

# 2015 Annual Report



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

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## 1.0 Leadership

### *Elected Leadership*

**President:** Gary Graham, City of McKinney

**Vice-President:** Cameron Williams, Binkley & Barfield – C&P

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Matt Sneed, City of McKinney

**Section Representative:** John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

**Past President:** Boro Dedeitch, Parsons

### *Appointed Positions*

**Younger Members Committee Chair:** Robin Osborne, Kimley-Horn and Associates

**Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee Chair:** Sofia Ramirez, Kimley-Horn

**Scholarship Award Selection Committee Chair:** Elizabeth Crowe, Walter P Moore

**Professional Development Committee Chair:** Josh Smith, Stantec

**Webmaster:** Rajesh Janarthanan, AECOM

## 2.0 Membership

Membership Grade	Year 2015	Year 2014
Section Member <sup>1</sup>	87	135
Life Member	23	18 <sup>3</sup>
Agency Member <sup>2</sup>	30	22
Student	4	0
Local Section Members <sup>3</sup>	20	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>175</b>

<sup>1</sup>Section Member Count includes only international members who have full voting privileges

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

<sup>3</sup>Local Section Members are non-voting section affiliates

### 3.0 Finances

Federal Tax ID Number: 74-2848619

2015 Annual Section Dues: \$10.00

#### 2015 General Operating Budget:

Balance as of 12/31/2015: **\$4,428.90**

##### 2015 Income

Section Dues	\$1,539.80
Monthly Luncheon Fees	\$11,068.00
Half Day Joint Meeting	\$1,745.00
Fort Worth Section Payments	\$778.53
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$15,131.33</b>

##### 2015 Expenses

Monthly Luncheon Catering	\$11,240.36
Pay Pal Credit Card Processing	\$209.24
Constant Contact Event Management	\$287.82
Half Day Joint Meeting	\$2,775.00
Annual Meeting Door Prizes	\$240.00
Contribution to Future City Competition	\$500.00
Officers' Meeting	\$85.00
Supplies	\$50.94
Officer Plaque	\$88.66
P.O. Box Rental	\$92.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,569.02</b>

**2015 Net Income** **(\$437.69)**

#### 2015 Section Scholarship Budget:

Balance as of 12/31/2015: **\$ 5062.08**

##### 2015 Income

Golf Tournament Revenue	\$12,818.70
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$12,818.70</b>

##### 2015 Expenses

Golf Tournament Expenses	\$6,367.96
2015 Golf Course Deposit	\$0.00
Scholarships Awarded	\$6,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,867.96</b>

**2015 Scholarship Account Net Income** **(\$49.26)**

## 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 in **Table 1**.

**Table 1: Monthly Meetings**

Date	Topic	Speaker	Attendance
1/9	Engineering Fun in Dubai	Boro Dedeitch <i>Parsons</i>	54
2/13	TxDOT 2015 Highway Safety Improvement Program Call for Projects	Martin Gonzalez <i>TxDOT Dallas District</i>	85
3/11 3/13	TexITE Spring Meeting College Station, Texas	n/a	-
4/10	Victory Park: Developer Lead Revitalization	Scott Booth & Dean Stuller <i>Half Associates</i>	66
5/15	Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Golf Tournament	n/a	-
6/12	When Less is More: How Infrastructure Shapes Real Estate	Patrick Kennedy <i>Space Between Design Studio</i>	77
7/24	Dallas-Fort Worth Joint Meeting DFW Airport's A380 Readiness	Various	94
8/14	Complete Streets Multimodal Level of Service	Kathy Kleinschmidt <i>Garver</i>	70
9/2 9/4	TexITE Fall Meeting San Antonio, Texas	n/a	-
10/9	Proposition 7 – Funding for Transportation in Texas	Jack Ladd <i>Move Texas Forward</i>	59
11/13	5 Billion Dollar Mile	Joel Fits <i>City of Frisco</i>	63
12/11	Traffic Bowl	Dallas TexITE Membership	55

This year a new meeting activity was created called the “International Minute”. During this portion of our monthly meetings members would provide brief presentations highlighting intriguing, interesting, and fun transportation experiences from international travels. Summarized in **Table 2** are the “International Minute” segments from our 2015 meetings.

**Table 2: International Minute**

Date	Topic	Speaker
2/13	Taiwan	Cameron Williams, <i>Binkley &amp; Barfield – C&amp;P</i>
4/10	Mexico City, Mexico	Brian Kellogg, <i>Stantec</i>
6/12	Venice, Italy	Mark Titus, <i>City of Richardson</i>
8/14	India	Sukrit Narula, <i>Walter P Moore</i>
10/9	Cuernavaca, Mexico	Cameron Williams, <i>Binkley &amp; Barfield – C&amp;P</i>
11/13	Bath, England	Cameron Williams, <i>Binkley &amp; Barfield – C&amp;P</i>

#### 4.2 Committees

The **Younger Members Committee** was chaired by Robin Osborne (Kimley-Horn and Associates), when Robin moved out of the district in November the YM committee was taken over by Chad Ostrander (Brown and Gay Engineers). The Younger Members Committee was responsible for publicizing the Greater Dallas Section Scholarship and helping host the scholarship golf tournament.

