



# CAPITAL AREA SECTION



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## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The first meeting of the new year was held on February 16, 2007 at One Texas Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room.

President Doug Skowronek introduced the speaker, James Wesley Smith, P.E., Engineering Specialist for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Mr. Smith talked about the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. He emphasized the recent changes to the rules and questions that the board have been discussing.

## 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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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](http://www.ite.org)
- TexITE – [www.texite.org](http://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 OTHON Inc. has agreed to maintain the section web site for us. Thank Isam next time you see him.

## Next Meeting

| Topic                  | Date          |
|------------------------|---------------|
| MUTCD Proposed Changes | April 4, 2008 |

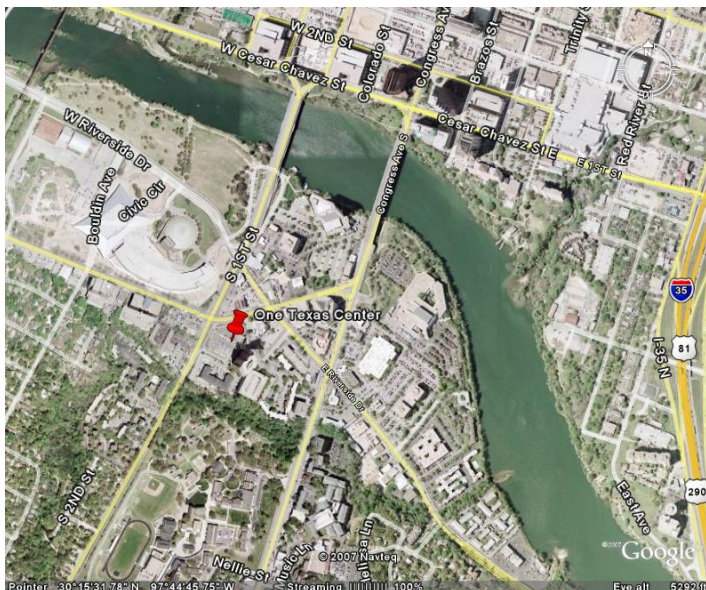
Our speaker for the April 4 section meeting will present a general overview of the MUTCD changes proposed by FHWA for the next MUTCD version. The proposal has been published in the Federal Register and public comments are being accepted until July 31, 2008.

## NEXT MEETING:

**Friday, April 4, 2008, 12:00 noon**


At

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

Ronnie Bell, P.E., is an engineer with the City of Austin Transportation Division of Public Works. He returned to the City of Austin last year after working many years in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In addition to Austin, he has worked for Fort Worth, Garland, and Plano. Ronnie has been involved with the National Committee On Uniform Traffic Control Devices for the past 20 years.

The National Committee provides recommendations to FHWA on additions, deletions, and modifications to the MUTCD. It consists of a wide range of dedicated volunteers that have an interest in the MUTCD. This includes employees from state, county, and municipal governments, consulting firms, manufacturers/distributors, professional organizations, tollway authorities, railroad companies, and others. Many members continue to volunteer their time and expertise even after they retire.

Ronnie began his service on the Signals Technical Committee in 1998. He has been a member of the ITE delegation to the National Committee since 1992. In 2002, Ronnie was appointed Vice Chair of the Signals Technical Committee. He was appointed Chair of that committee in 2006 and he continues to serve in that capacity.

## Future Meetings

Tentative 2008 future meeting dates for your calendar are:

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



## ☰ **TexITE 2008 Summer Meeting**

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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:utexasite@gmail.com).

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*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](mailto:Alex.reyna@hdrinc.com) no later than 9am, Friday February 15, 2008.

**Drinks available on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at One Texas Center**

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Please print the following information about yourself:

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|---|
| 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   |
|--|
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| <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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