

ANNUAL REPORT (JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31)

2015

GREATER HOUSTON SECTION



2015 HIGHLIGHTS



15

new members



24.7 %

growth in fundraising



5

new scholarships awarded

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Dear fellow TexITE members

I am so excited to share with you the great year we had in the Greater Houston Section! From our professional development offerings to scholarship fundraising and social events, 2015 was truly a year to remember. We are most proud of our ability to award four scholarships to students at Texas Southern University in Houston. These students were selected on the basis of academic and community involvement, employment experience, and professional goals. We look forward to these students joining our professional community in a few short years.

Through the hard work of our Program and Webinar/Technical Committees, educational offerings were readily available for Section members. In addition to our monthly meetings, we were able to offer four webinars and a technical exchange that offered 8.5 PDHs to attendees. Additionally, our August meeting was a joint-meeting of local professional organizations that featured a panel discussion of the Greater Houston area's planning needs for the next 10 years.

The social highlight of the year was our Annual Shrimp Boil. Because of the contributions of our generous corporate partners, we raised \$16,000 for the Section which will fund the scholarship program and defer costs of monthly meetings.

My hope is that this annual report will provide you with a snapshot of the wonderful people who make possible the programs and activities of the Greater Houston Section of the Texas District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Here's looking forward to an even greater 2016!



***We look forward to hosting
the 2016 Spring Meeting
on March 30 - April 1, 2016
at Moody Gardens Hotel
and Convention Center on
Galveston Island!***

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2015 Monthly Meetings

The Greater Houston Section meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the HESS Club located at 5430 Westheimer Road in Houston.

January 14, 2015

Speaker: Roger Guenther
Port of Houston Authority
Topic: Port Expansion
Attendance: 44

February 11, 2015

Speaker: Magdy Kozman, PE
TxDOT Houston District/TranStar
Topic: The Transition from AVI to Bluetooth
for Travel Time Reporting
Attendance: 50

April 8, 2015

Speaker: Patrick Walsh, PE
City of Houston
Topic: City of Houston, Planning for the Future
Attendance: 38

May 13, 2015

Speaker: Mayor Annise Parker
City of Houston
Topic: State of Transportation in Houston
Attendance: 65

June 10, 2015

Speaker: Councilman Stephen Costello, PE
City of Houston
Topic: Mobility in Houston
Attendance: 71

July 8, 2015

Speaker: Phillip Garlin
TxDOT Houston District
Topic: TxDOT Traffic Permit
Requirements
Attendance: 51

August 12, 2015

Speakers: Dan Menendez, PE
Deputy Director, City of Houston
Charles Dean, PE
Planning Manager, Harris County
Roberto Trevino, PE
Executive Vice-President, METRO
Quincy Allen, PE
District Engineer, TxDOT
Topic: Greater Houston Area Engineering &
Planning Needs - 10 Year Horizon
Attendance: 113



*Councilman
Stephen Costello, PE
speaking at the
May meeting*



Above: Section Representative Matthew Johnson, PE, PTOE, PTP presenting a token of appreciation to 2015 President Pablo Valle.

November 15, 2015

Speaker: Commissioner Jack Cagle
Harris County Precinct 4
Topic: State of Transportation in Precinct 4
Attendance: 102

December 9, 2015

Chapter Business Luncheon

Below: TexITE leadership with the August 12th Joint Meeting panel of speakers





Section Highlights

The Houston Area Section had another successful year of providing both educational professional development training and social activities to expand the opportunities available to Section members.

The August 12th monthly meeting was a joint meeting hosted by TexITE - Houston Section, American Society of Indian Engineers and Architects, and Asian American Engineers and Architects. It was a panel discussion with the aforementioned speakers fielding questions from the attendees and pre-planned questions from the moderators.

On October 6th, the Houston Section hosted a technical exchange at Houston Transtar. The theme of the exchange was Mobility - Planning to Operations, and it offered 2.5 Professional Development Hours with two technical sessions.

Speakers and topics included:

Amar Mohite Division Manager, Transportation Planning, City of Houston
 "City Mobility Planning"

James Turner, PE Traffic Engineering Manager, City of Sugar Land
 "City of Sugar Land's ITS"

Valerie Taylor, PE Special Projects, Transportation Management Systems, TxDOT-Houston TranStar
 "Galveston-Bolivar Ferry System ITS Implementations"

Rick J. Staigle, PE, PTOE Assistant County Engineer, Fort Bend County
 "County Overview"

Michael Awa, PE Director, Traffic Operations TxDOT Houston District
 "Traffic Signals Operation"

Magdy Kozman, PE Transportation Operations Engineer, TxDOT
 "Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) Versus Anonymous Wireless Address Matching (AWAM) also known as Bluetooth"

Membership

Based on the most current year membership information December 31, 2015, the Section has 183 members including 25 student members from local colleges and universities.

Committees

The Section has four current standing committees: Membership, Webinar/Technical, Program, and Scholarship.

The Membership Committee is chaired by Monica Waits, PE of Midtown Engineers.

The Webinar/Technical Committee is co-chaired by Koushik Arunachalam, PE of Arcadis, Inc. and Raj Basavaraju, PE, PTOE of HNTB.

The Program Committee is chaired by Harpreet Bedi, PE of Transcore; Reddy Edulakanti, PE, PTOE and Michael T. Trueblood, PE, PTOE of TERRA Associates, Inc.

The Scholarship Committee is currently chaired by the President.

Webinars

Four webinars were presented for the benefit of our membership:

February 24, 2015
Various Speakers
Topic: Road Safety Planning Tools and Techniques
1.5 PDH

March 23, 2015
Various Speakers
Guidelines for Determining Traffic Signal Change and Clearance Intervals
1.5 PDH

May 6, 2015
Various Speakers
Tools for Analysis of Capacity and Efficient Flow for Roundabout Design: Part I
2.0 PDH

December 16, 2015
Best of Tucson - Tools & Applications
1 PDH



Awards

Ms. Suzanna Set, PE was the recipient of the Harvey E. Hawkins Young Engineer of the Year Award.

