

# 2012 Annual Report



Greater Dallas Section  
District 9 (TexITE)  
Institute of Transportation Engineers

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## 1.0 Leadership

### *Elected Leadership*

President: John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

Vice-President: Robyn Root, City of McKinney

Secretary-Treasurer: Boro Dedeitch, Parsons

Section Representative: Nanditha Togar

Past President: Joel Fitts, City of Frisco

### *Appointed Positions*

Younger Members Committee Chair: Tom Hartmann, Kimley-Horn and Associates

Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee Chair: Cameron Williams, Walter P. Moore

Scholarship Award Selection Committee Chair: John Black, City of Richardson

Professional Development Committee Chair: Wes McClure, Texas Department of Transportation

Webmaster: John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

## 2.0 Finances

Federal Tax ID Number: 74-2848619

2012 Annual Section Dues: \$10.00

### **2012 General Operating Budget:**

General Operating Account balance as of 12/31/2012: \$ 1,914.56

#### *2012 Income*

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Individual Section Member & Affiliate Dues               | \$1,460.00         |
| Agency Section Member Dues                               | \$280.00           |
| Monthly Luncheon Fees                                    | \$9,007.00         |
| <u>Mini-Conference (Joint Meeting) Registration Fees</u> | <u>\$3,731.00</u>  |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                      | <b>\$14,478.00</b> |

#### *2012 Expenses*

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Monthly Luncheon Catering         | \$10,373.16 |
| Mini Conference (Joint Meeting)   | \$2,685.00  |
| Pay Pal Credit Card Processing    | \$230.77    |
| Constant Contact Event Management | \$477.92    |

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Professional Development Webinars                  | \$125.00           |
| Officer Award Plaques                              | \$262.77           |
| Annual Meeting Door Prizes                         | \$195.00           |
| Supplies   | \$58.03            |
| Joint Meeting Profit Sharing to Fort Worth Section | \$273.00           |
| Contribution to Future City Competition            | \$500.00           |
| P.O. Box Annual Rental                             | \$86.00            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                              | <b>\$15,266.65</b> |

**2012 General Operating Loss** **-\$788.65**

### 2012 Section Scholarship Budget:

Section Scholarship Account balance as of 12/31/2012: \$ 2,484.75

#### 2012 Income

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Golf Tournament Revenue | 13,700.67          |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>    | <b>\$13,700.67</b> |

#### 2012 Expenses

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Golf Tournament Expenses     | \$8,555.77         |
| Student Scholarships Awarded | <u>\$5,000.00</u>  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>        | <b>\$13,555.77</b> |

**2012 Scholarship Account Net Income** **\$144.90**

*Note: This amount was reinvested into the Scholarship Bank Account*

## 3.0 Membership

| Membership Grade            | Year 2012  | Year 2011  | Percent Change  |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Section Member <sup>1</sup> | 134        | 111        | + 20.7 %        |
| Life Member                 | 18         | 6          | + 200.0 %       |
| Agency Member <sup>2</sup>  | 35         | 36         | - 2.8 %         |
| Student                     | 3          | 0          | N/A             |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>190</b> | <b>153</b> | <b>+ 24.2 %</b> |

<sup>1</sup>Section Member Count includes full voting section members as well as non-voting section affiliates

<sup>2</sup>Agency Memberships through ITE, Section dues are paid by ITE at 80% of the standard dues rate

## 4.0 Activity

### 4.1 General Technical

The Greater Dallas Section holds a regular monthly meeting on the second Friday of each month. The Section typically does not hold a meeting during the same month as a District 9 meeting. The Section also holds a joint meeting with the Fort Worth Section one month of the year, resulting in a total of nine regular monthly meetings. During each Section meeting, general Section business is discussed followed by a technical presentation.

