

2013 Annual Report



Greater Dallas Section
District 9 (TexITE)
Institute of Transportation Engineers

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1.0 Leadership

Elected Leadership

President: Robyn Root, City of McKinney

Vice-President: Boro Dedeitch, Parsons

Secretary-Treasurer: Jessica Shutt, City of Richardson – Resigned in July 2013

Section Representative: Nanditha Togar, Urban Engineers

Past President: John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

Appointed Positions

Younger Members Committee Chair: Tom Hartmann, Kimley-Horn and Associates

Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee Chair: Hiron Fernandez, Kimley-Horn

Scholarship Award Selection Committee Chair: John Black, City of Richardson

Professional Development Committee Chair: Wes McClure, Texas Department of Transportation

Webmaster: John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

Secretary-Treasurer: Cameron Williams, Walter P. Moore (August – December 2013)

2.0 Finances

Federal Tax ID Number: 74-2848619

2013 Annual Section Dues: \$10.00

2013 General Operating Budget:

General Operating Account balance as of 12/31/2013: **\$ 3,930.15**

2013 Income

Individual Section Member & Affiliate Dues	\$1,260.00
Agency Section Member Dues	\$216.00
Monthly Luncheon Fees	\$11,345.00
<u>Profit Sharing from Joint Meeting with Fort Worth</u>	<u>\$1.70</u>
Total Income	\$12,822.70

2013 Expenses

Monthly Luncheon Catering	\$10,719.58
Pay Pal Credit Card Processing	\$182.42
Constant Contact Event Management	\$309.14
Professional Development Webinars	\$33.65

Annual Meeting Door Prizes	\$200.00
Officers' Meeting	\$43.73
Supplies	\$50.42
Contribution to Future City Competition	\$250.00
P.O. Box Annual Rental	\$86.00
Officer Plaques	\$60.00
Total Expenses	\$11,934.94

2013 General Operating Profit **\$887.76**

2013 Section Scholarship Budget:

Section Scholarship Account balance as of 12/31/2013: **\$ 2,631.56**

2013 Income

Beginning Bank Balance	\$2,484.75
Golf Tournament Revenue	\$ 12,774.00
Total Revenue	\$15,258.75

2013 Expenses

Golf Tournament Expenses	\$7,377.19
2014 Golf Course Deposit	\$250.00
Scholarships Awarded	\$5,000.00
Total Expenses	\$12,627.19

2013 Scholarship Account Net Income **\$2,631.56**

3.0 Membership

Membership Grade	Year 2013	Year 2012	Percent Change
Section Member ¹	141	134	+5.2 %
Life Member	19 ³	18	+ 5.6 %
Agency Member ²	32	35	-8.6 %
Student	2	3	-33.3 %
Total	194	190	+2.1 %

¹Section Member Count includes full voting section members as well as non-voting section affiliates

²Agency Memberships through ITE; Section dues are paid by ITE at 80% of the standard dues rate

³Life Member Count based on data received from ITE National and may include members outside of the Dallas Section defined limits.

4.0 Activity

4.1 General Technical

The Greater Dallas Section holds a regular monthly meeting typically on the second Friday of each month. The Section usually does not hold a meeting during the same month as a District 9 meeting. The section also holds a joint meeting with the Fort Worth Section one month of the year, resulting in a total of 10 monthly meetings. During each Section meeting, general Section business is discussed and a technical presentation is given.

The dates, topics, speakers, and attendance of each meeting or technical event are shown below:

Table 1: Meetings and Other Technical Events

Date	Topic	Speaker	Attendance
1/11/2013	Transit Oriented Development & Transportation Improvements in Richardson	Dave Carter City of Richardson	79
2/8/2013	Denton County Transportation Update	Nancy Cline Denton County Area Engineer with TxDOT	81
3/8/2013	Airport Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment	Tom Grant Kimley-Horn	50
5/17/2013	Bicycle and Pedestrian Best Practices	Kathy Kleinschmidt TxDOT Dallas District	56
6/20/2013	Joint Meeting with Fort Worth: Integrated Corridor Management	Koorosh Olyai, Stantec Consulting Andy Oberlander, TxDOT Lloyd Neal, City of Plano	90
7/12/2013	Harnessing Technology for Transportation	Tom Hartmann, Kimley-Horn	64
8/9/2013	Transportation/Civil Engineering in Afghanistan: Some Lessons Learned	Jim Cline, Denton County Transportation Authority	55

Date	Topic	Speaker	Attendance
10/11/2013	Paramics – Saving You Time and Money	Lenny Winsel, Quadstone Paramics	56
11/8/2013	Lessons Learned on Megaprojects	Gary Savanyu, BETA, Inc.	61
12/13/2013	Modern Streetcars in Dallas	David Recht, City of Dallas	61

4.2 Committees

The **Younger Members Committee** was chaired by Tom Hartmann (Kimley-Horn and Associates). The Younger Members Committee was responsible for publicizing the Greater Dallas Section Scholarship and helping host the scholarship golf tournament.

The **Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee** was initially chaired by Cameron Williams (Walter P Moore), and then later transferred to Hiron Fernandez (Kimley-Horn) in the Fall of 2013. The Committee planned a successful scholarship golf tournament held on May 10, 2013 to raise money for transportation engineering scholarships.

