



# CAPITAL AREA SECTION



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## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

The Sixth meeting of the year was held on October 10th, 2008 at the Capital Metro Commuter Rail Office.

King Kaul of Capital Metro Rail and Bill LeJeune, head of rail operations for Cap Metro made a presentation and provided us a tour inside the rail cars. Capital Metro has been working feverishly toward the inauguration of Commuter Rail between Leander and Downtown Austin. Regular operation is scheduled to start in March of 2009. They provided us with the latest on their construction and plans for operations.

The Nomination Committee, which consists of James Kratz, and Brian VanDeWalle, provided the following candidates:

For President – Gordon Derr, City of Austin

For Vice President – Alex Reyna, Bury + Partners

For Secretary Treasurer –

- Anna Martin, HDR

- Alan Hughes, City of Austin

No additional nominations were received from the floor. Ballots will be e-mailed, and may be e-mailed to back to the Nomination Committee or brought to the meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## NEXT MEETING

### Annual End-of-Year Luncheon and Officer Election

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 11:45 AM CST

City of Austin- Toomey Road Office

One block west of Lamar ...

## 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 HNTB Corporation has agreed to maintain the section web site for us. Thank Isam next time you see him.

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## About Our Next Meeting

The Capital Area Section of TexITE will be having our yearly election. Tours of the Traffic Management Center will also be available.

As part of the meeting we will recognize Jimmie Benson, Ph.D., P.E. for achieving the ITE membership grade of Life Member. Jimmie is a Senior Research Engineer with TTI's Austin office and has more than 35 years experience in transportation planning and engineering. To become a Life Member, individuals must have been ITE dues paying members for at least 25 years and have reached 65 years of age. ITE and the Capital Area Section esteems the longtime membership of Jimmie. Congratulations!

There will be a Bar-B-Q lunch buffet for anyone interested and the deadline to RSVP for the lunch is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost will be \$5 with reservations and \$8 without reservations. Meals cannot be guaranteed for those who do not RSVP.

## ITE News

### **TexITE Winter Meeting**

February 5-7, 2009  
Lubbock, Texas

### **ITE 2009 Technical Conference and Exhibit**

March 22-25, 2009

Phoenix Convention Center  
Phoenix, Arizona, USA



### **2009-2010 ITE Scholarship and Fellowship Awards**

ITE announces the availability of the 2009-2010 ITE Scholarship and Fellowship Awards Brochure for students to download and apply. Please direct student members to the ITE Web site (<http://www.ite.org/awards/index.asp>) to access the brochure and learn more about applying for

specific awards. The application deadline for ITE offered fellowships/scholarships is April 1, 2009. Any applications or recommendations received after this date will not be considered by the judges.

### **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 up-coming 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).

### **Other News**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:  
TSPE Young Engineer of the Year Award

The Travis Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) is currently accepting nominations for the Young Engineer of the Year Award. The nomination form and evaluation criteria is available on the TSPE Travis Chapter website at [www.tspe-travis.org](http://www.tspe-travis.org). The deadline for nominations is December 8, 2008.

### **Lunch Order**

**Cost for Bar-B-Q lunch buffet will be \$5 with RSVP's and \$8 without RSVP's.**

**If you wish to attend and have lunch, you must RSVP to Alex Reyna by Noon CST, Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can give the restaurant a head count.**

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## 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: _____
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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
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Completed the form and bring it to the next section meeting with \$5.00 annual dues payment.