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**Nominations:** Rene Arredondo,  
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**Newsletter:** Kerri Collins,  
Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.

**Student Liaison:** Mike Garza,  
Pate Engineers

**Section News...**

**ANNOUNCING THE 2009  
STITE OFFICERS**

The Nominations Committee, Chaired by Rene Arredondo, announced the results of the election at the STITE Annual Holiday Banquet on December 6, 2008. The newly elected officers were sworn in as follows:

**PRESIDENT –  
EDUARDO MENDOZA, PE, PTOE**



**SECRETARY/TREASURER –  
ROBERTSON BELARMINO, PE**



**VICE PRESIDENT –  
GARRY FORD, JR, PE, PTOE**



**SECTION REPRESENTATIVE –  
MARC JACOBSON, PE, PTOE**



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ELECTION RESULTS  
HOLIDAY BANQUET  
JANUARY MEETING**

**SOUTH TEXAS  
ITE SECTION  
NEWS:**

**As of last month  
our Section  
membership is  
over 50 !!!**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!!!**

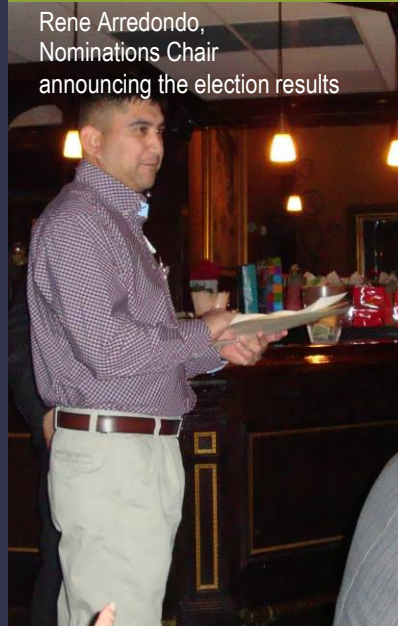
**THE NEXT STITE  
LUNCH  
MEETING WILL  
BE ON MARCH  
25, 2009**

**FEATURED  
SPEAKER:**

To be Announced

**The meeting will  
be held at  
Grady's  
BBQ Restaurant**

**6510 San Pedro  
San Antonio, TX  
78216**



Rene Arredondo,  
Nominations Chair  
announcing the election results



STITE officers being sworn in  
by Andy Ballard

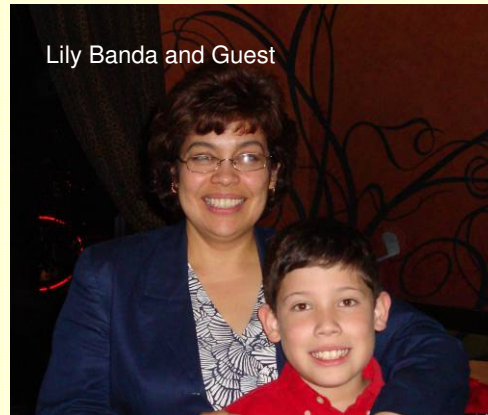
Eduardo Mendoza Marc Jacobson Garry Ford Rob Belarmino

## **Annual Holiday Banquet**

The 2008 Annual STITE Holiday Banquet was a big success! The party was held at Rita's on the River and attended by over 50 members and guests.

The election votes were tallied and the new 2009 officers were announced and sworn into office by Andy Ballard.

The traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange took place following dinner. Many unique and highly prized gifts were unveiled and sought after. Of particular note, was the Automatic VHS Tape Rewinder. Gilmer Gaston was the lucky recipient.



Lily Banda and Guest

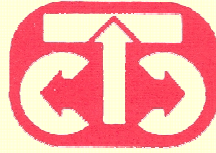
Many thanks are owed to our sponsors for the evening and to Rob Belarmino and his committee for arranging the event.



Miguel Barrera and Christina  
De La Cruz



Thank you to our Sponsors for the Holiday Banquet:



## TexITE District News:

### Upcoming District Meetings

**2009 Summer Meeting**  
San Antonio  
August 9-12, 2009  
Joint meeting w/ ITE Annual Meeting  
TexITE Coordinator: John Friebele

**2010 Winter Meeting**  
Frisco  
January 28-30, 2010  
Co-chairs: Brian Moen and Dharmesh Shah

**2010 Summer Meeting**  
Houston Area  
Dates to be determined

### 2009 San Antonio Meeting Shirts Still Available

Hopefully by now you've heard that the Texas District will play host to the 2009 ITE Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Help promote the conference at your section meetings by wearing a specially created shirt just for the event. These shirts are available exclusively on the TexITE web site and are not available in any retail store. [Order yours today](#) while supplies last! Contact John Friebele at [jfriebele@wilbursmith.com](mailto:jfriebele@wilbursmith.com) if you have questions.

## Upcoming ITE Events:

### 2009 ITE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE



#### *Transportation Operations in Action*

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

### ITE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING & EXHIBIT



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

## STITE JANUARY LUNCH MEETING

FEATURED SPEAKER:



GILMER D. GASTON,  
P.E., PTOE

Pape-Dawson  
Engineers, Inc.

## US 281 SUPERSTREET-

**A Simple Alternative for Improving Traffic Flow in a Congested Corridor**



The January 28<sup>th</sup> STITE meeting was held at Grady's Restaurant on San Pedro Avenue. Section business was discussed at the start of the meeting. Eduardo Mendoza, STITE President gave a report of plans for upcoming meetings. Mike Garza, Student Liaison reported that he is working on preparing a workshop with the ASCE meeting. He made a presentation to students at UTSA.

