



DRAFT TexITE District 9 Board Meeting Minutes
Spring 2007
April 12, 2007
TTI Offices Statewide

In attendance: Jason Crawford, President; Rick Charlton, Vice-President; Brian Jahn, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Wunderlich, International Director (Texas); Srinivasa Sunkari, Brazos Valley Section Representative; Scott Cooner, Greater Fort Worth Area Section Representative; Taylor Withrow, At-Large Area Section Representative / Amarillo Local Arrangements Committee Chair; Gilmer Gaston, Consultants' Council Chair; Randy Schulze, Houston Area Section Representative; Rebecca Bray, Membership Committee Chair; Melisa Finley, Awards and Future Engineers Committee Chair; Praveen Pasumarthy, Newsletter Committee Chair; Gary Thomas, Website Committee Chair / Student Liaison; Andy Ballard, South Texas Area Section Representative; Dan Vedral, Irving Local Arrangements Committee; Dave Carter; Dale Picha, San Antonio Local Arrangements Committee Chair; Walter Ragsdale, Legislative Committee Chair

1. Call to Order (Crawford)

Meeting called to order at 11:04 am by Jason Crawford.

2. Section Representative Swearing In (Crawford)

Andy Ballard was sworn in as South Texas Section Representative by Jason Crawford.

3. Approval of October 27, 2006 Board Meeting Notes (Crawford)

Melisa Finley commented on spelling of her name. In addition, several other pages needed modifications. Discussion ensued concerning who should make or second motions...resolution - only Board Members. Approval of minutes postponed until Summer meeting in Amarillo. Single 'pdf' file format preferred.

4. International Director Report (Wunderlich)

Robert Wunderlich reported the following:

- Brian Bachner and Andrew O'Brien were both elected as Honorary Members of ITE;
- the ITE Board approved further development of the 'Membership Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation Plan'. He pointed out that the Texas District has been identified as a district which fosters membership by supporting student activities within the district;
- he informed the Board that ITE International has adopted a modified cash reserve policy which changes the level to 75% of all annual operating expenses to protect from catastrophic financial situation;
- ITE staffing has been reorganized in reaction to personnel departures and hiring of Doug Nobles (also need to hire an accountant);

- a significant amount of information has been gathered relative to other Districts meeting formats, etc. and this will be shared with the Special Meetings Committee;
- the 2009 ITE Annual Meeting is in San Antonio and work will begin this year on preparations for this event.

5. District Administrator Report (Crawford)

Jim Williams not present, but report given by Jason Crawford. The income and expenses for Winter 2007 meeting not final yet (tentatively showing a \$1,700 profit). In addition, approximately \$2,000 Acteva charge has been added to 2007 meetings account and could be split between Amarillo and Irving. Overdraft charges due to a late Acteva payment have been reversed by Bank of America (all but \$19). Disbursement from ITE for dues should be arriving soon. Budget finalized for 2006 w/ expenses under projected and revenue \$4,800 over projected.

- **State Tax Exempt Application Status**

Needed for Summer 2007 meeting. Finley also needs a copy for awards vendor.

- **2006 Federal Tax Return**

Due in May.

6. Treasurer's Report (Crawford)

- **Account Balances**

Meetings account balance is \$14,308.10 and checking account balance is \$41,148.19.

- **Budget Review**

Only about \$500 in expenses for 2007 so far.

7. Action on 2007 Budget (Crawford)

- **Technical Paper Award**

Awards Committee proposes adding a \$100 line item for Technical Paper Award recipient. Approval moved by Jahn, seconded by Charlton, motion passed.

- **Newsletter Expenses**

Newsletter Committee proposes an increase in newsletter line items to \$500 for printing and \$150 for postage to reflect actual incurred costs. Approval moved by Schulze and seconded by Charlton. Motion passed.

8. Vice-President's Report (Charlton)

Rick Charlton reported that two abstracts have been submitted, one ITS submittal by Jeff O'Brien and one from Kent Kacir regarding a project in Tyler. Rick is also considering RLR Camera legislature session or a more general legislative topic. He is also working on the program for Irving. Dale Thomson may not be supportive of O'Brien's proposal.

9. President's Report (Crawford)

Jason Crawford commented on numerous ongoing activities including the evaluation of the meeting process.

10. Local Arrangement Committee Reports

- **Winter 2007, Houston (Clark)**

Not present. No report

- **Summer 2007, Amarillo (Withrow)**

Meeting plans are being finalized (food, transportation, Friday night event, etc.). Final budget will be forwarded for comment. Hotel has been selected at a rate of \$60/nt. Taylor is still working on vegetarian meals. HPG will be closing at 11:30 am so Kick-Off Lunch can start at 1:00 pm. Technical sessions will start at 2:30 pm. Registration fee tentatively set at \$130.

- **Winter 2008, Irving (Vedral)**

Dan Vedral reported that the LAC has secured Texas Stadium for the Friday Night event. Dates tentatively set for Jan 17-19, 2008. Hotel not set yet. Finley (later) pointed out that these dates conflict w/ TRB dates for 2008. LAC will investigate alternative dates and report back.

- **Summer 2008, San Antonio (Picha)**

Dale Picha reported that St. Anthony Hotel downtown has been selected at a rate of \$129/nt. Hyatt was available for Wed-Fri timeframe, but committee opted against it due to high food/beverage minimums. At the St. Anthony, guest rooms are small and parking is \$15-25 extra, but it's still a fair price. Food and beverage minimum is \$25K. Crawford will forward the hotel contract to Tom Brahms for review.

- **Swapping of Winter/Summer 2009 Meeting Zones (Crawford)**

Based on Arlington's request to host Summer 2009 in order to take advantage of the new Cowboy Stadium. This might require switching Region 1 from Winter 2009 to Summer 2009. Several options discussed including selecting Arlington outright, switching regions or simply allowing Arlington to compete out of turn for Summer 2009. The stadium will supposedly be complete enough to hold a function and Arlington has supposedly secured rights to use it. Decision was made to leave the meeting rotation as planned and to let Arlington to compete out of turn for 2009 if they believe that have a unique offering of interest to the membership. Invitations will be sent to Region 1 for Winter 2009.

11. Summer 2007 Elections Status (Crawford)

Scott Cooner reported that two nominees for Sec/Treas have been secured (Gaston and Hartmann). Write-in candidates are due by May 1st and ballots (including proposed by-laws changes) will be mailed/made available by May 15th.

12. Section Reports (see attached)

- **Brazos Valley Section**
- **Capital Area Section**
- **Greater Dallas**
- **Greater Fort Worth**
- **Greater Houston**
- **South Texas**

13. Committee Reports (see attached)

- **Highway Products Group (Thomson)**
(no report)
- **Membership Committee (Bray)**
Materials will be complete and ready for presentation at the Summer meeting in Amarillo.
- **District Database (Langdon)**
(no report)
- **Consultants Council (Gaston)**
Gaston reported Council membership of 30 firms. Group is currently looking into a revision of its participation in TexITE meetings. Thursday night event will continue, but might change form.
- **Technical Committee (Luedtke)**
(no report)
- **Newsletter (Pasumarthy)**
Next issue will be available during the first week of May. Withrow will send information regarding the Amarillo meeting.
- **Website (Thomas)**
Report presented by Gary Thomas. Need to consider requesting 'download rights' from presenters up front for TexITE meeting presentations.
 - **Meeting Minutes, Policy Manual, By-Laws Status**
Minutes up to date, Policy Manual still needs updating.
- **Student Chapter Liaison (Thomas)**

Only two chapters submitted reports for consideration of award. Format for Student Presentation session in Amarillo still up in the air. Discussion ensued about how to get students to be more active in TexITE. Wunderlich and Schulze voiced comments on possible methodologies (Adopt-A-Chapter, etc.).