The **Scholarship Selection Committee** reviewed applications and made a recommendation of the students most worthy of receiving a Greater Dallas Section Scholarship. This Committee was chaired by John Black (City of Richardson) with the Section President and Younger Members Committee Chair serving as the other members.

The **Professional Development Committee** organized several webinars for members to attend. Our professional development activities are highlighted in more detail later. This committee was made up of Wes McClure (TxDOT), Chair and Jeremy Wyndham (Jacobs).

The **Nominating Committee** nominated candidates to run in the 2013 election for Section Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President, and also for the Section Representative to the Texas District 9. The nominating committee was chaired this year by Susan Langdon (Savant Group) with Kelly Parma (Lee Engineering) and Tom Simerly (DeShazo Group) serving as members.

The **Tellers Committee** confirmed the online vote tabulation and declared a winner of the 2013 election. This committee was made up of Susan Langdon and Kelly Parma.

4.3 Professional Development Activity

The Greater Dallas Section Professional Development Committee has a goal of providing at least one training session per quarter. The Committee works to find local firms and agencies to sponsor and host an event. They are also expanding the scope of their efforts to include identifying professional development opportunities available in the Region (outside of ITE) and sharing these with our membership. This includes opportunities that may be available through such organizations such as NCTCOG, ASCE, ITS Texas, ITS America, TxDOT, CEC, TSPE, and others. The section promoted the following Webinars and presentations during Calendar Year 2013.

Including our regular monthly meetings, the Greater Dallas Section provided over 300 professional development hours to our event attendees this year.

Table 2: Webinars Offered

Date	Topic
4/9/13	FHWA Active Transportation and Demand Management
5/16/2013	TRB Webinar: Roundabout Design and Development Review
5/30/2013	Regional Transportation Planning on the California/Baja California Border
9/12/2013	The Integration of Microscopic Simulation and 3D Visualization
10/17/2013	Alternative Contracting Methods Deployment from EDC2 Summits until Now – Where are we?

4.4 Scholarship Golf Tournament



The Dallas Section Scholarship Golf Tournament earned over \$5,000 for scholarships

The Greater Dallas Section hosted our third Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on May 10, 2013. The golf tournament serves as the Dallas Section’s only fundraiser for the traffic and transportation engineering scholarships.

The Dallas Section Younger Members Committee was tasked with planning the golf tournament. The committee consisted of the following members:

Table 3: 2013 Scholarship Golf tournament Committee

Committee Chair	Cameron Williams	Walter P Moore & Associates, Inc.
Member	Adam Cross	Hayden Consultants
Member	John Denholm III	Lee Engineering
Member	Hiron Fernando	Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.
Member	Tom Hartmann	Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.
Member	Jason Horn	Dannenbaum Engineering
Member	Mark Kranz	Savant Group
Member	Carl LaFerney	Savant Group
Member	Robin Osborne	Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.
Member	Meron Shiferaw	Savant Group
Member	Jessica Shutt	City of Richardson
Member	Omar Venzor	Savant Group

The younger members involved in the planning of the golf tournament dedicated many hours and exchanged hundreds of emails related to the event.

The third annual tournament involved 76 golfers, with 21 sponsor companies participating at various funding levels at our event. Ultimately \$5,396.81 was raised for the Greater Dallas Section Scholarships. We are grateful for everyone’s participation which resulted in our most successful fundraising yet.

4.5 Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Award

Due to the success of the Golf Tournament, we awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to the following students in July 2013:

- Hossein Hashemi, Southern Methodist University, \$2,000
- Sunil Madanu, University of Texas at Arlington, \$1,700
- Shawn Poe, University of Colorado - Boulder, \$1,300

Each of these students was awarded the scholarship based on their application and demonstration of financial hardship while pursuing a degree in civil engineering.

5.0 Other Business

5.1 Officer Elections and Appointments

Jessica Shutt notified Robyn Root on July 29, 2013 that she was resigning as an officer. Therefore, on August 2, 2013 the Executive Board appointed Cameron Williams (Walter P Moore) to fulfill the remainder of the 2013 term of Secretary/Treasurer.

For the 2014 term, the nominating committee selected candidates for the offices of Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, and Section Representative. Cameron Williams (Walter P Moore) and Rob Kouba (HNTB) were selected by the Nominating Committee to run for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Yang Ouyang (NTTA) and Gary Graham (City of McKinney) were the nominated candidates for Vice President. Robert Saylor (City of Richardson) and John Denholm (Lee Engineering) were the two candidates for Section Representative to the Texas District. Online voting was available between October 15 and November 30. The results were presented at the December 13, 2013 Section Annual Business Meeting and the new officers were sworn in for their 2014 terms. Cameron Williams was elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Graham was elected to serve as Vice-President, and John Denholm was elected as the Section Representative.

5.2 Changes to Section Bylaws

No changes were made to the Section Bylaws in 2013.

5.3 Resolutions Passed by the Section

One new Resolution was introduced and passed during the meeting on August 9, 2013. This resolution allows the Dallas Section to provide up to \$1,000 to any individual member(s) of this Section in financial support if they are selected for the ITE Leadership program. The inaugural class selected in the Fall of 2013 did include one member from the Dallas Section (Jody Short – Lee Engineering). The contribution to Jody will be made in early 2014.