



**Spring Business Meeting  
March 21, 2006  
Crowne Plaza Riverwalk  
San Antonio, Texas**

1. President Brian Van De Walle called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.
2. Dave Carter delivered the invocation.
3. President Van De Walle noted that the meeting minutes from the Laredo Summer Meeting were passed out, and called for any corrections. Jim Carvell moved for approval, and was seconded by Walter Ragsdale. The minutes were approved by common consent.
4. International Director Robert Wunderlich reported on his attendance at the International Board Meeting. He indicated the emphasis on the designated Mega Issues and how they will tie into ITE's strategic plan over the next year. ITE is also focusing on improving customer service for members. Professional development is another priority area. Input from membership on professional development needs is requested. Webinars will be offered at reduced rates in the future. Membership levels are under consideration for change. Sections can expect questionnaires on best practices that will be shared with other ITE sections. An executive board retreat is planned and will focus on policies, technical information organization and the ITE Journal.
5. President Brian Van De Walle introduced the visiting International Vice Presidential Candidates, Alf Guebert and Rod Kelly. Both addressed the membership with their campaign messages. Following these addresses, President Van De Walle gave his report, the main points of which are that the district is healthy and financially solid; the sections are active and involved; and he lauded the students as being some of the best in the nation.
6. The Budget and Finances Report was distributed and discussed by District Administrator Jim Williams. He indicated that the 2005 budget was not yet closed out because of the need to clear up some meeting expenses, and that not much activity has taken place in the 2006 budget as yet. He concluded by reporting the treasury balance. Jere Hart moved for approval, and was seconded by David Besly. The motion was approved by common consent.
7. President Van De Walle stated that in the interest of time, the remaining reports on the agenda need not be made verbally unless there were any questions, and that all of these reports were either already posted on the website, or would be in the very near future.
8. Selection of Summer 2007 Meeting Site – Presentations were made on behalf of Austin by Rebecca Bray, Amarillo by Taylor Withrow, and Midland by Gary Saunders. On two successive votes Midland and Amarillo were tied, and a coin flip was used to select Amarillo.
9. President Van De Walle introduced the new TexITE Newsletter Editor, Praveen Pasumarthy, who briefly addressed the membership, soliciting newsworthy items from sections and members.
10. Student Chapter Reports – President Van De Walle called for student chapter reports which were made as follows:

- Erin Eurek reported for Texas A & M University: approximately 60 members, 17 in attendance at this meeting, meeting three times per semester, continuing their community service projects such as Adopt A Highway, holding joint meetings with ASCE, always looking for speakers and need volunteers, and looking into outreaching to high schools encouraging students to consider transportation careers.
- International Director Wunderlich reported that the students from the University of Texas had to return to campus to attend a distinguished speaker's address.
- Sasanka Pulipati reported for University of Texas at Arlington: approximately 35 members, 13 in attendance at this meeting, three students prepared posters, holding meetings several times per semester, and are performing service projects.

11. Awards were presented by President Van De Walle to outgoing committee chairs, board members and officers: Brazos Valley Section Representative Melisa Finley, At Large Section Representative Rick Charlton, Webmaster Marc Jacobson (absent), International Director Jim Carvell, and Past President Connie Clark.

12. Other Business – International ITE President Rich Romer reported that there will be a free leadership webinar for section and chapter leaders on May 24, and encouraged our TexITE leaders to participate.

President Van De Walle adjourned the business meeting at 5:03 p.m.