant who had a baby boy in the Spring. Colin Kinton (Section Representative) started a string of births this fall with a baby girl in September (a day before Carol Jones had her baby girl), while Chris Lacy of LPA had a boy around the same time. But as soon as we thought it was safe to drink the water again, Brian Webb, Acting District 6 Traffic Engineer for SCDOT decided to have one of each (one boy and one girl). We are anticipating Traffic Engineers in the employment market to be oversaturated in the Year 2025. Traffic conditions should also be oversaturated at that time.

Our Section has had three active meetings this year. Our first meeting of the year was held in March at Damon's Restaurant in Columbia. Our second meeting was at the Miler Country Club in Summerville, with an exciting round of golf following the meeting. The last meeting was held on November 4<sup>th</sup> back in Columbia at Damon's and saw a packed, standing room only crowd. Two students from Clemson University's ITE Student Chapter gave a presentation on their award winning experimentation in the use of transponder technologies to enhance the efficiency of child pick-up at Elementary schools.

This year at least ten student members attended the SDITE An-

nual Meeting in New Orleans. The Clemson Student Chapter won the Outstanding Student Chapter Award at the meeting. Their trip was recorded on film with several of our distinguished District and National leaders and members out late after the event's scheduled activities had concluded.

SCSITE is still exploring options to produce a Section website. The section is waiting to see analysis of the "test" websites being conducted by the other sections before offering up an award winning site and portal.



## Georgia Section

### Current Officers and Committee Chairs:

President	Bayne Smith
Vice President	Susan Walker
Secretary	Todd Long
Treasurer	Todd Long
Technical Chair	Abdul Amer
Membership Chair	Tim Allen
Legislative Coordinator	Herman Hill
Student Chapter Coordinator	
Others:	Tim Allen, Affiliate Director Brian Bolick, District Representative Marsha Anderson Bomar, District Representative Steve Puster, District Representative Dave Ritchie, District Representative Wassim Selman, Past President

### Technical Activities:

Section and other activities in which our membership is currently involved:

The Georgia Section sponsored a refresher course for the PTO exam on 20 September. Twelve participants took away both practical insights and detailed technical information.

Co-sponsor of the half-day program entitled, "Georgia's Transportation Future" to be held on 19 November.

ITE Technical Program Committee – Safety Council Representative. Develop technical program for Spring meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL & Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA (Oct. 2002).

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District 5 Professional Development Committee, Chair. Developed Wednesday morning Professional Development session for the District 5 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. (April 2002).

District 5 Professional Development Committee, Chair. Develop Wednesday morning Professional Development session for the District 5 Annual Meeting in Winston Salem, NC, April 2003.

NCHRP 17-26, Panel Chair, Methodology to Predict Safety Performance of Urban and Suburban Arterials.

NCHRP 17-21, Panel Member, Safety of U-Turns at unsignalized median openings.

NCHRP 08-37, Panel Member, Standardizing Household Travel Surveys.

Moderator & Presenter for Traffic Calming Session, Southeastern Local Roads Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC, (Sept. 2002).

Member of Parking Council of ITE & CBD Vitality Task Force.

Member of the Parking Council of ITE and CD Vitality Issues Task Force. Compiling a questionnaire on the relationship between transportation improvements and downtown revitalization. Paper written on ARC's Livable Centers Initiative. The paper was presented at the TRB Committee A1D05 National Conference: "Tools of the Trade" in Cincinnati.

Meetings held during this reporting period:

Date: April 11, 2002 Location: Georgia Tech  
Purpose: Speaker - Dr. John Leonard, Assistant Director, State Road & Tollway Authority of Georgia. Dr. Leonard discussed what is going on at SRTA.  
Attendance:

Date: May 9, 2002 Location: Mary Mac's  
Purpose: Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Representative.  
Topic of discussion was the Developments of Regional Impact Initiative.  
Attendance:

Date: June 13, 2002 Location: Mary Mac's  
Purpose: Speaker - Bill Byrne, Georgia Gubernatorial Candidate/Cobb County Commission Chair & Landscape Architect. Mr. Byrne spoke on the Vision of Transportation in Georgia.  
Attendance:

Date: July 21-24, 2002 Location: King & Prince  
Purpose: Summer Seminar  
Attendance:

Date: August 8, 2002 Location: Mary Mac's

Purpose: Speaker - Michael J. Wallwork, P.E.; Alternate Street Design, P.A. Topic of discussion was Roundabouts  
Attendance: 80

Date: September 12, 2002 Location: Southern Polytechnic State University

Purpose: Speaker - Gordon W. Schultz, Parsons Brinkerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc. Topic of discussion was New Directions in State of the Art Travel Demand Modeling.  
Attendance: 70

