

Professional Development

Discussions are underway with Trafficware regarding a possible Synchro training course in San Antonio. The course would be held at Pape-Dawson's offices and would likely be scheduled late January or February 2009.

Upcoming Events

• OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

The next STITE meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 11:30 AM at Grady's Barbecue on Fredericksburg Road. The speaker will be announced at a later date.

• STITE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET

Save the date of Saturday, December 6, 2008. The Section's next Annual Holiday Banquet will be held that evening at Rita's on the River Walk, in the Mark's Room. More details will follow. Arrangements are being handled by Rob Belarmino who can be reached at rbelarmino@pape-dawson.com.

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Section News...

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR STITE OFFICE

The Nominations Committee, Chaired by Rene Arredondo, will be accepting nominations for two STITE offices – Secretary/Treasurer and Section Representative. Nominations can be sent to Rene Arredondo at rarredondo@cectexas.com. Official ballots will be emailed to STITE members later this month. Voting results will be announced at the STITE Annual Holiday Banquet on December 6, 2008 and newly elected officers will be sworn in.

The current ballot includes the following:

President – **Eduardo Mendoza**
Vice President – **Garry Ford**
Secretary/Treasurer – Open
Section Representative. – Open

Duties of each position are provided below:

President – The President presides over Section meetings and appoints committees as he/she sees fit. The President acts as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President transmits a report on Section activities to the District President at least 2 weeks prior to each District Board meeting. The Section

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Report shall include: the current status of the Section membership; the current status of the Section budget; listing of activities carried out since the last report; listing of ongoing and planned activities; and schedule of future Section meetings.

Vice President – The Vice-President is responsible for arranging Section meetings and for presiding over such meetings in the absence of the President.

Secretary/Treasurer – The Secretary-Treasurer maintains the membership roster and bank account of the Section. In addition, the Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for the collection of dues and other Section revenue.

Section Representative - Representatives of the Section are selected in a manner consistent with the Section by-laws. Section Representatives shall present the concerns of their respective Sections to the District 9 Executive Board. They shall attend at least two District meetings during their term.

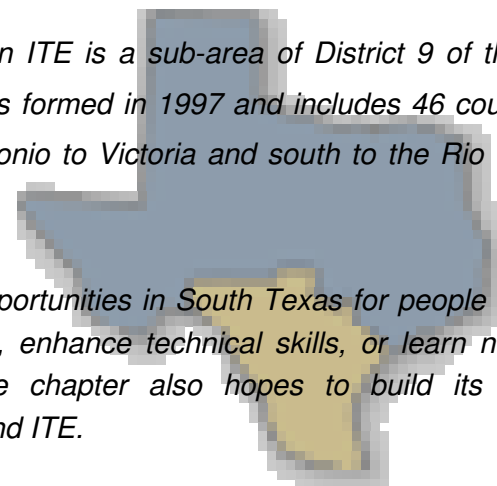
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The South Texas Section ITE is a sub-area of District 9 of the Texas District of ITE (a.k.a. TexITE). The section was formed in 1997 and includes 46 counties in the area that stretches from Del Rio to San Antonio to Victoria and south to the Rio Grande Valley (more land than some states!).

There have been few opportunities in South Texas for people in the transportation industry to network with their peers, enhance technical skills, or learn new methods of controlling and planning for traffic. The chapter also hopes to build its membership and to promote membership in TexITE and ITE.



STITE Officers:

President

Marc Jacobson, P.E., PTOE
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Vice-President

Eduardo Mendoza, P.E.
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Secretary/Treasurer

Garry Ford, P.E., PTOE
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Section Representative

Andy Ballard, P.E., PTOE
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Committee Chairs:

Membership: Rob Belarmino,
Pape-Dawson Engineers

Website: Garry Ford,
City of San Antonio

Nominations: Rene Arredondo,
CEC Civil Engineering Consultants

Newsletter: Kerri Collins,
Pape-Dawson Engineers

Annual Holiday Banquet:
Rob Belarmino,
Pape-Dawson Engineers

Member News...