- **Legislative Committee (Ragsdale)**
Walter Ragsdale presented. May 28th is last day for Legislature to meet.
- **Younger Members Committee (Butcher)**
(see attached)
- **Committee for Future Engineers (Finley)**
No report, work ongoing.
- **Awards Committee (Finley)**
Four Sections have submitted reports for the Section Report Award. Winner to be announced by late April and this info forwarded to ITE by May 1st. Two nominations have been received so far for Engineer of the Year award and none for Younger Member of the Year.
- **Special Meetings Committee (Carter)**
Dave Carter reported that the group met and did discuss the basic principles of meeting process. Future meetings (Amarillo, etc.) will provide opportunity for additional discussion about specifics including change of days (Wed-Fri, etc.), meeting location selection process and only hosting one Business Lunch per year. No recommendations to date, but the Committee will be working on a survey to be sent to general membership to gain additional feedback. Crawford and Thomas suggested using the Zoomerang tool used to conduct the 'post-Houston' survey.

14. Historian (Crawford)
(no report)

15. Other Business
(none)

16. Adjourn

Adjournment moved by Charlton and seconded by Taylor. Motion passed, meeting adjourned @ 1:31 pm, April 12th.



**TexITE District 9 Board Meeting Minutes
Winter 2007
February 1-2, 2007
Houston Crowne Plaza Hotel**

In attendance: Jason Crawford, President; Rick Charlton, Vice-President; Brian Jahn, Secretary-Treasurer; Brian Van De Walle, Immediate Past President; Robert Wunderlich, International Director (Texas); Earl Newman, ITE International President; Ken Voigt, ITE Vice-Presidential Candidate; Rod Kelly, ITE Vice-Presidential Candidate; Srinivasa Sunkari, Brazos Valley Section Representative; David Carey, Capital Area Section Representative; Scott Cooner, Greater Fort Worth Area Section Representative; Taylor Withrow, At-Large Area Section Representative / Amarillo Local Arrangements Committee Chair; Mark Titus, Dallas Area Section Representative; Randy Schulze, Houston Area Section Representative; Rebecca Bray, Membership Committee Chair; Dale Thomson, Highway Products Group Chair; Jennifer Butcher, Younger Members Committee Chair; Wayne Kurfees, Past President's Committee Chair; Praveen Pasumarthy, Newsletter Committee Chair; Paul Luedtke, Technical Committee Chair; Gary Thomas, Website Committee Chair / Student Liaison; Rene Arredondo, South Texas Area Section President; Robert Saylor, Dallas Area Section Vice-President; Jim Carvell; Dave Carter; Stuart Corder, Houston Local Arrangements Committee Chair; Connie Clark, Houston Local Arrangements Committee (Budget)

1. Call to Order (Crawford)

Meeting called to order at 3:08 pm by Jason Crawford.

2. Section Representative Swearing In (Crawford)

Randy Schulze was sworn in as Houston Area Section Representative by Jason Crawford.

3. Approval of October 27, 2006 Board Meeting Notes (Crawford)

Van De Walle made change regarding '2006' to '2007' Budget reference. Meeting minutes were approved – moved by Van De Walle seconded by Bray.

4. International Vice-President Candidates' Address (Voigt/Kelly)

Short presentations were made by Ken Voigt and Rod Kelly stating their platforms and directions for the upcoming Vice-Presidential election.

5. International Director Report (Wunderlich)

Robert Wunderlich reported that all changes in membership grades proposed by ITE International have been ratified by the general membership. He also identified several issues that the International Board is dealing with including:

- integration of 'International' aspect of ITE into everything we do;
- the 'Public Face' of ITE and the transportation profession;
- recruitment/retention/reactivation task force;

Robert also included several reminders concerning Specialty Councils (one already included w/ membership), certifications (PTOE, TOPS, PTP - the new Professional Transportation Planner) and webinars (multiple topics currently available from ITE). He reported that the organization is in excellent financial health and requested input from Texas members regarding what more the organization could be doing to serve its members.

President Earl Newman then addressed the Board and voiced his appreciation for what Robert has accomplished, what the Texas District does and encouraged the membership to participate in one of the upcoming leadership webinars.

6. District Administrator Report (Williams)

(Taken out of order on February 2nd...) Jim Williams presented 2006 expenditures and meetings account info. 2006 appears to be complete. Increase in student chapter support due to Kingsville and another increase will be required if San Antonio approved. Student travel will also require increase for 2007. Discussion ensued concerning Acteva fees.

- **Insurance Coverage**

Williams pointed out the over-expense of insurance line item was due to change in policy/premiums.

- **Tax Exempt Application Status**

- **Meeting Reconciliation**

Meetings account shows income and expenses for San Antonio (hosted by International-no income) and College Station (revenue of \$6,700).

- **2005 Federal Tax Return Status**

Dispute w/ IRS resolved at no expense.

- **2006 Federal Tax Return**

Due in May.

7. Treasurer's Report (Jahn)

- **Account Balances**

Meetings account balance is \$25,600 and checking account balance is \$41,600.

- **Budget Review – Dashboard**

No expenses for 2007 yet.

8. Action on 2007 Budget (Crawford)

- **Support of International Candidate Expenses**

Board proposes \$2,500 line item for VP candidate's travel. Rod stated he will only use this funding if he needs it...approval moved by Van De Walle, seconded by Charlton, motion passed.

9. Vice-President's Report (Charlton)

Rick Charlton solicited help in putting together the technical program for Abilene. He requested input from membership regarding topics/papers for technical session presentations. Brian Van De Walle encouraged Rick to review section reports for potential topics.

10. President's Report (Crawford)

Jason Crawford commented on his column in Fall Newsletter requesting support in increasing activity at the section and district level. He pointed out that no one responded to the call for abstracts. He also talked about changing process of putting together a meeting. Crawford charged Younger Members Committee with developing an 'RFP' for future meetings. Membership Committee has the following charges – define member benefits, identify ways to protect these benefits, propose a member growth program, work with Wunderlich to develop a public employee contact database (each Section will nominate a member to assist on Committee), survey county/municipal employees about how they are reimbursed for membership in professional organizations (travel/meetings) and research ways to increase involvement from TxDOT staff.

Jason also discussed need to provide a continuous involvement opportunity from student level on. Next topic of discussion was the creation of a group to study how, what and why we hold our District meetings in order to possibly propose modifications for future meetings. Wayne Kurfees warned caution when pursuing changes to existing meeting system. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding meeting invitation process, structure, duration and frequency between Crawford, Kurfees, Charlton, Newman and Wunderlich. Meetings Committee members are to include Kurfees, Wunderlich, Van De Walle, Jahn, Carter, Withrow, Clark and Thomson.

11. Local Arrangement Committee Reports

- **Winter 2007, Houston (Corder/Clark/Thomson)**

Stuart Corder reported 140 members, 19 students, 47 vendors, 8 late and 15 non-members registered (229 total). Connie Clark informed that 10 more late registrations were needed to break even. Dale Thomson reported good showing from vendor community and requested assistance when exhibit hall breaks down and lunch is being set. Thomson pointed out that \$6,308 is being spent on Thursday evening and Friday morning - over \$7,700 total contributed.

