

Winter TexITE Meeting February 5, 2005, 12:00 pm Waco Convention Center, Waco, Texas Minutes - Business Meeting

- 1. Call to Order President Clark called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.
- 2. Invocation Melisa Finley gave the invocation.
- 3. Approval of the June Business Meeting Minutes Item deferred until summer meeting.
- 4. ITE International President's Report International President Harpst stated that roughly 1,000 volunteers help to make ITE work at its various levels of leadership, programs, and councils. ITE is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. There are over 16,000 members in 93 countries comprising 10 districts and 83 local chapters. There are 188 public agency members with 2,011 members. There are 130 student chapter members with 111 in the United States and 9 in Canada. President Harpst outlined the strategic plan goals: (1) increase membership, (2) enhance internal and external communications, and (3) strengthen ITE's leadership role by focusing on standards development, taking positions on transportation policy, funding, and practices, and workforce development and training. The one of the focuses for 2005 is workforce development, targeting students, mentoring younger members, and providing continuing education opportunities.
- 5. International Director's Report Director Carvell mentioned that he has three of the Professional Development Program Courses CDs and will loan them out to District sections for use in their programs. He commended the ethics session and the broad experience of the panel.
- 6. President's Report
- 7. Technical Program Report

President Clark noted that the meeting was very successful. She commended the local arrangements committee for their work on this meeting. She noted that the program was filled with very good speakers. She made special recognition of the student involvement

- 8. Budget and Finances Report Vice-President Van De Walle stated that the 2005 budget was approved at the fall executive board meeting. He announced that it will be posted on the District website soon. The total balance of all three accounts are \$44,190.60.
- 9. Local Arrangements Committee Reports
 - a. Summer 2004 (Austin) No report.
 - b. Winter 2005 (Waco) Rick Charlton stated that there were 157 registrants and 41 students. Three people participated in the technical tour to the Waco Transit facility and 15 people participated in the technical tour to the DCS intersection. The winning golf team was Alf Guebert, Brian Shamburger, and Alex Reyna. Alf Guebert won the longest drive. Jim Sparks won closest to the pin.
 - c. Summer 2005 (Laredo) Roberto Murillo reported that the meeting dates will be June 23-25. The meeting will be held at La Posada Hotel. The Miss Texas pageant will be held in Laredo that week and some events may occur at the host hotel.
 - d. Winter 2006 (San Antonio) No report.
- 10. Selection of Summer 2006 Meeting Location Presentations were made for Plano and Bryan/College Station. President Clark called for a vote. By majority vote, Bryan/College Station was selected as the site for the Summer 2006 meeting.

11. Section Reports

- S. Texas Section Roberto Murillo (Section President) stated that they are in the process of electing new officers. He also stated the section had four meetings; one was held on South Padre Island in November.
- Capital Area Section James Kratz (Section Vice-President) reported the bank balance was \$3,500. He highlighted some of the technical topics presented to their membership.
- Brazos Valley Section Brooke Ullman (Section President) stated they have 28 members, a bank balance of \$444, and average 23 people per meeting.
- Greater Ft. Worth Section Russ Wiles (Section Representative) stated a bank balance of close to \$1,500, 63 members, average 32 people per meeting, and announced the regular meeting date and location.
- Houston Section Randy Schultz (Section Vice-President) stated they are planning a vendor's night, highlighted a successful shrimp boil, and stated their bank balance of \$9,000. They are beginning planning for issuing scholarships.
- Greater Dallas Section Paul Luedtke (Section Representative) announced the regular meeting date and location, highlighted a meeting hosted at the Dallas District office on incident management, and that they have begun an Adopt-a-Highway project.
- 12. Student Chapter Reports Robert Wunderlich (Student Chapter Liaison) met with the student leadership. They exchanged very good ideas and will be doing new things very soon. He encouraged the students and general membership to increase their interactions. He then invited each student chapter to make a report.

The University of Texas at Arlington reported about their monthly meetings. Texas A&M University reported that they are coordinating with the ASCE chapter on a joint meting, that they are working the Brazos Valley Section, continue to work their Adopt-a-Highway location, and performed traffic counts. Fourteen members, seven whom are officers, were in attendance today. The University of Texas at El Paso noted their participation in the morning technical session. The University of Texas stated an officer change in December, that they are looking for technical speakers, continuing their Adopt-a-Highway project and are starting to participate in Habitat for Humanity, are planning a field trip to CTAC, and are working to get more undergraduate students involved in the chapter.

13. Consultant Council Report – No report.

14. Committee Reports

Database and Memberships – No report.

Newsletter update – No report.

Legislative Committee – President Clark reported that TexITE will continue to be an education resource to the membership in an objective manner. Information will be posted on the District website, or emailed to members. She encouraged members to respond individually to legislative issues that affect them. She also stated that straw polls may be taken through the website to gauge support on various positions before any resolutions are adopted by the board.

Younger Members – No report.

Committee for Future Engineers – No report.

Website Report – No report.

Technical Committee – No report.

15. Other Business - No other business.

President Clark adjourned the meeting at 1:40 pm.