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Section News...

**A Message from 2011 STITE
President Rob Belarmino**

Dear South Texas ITE Members,



I am honored and privileged to be serving as this year's Section President. Our Section accomplished a variety of target goals last year, which has set a benchmark for this

year. The Board plans to accomplish many of the goals that were established last year and will continue to deliver great speakers and meetings that delve into areas outside our typical focus.

The unprecedented level of sponsorship that we received last year has enabled us to award our second educational scholarship to UTSA student David Russell, III. We would like to extend the success of this endowment to the student chapter at Texas A&M Kingsville (TAMUK) as early as next year and increase their participation within our section.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TexITE Spring Meeting
March 24-26, Fort Worth

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I want to welcome our newest board members Amy Lewis and Kerri Collins, their leadership experience will further shape and strengthen our Section. I would also like to welcome the appointment of Derek Mueller as the new Section Newsletter Chair; please don't hesitate to contact him regarding any articles and postings that you would like to have included in our newsletter.

Finally, I want to thank Garry Ford and Marc Jacobson for their leadership and direction, the success of our Section, especially over the past two years, could not have been realized without their contributions.

Sincerely,

Rob Belarmino, P.E.

South Texas ITE Section President

**Congratulations to
David Russell III,
2011 STITE
Scholarship winner!**



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STITE JANUARY LUNCH MEETING

January 26, 2011

FEATURED SPEAKER:



Mike Frisbie, P.E., City of San Antonio City Engineer and Director of Capital Improvement Management Services (CIMS)

2012 Bond Program



Marc Jacobson swears in 2011 STITE Officers

The initial meeting of 2011 was held on January 26 at the Norris Conference Center, with over 60 STITE members in attendance. The meeting began with 2010 Section Representative **Marc Jacobson** swearing in the 2011 officers. STITE Vice-President **Michael Garza** presented awards to Past President **Garry Ford** and **Marc Jacobson** for their years of service to STITE.

Mike Garza and Secretary/ Treasurer **Amy Lewis** gave the treasurer's report stating STITE had over seven thousand dollars in its account at the end of 2010. Mike Garza then introduced the featured speaker, **Mike Frisbie**, City Engineer.

Mr. Frisbie started his presentation by detailing his previous work experiences in Wyoming, Utah, and Arizona. He shared experiences and insights he learned at these positions.

He then gave a summary of the City's 2007 Bond Program. 76 percent of the projects on the bond are currently completed or in construction. The \$550 million bond consisted of 150 projects throughout the city. Mr. Frisbie talked about successful elements of the bond program as well as areas which could be improved.

He also showed the City's bond program website where a list of all the programs can be

shown as well as the Bond Status Dashboard which is a continually updated chart showing the status and level of completion of the bond program. The dashboard and list of projects can be found at the following link:

www.sanantonio.gov/2007bond.

After discussing the previous bond program, Mr. Frisbie then gave an update on the status of the 2012 bond program. The bond is expected to be approximately \$600 million. The City is currently selecting projects to be put in the bond program through community bond committees. The bond program will be voted upon in the May, 2012 election. The projects are scheduled to begin immediately upon a successful vote.

Mr. Frisbie said the City was hoping to improve aspects of the bond program from 2007 such as avoiding peaks and valleys in the work load, creating project schedules earlier, and updating the Design Guidance Manual.

He also noted that the City is trying to implement elements of complete streets into the bond program. Complete streets are roadways which strive to take into account all users such as bikes, pedestrians, transit, and vehicles. Bond project candidates will be evaluated to see which ones should incorporate complete street elements into.



Mike Garza and Amy Lewis with Mike Frisbie



Garry Ford & Marc Jacobson

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STITE FEBRUARY LUNCH MEETING

February 23, 2011

FEATURED SPEAKER:



Renee Green, P.E.,
Bexar County
County Engineer

Bexar County Infrastructure Services Capital Projects



Renee Green with STITE Officers Rob Belarmino, Amy Lewis, and Mike Garza.

The February STITE meeting was held at the Sonterra Country Club. STITE President **Rob Belarmino** initiated the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Vice President **Mike Garza** announced Section news such as the upcoming TextITE meeting in March at Fort Worth and the next STITE meeting at UTSA. Secretary / Treasurer **Amy Lewis** gave the Treasurer's report stating the current account balances and projected budget. Mike Garza then introduced the speaker **Renee Green**, County Engineer.

Ms. Green started her presentation by discussing ongoing Capital Projects. The County currently has 17 projects under construction and 15 projects under design.

Ms. Green then talked about upcoming County projects. Bexar County will have five new construction projects for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Additionally, there will be three TxDOT pass-thru projects. Construction management contracts will also be awarded for each of the pass-thru projects.

To improve the management and efficiency of the capital improvement projects more efficient, the County is using technology to streamline the process. Ms. Green gave an overview of the CivCast Plan Room, which is a

virtual plan room. It provides digital access to components of a project such as the plans, plan revisions, bid documents, addendums, and bid tabulations. Users are notified via email when information in the construction room is updated.

In addition to the capital improvement projects, Ms. Green outlined other County projects and initiatives. She said the County is currently preparing for a possible bond program in 2012. Additionally, the County has a subdivision maintenance bond program it is coordinating with the City of San Antonio, and a regional habitat conservation program stemming from a US Fish and Wildlife grant. The County also has the "YourGov" internet link and iphone app. This allows citizens to report and track non-emergency issues to the county.



UPCOMING WTS-SAR EVENTS:

March 29, Awards Luncheon Honoring Recipients:

Renee Green, HNTB Corporation, RJ Rivera, US 281 Superstreet (Pape-Dawson and Alamo RMA)

2010 HOLIDAY BANQUET