- **Summer 2007, Amarillo (Withdraw)**
Meeting plans are being finalized and proposed budget is available for comment. Hotel has been selected at a rate of \$60/nt. However, problems exist w/ the HPG (atrium) space and security. This meeting will mark the Tone Deaf 15-year anniversary. It was recommended that Tom Brahms review any hotel contract (very experienced).
- **Winter 2008, Irving (Cline)**
(no report)
- **Summer 2008, Invitees (Charlton)**
Rick Charlton sent out invites to 8 cities in target section (Corpus, Brownsville, San Antonio, Victoria, McAllen, Pasadena, Beaumont & Galveston). So far, only Galveston has replied, but prices too high. South Texas may propose, but none yet. Randy Schulze stated that Houston Section will offer to host meeting somewhere in the Section. Wayne Kurfees asked if all members were solicited and Rick replied that only public sector was contacted. Kurfees advised that *all* members should be contacted initially. Discussion ensued regarding selection practices and potential delay if selection by Board.
- **Acteva Contract Feedback (Thomas/Williams/Corder/Clark)**
Gary Thomas reported that Acteva is working well w/out the problems experienced in the past under PayPal. Clark advised of somewhat hidden fees that were discovered and recommended an increase in the Acteva budget line item for future meetings.

12. Action on Policy, By-Laws, and District Functions (Crawford)

- **Recording Board Action through E-mail or Conference Call**
Jason Crawford solicited comments and Charlton responded with a question about using 'reply to all' function of e-mail. Crawford replied that a conference call should be initiated instead of trying to use e-mail to conduct discussion on action items. Approval of policy moved by Butcher and seconded by Charlton, motion passed.
- **Jim Carvell Travel Scholarship**
A travel scholarship has been established in Jim Carvell's name by his family to assist students with travel-related expenses to the ITE annual meeting. Award of this scholarship to be made by awards committee, however, Board can review. Approval moved by Wunderlich and seconded by Van De Walle, motion passed.
- **Resolution for By-laws Changes**
The Board considered the addition of language in Section 2 to encourage attendance of Board meetings by allowing the Board to declare vacant and fill any office whose holder misses two or more consecutive Board meetings. In

addition changes were made to reflect an annual Board report to International due Jan 31 each year. Also removed language in Section 6 regarding District Chair. Approval moved by Schulze and seconded by Charlton. In discussion, Wunderlich made a motion to change the word 'shall' to 'may' in Section 2.4 (meeting attendance requirements) and add 'by the Board', seconded by Bray. Amended motion passed.

- **Capital Area Section Representative Term Realignment**

Jason Crawford recommended that the Capital Area Rep shall serve a term of one year and then the Section shall hold elections in accordance with the TextITE by-laws. Board agreed by consensus.

13. Section Reports (see attached)

- **Brazos Valley Section (Sunkari)**

Sunkari reported a problem with having enough qualified members to hold elections (must have two candidates for all offices). Kurfees recommended a change in by-laws to accommodate Section needs.

- **Capital Area Section (Carey)**

Report submitted by David Carey.

- **Greater Dallas (Titus)**

Report submitted by Mark Titus.

- **Greater Fort Worth (Cooner)**

Report submitted by Scott Cooner.

- **Greater Houston (Schulze)**

Report submitted by Randy Schulze.

- **South Texas (Ballard)**

Report submitted by Rene Arredondo.

14. Committee Reports (see attached)

- **Highway Products Group (Thomson)**

(presented previously)

- **Membership Committee (Bray)**

Committee will meet Friday at 4:00 pm. Revised membership form status still in process.

- **District Database (Langdon)**

(no report)

- **Consultants Council (Gaston)**
(no report)
- **Technical Committee (Luedtke)**
(no report)
- **Newsletter (Pasumarthy)**
Results of the newsletter survey were discussed. Following, a discussion of placing the newsletter on the public side of website...is it a reserved benefit or not?...motion by Wunderlich to move newsletter to public side and to include a link in notification e-mails...seconded by Butcher, motion passed.
- **Website (Thomas)**
Report presented by Gary Thomas.
 - **Meeting Minutes, Policy Manual, By-Laws Status**
- **Student Chapter Liaison (Thomas)**
Four of six chapters will present papers on Saturday. Crawford questioned the future of Saturday morning session if we continue to add student chapters. Thomas suggested poster session or other alternative. Wunderlich pointed out that poster sessions allow students to interact w/ transportation professionals.
 - **Texas A&M Kingsville Charter**
 - **UTSA Chapter Status**
UTSA has submitted request to form a chapter and it seems to be in order. Action to be delayed until Board has had an opportunity to review submittal.

----- *at 6:02 pm, February 1st, meeting recessed until 10 am next day* -----

(action resumed @ 10:08 am) Van De Walle voiced concerns regarding UTSA charter, however, language is consistent w/ other chapters' charters. Approval of UTSA request to form a student chapter moved by Van De Walle and seconded by Wunderlich, motion passed. Budget amendment moved by Jahn and seconded by Carter to increase direct support to student chapters to \$2,100 and outstanding student award to \$700, motion passed.

- **Legislative Committee (Ragsdale)**
Walter Ragsdale presented. Discussion ensued concerning TexITE Board submitting resolution(s). However, left to individuals to respond to legislature. Ragsdale will provide all needed contact info for TexITE members (website-based).
- **Younger Members Committee (Butcher)**
(no report)

- **Committee for Future Engineers (Crawford)**
Kudos go to Melisa Finley for accomplishments in her work for Future Engineers poster art competition in Dallas and BCS areas. First, second, third, etc. awards given.
- **Awards Committee (Crawford)**
Special Practice award given tomorrow for David Fenno.

15. Historian (Crawford)
(no report)

16. Other Business

Kurfees queried the effectiveness of RLR systems. Garland report cited as example. Wunderlich expounded on safety benefits vs revenue and the bills currently proposed in legislature.

Nominating committee has been formed – Simerly (chair), Cooner and Schulze.

17. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned @ 11:04 am, February 2nd.

Robert C. Wunderlich
Texas District Director

Report from the
ITE Board Meeting
March 23 and 24, 2007
San Diego, California

1. Brian Bochner and Andrew O'Brien were both elected as Honorary Members of the Institute by the Board of Direction. Honorary membership is the highest honor that can be bestowed by ITE. Those of us in Texas are already with Brian's many contributions to transportation engineering, the profession, and to ITE as an organization. Likewise, Andy O'Brien of Australia has played a key role in increasing the international aspects of ITE. I like to say that Andy brought Australia to ITE. He has been a personal friend and mentor over the years I have known him. I was introduced to Andy by Dan Fambro to work on opportunities for bringing new ideas to professionals in Texas. Andy subsequently volunteered to present workshops on both Road Safety Audits and Traffic Calming – Down Under Style at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Both Brian and Andy have had a profound influence on my career and life, and it was a privilege to be on the Board at the time of their election. I cannot imagine two more deserving individuals.