In 2012, the Section again organized and hosted a one day mini-conference for our membership. This meeting was held as the annual joint meeting with the Fort Worth Section. The dates, topics, speakers, and attendance of each meeting or technical event are shown below:

**Table 1: Meetings and Other Technical Events**

| Date       | Topic  | Speaker  | Attendance |
|------------|--|--|------------|
| 01/13/2012 | Traffic Signal Structures                        | Barry Sladek<br>Valmont  | 77         |
| 02/10/2012 | The Flexible Engineer                            | Robert Wunderlich<br>Immediate Past President ITE  | 77         |
| 04/13/2012 | DFW Experience with Rhythm Adaptive Control      | Paul Luedtke, HDR<br>Michael Pacelli, City of Grapevine<br>John Black, City of Richardson        | 64         |
| 05/04/2012 | TxDOT's Perspective on the Flashing Yellow Arrow | Henry Wickes<br>Signal & Radio Branch Manager<br>TxDOT Traffic Operations Div.                   | 69         |
| 06/8/2012  | Introduction to Traffic RADAR Training Seminar   | Ian Lee<br>Twincrest Technologies  | 30         |
| 06/8/2012  | <b>Mini Conference / Joint Meeting</b>           |  | 90         |
|            | Sign of Regional Success                         | Jungus Jordan, Councilmember<br>City of Fort Worth & Chair of<br>Regional Transportation Council |            |

| Date   | Topic   | Speaker   | Attendance |
|--|---|---|------------|
|  | Transportation Ethics   | Steve Hofener, Former ITE International President, Traffic Engineering Consultants, Inc |            |
|  | Building the Chisholm Trail Parkway – 27 miles of Cross Street & Rail Impacts                       | Mark Bouma, NTTA  |            |
|  | The Future of DART  | Steve Salin, DART   |            |
|  | DFW Airport Terminal Renewal & Improvement Program  | Steve Schoenekase, Parsons  |            |
|  | SH 360 at IH 30 Interchange Traffic Analysis  | Cameron Williams, Walter P Moore  |            |
|  | The Dallas Horseshoe Project  | Ceason Clemens, TxDOT Dallas  |            |
| 07/13/2012   | Perspectives on Traffic data Collections  | Daryl Swenson<br>GRAM traffic NTX, Inc  | 66         |
| 09/14/2012   | Analysis of Innovative Intersection Design Alternatives   | Brian Moen, City of Frisco<br>Dhruva Lahon, Kimley-Horn                                 | 70         |
| 10/12/2012   | City of Edmonds ATMS – Using the Systems Engineering Process  | Darin Bjork, Kimley-Horn  | 60         |
| 11/9/2012  | Accelerated Pavement Testing: An advanced research tool to evaluate pavement materials & structures | Dr. Stefan Romanoschi<br>University of Texas at Arlington                               | 45         |
| 12/14/2012   | Collin County Outer Loop Project Update   | Ruben Delgado<br>Collin County Engineer   | 57         |
| <b>TOTAL MEETING AND TECHNICAL EVENT ATTENDEES</b> |   |   | <b>705</b> |

#### 4.2 Regional One Day Mini Conference

The Greater Dallas Section, organized a mini-conference in place of our June monthly meeting. This mini-conference consisted of a half day training element along with a lunch and a half day of technical sessions. The meeting was advertised as our annual joint meeting with the Greater Fort Worth Section.

The mini-conference consisted of a half-day introduction to Traffic RADAR training course during the morning, taught by Ian Lee of Twincrest Technologies.

A key note speaker presented during lunch, and then the afternoon took shape with multiple technical presentations as well as a Texas PE approved engineering ethics course. The full day event was capped by a happy hour social event at a nearby restaurant.

The meeting was held at the Ruthe Jackson Center in Grand Prairie.

#### 4.3 Committees

The **Younger Members Committee** was chaired by Tom Hartmann (Kimley-Horn). The Younger Members Committee was responsible for publicizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Golf Tournament as well as the Greater Dallas Section Scholarship for Studies in Traffic and Transportation.

The **Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee** was chaired by Cameron Williams (Walter P Moore). The Committee planned a successful scholarship golf tournament held on May 11, 2012 to raise money for transportation engineering scholarships.

The **Scholarship Selection Committee** reviewed applications and made a recommendation as to the students most worthy of receiving a Greater Dallas Section Scholarship. This Committee was chaired by John Black (City of Richardson) with the Section President (John Denholm) and Younger Members Committee Chair (Tom Hartmann) serving as the other members responsible for selecting scholarship winners. Three scholarships were awarded during the July Section meeting, totaling \$5,000 in funds.

The **Professional Development Committee** organized several ITE webinars for members to attend. Our professional development activities are highlighted in more detail later. This committee was made up of Wes McClure (TxDOT), Jeremy Wyndham (Jacobs) and Tommie Bolden (Apex Engineering).

