



South Texas Section
Institute of Transportation Engineers

**A Section of District 9 of the
Institute of Transportation Engineers**

Annual Section Report – January through December 2013

SECTION HISTORY

The South Texas ITE Section (STITE) is a sub-area of District 9 of the Texas District of ITE (a.k.a. TexITE). The section was formed in 1997 and includes 46 counties in the area that stretches from Del Rio to San Antonio to Victoria and south to the Rio Grande Valley (more land than some states!). STITE boundaries include McAllen, Laredo, Corpus Christi, South Padre Island, Kingsville, Harlingen and Brownsville. There have been few opportunities in South Texas for people in the transportation industry to network with their peers, enhance technical skills or learn new methods of controlling and planning for traffic.

SECTION LEADERSHIP

2014 LEADERSHIP

Office	President	Vice President	Secretary/ Treasurer	Section Representative
Name	 Derek Mueller	 Justin Clark	 Miguel Luna	 Eduardo Mendoza
Affiliation	<i>Pape-Dawson Engineers</i>	<i>Pape-Dawson Engineers</i>	<i>GKW Engineers</i>	<i>City of McAllen</i>

2013 LEADERSHIP

Office	President	Vice President	Secretary/ Treasurer	Section Representative
Name	 Amy Avery	 Derek Mueller	 Justin Clark	 Eduardo Mendoza
Affiliation	<i>Kimley-Horn and Associates</i>	<i>Pape-Dawson Engineers</i>	<i>Pape-Dawson Engineers</i>	<i>City of McAllen</i>

2013 & 2014 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	2014 Committee Chairs		2013 Committee Chairs	
	Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Website Manager	Ben Worsham	City of McAllen	Ben Worsham	City of McAllen
Student Chapter Liaison	Miguel Luna	GKW Engineers	Miguel Luna	GKW Engineers
Membership Committee	Amy Avery	Kimley-Horn and Associates	Amy Avery	Kimley-Horn and Associates
Nominations Committee	Miguel Sanchez	Arcadis	Miguel Sanchez	Arcadis
Newsletter Editor	Derek Mueller	Pape-Dawson Engineers	Derek Mueller	Pape-Dawson Engineers
Section Representative	Eduardo Mendoza	City of McAllen	Eduardo Mendoza	City of McAllen
Scholarship Committee	Heather McNeal	Pape-Dawson Engineers	Heather McNeal	Pape-Dawson Engineers
Regional Conf. Committee	Julio Ramos	CEC	Julio Ramos	CEC
Holiday Banquet Committee	Justin Clark	Pape-Dawson Engineers	Justin Clark, Scott Nelson	Pape-Dawson Engineers

FINANCES

The current STITE bank account balance is **\$5,016**. The 2013 fiscal year began with a balance of **\$7,315**. While maintaining a healthy bank balance, the Section has focused more on providing greater value to our members such as hosting webinars and evening socials. The section also increased its scholarship from the single \$1500 scholarship we have offered in previous years to two scholarships totaling \$3000 in 2013.

MEMBERSHIP

The South Texas Section has 100 local and international members in 2013. As of March, 2013, there were 65 International ITE members within the Section boundaries, as listed by the ITE website (www.ite.org). Table 1 provides a breakdown of the membership grade of these international members. The information in Table 1 will be updated with the 2014 membership once the membership data is provided by ITE international.

Table 1. Membership Grade of International Members in the South Texas Region		
Membership Grade	2013	2012
Student	10	15
Total Local Member Only	35	11
Institute Affiliate	0	1
Fellow	12	13
Members	43	46
TOTAL ITE SECTION MEMBERS*	65	77

** Does not include members of Section who are not full ITE members*

ACTIVITIES

General Technical

The South Texas Section holds its regular monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of each Month. In 2013 our section changed meeting locations to a downtown restaurant which greatly improved public sector participation as it is closer to City and County offices than our previous meeting location was.

The STITE Regional Conference (see photos), was held in October in Corpus Christi, Texas. No meetings were held in April, July and November in order to avoid conflicts with the Spring/Fall TexITE Meetings and the Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting dates, topics, speakers, and attendance are shown in Table 2 below:



Table 2. 2013 Meeting Summary

Date	Topic/Event	Speaker	Attendance
Jan 25	Lunch Meeting –iMAP Application	Cecilio Martinez SA-BC MPO	37
Feb 29	Lunch Meeting – HAWK Beacons in San Antonio	Marc Jacobson, P.E., PTOE Manager, City of San Antonio Traffic Management Center	41
March 27	Meeting with UTSA Student Chapter Broadway/ Hildebrand Traffic Control and Construction Phasing	Arnold Ramirez, P.E., Project Manager, CIMS	24:16 Prof:Student