2. The Board approved the further development of a Membership Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation Plan. Our own Jason Crawford is on the Task Force for this effort and participated in a brainstorming session on this very topic in Washington, D.C. The results of that meeting are being used to develop the plan. The Board created a sub-committee, at my urging, to work with the group of members to develop the plan. This is a critical issue for the Institute and TexITE as well. We should follow this issue closely and be ready to take advantage of ideas that come from it. The academic community and student advisors are one group we are trying to reach. Texas is being held out as an example of a District that fosters membership by supporting student and younger member activities. We should try to ensure that this support translates into full ITE membership by those who make their living as transportation professionals in Texas.
3. The Board modified ITE's cash reserve policy to 75% of all annual operating expenses to ensure that the Institutes operations can be funded fully in case of an precipitous decline in revenues. The increased level has already been met by existing reserves. The Board made it clear that higher levels of reserves are not desirable and that revenues should be expended for the benefit of the members.
4. ITE staff has undergone a reorganization in the wake of the departure of Shelly Row, ITE's Chief Technical Officer. Shelly was a great asset to the Institute but

chose to return to FHWA. Doug Noble, formerly of the Washington, D.C., Transportation Department has joined ITE as the Management and Operations Senior Director. Doug is an experienced public agency professional and makes a strong addition to the technical expertise of the ITE Staff. The next important position to fill is an Accountant to work with Pete Frentz to learn the financial side of the Institute.

5. I was able to get a great deal of information from my Board colleagues about their District meetings and we will be using that to mine ideas as part of task force on TexITE meetings. I can tell you that our meetings are a bargain compared to most Districts and that only Florida meets twice a year as we do. We also accomplish the most in the least amount of time. I can also tell you that our relationship with the vendor community is unequalled, in large part due to the great leadership of Dale Thomson.
6. It was very good to see so many Texans at the Technical Conference. These Tech Conferences continue to grow in attendance.
7. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for San Antonio in 2009. We will begin working with ITE HQ Staff this year on planning the meeting. The burden on the Local Arrangements Committee has been significantly lessened in recent years, but we will still want to put our best boot forward for the meeting.

ADOPTED TEXITE BUDGET - 2007

	Adopted 2006 Budget	2006 ACTUAL Through 1/31/07	Adopted 2007 Budget
INCOME:			
Dues			
International Members	9,400.00	9,437.00	9,400.00
District Affiliate/Subscribers	1,200.00	1,180.00	1,200.00
Meeting Profit (Loss)			
Winter Meeting	-	750.00	2,000.00
Summer Meeting	2,000.00	6,702.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous			
Newsletter Advert & Listings	2,500.00	3,450.00	3,500.00
Checking Interest	20.00		0.00
CCTexITE: Student Travel	1,630.00		1,630.00
Other	-		0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 16,750.00	\$ 21,519.00	\$ 19,730.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$ -		\$ 5,950.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 16,750.00	\$ 21,519.00	\$ 25,680.00
EXPENSES:			
Newsletter			
Publishing	-		0.00
Printing	650.00	177.69	500.00
Postage	220.00	73.68	150.00
Administrative Expense:			
ITE dues for Webm & Admin	500.00	480.00	500.00
Postage & Supplies (Ballots)	50.00		50.00
Printing	50.00		50.00
Supplies	50.00	9.73	50.00
Student Chapters:			
Direct Support	1,500.00	1,800.00	2,100.00
Travel Support to District	900.00	2,465.02	6,300.00
Travel Support to ITE	1,000.00		1,000.00
Outstanding Student Awards	500.00	500.00	500.00
Outstanding Stu Chptr Award	150.00	150.00	150.00
Student Paper Awards	375.00		375.00
Awards:			
Transp Engr of Year	100.00	100.00	100.00
Young Member Award	100.00	100.00	100.00
Technical Paper Award			100.00
Future Engrs Cash Awards	175.00	175.00	175.00
Plaques	300.00	253.28	300.00
District 9 Fellowships (2 ea)	-		0.00
Contributions			
ITE (General)	200.00	200.00	200.00
ITE (Fellowship)	300.00	300.00	300.00
ITE Prof Develop Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00
Travel			
TexITE President	2,000.00		2,000.00
TexITE Vice-President	2,000.00		2,000.00
International Director	2,500.00	1,155.45	2,500.00
ITE Council Chairs	1,000.00	409.92	1,000.00
VP Int'l Campaign Exp (Rod Kelly)	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Other			
Insurance	350.00	1,300.00	1,650.00
Web Site Support	200.00	359.88	375.00
Bank Charges	100.00		100.00
Merchant Account for Web	425.00		0.00
PO Box (Yearly)	55.00	80.00	55.00
Subtotal	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 13,089.65	\$ 25,680.00
Outstanding Expenses			
Total Expenses	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 13,089.65	\$ 25,680.00

**Treasurer's Report
District 9 ITE (TexITE)
2007
as of 11 April 2007**

Checking Account

Beginning Balance **\$41,648.25**

Income

Dues: International
Dues: Dist. Affl. + Subs.
Winter 2006 (San Antonio w/ITE)
Summer 2006 (College Station)
Labels
Newsletter Advertising
Interest

Total Income **\$0.00**

Expenses

Insurance
Newsletter 307.54
Postage & Supplies - Ballots
Awards
Award Plaques 141.78
Poster Contest Winners
Poster Contest Expenses
Pres & VP Travel to ITE Ann. Mtg.
International Director Travel
ITE Council Chair Travel
VP Int'l Campaign Exp (Rod Kelly)
Trans. Engr. of Year
Young Trans. Engr. of Year
Student Chapter Support
Student Papers
Outstanding Student Awards
Outstanding St Chap Award
Student Travel Support 50.74
ITE Contributions (gen fund+schol)
ITE Contributions (Prof. Dev. Fund)
ITE Dues for Webm. & Admin.
Web Site Support
P.O. Box Rental
Bank Service Charges

Total Expenses **\$500.06**

Balance **\$41,148.19**

Tex ITE Meetings Account - 2007

11 April 2007

	Houston February 2007		Amarillo June 2007				Other		Balance	Description
	Deposits	Withdrawals	Deposits	Withdrawals	Deposits	Withdrawals	Deposits	Withdrawals		
2006		250.00		125.00					25,650.87	
January	4,352.00	3,850.00					10,254.82		15,898.05	Xfer exc.revenues to checking
							1,982.00		13,916.05	Acteva initiation charge
							3.00		13,913.05	Check enclosure fee
February	23,050.39	22,317.34					137.00		14,509.10	Overdraft fees
							52.88		14,456.22	Overdraft interest
							19.00		14,437.22	Monthly fee
March									14,437.22	
April	700.00			1,000.00			170.88		14,308.10	Ref. of most of overdraft fees + int
May									14,308.10	
June									14,308.10	
July									14,308.10	
August									14,308.10	
September									14,308.10	
October									14,308.10	
November									14,308.10	
December									14,308.10	
Jan (2006)									14,308.10	

Meeting Totals

	28,102.39	26,417.34	0.00	1,125.00	0.00	0.00
Net Revenue	1,685.05		-1,125.00		0.00	



Section Report – April 1, 2007

Officers

- President – David Besly
- Vice President – Karl Zimmerman
- Secretary-Treasurer – Michael Martin
- District 9 Representative – Srinivasa Sunkari
- Immediate Past President – Marcus Brewer

Appointed Positions

- Membership Chair – vacant
- Webmaster – Gary Thomas
- Listserv Owner/Operator – Marcus Brewer
- Summer 2006 LAC Chair – Srinivasa Sunkari

Membership

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP – 47

- Members – 21
- Affiliates – 16
- Student Members – 10

Financial Summary

Current Balance – \$964.76

Summary of Meetings since last Section Report

Date	Location	Attendance	Speaker(s)	Topic
Feb 28	Gibb Gilchrist Building, Room 102	23	Karl Zimmerman, TTI	Incorporating Safety into the Highway Design Process
Apr 11	Gibb Gilchrist Building, Room 102	(scheduled)	ITE Webinar	Low Cost Safety Improvements Web Briefing

Other Activities

Monthly Executive Board meetings;

**Dallas Section of TexITE District 9
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Section Report to District 9
April 12, 2007**



1.0 Leadership

President:	Kelly Parma, P.E., Lee Engineering
Vice President:	Robert Saylor, P.E., City of Richardson
Secretary/Treasurer:	Nanditha Togar, P.E., Jacobs Civil
Past President:	Brian Moen, P.E., City of Frisco
Section Representative	Mark Titus, P.E., City of Dallas
Webmaster	John Denholm, P.E., Lee Engineering
Adopt A Highway Coordinator	Nanditha Togar, P.E., Jacobs Civil

2.0 Finances

Account Balance as of 03/27/2007:	\$3,345
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3.0 Membership

The Dallas Section currently has 117 paid members.

