



CAPITAL AREA SECTION



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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

The annual holiday luncheon and announcement of new officers was held on December 1, 2006 at the County Line Restaurant on the Hill.

Election ballots for new officers were collected and given to the appointed Tellers Committee. Our newly elected officers are listed under the Current Officers section. Congratulations to our new officers. The budget for 2007 was also adopted at the luncheon.

Rene Garza presented our 2006 Capitol Area Section President, James Kratz, an appreciation plaque for his awesome leadership and hard work during his past three years of service.

Current Officers

Please contact any of the following officers if you have questions about the Capital Area Section, TexITE, or ITE.

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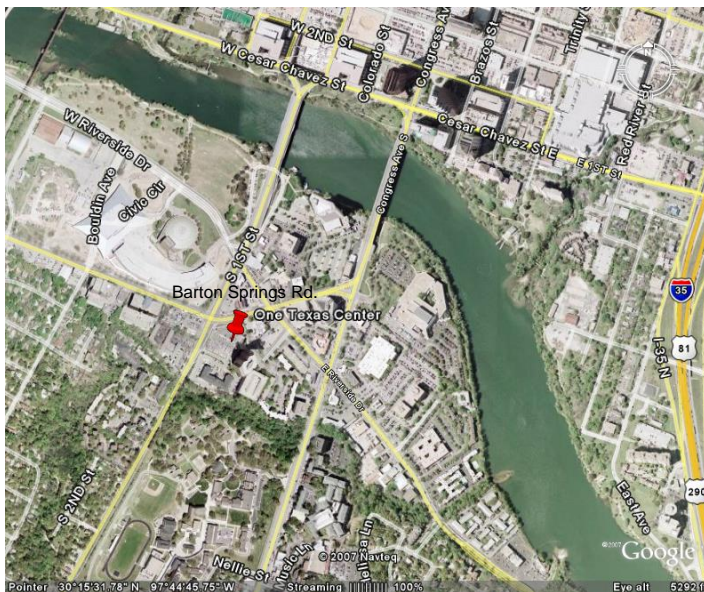
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NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 16, 2007, 12:00 noon

At

City of Austin
One Texas Center
3rd Floor Training Room
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas 78704



The Section Secretary-Treasurer can provide you with a National membership application and the local section application is printed at the end of every newsletter.

ITE Website Addresses

If you are interested in the latest developments at ITE, check out the following websites:

- ITE -- www.ite.org
- TexITE -- www.texite.org

You can find section meeting information at this website: <http://www.texite.org/austin/mainaustin.htm>. Section member Isam Bandak, PE with PBS&J has agreed to maintain the section web site for us. Thank Isam next time you see him.

Next Meeting

Topic	Date
Engineering Ethics	February 16, 2007

Our speaker will be Mr. Lance S. Kinney, P.E., Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. Mr. Kinney will talk about recent goings-on at the Board, including new and proposed rule changes, an update on Board policies and projects, compliance and enforcement topics, and the current legislative session. **THIS SESSION WILL COUNT TOWARDS YOUR ETHICS PDH REQUIREMENT!** Please join us to hear about TBPE issues that impact you!

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About Our February Meeting Speaker

Lance Kinney, P.E. is the Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. Mr. Kinney provides assistance to the executive director, oversees various agency programs and activities, and represents the Board at statewide and national functions. In his previous position, as the Director of Licensing, he was responsible for the examination, application review, licensure, and renewal processes for over 50,000 individuals and 7,000 engineering firms as well as the development of the Continuing Education Program.

Prior to working at the Board, Mr. Kinney worked in the semiconductor industry for 11 years. He has a Bachelors Degree in Physics from the University of Texas, a Masters Degree in Industrial Technology from Texas State University, and is working on a Ph.D. in Instructional Technology at the University of Texas. He has lectured as an adjunct professor in the Engineering and Technology Department at Texas State University and Electronics and Advanced Technologies Department at Austin Community College.

Future Meetings

Future meeting dates for your calendar are:

April 5, 2007 (Thursday meeting)

June 1, 2007

August 3, 2007

October 5, 2007

December 7, 2007

If you has a suggestion for a meeting topic or would like to present a topic at a future meeting, please let one of the officers know.

Other Meetings of Interest

Want to let everyone know about a presentation from two lead folks in the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) who are coming to town. There will be a free lecture, no registration required, Thursday, March 29, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center, Lone Star Room 1701 Red River. Andres Duany and John Norquist, former mayor of Milwaukee and Executive Director of CNU, will talk Texas New Urbanism. Among the topics they will cover will be a piece about Setting the Stage for CNU XVI: Austin 2008:

- What is the CNU and what it has accomplished?
- What it means to have the Congress in Austin in 2008.
- What Texas can expect to get out of CNU XVI?

ITE News

Professional Development Hours (PDH)

As a reminder to all professional engineers, the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, Continuing Education Program rule requires 15 Professional Development Hours (PDH) per year for license renewal. At least 1 PDH must be in the area of professional ethics.

Attendance at each Capitol Area Section Meeting counts as one hour towards your 15 PDH requirement.

District News

If you have news items, technical information, or upcoming events you would like to place in the next District Newsletter, please send them to Doug Skowronek at DSkowro@dot.state.tx.us.

Section News

If you have news items, technical information, or upcoming events you would like to place in future newsletters, please send them to Doug Skowronek at DSkowro@dot.state.tx.us.

UT Student Chapter

If you would like to speak at one of the Student Chapter meetings, please contact their officers at utite@yahoo.com.

Lunch Order

Cost for box lunch is \$7.00. Cost for box lunch and soft drink is \$8.00.

If you are interested in ordering a box lunch from Jason's Deli, CIRCLE your selections below:

Name: _____

Soft drink: Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper

Meat: Turkey, Smoked Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, Tuna, Chicken Salad, Genoa Salami

Bread: White, Wheat *Tomato:* Y or N *Lettuce:* Y or N

Cookie: Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin

Phone your order to Gordon Derr at 974-7228, FAX to 974-7101, or e-mail to Gordon.Derr@ci.austin.tx.us no later than 9am, Friday February 16th

Membership Information

Please print the following information about yourself:

General Information
Name (full name plus professional designation; i.e. PE, AICP, EIT, M.S., etc.):
Job Title and Employer: _____
Business Mailing Address: _____
Daytime Phone:
Daytime Fax:
E-mail Address:

ITE Membership Information
Please mark all that apply:
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of ITE
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of TexITE, the Texas Section of ITE
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like information on ITE membership

Send completed form to **Capital Area Section, c/o Gordon Derr, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 800, Austin, TX 78704** with \$5.00 annual dues payment, or bring it to the next section meeting.

DUES FOR 2007 ARE DUE! PLEASE SEND OR GIVE YOUR \$5.00 TO GORDON DERR. THANKS!

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