The **Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee** was chaired by Sofia Ramirez (Kimley-Horn). The Committee planned a successful scholarship golf tournament held on May 15, 2015 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 Elizabeth Crowe (Walter P Moore) 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 2015 election for Section Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President. The nominating committee was chaired this year by Brian Moen (City of Frisco) with Robyn Root (City of McKinney) and Darhmesh Shah (Lee Engineering) serving as members.

The **Tellers Committee** confirmed tabulation of the online and paper ballot voting in order to determine winners of the 2015 election. This committee was made up of Brian Moen and Robyn Root.

### 4.3 Professional Development Activity

The Greater Dallas Section Professional Development Committee has a goal of providing additional training and learning opportunities outside of our monthly meetings. 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. **Table 3** outlines the following Webinars and presentations sponsored by the section during Calendar Year 2015.

**Table 3: Professional Development Opportunities**

Date	Topic	Host	Attendance
2/13	Focus on Pedestrians: Sidewalks and Crosswalks	City of Frisco	14
2/19	MUTCD Basics: Part 4 Signals Webinar	Brown & Gay Engineers	15
3/25	Overview of ITE's Proposed Recommended Practice: Guidelines for Determining Traffic Signal Change and Clearance Intervals	Jacobs Engineering	32
11/4	Traffic Signal Timing Manual 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Stantec	25

### 4.4 Social Activities

The younger members committee held social events to encourage networking among members as well as providing events to relax outside of the workplace. Some events held include happy hours at local brew houses, playing a few rounds at TopGolf driving range, and a meetup at the statewide TexITE meeting. Attendance ranged from 8 to 14 members at the events.

#### 4.5 Future Cities Competition

The Greater Dallas Section teamed up with the Greater Fort Worth Section to sponsor a “Special Award Category” at the DFW Future City Competition. The Future City competition is a project-based educational program for sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students that engages and challenges them to develop their vision of a livable city of the future.



We sponsor the **“Excellence in Transportation System Design”**. Kim Brawner (Lee Engineering) represented the Dallas Section in judging this special award. Pictures of the special award winner are seen below.





#### 4.6 Scholarship Golf Tournament



The Greater Dallas Section hosted our fourth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on May 15, 2015. The golf tournament serves as the Dallas Section's only fundraiser for the traffic and transportation engineering scholarships. The younger members involved in the planning of the golf tournament dedicated many hours

and exchanged hundreds of emails related to the event. Ultimately, the Greater Dallas Section Scholarships raised a grand total of **\$6,450.74**.

#### Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Award

Due to the success of the Golf Tournament, we awarded a total of **\$6,500** in scholarships to the following students in August 2015:

- Brent Hickenbotham
- My Thu Lam
- Lucy Richardson
- William Sanders
- Connie Xavier



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

#### Previous Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Recipients



A former recipient of the Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Award had the following to say:

*This past December I graduated with my Masters of Engineering in Engineering Management from the University of Colorado - Boulder (see picture). I could not have accomplished this without the support of the scholarships I received from TexITE Greater Dallas. The committee does an excellent job and should be commended for their hard work and efforts. I look forward to participating in the golf tournament each year to help raise funds for future scholarships and helping out where I can with TexITE Greater Dallas." – Shawn Poe*



## 5.0 Other Business

### 5.1 Officer Elections and Appointments

For the 2015 term, the nominating committee selected candidates for the offices of Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-President. Josh Smith (Stantec) and Jignesh Thakkar (Othon Inc.) were selected by the Nominating Committee to run for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Matt Sneed (City of McKinney) was nominated for Vice President. John Denholm (Lee Engineering) and David Halloin (Kimley-Horn & Associates) were nominated for the Section Representative position. The results were presented at the December 11, 2015 Section Annual Business Meeting and the new officers were sworn in for their 2016 terms. Matt Sneed was elected to the position of Vice President, Jignesh Thakkar was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer, and John Denholm as Section Representative. Due to a vacancy of Matt Sneed moving out of the section Jignesh Thakkar was appointed to the position of Vice President and Josh Smith as Secretary-Treasurer.

### 5.2 Changes to Section Bylaws

No changes were made to the Section Bylaws in 2015.

### 5.3 Resolutions Passed by the Section

No new resolutions were passed by the Section in 2015.