4.0 Activity

4.1 General Technical

The Section holds a meeting on the second Friday of each month. There has been one meeting since the last Dallas Section report. A presentation is made at each meeting: the presentation speaker, topic, and attendance are listed below.

Section meetings are typically held in the training facility of the offices of HNTB on Plano Parkway in Plano. The Dallas Section is grateful to HNTB for their continuing support of ITE by providing this facility free of charge.

Date	Speaker	Topic	Attendance
3/9/07	Abed Abukar - Dallas Area Rapid Transit	US 75 Integrated Corridor Management Project- Dallas Through Plano	51

4.2 General Social

An Adopt A Highway cleanup was held on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at our adopted roadway, SH 66 in Garland. 10 volunteers were present. The next cleanup will be scheduled for May. Nanditha Togar, with Jacobs Civil, is the section's volunteer coordinator for this program.



**2007 BOARD MEETING REPORT
APRIL 12, 2007**

1.0 2007 SECTION LEADERSHIP

President: Roy Parikh, TxDOT Fort Worth District
Vice-President: Aaron Nathan, Kimley-Horn and Associates
Secretary/Treasurer: Greg Royster, DFW International Airport
Past President: Natalie Bettger, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Section Representative: Scott Cooner, Texas Transportation Institute

2.0 CURRENT SECTION FINANCIAL STATUS

Account balance as of April 1, 2007: \$ **2,028.00**

3.0 SECTION MEMBERSHIP STATUS

The Greater Fort Worth Section had 59 members in 2006 with 27 being part of agency memberships. As of April 2007, there were 111 international ITE members within the Greater Fort Worth Section boundaries, as listed by the ITE website (www.ite.org). Table 1 provides a breakdown of the membership grade of these international ITE members. Twenty-eight individuals have paid 2007 section dues.

Table 1. Membership Grade of International ITE Members in GFW Section.

Membership Grade	Number
Student	19
Institute Affiliate	2
Member	89
Fellow	6
Total	111

3.1 General

The Section holds regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month, generally at Joe T. Garcia's Restaurant located at 2201 N. Commerce St. in Fort Worth. The dates, speakers, topics, and attendance for meetings over the previous 12-month period are shown in Table 2.

The August 2006 meeting was a joint meeting with the Greater Dallas Section with almost 100 attendees (33 from GFW Section). A second meeting highlight was holding a meeting at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Regional Training Center. It is the intention of the Section to hold at least one meeting per year at TxDOT to facilitate greater participation by their employees. A final highlight was having a technical tour of the SkyLink Operations and Maintenance facility at DFW international Airport in lieu of the normal monthly meeting format. This meeting was successful and future tours will be considered.

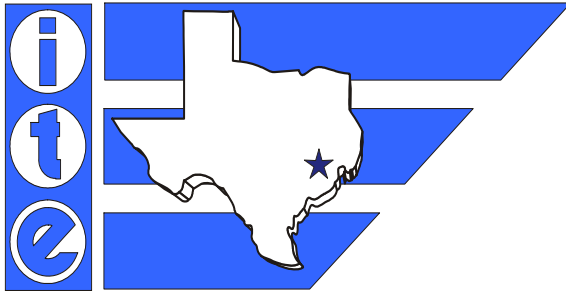


Table 2. Summary of Section Meetings from February 2006 to March 2007

Date	Speakers	Topic	Attendance
Feb. 16, 2006	Andy Oberlander, TxDOT Dallas District	Rural Road Safety – Get Ahead of the Curve	31
April 20, 2006	Matt Craig, Halff Associates, Inc. and Mohammed Al Hweil, TxDOT Fort Worth District	IH-30 Corridor Study / Major Investment Study from Oakland Blvd. to the proposed SH 161	27
May 18, 2006	Greg Royster – North Central Texas Council of Governments	Tower 55 Rail Reliever Study	25
July 20, 2006	Randy Skinner, Tarrant County	Tarrant County Transportation Bond Program	36
Aug. 31, 2006	Michael Morris, North Central Texas Council of Governments	Funding Strategies in the DFW Region / How are my Projects Going to be Funded?	33
Sept. 21, 2006	Charles Conrad, TxDOT Fort Worth District	Pass Through Financing	40
Oct. 19, 2006	Jerry Hodge, City of Grapevine	Funnel Project	45
Nov. 10, 2006	Guided Tour	DFW Airport SkyLink Operations and Maintenance Center	24
Dec. 14, 2006	Steve Connell, TxDOT Fort Worth District	Center-to-Center: Well Tailored Data Solutions	41
Jan. 18, 2007	Curvie Hawkings, Fort Worth Transportation Authority	Southwest-to-Northeast Corridor Study	45
March 15, 2007	Mike Sims, North Central Texas Council of Governments	Regional Truck Lane Pilot Study	32

3.2 Committees

The Section currently has three ongoing committees: the Membership Committee, the Service Committee, and the Engineering Outreach Committee. The Membership Committee is co-chaired by Mark Mathis of the City of Fort Worth and Mitzi Ward of NCTCOG. Jennifer Butcher of Street Smarts chairs the Service Committee that is taking the place of the Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) committee following the completion of the two-year AAH commitment. Jennifer is currently surveying members on service and outreach opportunities to get involved with.



**GREATER HOUSTON AREA SECTION
DISTRICT 9
INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**

**SECTION REPORT
FEBRUARY 3, 2007**

LEADERSHIP

President: Ron Jenson, P.E., Harris County Public Infrastructure Department
Vice-President: Robert Siegfried, P.E., Epsilon Edwards & Kelcey, Inc.
Secretary/Treasurer: Richard Smith, P.E., City of Houston Traffic and Transportation Division
Past President: Randy Schulze, P.E., P.T.O.E., Walter P. Moore Associates, Inc.
Section Representative: Randy Schulze, P.E., P.T.O.E., Walter P. Moore Associates, Inc.

FINANCES

Account balance as of January 31, 2007: \$9900.00

MEMBERSHIP

Average Meeting Attendance: 78

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ian Hlavacek, UT, \$1,500
Elizabeth Porterfield, Rice, \$1,500

GENERAL

The Section holds monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, at the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society (HESS), located at 5430 Westheimer Road in Houston.

