



## 2011 Brazos Valley Section Report

### Texas District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers

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This report is a summary of activities of the Brazos Valley Section of the Texas District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. This report covers the activities performed by the section during from January through December 2011. This section report was prepared by Vichika Iragavarapu with the assistance of the current 2012 leadership of the section.

#### 1. Leadership

Below is a listing of the 2011 Officers and Committee Chairs for the Brazos Valley Section.

##### 2011 Officers

President	Vichika Iragavarapu	979-845-5686
Vice-president	Troy Rother	979-764-3838
Secretary/Treasurer	Nikki Norton	979-209-5130
Immediate Past President	Dale Picha	979-209-5130
Section Representative	Kevin Balke	979-845-9899

##### Committee Chairs

Membership	David Besly	979-268-1125
E-mail List	Marcus Brewer	979-845-2640
Webmaster	Gary Thomas	979-458-3263

#### 2. Finances

As of 01/30/2012, the balance of the Brazos Valley Section account is \$2,693.69.

#### 3. Membership

The table below shows the current composition of the membership of the Brazos Valley Section.

Membership Grade	2010	2011
Member	47	49
Local Section Affiliate	13	12
Student	52	24
Total	112	85

## 4. Activities

2011 was a busy year for the Brazos Valley Section. Below summarizes the meetings and social activities performed by the Section.

### 4.1. Monthly Meetings

The Brazos Valley Section hosts regular monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month. Except for the Annual Business Meeting, the leadership hosted speakers on topics of interest to the members of the Section. Those speakers and topics are shown in the table below. Note that it is the standard practice of the BVITE Section is to suspend meeting during the summer months (June, July, and August).

**2011 Schedule of Meetings and Speakers**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker and Topic</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Jan 27	Chad Bohne and Wahida Wakil, Texas Department of Transportation. <i>FM 2818 and Villa Maria Interchange Project</i>	11
Feb 24	Sue Chrysler, Texas Transportation Institute. <i>Successful Infrastructure Countermeasures to Mitigate Motorcyclist Fatalities</i>	29
Mar	No meeting (BVITE historically does not hold a section meeting within two weeks of the TexITE Winter/Spring meeting)	-
Apr 28	Walter Ragsdale, Ragsdale Consulting. <i>Update on Legislative Activities Related to Transportation Issues</i>	24
May 26	Joe Zietsman, Texas Transportation Institute. <i>Transportation and the Environment – Why Should we Care and What Can We Do?</i>	19
Jun – Aug	No meetings (BVITE historically does not hold section meetings during the summer months)	-
Sep 29	Marcus Brewer, Texas Transportation Institute. <i>A Strategic Approach for Safety: Putting Knowledge into Practice – Safety of the World's Road System</i>	31
Oct 27	James Edge, Deputy District Director for Congressman Flores. <i>Transportation Issues and Policies</i>	19
Nov	No meeting (BVITE historically does not hold a section meeting in November due to Thanksgiving Holidays)	-
Dec 14	Annual Business Meeting	7

### 4.2. Social

The Brazos valley section organized a Brazos Valley Bombers social, which was cancelled due to low turnout. The extreme heat this summer and membership travel schedule was found to be the reason for low turnout.

### **4.3. Fiscal**

1. The board decided to contribute \$250 to the ITE 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund.
2. The BVITE accounts were audited by one of the members. The recommendations include keeping the check book register up to date. Copy of the audit is attached.

## **5. Other**

### **5.1. Goals**

For 2012, the Brazos Valley section aims at achieving the following goals:

1. Continue having great speakers at our monthly meetings on current topics that are of interest to the membership.
2. Continue supporting the TAMU student chapter. The board is planning an annual contribution, the details of which are not yet decided.
3. Organize a family-friendly social event for the membership.
4. Get involved in a community activity.

### **5.2. Awards Honors Received/Bestowed**

In 2011, several BVITE Section Members were recognized for their achievements:

- Kay Fitzpatrick, Texas Transportation Institute, received the Coordinating Council Best Project Award for her project: *Pavement Marking Patterns Used at Uncontrolled Intersections*.
- Gary Thomas, Texas Transportation Institute, was recognized for representing the Texas District on the ITE Board of Direction for the past three years.
- The student chapter from Texas A&M University won the TexITE Student Traffic Bowl and represented the Texas District in the 2011 Collegiate Traffic Bowl at the ITE Annual Meeting.

### **5.3. Changes to Section Bylaws**

There were no changes to the Section Bylaws during 2011.