The **Nominating Committee** nominated candidates to run in the 2012 election for Section Secretary-Treasurer and for the position of Vice-President. The nominating committee was chaired this year by David Halloin (Kimley-Horn), with Cameron Williams (Walter P. Moore) and Jignesh Thakkar (DeShazo Group) serving as members.

The **Tellers Committee** confirmed the online vote tabulation and declared a winner of the election. This committee was made up of Kirk Houser (City of Dallas), David Halloin and Jignesh Thakkar.

#### 4.4 Professional Development Activity

The Greater Dallas Section Professional Development Committee has a goal of providing at least one training session per quarter. The Committee works to find local firms and

agencies to sponsor and host an event. They are also expanding the scope of their efforts to include identifying professional development opportunities available in the Region (outside of ITE) and sharing these with our membership. This includes opportunities that may be available through such organizations such as NCTCOG, ASCE, ITS Texas, ITS America, TxDOT, CEC, TSPE, and others. The section offered the following Webinars during Calendar Year 2012.

**Table 2: Webinars Offered**

| <b>Date</b>                    | <b>Topic</b>   | <b>Attendance</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 08/07/2012                     | Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century (Map-21)<br>(Hosted by Kimley-Horn)  | 12                |
| 09/25/2012                     | HCM 2010: New Signalized Intersection Methodology Applications – Auto Mode<br>(Hosted by Texas Department of Transportation – Dallas District)       | 15                |
| 09/27/2012                     | HCM 2010: What’s New with Unsignalized Intersection Methodologies<br>(Hosted by Texas Department of Transportation – Dallas District)                | 6                 |
| 10/09/2012                     | HCM 2010: New Urban Streets Methodology Auto Mode<br>(Hosted by Texas Department of Transportation – Dallas District)                                | 4                 |
| 10/11/2012                     | HCM 2010: New Urban Streets Methodology – Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Modes<br>(Hosted by Texas Department of Transportation – Dallas District) | 4                 |
| 11/06/2012                     | HCM 2010: Freeway Application Method<br>(Hosted by Halff Associates)   | 3                 |
| 11/01/2012                     | HCM 2010: Application of the Unsignalized Pedestrian Crossing and Off Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities<br>(Hosted by Halff Associates)       | 6                 |
| <b>TOTAL WEBINAR ATTENDEES</b> |  | <b>50</b>         |

Another Professional Development activity hosted by the Section this year included the half-day Traffic RADAR seminar in June during the mini-conference. Attendance data for this particular event appeared in Table 1.

#### 4.5 Scholarship Golf Tournament



The Greater Dallas Section hosted our second Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on May 11, 2012. The golf tournament serves as the Dallas Section's Scholarship for Studies in Traffic and Transportation Engineering primary fund raiser.

The golf tournament planning committee consisted of the following members:

Cameron Williams, Chair  
Adam Cross  
John Denholm  
Tom Hartmann  
Jason Horn  
Curtis Jarecki  
Jessica Shutt

The younger members involved in the planning of the golf tournament dedicated many hours and exchanged hundreds of emails related to the event.

Although there were cloudy skies all around, the golf tournament continued with raindrops only at the end of the round and during the exciting putting contest on May 11th at Riverchase Golf Club in Coppell.

The second annual tournament saw 72 golfers participate and 24 companies sponsor at one of the various levels at our event. We are grateful for their participation which resulted in our successful fundraising. The tournament raised over \$5,100 this year which represents a 22% increase over the funds raised in 2011.

#### 4.6 Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Award

Due to the success of the Golf Tournament, we were able to extend scholarships to three students in 2012. Ms. Kelly Dettmer, a student from Texas A&M University, was awarded \$2,000; Mr. Marco Garcia, a student from the University of Texas at Arlington, was awarded \$1,700; and Mr. Hiron Fernando, a student from Texas Tech University, was awarded \$1,300. Each of these students was awarded the scholarship based on their applications and demonstration of financial hardship while pursuing a degree in civil engineering.



## 5.0 Other Business

### 5.1 Officer Elections

Jessica Shutt (City of Richardson) and Allison Williams (City of Garland) were selected by the Nominating Committee to run for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Online voting was available between mid-October and late-November. The results were presented at the December 14, 2012 Section Annual Business Meeting and the new officers were sworn in for their 2013 terms. Jessica Shutt was elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer, and Boro Dedeitch was elected to serve as Vice-President.

### 5.2 Changes to Section Bylaws

No changes were made to the Section Bylaws in 2012.