EVENTS

Vendor's Night:
Date: June 20, 2006
Location: Hilton NASA Clear Lake
Revenue \$0
Expense: \$324.74
Joint Venture with IMSA Southwestern Section
Keynote Speaker: Harris County Judge Robert Eckels



**Greater Houston Area Section, District 9
Annual Report**

EVENTS (CONT'D)

Annual Shrimp Boil
Date: 10/21/2006
Location: Spring Creek Park
Revenue: \$13,000
Expense: \$4500

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Date	Speakers	Topic
July 12, 2006	Brandon Wade, City of Galveston	Transportation Issues in Galveston
Aug. 9, 2006	Speakers from Beijing/TSU	2008 Olympics in Beijing
Sept. 13, 2006	Ned Levine, HGAC	HGAC Traffic Safety Planning Council
Nov. 8, 2006	Eric Nelson, Harris County	HC Signal Timing and Progression
Dec. 13, 2006	Business Meeting	Officer Elections, Budget
Jan 10, 2007	Gene Hawkins, TAMU	College Curriculum/Employers



Date: April 10, 2007
To: TexITE Board Members
From: Susan Langdon
Subject: Roster/Database Status

An updated "pdf" version of the roster was posted on the website on March 7, 2007.

Based on the database as of April 10, 2007, the current statistics are as follows:

- 732 members currently listed in the database
- 2 District Affiliates
- 13 "Mail Only" members (these are ITE executive staff, student chapter presidents, TxDOT executives, etc)
- 669 ITE International members
 - o 4 ITE Life Members
 - o 11 ITE International Affiliates
 - o 594 International Members
 - o 59 ITE Fellows
 - o 1 Honorary Member
- 48 Subscribers
 - o 12 live outside of TX
 - o 36 in the state

There are no longer "associate" members of ITE as that designation has been eliminated. I am still working through updating those changes. Also, as listed in the recent copies of the ITE Journal, a significant number of members have been upgraded to Fellow status. I have not received this information from the international office, so those changes are not reflected in these numbers.

The number of members reduced significantly after last year's invoices went out to all subscribers and district affiliates. Quite a few people opted not to maintain their membership and others simply could not be located.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email. Thanks for the opportunity to be involved!!

To: TexITE Board of Directors
From: Gary B. Thomas, Chair, Web Committee
Date: April 9, 2007
Re: Web Committee Report

Previous Goals

The January 2007 report listed three short term goals for the web site (to be completed in the next 4 months):

1. Expand the award pages to include the nomination process
2. Update the District Policy Manual pages
3. Plan for redesign

All three items are still in the works. No estimated completion date as of right now. It would appear that I need to delegate items 1 and 2 to others in order to complete them.

As mentioned in the January report, a redesign is being looked at to simplify the design and maintenance of the web site.

Web Postings and Download Activity

No newsletters have been posted since the last report. As of April 9, the winter newsletter had been downloaded 294 times. The fall newsletter has been downloaded 239 times. The PDF version of the TexITE roster has also been downloaded 212 times since we began monitoring specific file downloads. Downloads of the newsletter spiked dramatically after the newsletters were moved from the "Members Only" area into the public area. The decision to do so was made at the board meeting in Houston in February.

Nine job positions have been posted to the Web site since the last report. Six items have been posted to the "News You Can Use" section of the home page.

PDF versions of the presentations from the Houston meeting were posted on the web site. Downloads of individual presentations have ranged from 29 to 49 with a total of 739 downloads for all 20 presentations. By comparison, there were a total of 323 downloads for all 18 summer meeting presentations.

Miscellaneous

The webmaster assisted Jason Crawford in working with ITE International to distribute a feedback survey on the Houston meeting.

Short Term Goals

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To: TexITE Board of Directors
From: Gary B. Thomas, Student Chapter Liaison
Date: January 30, 2007
Re: Student Chapter Liaison Report

Student Competition Submittals

Submittals for the student chapter and student paper competitions have been forwarded to the student award subcommittee. The winner of each competition will be forwarded on to ITE to compete in the international competition.

Three of the seven student chapters submitted an annual report: University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, and Texas A&M University – Kingsville. As of April 9, reports had not been received from: University of Texas – El Paso, University of Texas – Kingsville, University of Texas – San Antonio, and Texas Southern University.

Student Presentations

As was reported in January, it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide a separate student presentation session with the increase in student chapters. We need to address how we will showcase our students' work for future meetings. Some possibilities that were given in the January report:

1. Go to a standing poster session like was done at the San Antonio meeting.
2. Develop a "rotation" system that allows four to five schools to present at each meeting.
3. Half the schools present at the winter meeting; the other half at the summer meeting.
4. Some type of "hybrid" of speakers and posters.
5. Invite all schools to present in one 2-hour session, but allow very little time.

Another idea that was given during a conference call of the ad-hoc meetings committee was to make it sort of a "competition" to get to present at the TexITE meeting.

The pros of a poster session are that more students can be involved (instead of just one from each school) and there can be more interaction between the authors and the attendees. Robert has previously reported that the idea of the poster session came from the students themselves. The downside to a poster session is that it requires an expense to obtain the necessary hardware to display all of the posters. Also, the availability of such hardware may be more of an issue at meeting locations outside of major metropolitan areas.

I have recently sent an email to all of the student chapter presidents and the faculty advisors to find out their tentative plans to attend the meeting in Amarillo. Once I have compiled that information, I will make a recommendation to the board and the LAC regarding the Amarillo meeting. I will also request that the LAC chair inquire with the hotel about the availability of poster display boards. Both will have an impact on the direction we take for the upcoming meeting. For the Irving meeting in winter, I would recommend that we plan for a poster session since attendance by students is typically higher at winter meetings. Availability of display boards should not be an issue in the Metroplex.

TexITE Legislative Committee Report
April, 2007
By Walter Ragsdale, P.E., Chair

Every two years, the Texas state legislature meets to discuss the budget and pass or repeal laws that affect our profession. This year, the 80th Legislature meets from mid-January to mid-May. They will consider approximately 5000 new or revised laws; however, less than one-third will be approved. The approved new laws will take effect September 1, 2007 or January 1, 2008. Detailed information on this process or draft legislation can be found at Texas Legislature at www.capitol.state.tx.us. The Legislature will also allocate the spending of \$147 billion for the state's two year budget.

This year, TXDOT has developed a "Report to the Texas Legislature – Meeting the Transportation Challenge" at www.DOT.state.tx.us. As of April few of these bills have been passed. This years Session ends on May 28, 2007. These bills are in the Legislative process.

Below is a listing summarizing the bills that have been filed by April 2007 as the cut off for filing new Bills has passed.

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Legislator</u>	<u>Bill Summary</u>
SB 124	Ellis	Requires the California Air Quality Standards starting with the 2009 model year for Texas.
SB125	Carona	This requires cities to send at least 50% of any photo red light enforcement administrative penalties to the State. The trauma care industry unit would receive these funds.
SB 126	Carona	This bill would direct that certain fees be deposited in the Texas Mobility Fund, including salvage dealer fees, vehicle storage fees, certain excise tax fees relating to aircraft facilities, parts, services, etc., motor vehicle rental fees, title fees, specialty license plate fees, overweight vehicle fees and motor carrier fees of some amount.
SB 132	Wentworth	This bill would establish a pilot program for 'motor bus only lanes' along some roadways in conjunction with local mass transit agencies and other authorities making use of the 'motor bus only lanes' along some roadways in shoulders of roadways to bypass congestion.
SB 149	Carona	This bill would eliminate non-competition provisions in contracts for the acquisition, design, construction, financing and maintenance or operation of a toll project.
SB 154	Wentworth	It creates an offense for using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, unless it is a

hands-free device.

