



2014 Brazos Valley Section Annual 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 2014. This section report was prepared by Troy Rother with the assistance of the current 2014 leadership of the section.

1. Leadership

Below is a listing of the 2014 Officers and Committee Chairs for the Brazos Valley Section.

2014 Officers

President	Kay Fitzpatrick	979-845-7321
Vice-president	Kevin Balke	979-845-9899
Secretary/Treasurer	James Robertson	979-764-3862
Immediate Past President	Beverly Storey	979-845-7217
Section Representative	Troy Rother	979-764-3838

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 12/31/2014, the balance of the Brazos Valley Section account is \$2,950.89.

3. Membership

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

Membership Grade	2013	2014
Member	46	58
Local Section Affiliate	15	0
Student	39	38
Total	100	96

While we are excited that the number of our colleagues with full membership grew in 2014, Dale Picha, a prominent member of the BVITE Section, left our section when he took a position with TxDOT and moved to San Antonio to be the TransGuide Operations Manager. We know that the 'late' Dale Picha will put his innovative spirit to good use in the Alamo City.

4. Activities

2014 was an exciting 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 typically 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; however, because some speakers were available during the summer months to present on some very interesting topics, only the meeting in July was suspended.

2014 Schedule of Meetings and Speakers

Date	Speaker and Topic	Attendance
01/30/14	Bob Brydia, Texas A&M Transportation Institute – Main Street Texas: Innovations in Traffic Engineering for the I-35 Central Texas Corridor	12
02/27/14	Dale Picha, City of Bryan (formerly) – City of Bryan: Past, Present, and Future	18
03/27/14	Brad McCaleb – Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordination & Local Performance Monitoring in the Brazos Valley	11
04/24/14	Jerry Ullman, Texas A&M Transportation Institute – Graphical Route Information Panels: Recent Driver Information Load Research Findings	12
06/06/14	Maurice Maness & Maury Jacobs, TxDOT – George Bush/Wellborn Rd Underpass Design and Traffic Management Plan	15
08/28/14	Tim Lomax, Texas A&M Transportation Institute – TAMU Game Day Transportation Management	17
10/23/14	Beverly Kuhn, Texas A&M Transportation Institute – Variable Speed Limit Projects in Texas	10
11/20/14	Robert Wunderlich, Texas A&M Transportation Institute – Safety Culture and the Engineer	16
12/11/14	Mike McInturff, HDR, Inc. – 45 Years of Transportation Engineering: More Philosophical Than Technical	19



4.2. Social

The Brazos Valley ITE Section and Texas A&M ITE Student Chapter organized a joint social event held on July 17, 2014 at the residence of Jerry and Brooke Ullman in Bryan, TX. The Ullman's graciously, and with some caution brought on by an attack of good judgment, invited the BVITE and TAMU ITE to return in July 2015 for another summer social event at their residence.

5. Fiscal Summary

The BVITE accounts were reviewed by one of the members and were in good order.

6. Other

6.1. Goals

For 2015, 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.

6.2. Awards Honors Received/Bestowed

In 2014, several BVITE Section Members were recognized for their achievements:

- James Robertson, City of College Station, was elected as the TexITE Secretary-Treasurer.
- During the March 27th meeting, a Life Member certificate was presented to Dan Middleton.
- Similarly, at the April 24th meeting, Bill Stockton was presented a Life Member certificate.
- Kay Fitzpatrick received the 2014 Burton W. Marsh Award for Distinguished Service in Seattle, WA at the International ITE Meeting. The award has been given annually since 1970 to an ITE member who has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of ITE throughout a period of several years.



Brazos Valley TexITE at the International ITE meeting in Seattle, WA Gary Thomas (winner of the Superman Pose Award), Kaitlynn Simmons, Troy Rother, Beverly Kuhn, Kay Fitzpatrick, Robert Wunderlich, James Robertson (not pictured Dennis Christiansen).

- Mike McInturff was named the 2014 Transportation Engineer of the Year by TexITE at the 2014 Spring TexITE meeting in Waco, Texas. The award recognizes an individual member of TexITE for outstanding practice, teaching, or research of the science and art of transportation engineering in the State of Texas.
- Joseph Blaschke was presented with the Life Member certificate during the December BVITE meeting.

Mike McInturff and Joseph Blaschke remembering their formative years after the December meeting. (BTW, that's a slide rule)



6.3. Changes to Section Bylaws

On July 7, 2014, a majority of the BVITE membership voted to modify the Section Bylaws which removed the elected position of Secretary-Treasurer and created a Section Administrator to cover these duties. This position is appointed by the BVITE President and has a one-year term with no limit on consecutive terms. The modification of the BVITE Section By-Laws were approved by vote of the District Board on September 24, 2014.