



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 7, 2007 at the Texas Land & Cattle.

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 2008 was also adopted at the luncheon.

Current Officers

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

Doug Skowronek, President, 416-3247

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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>.

We are currently looking for someone to maintain the section web site for us. Please feel free to contact any of the section officers for more information.

Next Meeting

Topic	Date
Engineering Ethics	February 15, 2008

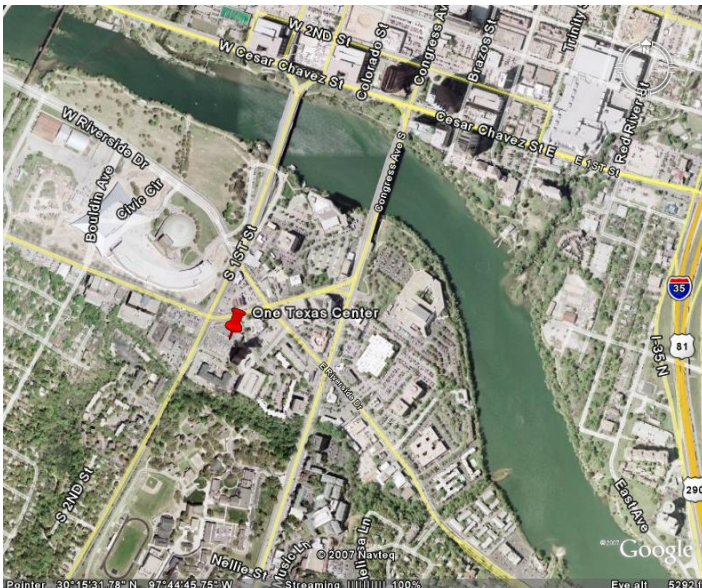
Our speaker will be James Wesley Smith, P.E., Engineering Specialist for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. Mr. Smith will talk about recent goings-on at the Board, including new and proposed rule changes, an update on Board policies and projects, compliance and enforcement topics. **THIS SESSION WILL COUNT TOWARDS YOUR ETHICS PDH REQUIREMENT!** Please join us to hear about TBPE issues that impact you!

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, February 15, 2008, 12:00 noon


At

City of Austin
One Texas Center Room 325
505 Barton Springs Road
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About Our February Meeting Speaker

The Board employed Mr. Smith on February 24, 2004 as an Engineering Specialist. In his role, he provides engineering expertise to the Board investigators as well as participates in outreach programs to educate the public and licensed engineers on engineering matters pertaining to the Engineering Practice Act. Mr. Smith is also engaged in the research and development of policy advisories for the Board.

Prior to employment at the Board, he was an air permit engineer with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for ten years. Mr. Smith has over twelve years experience in state government with emphasis in customer service and rule interpretation. He enjoys organic gardening and beekeeping as hobbies.

Future Meetings

Tentative 2008 future meeting dates for your calendar are:

April 4, 2008
June 6, 2008
August 1, 2008
October 3, 2008
December 5, 2008

If anyone 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.

ITE News

[ITE 2008 Technical Conference and Exhibit](#)

March 30-April 2

Hyatt Regency Miami



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.

Section News

If you have news items, technical information, or upcoming events you would like to place in future newsletters, please send them to Gordon Derr at Gordon.Derr@ci.austin.tx.us.

UT Student Chapter

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

Lunch Order

Cost for box lunch is \$6.00.

If you are interested in ordering sandwiches from Thundercloud's Sub, CIRCLE your selections below:

Name: _____

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

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

Lettuce: Y or N

Cookie: Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin

Phone your order to Alex Reyna at 904-3723, FAX to 904-3700, or e-mail to Alex.reyna@hdrinc.com no later than 9am, Friday February 15, 2008.

Drinks will be available on site.

≡ TexITE 2008 Summer Meeting

San Antonio, Texas
June 26-28, 2008
St. Anthony Hotel
Chair: Dale Picha

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 Alex Reyna, 504 Lavaca Street, Suite 1175, Austin, TX 78701** with \$5.00 annual dues payment, or bring it to the next section meeting.

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