

# 2014 Annual Report



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

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## 1.0 Leadership

### *Elected Leadership*

President: Boro Dedeitch, Parsons

Vice-President: Gary Graham, City of McKinney

Secretary-Treasurer: Cameron Williams, Binkley & Barfield – C&P

Section Representative: John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

Past President: Robyn Root, City of McKinney

### *Appointed Positions*

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

Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee Chair: Hiron Fernando, Kimley-Horn

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

Professional Development Committee Chair: Josh Smith, Savant Group

Webmaster: Rajesh Janarathanan, AECOM

## 2.0 Membership

| Membership Grade            | Year 2014       | Year 2013       | Percent Change |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Section Member <sup>1</sup> | 135             | 141             | -4%            |
| Life Member                 | 18 <sup>3</sup> | 19 <sup>3</sup> | -5%            |
| Agency Member <sup>2</sup>  | 22              | 32              | -45%           |
| Student                     | 0               | 2               | -              |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>175</b>      | <b>194</b>      | <b>-11%</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

<sup>3</sup>Life Member Count based on data received from ITE National and may include members outside of the Dallas Section defined limits.

**3.0 Finances**

Federal Tax ID Number: 74-2848619      2014 Annual Section Dues: \$10.00

**2014 General Operating Budget:**

Balance as of 12/31/2014: **\$5,054.36**

*2014 Income*

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Individual Section Member & Affiliate Dues     | \$1,180.00         |
| Agency Section Member Dues                     | \$176.00           |
| Monthly Luncheon Fees                          | \$11,963.00        |
| Half Day Joint Meeting                         | \$3,810.00         |
| Advertising                                    | \$500.00           |
| Professional Development Meetings/Sponsorships | \$2,000.00         |
| <b>Total Income</b>                            | <b>\$19,629.00</b> |

*2014 Expenses*

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Monthly Luncheon Catering                       | \$11,270.96        |
| Pay Pal Credit Card Processing                  | \$266.90           |
| Constant Contact Event Management               | \$319.80           |
| Half Day Joint Meeting                          | \$3,531.08         |
| Professional Development Webinars               | \$1,933.61         |
| Annual Meeting Door Prizes                      | \$255.95           |
| Contribution to Future City Competition         | \$250.00           |
| Profit Sharing of Joint Meeting with Fort Worth | \$106.80           |
| Officers' Meeting                               | \$45.99            |
| Supplies  | \$29.36            |
| P.O. Box Annual Rental                          | \$88.00            |
| Officer Plaques                                 | \$88.17            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                           | <b>\$18,186.62</b> |

**2014 Transfer to Reserves \$1,442.38**

**2014 Section Scholarship Budget:**

Balance as of 12/31/2014: **\$ 5,111.34**

*2014 Income*

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Golf Tournament Revenue | \$13,742.13        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>    | <b>\$13,742.13</b> |

*2014 Expenses*

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Golf Tournament Expenses | \$6,262.35         |
| 2015 Golf Course Deposit | \$0.00             |
| Scholarships Awarded     | \$5,000.00         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>    | <b>\$12,627.19</b> |

**2014 Scholarship Account Net Income \$2,479.78**

## 4.0 Activity

### 4.1 General Technical

The Greater Dallas Section holds a regular monthly meeting typically on the second Friday of each month. The Section usually 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 10 monthly meetings. During each Section meeting, general Section business is discussed and a technical presentation is given.

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 |
|-----------|--|---|------------|
| 1/10/2014 | Klyde Warrant Park   | Clarence Daugherty and Ed Penton with Jacobs          | 64         |
| 2/14/2014 | Roundabout in Fort Worth   | Alonzo Linan<br>City of Fort Worth                    | 83         |
| 3/8/2014  | DFW Connector  | Bob Brown<br>Parsons Brinckerhoff                     | 60         |
| 4/11/2014 | What's Wrong with this Picture?  | Rick Berry<br>City of Plano                           | 71         |
| 6/13/2014 | Distracted Driving   | Katie Womack<br>Texas A&M Transportation<br>Institute | 70         |
| 7/17/2014 | Dallas-Fort Worth Joint Meeting<br>MUTCD Updates and History           | Keynote: Gene Hawkins<br>Texas A&M University         | 113        |
| 8/8/2014  | Comparing US and Texas<br>Transportation with the Rest of<br>the World | Omar Venzor and Mark Kranz<br>with Savant             | 69         |

| Date       | Topic   | Speaker                                  | Attendance |
|------------|---|--|------------|
| 10/10/2014 | Proposition 1 and 2015 Legislation Priorities | Amanda Wilson<br>NCTCOG                  | 59         |
| 11/14/2014 | Impacts of Wright Amendment Expiration        | Ken Weigand<br>McKinney National Airport | 41         |
| 12/12/2014 | Traffic Bowl                                  | Dallas TexITE Membership                 | 58         |

#### 4.2 Committees

The **Younger Members Committee** was chaired by Tom Hartmann (Kimley-Horn and Associates). The Younger Members Committee was responsible for publicizing the Greater Dallas Section Scholarship and helping host the scholarship golf tournament. In October of 2014, Tom Hartmann stepped down as chair of the Younger Members Committee. Robin Osborne was appointed the new chair.

