



2015 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 from January 2015 through December 2015. James Robertson, with the assistance of the current leadership of the section, prepared this section report.

1. Leadership

Below is a listing of the 2015 and 2016 Officers and Committee Chairs for the Brazos Valley Section.

2015 Officers

President – Kevin Balke
 Vice-President – James Robertson
 Section Representative – Troy Rother
 Immediate Past President – Kay Fitzpatrick

Appointed Positions

Membership Chair – David Besly
 Webmaster – Gary Thomas
 Listserv Owner/Operator – Marcus Brewer
 Section Administrator – Marcus Brewer

2016 Officers

President – James Robertson
 Vice-President – Karen Dixon
 Section Representative – Solomon Nyanongo
 Immediate Past President – Kevin Balke

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 Webmaster – Gary Thomas
 Listserv Owner/Operator – Marcus Brewer
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2. Finances

As of 01/29/2016, the balance of the Brazos Valley Section accounts are \$2,077.33.

3. Membership

The composition of the membership of the Brazos Valley Section is shown in the table below.

Membership Grade	2014	2015
Member	58	51
Local Section Affiliate	0	0
Student	38	35
Total	96	86

4. Activities

Two-thousand fifteen was an exciting year for the Brazos Valley Section. Below summarizes the monthly meetings, social activities, and committee activities performed by the Section.

4.1. Monthly Meetings

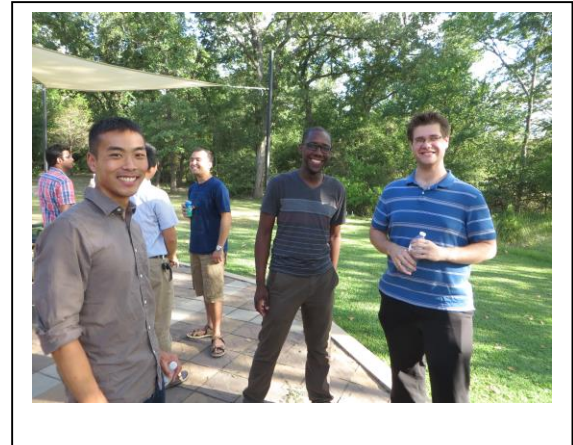
The Brazos Valley Section typically hosts regular monthly meetings on the last Thursday of each month. At these meetings, the leadership hosted speakers on topics of interest to the members of the Section. Those speakers and topics are shown in the table below. It is the standard practice of the BVITE Section is to suspend meeting during the summer months, which is why there were no meetings in June and August. In July, instead of a meeting, the section held its annual summer social with the student chapter.

2015 Schedule of Meetings and Speakers

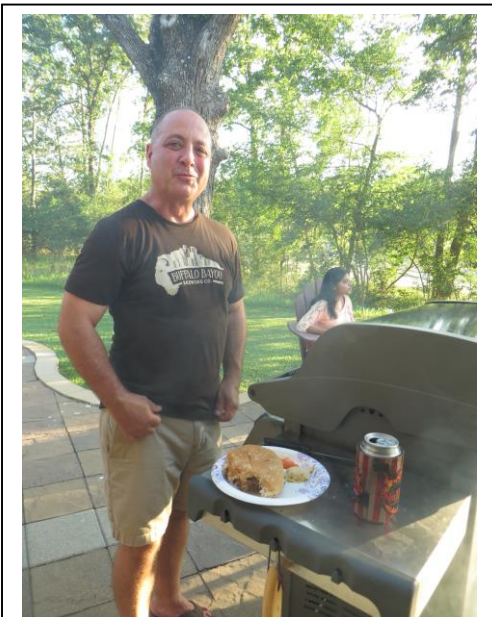
Date	Location	Attendance	Speaker	Topic
1/29	Gibb Gilchrist Bldg.	16	Brad McCaleb	2040 BCS Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update
2/26	Gibb Gilchrist Bldg.	17	Joe Blaschke	Tort Litigation From the 1970's to Today: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.
3/12 to 3/15	College Station Hilton	334	Various	TexITE Spring Meeting
4/23	Gibb Gilchrist Bldg.	12	Bernie Fette	Media Relations: Making it Painless and Productive
5/28	Gibb Gilchrist Bldg.	12	Karen Dixon	Access Management Manual 2014, 2 nd Edition
7/15	Jerry & Brooke Ullman	35	Everyone!	BVITE & TAMUITE Summer Social
9/24	Gibb Gilchrist Bldg.	15	David Schrank	2015 Urban Mobility Scorecard
10/28	Gibb Gilchrist Bldg.	10	Tim Lomax	Aggie Gameday
11/19	Gibb Gilchrist Bldg.	9	Gary Thomas	Same Topic, New Application
12/11	Gibb Gilchrist Bldg.	18	Chad Bohne	State Highway 249

4.2. Social

The Brazos Valley ITE Section and Texas A&M ITE Student Chapter organized a joint social event held on July 15, 2015. For a third consecutive year, Jerry and Brooke Ullman graciously hosted the summer social at their residence in Bryan, TX.



