

SECTION REPORT (JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31)
GREATER HOUSTON SECTION



2017

2017 HIGHLIGHTS



229

total members

\$18,528.89

balance as of 12/31/2017

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LETTER FROM THE SECTION REPRESENTATIVE

Dear fellow TexITE members

To say that 2017 is a year that we will never forget is an understatement. A year ago, no one could have imagined the profound impact a hurricane would have on our region. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the challenges that many of our members and friends faced, and continue to face, due to Hurricane Harvey. But I am proud of the way that our members, like so many others, reacted to the devastation and destruction. Strangers became saviors, and friends became family. Bonds were forged that will never be broken.

Throughout everything, the Greater Houston Section was steadfast in its offerings for members. From our professional development offerings to scholarship fundraising and social events, we continued to serve our professional community in a familiar way.

This year, we awarded five scholarships to students at Texas Southern University and the University of Houston. These students were selected on the basis of academic and community involvement, employment experience, and professional goals. We look forward to these students joining our professional community in a few short years.

Through the hard work of our Program and Webinar/Technical Committees, educational offerings were readily available for Section members. In addition to our monthly meetings, we were able to offer ten webinars that offered 15 PDHs to attendees.

The social highlight of the year was our Annual Shrimp Boil. Because of the contributions of our generous corporate partners, we raised \$20,750.00 for the Section which will fund the scholarship program and defer costs of monthly meetings.

My hope is that this annual report will provide you with a snapshot of the wonderful people who make possible the programs and activities of the Greater Houston Section of the Texas District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Here's looking forward to an even greater 2018!

Zina Schwartz

Section Representative



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2017 MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Greater Houston Section meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the HESS Club located at 5430 Westheimer Road in Houston.

January 11, 2017

Guest Speaker: Joe R. Zimmerman
Mayor, City of Sugar Land

Topic: Transportation Issues in the City of Sugar Land

February 8, 2017

Guest Speaker: Karen D. Othon and Kevin Berry
Texas Department of Transportation

Topic: TxDOT – Traffic Control During Super Bowl LI

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Guest Speaker: Commissioner Steve Radack
Harris County Precinct 3

Topic: State of Transportation in Harris County Precinct 3



2017 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Guest Speakers: Mr. Jeff Weatherford, P.E., PTOE
Deputy Director, Public Works and Engineering
City of Houston, Texas

Topic: City of Houston's ATMS system and ITS initiatives



Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Guest Speaker: Mr. Quincy Allen, P.E.
District Engineer, TxDOT Houston District

Topic: TxDOT Houston District Transportation Projects and Initiatives



2017 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Guest Speaker: Commissioner Andy Meyers
Fort Bend County Commissioner Precinct 3

Topic: Fort Bend County Precinct 3



Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Guest Speaker: Council Member Amanda Edwards
Houston City Council Member in At-Large Position 4

Topic: City of Houston efforts in transit planning in the City in partnership with local agencies including TxDOT and METRO



2017 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Guest Speakers: Mr. Clark Martinson, AICP, AIA
General Manager and Executive Director
Energy Corridor District

Topic: The Energy Corridor – Vision & Recovery



Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – Chapter Business Luncheon

Secretary/Treasurer Elections

2018 Officers (left to right): Charlie R. Stevens Jr., PE, PTOE – Vice-President;
Zina Schwartz, PE – Section Representative; Mohan Atluri, PE, PTOE –
Secretary/Treasurer; Suzanna Set, PE – President; Barbara Russell, PE –
Past President



SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP

Based on the most current year membership information December 31, 2017, the Section has 229 members including 25 student members from local colleges and universities.

COMMITTEES

The Section has four current standing committees: Membership, Webinar/ Technical, Program, and Scholarship.

- The Membership Committee is chaired by Amy Coxe, PE of Traf-IQ, Inc.
- The Webinar/Technical Committee is co-chaired by Koushik Arunachalam, PE of Arcadis, Inc. and Raj Basavaraju, PE, PTOE of HNTB.
- The Program Committee is chaired by Harpreet Bedi, PE of Transcore; Reddy Edulakanti, PE, PTOE and Michael T. Trueblood, PE, PTOE of TERRA Associates, Inc.
- The Communications Committee is chaired by Patrick Ramirez, PE of Iteris.
- The Scholarship Committee is currently chaired by the President.