April – No meeting due to Spring TextITE Meeting

Table 2. 2011 Meeting Summary – Con't

Date	Topic/Event	Speaker	Attendance
May 29	Lunch Meeting –TxDOT Planning Initiatives	Clayton Ripps, P.E. Adv. Transportation Planning Director, TxDOT SA District	30
June 28	Joint Meeting w/ Capital Area Section	Gary Schatz, P.E., PTOE City of Austin Aaron Nathan, P.E. PTOE Kimley-Horn	18 (STITE)
July – No meeting			
August 29	Summer Social Event – Lion and the Rose	None	12
Sept 7	Joint UTSA Student Chapter Event UTSA Football Tailgate	None	10:40 Prof:Student
Sept 17	Ethics Webinar	ITE Professional Development	26
Oct. 11	Regional Conference	Lydia Kelly , San Antonio Bexar County MPO	37
November – No meeting			
Dec. 12	Annual Holiday Banquet	Officer Installations; White Elephant Gift Exchange; Traffic Jeopardy	19

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee Chair is Heather McNeal. This year the scholarship was opened up to all ABET accredited schools in our region. The Scholarships (\$3,000) were awarded to Jose Cazares (\$2000) and Lizeth Gomez (\$1000) who both attend The University of Texas Pan-America. In previous years, STITE had coordinated their scholarship program through the University of Texas – San Antonio Department of Engineering. In 2013, the Officers decided to include all schools in the region and be responsible for the selection process. This change was done in order to include more of our wide-reaching section and also help to foster ties with, and encourage ITE chapters at all schools to become more active.

COMMUNICATIONS

Website

The Section website is consistently updated with the latest meeting and conference information, previously published newsletters, and meeting presentations.

Additional Communication Initiatives

The Section has been using Constant Contact to create email announcements for events and meetings and manage the guest lists. In 2013, this service was used to manage all event registrations, announcements, newsletter distribution, and officer elections. Constant Contact has proven to be a valuable addition to our website for communication meeting announcements and section news. We continue to look for more ways to utilize this service including better organization of our membership lists.

SECTION STUDENT CHAPTERS

The Section has been very active with the UTSA Student Chapter throughout the year. Highlighted activities include the Annual Joint Student/Professional meeting held in March, participating in the Adopt-A-Highway Program with the student chapter, finding various speakers/volunteers for different student chapter events/meetings, and offering discounted rates at meetings in an effort to attract more student chapter members to experience the professional chapter atmosphere. In 2013, the Joint meeting was held at a nearby restaurant to entice more professional member to attend. In September, STITE and the Student Chapter jointly hosted a tailgate for a UTSA football game at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio.



University of Texas, San Antonio

The current UTSA Student Chapter Officers are listed below:

President: **Carlos Rosas**
 Vice President: **Eliseo Suarez**
 Treasurer: **Edgar Villarreal**
 Secretary: **Gerardo Gonzalez**
 Webmaster: **Rick Doria**

The UTSA STITE Student Chapter is having a successful semester. The Chapter has “Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up” on February 15th and is planning another later in the year. The UTSA student chapter also has two training sessions planned for Synchro and MicroStation. The UTSA Student Chapter has established networking relationships with other organizations such as ASCE and ACI to share ideas and work towards greater achievements.

Texas A & M University, Kingsville

At the time of submission of this report, no information was received.

GOALS FOR 2013

- a. Increase attendance at events and involve more members in the Section’s committees.
- b. Submit STITE Newsletter for ITE District and Section Award.
- c. Increase section revenues through Business Card Advertisement and social events.
- d. Continue to offer program meetings with informative topics and prominent speakers.
- e. Expand the scholarship program to include other universities in South Texas.
- f. Offer at least one valuable professional development program/workshop.

AWARDS/HONORS

The STITE Section was selected as the winner of the TexITE Section Activities Award for 2013. The award was presented to Derek Mueller, current Section President, at the TexITE District Meeting in Clear Lake, Texas in September 2013.

Jose Cazares and Lizeth Gomez of the University of Texas Pan-America (UTPA) were recognized as the co-winners of the 2013 STITE Scholarship.



The Section presented a plaque to **Amy Avery** for their dedicated service as an officer.

OTHER

Election Results

The STITE Section held elections for 2014 officers. Derek Mueller will serve as President, Justin Clark as Vice President, Miguel Luna as Secretary/Treasurer, and Eduardo Mendoza will continue his two year term as Section Representative.

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