SB 165	Carona	Adjusts the State motor vehicle fuel tax on gasoline and diesel each year to the increase in the Highway Cost Index as computer by TxDOT (gas tax indexing) and applying that increase to the combined State/federal tax and then adding the increase to the State portion of the tax.
SB 195	Jackson	Repeals the transportation code that allows civil enforcement by local cities for red light violations.
SB 245	Carona	Provides that a local toll authority (an RMA, HCTRA or NTTA) has the first option to design/finance, or construct a toll project within it area prior to TxDOT going another route.
SB 255	Carona	Requires TxDOT to publish on an annual basis, a wide variety of statistics and data used to develop allocations, grants, etc.
SB 256	Carona	Prohibits a ‘toll project entity ‘(TxDOT, NTTA, RMAs and HCTRA) from requiring or accepting any form of payment from a bidder for a contract associated with a toll project other than necessary fees to cover the entity’s costs of reviewing the bid.
SB 257	Carona	Relating to limitations on the combined rates of transit and other local sales and use taxes. This allows expansion in the suburban areas of the DFW area.
SB 275	Carona	Reduces the timeframe of a CDA agreement to no more than 30 years from the current 50 year period.
SB 386	Carona	Requires the setting of tolls by toll project entities to have reserves.
SB 407	Eltime	Relating to the authority of the voters of a municipality or a county to adopt a one-quarter cent sales and use tax in the municipality or county to provide tax relief.
SB 436	Ellis, Rodney	Relating to the operation of hybrid motor vehicles in HOV lanes.
SB 531	Carona	Relating to the cessation of tolls on a toll project under certain circumstances for up to 30 years.
SB 532	Carona	Requires government entities to inform landowners of their right to seek counsel in eminent domain proceedings.

SB 621	Carona	Prohibits payments of the Texas Department of Transportation to an unsuccessful entity that submits a proposal for a comprehensive development agreement.
SB 668	Watson	Relating to the operation, powers and duties of a toll project entity.
SB 718	Ogden	Must notify the local legislator of the route selection for the Trans-Texas Corridor.
SB 719	Ogden	Prohibits the Texas Department of Transportation from granting an interest in a state highway to an individual or nongovernmental entity.
SB 735	Hegar	Relating to the conversion of a two-way frontage road to a one-way frontage road by the Texas Department of Transportation could be prohibited by a Commissioner's Court.
SB 887	Shapiro	Requires the use of certain revenue generated by Texas Department of Transportation toll projects go to the same Texas Department of Transportation district.
SB 890	Carona	Relating to the intersection of certain roads in the Trans-Texas Corridor.
SB 939	West, Royce	Relating to the authority of a municipality to implement a photographic traffic signal enforcement system (50% to state).
SB 964	Shapiro	Adds to the board of directors of a regional tollway authority. (NTTA)
SB 991	Ogden	Prohibits state toll roads
SB 995	Nelson	Relating to the publication of certain information regarding proposed toll projects.
SB 1075	Wentworth	Relating to the permissible uses of the state highway fund (No DPS funding).
SB 1076	Carona	Removes "quick-take" authority for TxDOT for toll projects.
SB 1077	Carona	Relating to performance audits of certain regional transportation authorities by adding performance standards.
SB 1088	Shapiro	Relating to the use of the money in the Texas Mobility

Fund for mass transit projects.

SB 1119	Carona	Relating to the authority of a local authority to implement a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.
SB 1210	Carona	Relating to the use of eminent domain for highway or other transportation purposes.
SB 1266	Brimer	Relating to pass-through financing and the creation and operation of the Transportation Reinvestment Fund.
SB 1267	Nichols	Relating to a moratorium on the inclusion of certain provisions in a comprehensive development agreement or the sale of a toll project and to the creation and duties of a study committee.
SB 1268	Nichols	Relating to the conversion of a non-tolled state highway or segment of the state highway system to a toll project.
SB 1370	Carona	Relating to the powers and duties of certain entities authorized to construct turnpike or toll projects.
SB 1374	Carona	Relating to the public and governmental oversight of the design , financing, construction and operation of the Trans-Texas Corridor project.
SB 1467	Carona	Relating to the authority of the Department of Transportation to enter into certain comprehensive development agreements.
SB 1480	Brimer	The boundaries of the Texas Department of Transportation districts would be changed for Dallas/Ft. Worth.
SB 1482	Brimer	Relating to the acquisition of toll projects and real property by the Department of Transportation and regional mobility authorities.
SB 1688	Watson	Relating to the creation, powers and duties of a transportation infrastructure services district created by a municipality in the Austin area.
SB 1795	Ogden	Increases the “Ogden” bonds for highways limit from the current \$3 billion max to \$6 billion max, no more than \$1.5 billion per year with some of the funds dedicated to safety projects.
SB 1808	Brimer	Creates a Metroplex Mobility Authority and requires the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex be included in a single

Department of Transportation district.

SB 1858	Duncan	Relating to municipalities eligible to create a regional mobility authority.
SJR 25	Carona	A Constitutional Amendment allowing dedication of State fuel tax money to the Texas Mobility Fund of any amount above the tax rate on January 1, 2007 – in other words, if the fuel tax is indexed or increased, that amount could be dedicated by the Legislature to the Mobility Fund.
SR 2	Carona	Directing the Transportation Commission to cease efforts to influence Congress and other states for change in federal law relating to statewide transportation enforcement programs.
HB 51 securities	Chavez	The use of the proceeds of bonds and other public that are secured by the state highway fund.
HB 55	Isett	Prohibits the use of automated enforcement for red light violations. The Attorney General would be in charge of enforcing the prohibition.
HB 107	Goolsby	Amend DART statute to require the ‘principal’ city to adopt a recommendation for location of a fixed guide way (rail) in its jurisdictions and requires DART to incorporate the recommendation to the ‘greatest extent possible.’
HB 154	Pickett	Abolishes the Texas Transportation Commission and provides for the election of a Commissioner. The Commissioner would oversee TxDOT.
HB 20	Menendez	Prohibits cell phones in school zones.
HB 217	Jackson	Allows the sale of property by a governmental entity acquired by eminent domain if the sale is back to the previous owner or heirs of the previous owner.
HB 253	Smith	Provides for establishment of ‘sobriety checkpoints’ under certain conditions.
HB 344	Strama	Relating to the implementation by the Commission on Environmental Quality of a low-emission vehicle program.
HB 397	Anchia	Relating to the development of a state strategy for increasing the availability of low-emission auto fuels for

Texas drivers.

HB 397	Cook, Byron	Prohibits the use of cell phones in school zones.
HB 422	Phillips	Same as SB 126 by Carona
HB 549	Farrar	Requires environmental review of any project by HCTRA, NTTA or an RMA under the same guidelines as TxDOT projects using federal funding.
HB 570	Leibowitz	Requires that toll agencies may only use license plate data for toll collection or law enforcement purposes.
HB 614	Quintanilla	Requires any city with photo red light enforcement to use the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices to set the 'yellow' interval of a traffic signal.
HB 671	Swinford	Requires 'just compensation' for any action by a local or State government for removal or discontinuation of outdoor advertising.
HB 705	Herrero	Allows a county to increase the optional add-on to vehicle registration from \$10 to \$20.
HB 719	Leibowitz	Restricts TxDOT ability to place tolls on a roadway unless the project was originally designated as a toll project or in operation prior to 9-1-2005 and provides other exceptions.
HB 857	Leibowitz	Repeal of authority of TxDOT for the establishment and operation of the Texas-Tran Corridor.
HB 922	Truitt	Prohibits a municipality from enforcing compliance with speed limits by an automated traffic control system.
HB 937	Martinez	Exempts the payment of a toll for an authorized emergency vehicle.
HB 962	Krusee	Uses the CPI to adjust the State fuel tax
HB 998	Coleman	Places a moratorium on tolls by the Department of Transportation.
HB1052	Callegari	Requires warning signs before intersections at which a municipality uses a photographic monitoring system
HB1321	Farias	Prohibits any State agency or political subdivision from conveying any leasehold interest in a public roadway, toll road, etc.- anti CDA bill.