Garry Ford, Jr., P.E., PTOE has accepted a position as Traffic Signal Engineer with the City of San Antonio. Garry will be working in the Traffic Management Division for Lily Banda, PE, PTOE. Garry currently serves as STITE Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of the Website Committee. Garry's email address is garry.ford@sanantonio.gov

Alex Reyna, Jr., P.E. recently joined Bury+Partners in the Austin Office. Alex accepted a position as Project Engineer. Alex serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Capital Area Section. He can be reached at areyna@burypartners.com.

Chris Georges, P.E. has formed a new company specializing in data collection and analysis, PT Data, Inc. Chris can be reached at cgeorges@ptdatainc.com



South Texas/Capital Metro Section Joint Meeting...

The South Texas and Capital Area Sections joined together for a monthly meeting held in San Marcos on September 26, 2008. The meeting featured three guest speakers, **Jeff Barton**, Hays County Commissioner, Precinct 2, **Will Conley**, Hays County Commissioner, Precinct 3 and **Sabas Avila**, Interim Director of Engineering, City of San Marcos.

The meeting began with a Welcome from STITE President, **Marc Jacobson**, who commented that this meeting was the first Annual Joint Meeting for the two Sections. **Gordon Derr**, Vice President, Capital Area Section, announced that the next meeting Capital Areas Section meeting is scheduled for October 10 and would feature a tour of the Operations Center for the Commuter Rail in Austin.

STITE members are welcome to attend.

Alex Reyna, Capital Area Section Secretary/Treasurer introduced the first and second speakers, Jeff Barton and Will Conley, both from Hays County.

Commissioner Barton discussed the importance of the County's Bond Initiative slated for the November ballot. If passed, the Bond would allow for numerous improvements to the County's infrastructure including TxDOT roadways. Commissioner Conley described a number of the projects including those located on I-35 Frontage Roads, FM 1626, and US 290W.

The final speaker, Sabas Avila, was introduced by Eduardo Mendoza, South Texas Section Vice President. Mr.

Avila pointed out many of San Marcos' attractions that are visited by tourists. One of the more widely known, the Outlet Stores, are the third most visited tourist attraction in Texas. The Alamo and the River Walk are first and second. The city was incorporated in 1851 and has a population that exceeds 50,000. The City of San Marcos has 300 lane miles of roadway and 52% of the funds supporting transportation improvements come from the City sales tax. Mr. Sabas discussed some of the current and future projects in the City of San Marcos.

The meeting, held at the City of San Marcos Activity Center, was attended by over 60 Section members.

ITE District & National News...

The **TextITE Winter Meeting** will be held in Lubbock February 5 – 7, 2009. Contact the Local Arrangements Committee Chair, Sharmon Owens if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer. More information about the Winter Meeting will be posted on the TextITE website at www.textite.org.



ITS Projects Workshop, Nov. 6-7

TextITE members are invited to attend this workshop in Oklahoma City. The workshop uses the new *FHWA Systems Engineering for Intelligent Transportation Systems: An Introduction for Transportation Professionals* guide as a primary reference to introduce systems engineering to management, ITS project managers, and technical and project staff. Examples of state system engineering processes will be discussed as part of the presentation of process development and implementation. The importance and benefits, and the implications for management will be discussed, as well as basic systems.

San Antonio ITE 2009 Annual Meeting and Exhibit

San Antonio will be hosting the 2009 Annual Meeting and Exhibit in August of 2009. Contact John Friebele if you are interested in assisting with coordinating local events. Also, John still has some specially designed shirts promoting the San Antonio Annual Meeting that are available for sale.

ITE 2009 Technical Conference

ITE 2009 Annual Meeting and Exhibit



Transportation Operations in Action

March 22 - 25, 2009
Phoenix Convention Center
Phoenix, Arizona, USA



August 9-12, 2009
Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas, USA

For Publishing Member, Event or Other News ...

If you would like to share member news, make an announcement or provide information on a relevant topic, please submit articles, text and/or photos to Kerri Collins at kcollins@pape-dawson.com.