Everyone enjoyed the grillings of Master Chef Ullman along with some refreshing beverages! Even the traffic engineering staff from both cities were found talking to each other.



Host and Master Chef – Jerry Ullman



College Station - Troy Rother & James Robertson
Bryan – Solomon Nyanhongo and Gary Schatz

4.3. Committees

In 2015, the most active Committee in BVITE was the 2015 TexITE Spring Meeting Local Arrangements Committee. To put on this event, BVITE had more than 20 percent of its membership helping in the effort to host the District Meeting. The local arrangements committee included:

- Kay Fitzpatrick, LAC Chair
- Beverly Storey
- Bob Brydia
- Gary Thomas
- Hadi Khazraee Khoshroozi
- James Robertson
- Kevin Balke
- Marcus Brewer
- Melisa Finley
- Nada Trout
- Troy Rother

Some notable achievements of this committee include:

- Higher than average attendance despite concerns over the meeting taking place when half of the public schools in the state of Texas were on spring break.
- Successful implementation of a sponsorship program for the purpose of keeping the per participant cost of the meeting reasonable. TexITE is now using the sponsorship program developed for this meeting for all TexITE District Meetings.
- With the higher than average attendance, the College Station meeting (greatly) exceeded the estimated revenue. To further benefit ITE, \$10,000 worth of the excess revenue were set aside to support technical training at future TexITE District Meetings.
- Development of a new District Meeting Manual for use by other local arrangements committees when planning their meetings. The purpose of this new manual is to serve as a guide to the membership, officers, and local arrangements committee members when planning and conducting TexITE meetings.
- The first ever TexITE FEUD. TexITE Feud is similar to Family Feud®. The competing TexITE sections had to guess at the answers to transportation-related survey questions. The LAC developed the event to help fill down time if the student Traffic Bowl did not run the entire 90-min session. The responses to TexITE FEUD questions came from ITE members in the Midwestern and Western Districts of ITE.

5. Fiscal Summary

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BEGINNING BALANCE	(January 1, 2015)		\$ 3,250.89
Checking Account		\$ 2,950.89	
Cash Box		\$ 300.00	
INCOME			
Section Member and Affiliate Dues		\$ 376.00	
Meeting Income			
Meeting Income		\$ 535.00	
Socials		\$ -	
Donations		\$ 247.44	
Total Meeting Income		<u>\$ 782.44</u>	
2015 Spring Meeting Reimbursements		\$ 914.98	
TOTAL INCOME			<u>\$ 2,073.42</u>
EXPENSES			
Bank Charges		\$ 24.99	
TexITE Spring Meeting Sponsorships		\$ 1,500.00	
Meeting Expenses			
Attendee and Speaker Lunches		\$ 659.41	
Socials		\$ 147.60	
Parking		\$ -	
Total Meeting Expenses		<u>\$ 807.01</u>	
Miscellaneous			
Supplies		\$ -	
Photocopies		\$ -	
Postage		\$ -	
Total Miscellaneous		<u>\$ -</u>	
2015 Spring Meeting Expenditures		\$ 914.98	
TOTAL EXPENSES			<u>\$ 3,246.98</u>
ENDING BALANCE	(January 19, 2016)		\$ 2,077.33
Checking Account		\$ 1,777.33	
Cash Box		\$ 300.00	

6. Other

6.1. Goals

For 2016, 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. Strengthen the relationship between BVITE and the local chapters of ASCE and TSPE through joint meetings and activities.
3. Continue supporting the TAMU student chapter.
4. Continue having a social event for the membership.

6.2. Awards Honors Received/Bestowed

In 2015, several BVITE Section Members were recognized for their achievements:

- Gary Thomas was named the 2015 Transportation Engineer of the Year by TexITE at the 2015 Fall TexITE meeting in San Antonio, Texas. This 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.
- Hadi Khazraee, a Texas A&M University Student, won the 2015 TexITE Student Paper Award for his paper on “Modifying the AASHTO Green Book Guidelines for Median Opening Design to Accommodate Simultaneous Left Turns.”
- Melisa Finley and James Robertson completed the 2015 LeadershipITE program. This was the second year of the program that brings together a diverse group of ITE members to explore current issues in transportation; develop and hone leadership competencies; and build the professional network required to excel as leaders in ITE, in their places of employment, and communities

6.3. Changes to Section Bylaws

In 2015, there were no changes to the section bylaws.