Date: October 10, 2002 Location: Athens, GA  
Purpose: This half-day program included a variety of speakers on a wide range of technical topics. Speakers were: David Clark, Dave Ritchie, Alan Steinbeck and Abdul Amer. Several presentations were made including: Slide show of Athens-Clarke County traffic engineering activities, positive experiences/impacts on developments since the implementation of the new GRTA DRI regulations, understanding of the various LOS reported by Synchro Software and the differences between Synchro methodology and the HCM 2000 methodology.  
Attendance: 75

Date: November 14, 2002 Location: Mary Mac's  
Purpose:  
Attendance:

Date: December 1, 2002 Location: Druid Hills Golf Club  
Purpose: Annual Meeting  
Attendance:

## Kentucky Section



### Southern District ITE Meeting

The Kentucky Section was represented at the 50th Annual Southern District ITE Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 21-24, 2002. Section Representative, Bill Seymour and his wife Janice, Lonnie and Betty Yates, and current President Jo Anne Tingle were in attendance. The Meeting featured a look back at the last 50 years in Transportation in each of the participating states. Bill Seymour gave a presentation about Kentucky's last 50 years. UK's Student ITE Chapter was also well represented with 6 current and one former UK student in attendance.

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**KYSITE Fall Meeting**

The Kentucky Section held its annual Scholarship Golf Scramble and Picnic on September 25, 2002, at the Kearney Hill Golf Links in Lexington, Kentucky. A total of 24 golfers enjoyed the event, with the winning team being 7 under par. This year our barbecue picnic was changed to a barbecue dinner at the clubhouse after the golf scramble. A total of 30 people enjoyed the food and fellowship. Hole sponsorships by a number of consultants and vendors provided a total of \$950 for the KYSITE Scholarship Fund.

**KYSITE Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting will be held on November 21, 2002, at the Claudia Sanders Dinner House in Shelbyville. We anticipate some \$1000 will be raised for the scholarship fund from our silent auction. Scholarships will be awarded during the meeting. The George A. "Lonnie" Yates Service Award, recognizing distinguished service, will also be awarded. New officers for 2002 will be installed at this meeting.

**Year End District 5 Board Meeting**

Karen Mohammadi has been assisting with arrangements for the District 5 Board Meeting. The board meeting will be held December 2nd at the Radisson in Covington, Kentucky (859-491-1200).



*Tennessee Section*

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| President                | Cindy Pionke   |
| Vice President           | Anthony Todd   |
| Secretary-Treasurer      | Bill Kervin    |
| Section Rep. (01-02)     | Glenn Beckwith |
| Section Rep. (02-03)     | John Gould     |
| Immediate Past President | Craig Hanchey  |

The Tennessee Section ITE continues to have a good year due to the high interest of the membership and the leadership of the Board. Many activities and events of interest have been conducted or planned for the Section and members have been very involved in District activities.

In June, the Kentucky Section traveled to Nashville for a joint meeting with the Tennessee Section. Less than a year ago a joint meeting was held with the Alabama Section in Chattanooga. These meetings were well attended, the technical sessions outstanding and they provided a great opportunity to share informa-

tion and network.

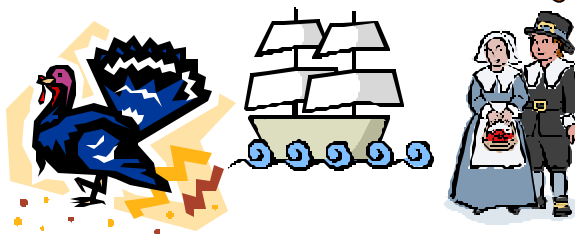
In late July, the Tennessee Section returned to one of its favorite places, Fall Creek Falls State Park, for the annual summer meeting and auction. A high spirited auction was conducted on Friday night to benefit the scholarship fund. During the Saturday business meeting, Jonathan Moore, University of Tennessee - Knoxville and Jason Carder, Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships. Student Paper winners, Igor Ferrer and Zhongren Gu, presented their papers and received cash awards for their work.

The Tennessee Section and the nine (9) Tennessee MPO's held a joint meeting October 28 through October 30 in Kingsport, Tennessee at the Meadowview Convention Center. The TSITE played a significant role in planning and putting together the technical program with topics that were of widespread interest to the MPO staffs and TSITE members. Additionally, TSITE members assisted in offsetting costs of the meeting. The meeting would not have been complete without a little golf outing.

Elections were held during the July meeting and the following officers were elected to lead us through the next year:

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|----------------------|---------------|
| President            | Anthony Todd  |
| Vice President       | Bill Kervin   |
| Secretary-Treasurer  | Jeff Hammond  |
| Section Rep. (03-04) | Greg Judy     |
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Happy Thanksgiving!



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- Tennessee:** <http://www.tsite.org>
- Virginia:** <http://www.vasite.org/>



**Upcoming SDITE 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 following sites have been selected for upcoming SDITE Annual Meetings:

- 2003 – Winston-Salem, NC
- 2004 – Covington, KY
- 2005 – Savannah, GA
- 2006 – Biloxi/Gulfport, MS
- 2007 – Tennessee
- 2008 – South Carolina



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