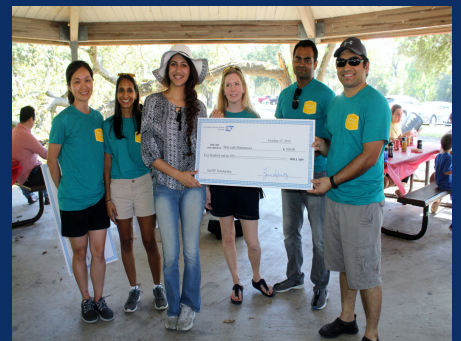


**SECTION REPORT (JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31)**  
**GREATER HOUSTON SECTION**



**2016**

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



207

total members



\$18,327.74

balance as of 12/31/2016

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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, 2016 was truly a year to remember. We are most proud of our ability to award four scholarships to students at Texas Southern University and the University of 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 six webinars that offered 9 PDHs to attendees.

The social highlight of the year was our Annual Shrimp Boil. Because of the contributions of our generous corporate partners, we raised \$17,950 for the Section which will fund the scholarship program and defer costs of monthly meetings.

On March 1 - April 1, the Section hosted the 2016 Spring Meeting at the Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center on Galveston Island. I'm proud of the Local Arrangements Committee and am thankful for all of their hard work and commitment to providing an entertaining, quality program for all attendees.

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 2017!

*Jina Schwartz*

President



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## 2016 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 13, 2016

Speaker: Alan C. Clark  
Director of Transportation Planning, Houston-Galveston Area Council

Topic: Congestion Mitigation Plan for US 59/IH 69 Corridor

Attendance: 42

### February 10, 2016

Speaker: John Tyler, PE  
Deputy Director, Harris County Toll Road Authority

Topic: Toll Road Projects in Design and Under Construction

Attendance: 54

### March 30 - April 1, 2016

Hosted 2016 TexITE Spring Meeting  
Galveston, Texas

### April 13, 2016

Speaker: David Gornet, PE  
Grand Parkway Association

Topic: An Update from the Grand Parkway Association

Attendance: 45



### May 11, 2016

Speaker: Thomas C. Lambert  
President & CEO, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County

Topic: Houston METRO Activities

Attendance: 46

## June 6, 2016

Speaker: Rick J. Staigle, PE, PTOE  
First Assistant County Engineer, Fort Bend County

Topic: Current Events in Fort Bend County

Attendance: 62

## July 13, 2016

Speaker: Jason Vaughn, PE, PTOE | Traffic Operations Manager, City of Sugar Land  
Reddy Edulakanti, PE, PTOE | HDR Engineering, Inc.

Topic: Roundabouts in the Greater Houston Region

Attendance: 64

## August 10, 2016

Speaker: Charles R. Stevens, PE, PTOE  
Research Engineer, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Topic: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Use In Transportation

Attendance: 35

## November 9, 2016

Speaker: Jarrett Simmons  
Assistant Aviation Director, Capital Projects & Planning, Houston Airport System

Topic: Overview of the Houston Airport System

Attendance: 42

## December 14, 2016 - Chapter Business Luncheon

Speaker: Richard Smith, PE, PTOE  
Managing Engineer, Office of the City Engineer, PWE, City of Houston

Topic: Fatal Vision Goggles

Attendance: 41



## SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

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### MEMBERSHIP

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Based on the most current year membership information December 31, 2016, the Section has 207 members including 25 student members from local colleges and universities.

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### COMMITTEES

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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.

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### FINANCIALS

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The current balance as of December 31, 2016 is \$18,327.74.