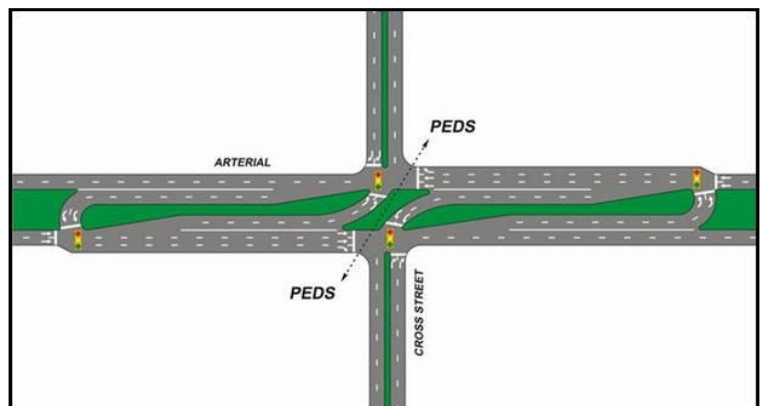
Rob Belarmino, STITE Treasurer, provided a report stating that the account currently contains over \$3,300.00. He mentioned that some activities involving middle school and high school students, such as the Future City competition, are being considered.

Marc Jacobson, STITE Section Representative, mentioned the TexITE Lubbock Meeting. Garry Ford, STITE Vice President, mentioned that topics for future meetings would include "real" projects. If anyone is interested in presenting information about a current project they should contact Garry at [garry.ford@sanantonio.gov](mailto:garry.ford@sanantonio.gov).

Gilmer Gaston provided a presentation on the US 281 Superstreet project which included the intersections of Encino Rio, Evans Road, Stone Oak Parkway and Marshall Road. When the environmental

clearance for the US 281 improvement project was rescinded by the Federal Government, Gilmer was given the green light by Sam and Gene Dawson to develop an interim improvement. The company performed the work without funding.

The Superstreet concept reconfigures a conventional intersection by removing the through and left-turn traffic from the side streets and relocating it to downstream turnarounds. Side street



traffic wishing to cross US 281 or make a left-turn would be required to turn right and make a u-turn at a signalized turnaround before continuing on US 281 or making a right turn onto the side street. US 281 traffic would still be able to turn left onto side streets. The removal of the side street movements allows for more green time to be allotted to northbound and southbound US 281. A simulation of the Existing and Future improvements was presented. The analysis results showed a 40 to 60% reduction in delay, an increase in throughput by more than 30%, and a reduction in travel time between Loop 1604 and Marshall Road by 8 minutes. The Superstreet concept would also improve safety at the intersections by removing conflict points.

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## Candidates for ITE International Vice President

### W. Hibbett Neel, P.E., ITE Fellow

*President/CEO, Neel-Schaffer Inc., Jackson, MS, USA*



I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for Vice President. ITE has been an important part of my professional career and I am looking forward to applying my experience to help make ITE an even stronger organization.

ITE is the worldwide advocate for effective transportation solutions. ITE provides for the professional development needs of its members. I am committed to strengthening this mandate in every way possible.

In addition to supporting our technical professional development initiatives and the many specialty councils, I will focus on the following goals:

- Expand marketing of ITE and the transportation profession to ensure funding of transportation improvements.
- Support professional development of our members to provide the training we need to be recognized as transportation leaders.
- Support student chapters and the professional development of our young professionals.

**For more details, please visit:**

[www.ite.org/candidates/hibbettneel](http://www.ite.org/candidates/hibbettneel)

#### Elected ITE Offices Held

- 1st President/Co-founder–Deep South Division (Section)
- All offices–Southern Section (District)
- Representative–Southern District 5 to the International Board of Direction

#### ITE Committees

##### *District*

- Southern District Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee–Chairman (three times)

##### *International*

- Southern District 5–Representative
- Ethics Task Force–Chairman
- Policy and Legislative Committee–Chairman
- Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation (3R) Committee–Chairman

#### ITE Councils

- Transportation Consultants–Chairman
- Transportation Expert Witness–Executive Committee
- Traffic Engineering

#### ITE Awards

- Deep South Section–Outstanding Service Award
- Southern District–Herman J. Hoose Distinguished Service Award
- Southern Section–Marble J. Hensley Individual Activity Award

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### Robert C. Wunderlich, P.E., ITE Fellow

*Senior Managing Director–Transportation and Engineering, City of Garland, TX, USA*



“Every day our members work to make the world’s transportation systems better. Our members care whether people can walk, ride, drive or be driven safely and efficiently. It’s important work–work that makes a difference in peoples’ lives. We do it with passion, caring, and a sense of responsibility that goes beyond ourselves.”

#### Vision for ITE

- Give all professionals working on transportation issues a home in ITE.
- Build upon our clear leadership in the staples of the profession so that we have the information we need to do our jobs.
- Explore and understand the larger issues of society so that we are positioned to address them.
- Provide professionals with electronic, virtual workspaces so that we can easily collaborate on boards, councils and committees.
- Make sure our members can access the vast amount of knowledge we have developed – quickly and easily, from wherever we work in the world.
- Tell the world about our capabilities. We need to make sure that public leaders understand that our expertise is vital to solving transportation problems.

#### Why Robert?

**Robert leads.** He has consistently accepted and succeeded in leadership positions in ITE, his career and community  
**Robert knows** that the strength of ITE lies within its members and their efforts to make themselves and their profession better.

**Robert innovates.** He brought a teen driving safety program to Garland that has been introduced into all the high schools.

**Robert listens and acts.** He started student presentation poster sessions at District Meetings after consulting with student members about their needs.

**Robert understands** the big picture and the day-to-day needs of ITE members. Although he is on his city’s executive management team, he still practices transportation engineering with his staff.

**For more details, please visit:**

[www.robert4.ite.org](http://www.robert4.ite.org)