Additionally, Ms. Set was the recipient of a \$300 scholarship from the TexITE Houston Section which subsidized the cost of her attendance at the ITE 2015 International Annual Meeting & Exhibit in Hollywood, Florida. Ms. Set attended the annual meeting as a member of the ITE's Transportation Planning Council (TPC) Executive Committee.



Shrimp Boil



October 17, 2015

Tom Bass Park, Pearland, Texas

Members, families, and friends enjoyed a warm Saturday afternoon of fun and fellowship at the park. In addition to the Gulf Coast shrimp, we served hot dogs, snacks, and beverages. The kids enjoyed the moonwalks (bounce houses), a pinata, and games. The Shrimp Boil is our one and only fundraiser of the year. We use the donations from our corporate friends to fund our scholarship program, educational outreach, and to cover the cost of our monthly meetings.

The Shrimp Boil is the Houston Section’s main social event and is held every year in October.



The Shrimp Boil expenses are covered by our generous scholarship donors.



Pictured above are the scholarship winners from Texas Southern University:
Johora Munni - \$750
Mahreen Labeeba Nabi - \$500
Wu Ying - \$500
Ibukun Oyelade - \$500



2015 Treasurer's Report

	Checking	Savings	Total
Opening Balance (January 1, 2015)	\$ 9,786.00	\$ 5,013.66	\$ 14,799.66
Current/End of Year Balance (December 31, 2015)	\$ 8,087.11	\$ 5,015.92	\$ 13,103.03

SAVINGS

Income

Savings Interest \$ 2.26

Transfer to Checking

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CHECKING

Income

ITE Payments \$ 794.19
 Lunch Registration \$ 10,503.71
 Shrimp Boil Sponsorships \$ 16,000.00
 Tech Exchange \$ 585.05
 Transfer from Savings
 Uncleared Deposit \$ (104.00)

Total: \$ 27,778.95

2014 Income (Note: Deposited in 2015)

Dec Mtg \$ 20.00
 Shrimp Boil Sponsor \$ 840.00
Total: \$ 860.00

Expenses (2015)

HESS Banquets \$ 15,375.32 Notes: Inc \$1464.71 from Joint Mtg
 ITE Webinars \$ 1,102.13
 Scholarships \$ 2,550.00
 Bank/Credit Card Fees \$ 668.60
 Shrimp Boil Expenses \$ 4,604.28
 Various Items \$ 1,848.39 Plaques/Awards/E-week/Fatal Vis Goggles
 Constant Contact/Website \$ 1,194.30

Total: \$ 27,343.02

2014 Expenses (Note: Paid in 2015)

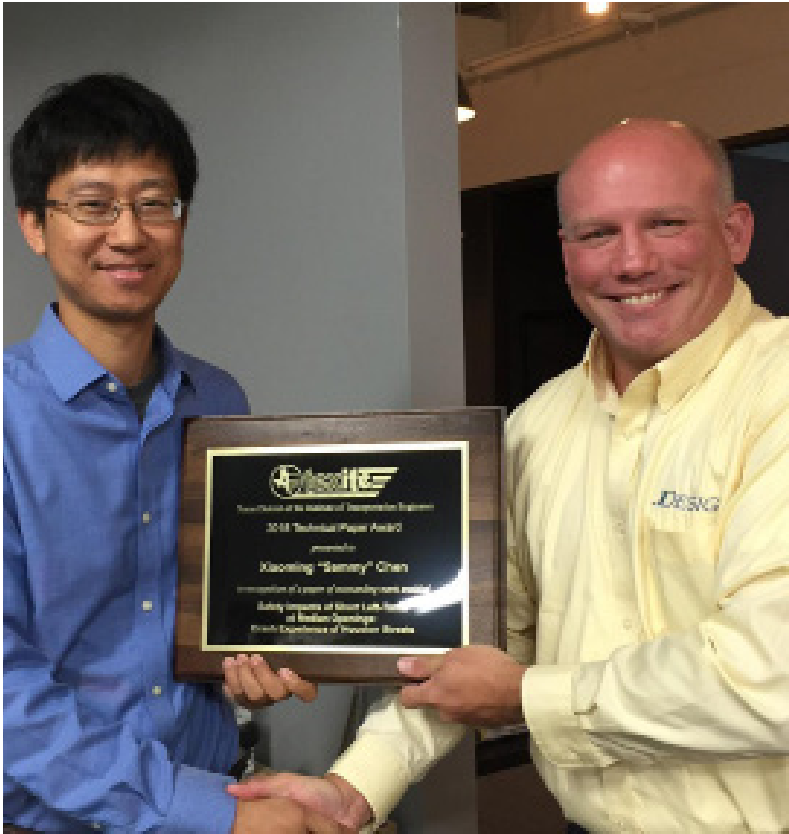
HESS Banquets (2014) \$ 2,326.20
 Shrimp Boil Expenses (2014) \$ 668.62
Total: \$ 2,994.82

Net Total for 2015: \$ (1,696.63)

NET INCOME for 2015: \$ 438.19

Pertinent Statistics

Shrimp Boil Net Proceeds: \$ 11,395.72



Below: Enjoying the scrumptious crustaceans at the 2015 Shrimp Boil



Above: Section Representative Matthew Johnson, PE, PTOE, PTP presenting TEI's Sammy Chen with one of TexITE's 2015 Technical Paper Awards.



Above: At the December Business Meeting, 2015 Committee Chairs were recognized by the Section Officers.



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