SPONSORSHIP

The Section was one of the sponsors for last year's Run of Pi which took place on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Part of Houston E-Week, the Run of Pi is a fundraising event to support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs in the Houston area.



FINANCIALS

The current balance as of December 31, 2017 is \$18,528.89.

WEBINARS

January 24, 2017

HCM 6 Series Webinar 4 – Estimating FAST Act Reliability Measures

February 7, 2017

HCM 6 Series Webinar 5 – Multimodal Performance

February 21, 2017

HCM 6 Series Webinar 6 – Intersection Control Evaluation Part 1

March 7, 2017

HCM 6 Series Webinar 7 - Intersection Control Evaluation Part 2

March 21, 2017

HCM 6 Series Webinar 8 – Corridor Planning

June 9, 2017

Safety Considerations in Transportation Planning

September 26, 2017

Street Space – Not Just for Moving Cars

October 17, 2017

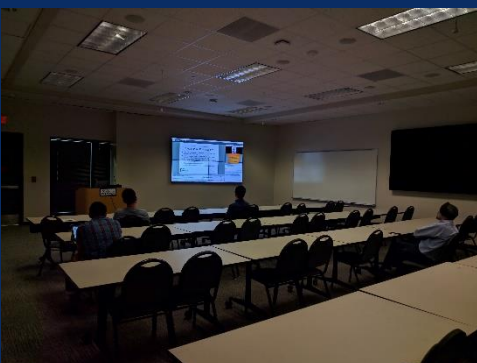
Transportation Services:
New Concepts and Tools

November 7, 2017

SPaT Challenge: Deployment Status and Lessons Learned

November 16, 2017

Understanding and Applying Vehicle
to Infrastructure Guidance



Each webinar provided PDH/CM credits towards PE licensure and/or PTOE/PTP certification renewals.

SHRIMP BOIL

October 21, 2017
Spring Creek Pavilions
Tomball, Texas

Members, families, and friends enjoyed a warm Saturday afternoon of fun and fellowship at the park. In addition to the Gulf Coast shrimp, we served hot dogs, snacks, and beverages. The kids enjoyed the moonwalks (bounce houses), a piñata, and games. The Shrimp Boil is our one and only fundraiser of the year. We use the donations from our corporate friends to fund our scholarship program, educational outreach, and to cover the cost of our monthly meetings.

The Shrimp Boil is the Houston Section's main social event and is held every year in October.



Scholarship Winners:
 Oluwatobiloba Akintan - \$500
 Lan Lan - \$500
 McKenzie Darnell Jones-Channel - \$500
 Akintola Aremu - \$500
 Qiao Sun - \$500

AWARDS

Ms. Monica Waits, PE was the recipient of the Harvey E. Hawkins Young Engineer of the Year award (right).

Ms. Suzanna Set, PE was selected to participate in the *LeadershipITE Program*.

Ms. Suzanna Set, PE was elected the 2017 Younger Member of the Year by TextITE (below).



The TextITE Greater Houston Section won the 2017 Section Activities Award at the Spring Meeting.



FINANCIAL REPORT

TexITE Greater Houston Section

Balance Sheet December 31, 2016 & December 5, 2017

	2017	2016
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Checking	\$ 11,969.80	\$ 8,087.11
Savings	\$ 5,017.42	\$ 5,015.92
Receivables	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 16,987.22</u>	<u>\$ 13,103.03</u>
Property/Equipment		
Shrimp Boil Inventory	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,000.00
Meeting Equipment	\$ 27.05	
	<u>\$ 2,427.05</u>	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Less Depreciation	\$ 485.41	\$ 600.00
Property/Equipment Net	<u>\$ 1,941.64</u>	<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,928.86</u>	<u>\$ 15,503.03</u>

	2017	2016
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities:		
Checks Outstanding	\$ 116.78	\$ -
Other Outstanding	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 116.78</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Debt	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Organization's Equity		
Total Org. Equity	<u>\$ 18,812.08</u>	<u>\$ 15,503.03</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 18,928.86</u>	<u>\$ 15,503.03</u>

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