The **Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee** was chaired by Hiron Fernandez (Kimley-Horn). The Committee planned a successful scholarship golf tournament held on May 9, 2014 to raise money for transportation engineering scholarships.

The **Scholarship Selection Committee** reviewed applications and made a recommendation of 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 and Younger Members Committee Chair serving as the other members.

The **Professional Development Committee** organized several webinars for members to attend. Our professional development activities are highlighted in more detail later. This committee was made up of Josh Smith (Savant), Curtis Jarecki (City of Frisco), and Wes McClure (TxDOT).

The **Nominating Committee** nominated candidates to run in the 2014 election for Section Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President. The nominating committee was chaired this year by Larry Cervenka (Binkley Barfield – C&P) with Walter Ragsdale (Ragsdale Consulting) and Steve Stoner (DeShazo Group) serving as members.

The **Tellers Committee** confirmed the online vote tabulation and declared a winner of the 2014 election. This committee was made up of Larry Cervenka and Walter Ragsdale.

#### 4.3 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 promoted the following Webinars and presentations during Calendar Year 2014.

**Table 2: Webinars Offered**

| Date                     | Topic  |
|--------------------------|--|
| 2/25/2014                | Adaptive Signal Control                              |
| 4/23/2014                | Innovative Intersection Design                       |
| 5/23/2014 &<br>5/24/2014 | Evaluating the Performance of Traffic Signal Systems |
| 7/17/2014                | Video Detection Technology                           |
| 7/17/2014                | Vistro traffic analysis software                     |
| 8/20/2014                | Turbo Roundabouts                                    |

#### 4.4 Scholarship Golf Tournament



**The Dallas Section  
Scholarship Golf  
Tournament earned over  
\$7,000 for scholarships, a  
new record!**

The Greater Dallas Section hosted our fourth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on May 9, 2014. The golf tournament serves as the Dallas Section's only fundraiser for the traffic and transportation engineering scholarships.

The Dallas Section Younger Members Committee was tasked with planning the golf tournament. The committee consisted of the following members:

**Table 3: 2013 Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee**

| 2014 – Fourth Annual Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Golf Tournament |                    |                    |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Committee Chair   | Hiron Fernando     | Kimley-Horn        |
| Finance – Sub Committee   | Robin Osborne      | Kimley-Horn        |
| Pre-Tournament Logistics – Sub Committee                                | Omar Venzor        | Savant Group       |
| Day of Activities – Sub Committee                                       | Sofia Rameriz      | Kimley-Horn        |
| Member  | Jason Horn         | Dannenbaum         |
| Member  | Natalie Holsomback | Jacobs Engineering |
| Member  | Steve Carver       | Savant Group       |
| Member  | Kshitiz Singh      | Parsons Group      |
| Member  | Henok Tezera       | Kimley-Horn        |
| Member  | Kiara Perez        | City of Garland    |
| Member  | Tom Hartmann       | Kimley-Horn        |

The younger members involved in the planning of the golf tournament dedicated many hours and exchanged hundreds of emails related to the event. This year the committee engaged many younger members who have not been involved in the committee in the past, making for a very diverse group of volunteers represented by many different companies and agencies.

The fourth annual tournament involved 73 golfers, with 24 sponsor companies participating at various funding levels at our event. Ultimately \$7229.78 was raised for the Greater Dallas Section Scholarships. This year a new record was set in terms of profit, a 33% increase in year over year profits. We are very grateful for all the sponsors, volunteers, and players' participation for making this such a successful fundraising event.

## **Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Award**

Due to the success of the Golf Tournament, we awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to the following students in August 2014:

- Lucy Richardson Southern Methodist University, \$2,000
- Sukrit Narula, Texas A&M University, \$1,700
- Shawn Poe, University of Colorado - Boulder, \$1,300

Each of these students was awarded the scholarship based on their application and demonstration of financial hardship while pursuing a degree in civil engineering.

## **5.0 Other Business**

### **5.1 Officer Elections and Appointments**

For the 2014 term, the nominating committee selected candidates for the offices of Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-President. Kim Bower (Lee Engineering) and Matt Sneed (City of McKinney) were selected by the Nominating Committee to run for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Cameron Williams (Binkley & Barfield – C&P, Inc.) was nominated for Vice President. The results were presented at the December 12, 2014 Section Annual Business Meeting and the new officers were sworn in for their 2015 terms. Matt Sneed was elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer and Cameron Williams was elected to serve as Vice-President.

### **5.2 Changes to Section Bylaws**

No changes were made to the Section Bylaws in 2014.

### **5.3 Resolutions Passed by the Section**

No new resolutions were passed by the Section in 2014.