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# WEBINARS

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June 21, 2016

Topic: Beyond Gas Tax: Alternative Funding Mechanisms and the VMT Fee  
PDH Credits: 1.5

August 11, 2016

Topic: TRB Webinar - Guidance on Developing Crash Modification Factors  
PDH Credits: 1.5

October 17, 2016

Topic: ActiveTrans Priority Tool: A Model Methodology for Prioritizing Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Existing Roads  
PDH Credits: 1.5

November 9, 2016

Topic: What's New in HCM and What it Means for You

November 17, 2016

Topic: Bringing Back-of-the-Envelope Back - Introducing the new HCM Planning and Preliminary Engineering Applications Guide (PPEAG)

December 8, 2016

Topic: Evaluating Freeway Congestion, Queuing, Work Zones, and ATDM using the HCM 6

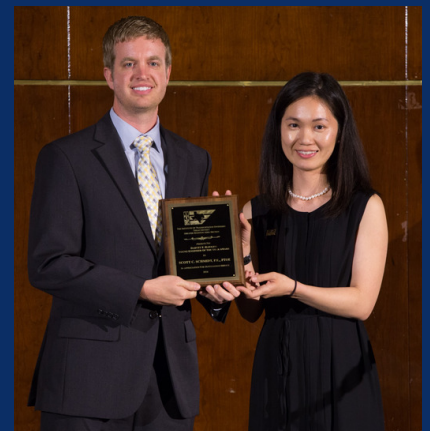


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# AWARDS

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Mr. Scott Schmidt, PE, PTOE (right) was the recipient of the Harvey E. Hawkins Young Engineer of the Year Award.



# SHRIMP BOIL

**October 15, 2016**  
**Cullen Park, Houston, 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.

This year, \$17,950.00 was raised, and four \$500 scholarships were awarded!

Scholarship recipients from Texas Southern University and the University of Houston are pictured at right (from top):  
Ibukunoluwa Oyelade  
Mah-ruk Muhammad  
Velyjha Southern  
Rodolfo Adame



# 2016 SPRING MEETING

**March 30 - April 1, 2016**  
**Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston, Texas**

The 2016 Spring Meeting included hands-on technical training with the latest traffic controllers to technical tours at the Port, Galveston Ferry, and US Coast Guard Operation's Center.



Houston Section member Matt Johnson served as the Local Accommodations Committee (LAC) Chair, and member Ian Hlavacek hosted a local bike tour.



**ITE  
TexITE District 9  
Greater Houston Section  
2016 Treasurer's Report**

**Accounts Summary**

	Checking	Savings	Total
Opening Balance	\$ 8,087.11	\$ 5,015.92	\$ 13,103.03
Current/End of Year Balance	\$ 13,310.44	\$ 5,017.30	\$ 18,327.74

**SAVINGS****Income**

Savings Interest \$ 2.13

**Transfer to Checking** \$ -

**CHECKING****Income**

ITE Payments \$ 836.00  
Lunch Registration \$ 9,160.00  
Shrimp Boil Sponsorships \$ 17,950.00  
Tech Exchange \$ -  
Transfer from Savings \$ -  
Joint meeting \$ -

**Total: \$ 27,946.00**

**2016 Income (Note: Deposited in 2017)**

Nov Mtg \$ 160.00  
Shrimp Boil Sponsor \$ 750.00

**Total: \$ 910.00**

**Expenses (2016)**

HESS Banquets \$ 12,099.82  
ITE Webinars \$838.00  
Scholarships \$ 2,000.00  
Bank/Credit Card Fees \$ 1,211.44  
Shrimp Boil Expenses \$ 3,534.09  
Various Items \$ 466.31 Plaques/Awards  
Constant Contact/Website \$ 703.56  
Uncleared Checks (\$863.22) Shrimp Boil /HESS/webinar

**Total: \$ 19,990.00**

**2015 Expenses (Note: Paid in 2016)**

HESS Banquets (2015) \$ 2,144.97  
Shrimp Boil Expenses (2015) \$ 820.15

**Total: \$ 2,965.12**

Net Total for 2016: \$ 5,903.01

**NET INCOME for 2016: \$ 7,958.13**

**Pertinent Statistics**

Shrimp Boil Net Proceeds: \$ 12,415.91

All account details are up to date as of December 14, 2016

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