



# CAPITAL AREA SECTION



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## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was held on January 23, 2009 at the City's Toomey Road offices. Our speaker was Mr. George Hartmann, P.E., Licensing Project Manager for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. Mr. Hartmann spoke about board rules, some information about exams and applications for the EITs, and some ethics/rules issues for PEs.

### NEXT MEETING:

**Friday, April 3, 2009, 12:00 noon**

At

City of Austin  
Barton Springs Road Office  
505 Barton Springs Road Suite 800  
Austin, Texas 78704



## 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>.

Thanks to Isam Bandak for his continued work to maintain the ITE Capital Area Section website!

## Next Meeting

Topic	Date
Austin's Transportation Department	April 3, 2009

Our speaker will be Robert Spillar, P.E., director of the City of Austin's Transportation Department. Rob will be speaking about the newly created Transportation Department and his ideas for transportation in Austin.

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## About Our April Meeting Speaker

Robert Spillar is the Transportation Director for the City of Austin. He is a professional engineer with 20 years experience in the public and private sectors. Mr. Spillar was a former Director of Traffic Management for the City of Seattle, and most recently the Vice President of Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas Inc. for the Central/South and West Texas operations of PB Americas Inc., one of the world's leading planning, engineering, and construction management organizations.

He has led several major local projects including Loop 1-U.S. 183 Corridor Improvement alternatives planning; Central Austin transit option analysis; and development of multiple Safe Routes to Schools initiatives for the Austin Independent School District.

## Future Meetings

Tentative 2009 future meeting dates for your calendar are:

June 5, October 2, & December 4

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

### ≡ **TexITE 2009 Summer Meeting & ITE 2009 Annual Meeting and Exhibit**

San Antonio, Texas  
August 9-12, 2009

Henry B. Gonzalez  
Convention Center

TexITE  
Coordinator: John  
Friebele



## 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

### Winter Meeting Lubbock, Texas

We would like to thank the Lubbock Local Arrangement Committee for making sure the TexITE Winter Meeting was a success and for the great hospitality they provided. Kenneth Voigt, International President of ITE and Paul Eng-Wong, International Vice-President of ITE were in attendance. Lists of activities were a tour of the City of Lubbock Transportation Management Center, having dinner at the Wind Mill Museum and enjoying a comedy play at the Cactus Theatre. The current officers in attendances at the meeting were Gordon Derr and Alex Reyna.

### Winter TexITE Board Meeting

The Texite Board met in Lubbock to discuss a great variety of issues, including future meetings, possible changes to dues, and how to reverse the recent decline in the funds available to the Section. The Board proposed raising the member dues from \$20 to \$50 per year. There is also a committee looking at district meetings. If you have thoughts on either of those issues please contact Dave Carey our representative to the Board.

### Recent Changes at the City of Austin

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, Ronnie Bell and Peter Marsh have been named the Supervising Engineers for the South and North areas. Alan Hughes remains the Central Area Supervising Engineers. The Transportation Department has been allowed to move forward with filling 4 positions for registered engineers. If candidates are not selecting from a current list, another announcement may be opened this spring. In other news, Gordon Derr has been promoted to Assistant Director of the Department for Transportation Planning. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Director/City Traffic Engineer has been approved and it is anticipated that the advertisement will be nationwide.

If you have news items, technical information, or up-coming events you would like to place in future newsletters, please send them to Alan Hughes at [alan.hughes@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:alan.hughes@ci.austin.tx.us)

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## 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).

## 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

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FAX to 974-7101, or e-mail to

[Alan.Hughes@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:Alan.Hughes@ci.austin.tx.us) no later than 9am, Friday April 3, 2009.

**Drinks will be available for purchase on site.**

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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: _____
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 Alan Hughes, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 800, Austin, TX 78704** with \$5.00 annual dues payment, or bring it to the next section meeting.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

If you have a job posting that you would like to have included in the news letter please contact Alan Hughes at [alan.hughes@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:alan.hughes@ci.austin.tx.us).

A full service international transportation/infrastructure firm is seeking a Project Manager who has a traffic background for their Dallas office. The ideal person will have 6+ years of traffic experience with a focus on signal design. The person will also have experience dealing with clients, be able to manage a group of 5-6 people and have the ability to travel 10-20% of the time usually on day trips around the state.

Qualified candidates please call Nan Taylor at 512.328.9955 x 132 or email [nan@vistasearchgroup.com](mailto:nan@vistasearchgroup.com)