HB1570	Murphy	Relating to the deposit of revenue from automated enforcement to the designated trauma facility and emergency services account.
HB1688	Farias	Requires roads to intersect of certain roads with the Trans-Texas Corridor.
HB1881	Kolkhorst	Repeal the authority for the establishment and operation of the Trans-Texas Corridor.
HB1886	Callegari	Under certain conditions, allows design-build projects for local governments and other governmental entities.
HB2047	Farias	Placing a number of restrictions on any toll project, public, or private, that may impact certain historical or environmentally protected areas, at the discretion of TxDOT.
HB2083	Hill	Authorizes the voters of a county to adopt a one-half cent sales and use tax in the county to provide property tax relief.
HB2084	Hill	Relating to sales and use taxes by certain municipalities for transit.
HB2203	Kolkhorst	Repeals TxDOT's authority to make payments to unsuccessful bidders on a CDA project.
HB2416	Swinford	Requires notification to any affected legislator when TxDOT makes use of eminent domain for highway purposes within the legislator's district.
HB2631	Bolton	Eliminates authority of TxDOT to convert any roadway to a toll segment regardless of the timeframe.
HB2632	Bolton	Requires that any use of county/city bond proceeds for toll projects to have been specifically identified in a proposition.
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HB2836	Strama	Requires all toll authorities to implement a discount program for hybrid vehicles for use of toll facilities.
HB2987	Hill	Relating to use of a portion of the money in the Texas Mobility Fund for mass transit projects.
HB2988	Hill	Relating to the authority of certain development

corporations to spend tax revenue on certain mass transit-related facilities.

HB3192	Hill	Allows NTTA the powers of a CDA
HB3196	Hill	TxDOT's toll collection bill with a number of enhancements and clarifications for extending powers to CDA's, private sector, etc. for toll collection procedures.
HB3646	Kolkhorst	Limiting the length of certain contracts between a state agency and a private entity to 20 years.
HB3712	Krusee	Authorizes regional mobility authorities, including the participation of private entities in authority projects to 70 years.
HB3713	Krusee	Limits the permissible uses of the state highway fund.
H3717	Krusee	Removes the PE requirements for the position of executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.
HB3721	Krusee	Relating to the classification of comprehensive development agreements for certain transportation projects.
HB3783	Krusee	Relating to the construction and control of transportation facilities and the progress and improvement, policing and safety of transportation in the state.
HB3831	Hardcastle	Criteria for selecting a route for a segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor (must miss a county).
HCR 14	Raymond	Would direct TxDOT not to hold local governments accountable for cost overruns on a local project managed by TxDOT.
HJR 7	Krusee	Relating to authorizing the legislature to dedicate certain motor fuel taxes to the Texas mobility fund.

COMMITTEE FOR FUTURE ENGINEERS DISTRICT 9 OF THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

April 2007

Purpose

The purpose of the District 9 Committee for Future Engineers is to encourage students in Texas public schools to seek higher education in the engineering and science fields, with an emphasis on transportation engineering.

Leadership

Chair of Committee: Melisa Finley, Texas Transportation Institute, Brazos Valley Section

Membership

John Black, Naztec, Inc., Greater Dallas Section
Brian Bochner, Texas Transportation Institute, Brazos Valley Section
Jason Crawford, Texas Transportation Institute, Greater Fort Worth Section
Marc Jacobson, Texas Department of Transportation, South Texas Section
Debbie Jasek, Texas Transportation Institute, Brazos Valley Section
Cissy Sylo, City of Frisco, Greater Dallas Section
Brooke Ullman, Texas Transportation Institute, Brazos Valley Section
Jim Williams, UT Arlington, Greater Fort Worth Section

Activities Update Since Last Report

1. The Committee is still considering the idea of holding a Student Interaction Day in conjunction with a TexITE meeting (possibly the Winter 2008 meeting in Irving). The Committee is still trying to decide which age group to target.
2. Melisa Finley is continuing discussions with the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) teacher at Union Grove Middle School in Killeen, Texas.
3. In the fall of 2007, the Committee will again host a poster contest. Contest details will be developed and disseminated during the summer.
4. The Committee continues to consider other activities that TexITE can sponsor or participate in that promote transportation engineering to K-12 students.

AWARDS COMMITTEE DISTRICT 9 OF THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

April 2007

Leadership

Chair of Committee: Melisa Finley, Texas Transportation Institute, Brazos Valley Section

Membership

Kevin St. Jacques, Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc., Dallas Section

Beth Ramirez, City of Dallas, Dallas Section

Ali Mozdbar, City of Austin, Capital Area Section

Activities Update Since Last Report

1. Throughout the spring, Melisa Finley disseminated information to the TexITE membership about the following ITE awards: Past Presidents' Award, Young Consultants Award, and Transportation Achievement Award. The nominations for these awards were due on April 2, 2007. Two TexITE members notified Melisa that they submitted nominations for the ITE Transportation Achievement Award.
2. On March 19, 2007, Melisa Finley disseminated the Section Activities Award information to all Section Representatives and Presidents. For an unknown reason, ITE had Rick Charlton listed as the contact for this award only. Melisa received information for all the other ITE awards (see #1 above). The Section reports and supporting materials are due to Melisa Finley on April 6, 2007. As of April 4, 2007, only one entry from the Dallas Section has been received. In April, the Awards Committee will review the submissions and choose a winner to represent District 9 in the International ITE competition. The District 9 winner will be forwarded to ITE by May 1, 2007, and will be presented with a certificate at the summer meeting in Amarillo.
3. On January 8, 2007, Melisa Finley disseminated the call for nominations for the TexITE Transportation Engineer of the Year and TexITE Younger Member of the Year Awards. The due date for nominations for both these awards is May 15, 2007. As of April 4, 2007, only one entry for the Transportation Engineer of the Year Award and no entries for the Younger Member of the Year Award have been received. In May, the Awards Committee will review the nominations for these awards and select the winners. The winners will receive appropriately inscribed plaques and \$100 cash award at the summer meeting in Amarillo.
4. Melisa Finley in coordination with Paul Luedtke (Technical Committee Chair) developed a call for papers for the 2007 TexITE Technical Paper Award. This award is presented annually to recognize the outstanding technical paper prepared by a non-student member or affiliate of District 9. The due date for papers is April 30, 2007. As of April 4, 2007, no entrees for this award have been received. In May, the Technical Committee will review papers and select a winner. The winner will be presented a certificate at the summer meeting in Amarillo.

Action Items

1. With respect to the TexITE Technical Paper Award, the District 9 Policy Manual states that “a nominal cash award” in addition to an appropriate certificate of award should be presented to the winner. Per the District 9 Policy Manual, the Transportation Engineer of the Year and Younger Member of the Year receive \$100 cash awards. However, unlike these two awards, the amount of the cash award for the Technical Paper Award is not explicitly stated. In addition, a cash award for the Technical Paper Award was not included in the 2007 District 9 budget. Melisa Finley recommends that the District 9 Board allocate \$100 in the 2007 District 9 budget for this cash award.