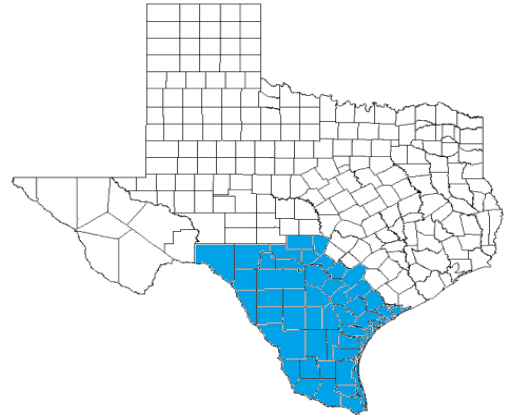


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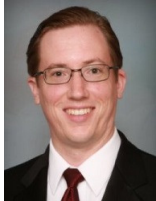

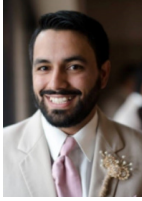

**SECTION HISTORY**

The South Texas ITE Section (STITE) is a sub-area of District 9 of the Texas District of ITE (as known as TexITE). The section was formed in 1997 and includes 46 counties in the area that stretches from Del Rio to San Antonio to Victoria and south to the Rio Grande Valley (more land than some states!). STITE boundaries include McAllen, Laredo, Corpus Christi, South Padre Island, Kingsville, Harlingen and Brownsville. There have been few opportunities in South Texas for people in the transportation industry to network with their peers, enhance technical skills or learn new methods of controlling and planning for traffic.



**SECTION LEADERSHIP**

**2017 LEADERSHIP**

Office	President	Vice President	Secretary/ Treasurer	Section Representative
Name	 <p>Scott Nelson</p>	 <p>Nick Arnio</p>	 <p>Larry Picasso</p>	 <p>Justin Clark</p>
Affiliation	<i>Pape-Dawson Engineers</i>	<i>RS&amp;H</i>	<i>Dannenbaum Engineering</i>	<i>Pape-Dawson Engineers</i>

**2016 LEADERSHIP**

Office	President	Vice President	Secretary/ Treasurer	Section Representative
Name	 Julio Ramos	 Scott Nelson	 Nick Arnio	 Mike Garza
Affiliation	<i>Civil Engineering Consultants</i>	<i>Pape-Dawson Engineers</i>	<i>RS&amp;H</i>	<i>Dannenbaum Engineering</i>

**2016 & 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Committee	2017 Committee Chairs		2016 Committee Chairs	
	Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Fundraising Chair	Carl Harline	WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff	John Colquhoun	Freese & Nichols
Sponsorship Chair			Jeremy Wyndham	Jacobs Engineering Group
Student Chapter Liaison	Eliseo “Eli” Suarez	HDR Engineering	Eduardo “Lalo” Villalon	Texas Department of Transportation
Membership Committee & Webmaster	Josue Ortiz	AIA Engineers, LTD.	Josue Ortiz	AIA Engineers, LTD.
Younger Members Chair	Daniel Cardenas	Texas Department of Transportation	Larry Picasso	Dannenbaum
Section Representative	Justin Clark	Pape-Dawson Engineers	Mike Garza	Dannenbaum
Scholarship Committee	Heather McNeal	Pape-Dawson Engineers	Heather McNeal	Pape-Dawson Engineers

For 2017 the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committees were combined as there was overlap between the committees in 2016. This will allow the organization to consolidate the sponsorship requests made through the year.

**FINANCES**

The current STITE bank account balance is **\$6,282**. The 2016 fiscal year began with a balance of **\$3,095**. While maintaining a healthy bank balance, the Section has focused more on providing greater value to our members such as hosting webinars and evening socials. The section also gave one scholarship for \$1,500. With a health bank balance, the Chapter has had more focus on providing greater value to our members such as hosting webinar and even socials.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The South Texas Section had 81 local members in 2016, 27 whom were also international members. Of the 27 International ITE members, 5 within the Section boundaries are listed as follows by the ITE website <http://ite.org/>. Table 1 provides a breakdown of the membership grade of these section members.

<b>Table 1. Membership Grade of International Members in the South Texas Region</b>	
<b>Membership Grade</b>	<b>2016</b>
Student	17
Local Member Only	54
Institute Affiliate	0
Fellow	5
International Member	22
<b>TOTAL ITE SECTION MEMBERS*</b>	<b>98</b>

*\* Includes members of Section who are not International ITE members*

**ACTIVITIES**

**General Technical**

The South Texas Section holds its regular monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of each Month. In addition to our normal joint meetings with the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Student Chapter and Capital Area Section ITE, this year we co-sponsored a full-day Connected and Automated Vehicles seminar with the San Antonio Section Women Transportation Seminar (WTS) in June. The workshop included a panel of presenters with topics related to connected vehicles. There was also a technical tour given by staff from the Southwest Research Institute.

The STITE 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Conference was held in November in Corpus Christi, Texas. No meetings were held in March and July in order to avoid conflicts with the Spring TexITE Meeting and the Holiday’s. The meeting/event dates, topics, speakers, and attendance are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. 2016 Chapter Activity Summary**

Date	Topic/Event	Speaker	Attendance
Jan 27	<b>Lunch Meeting</b> – Alamo Area MPO Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Improvement Program	<b>Linda Alvarado-Vela, AICP</b> Alamo Area MPO	42
Feb 24	<b>Lunch Meeting</b> – The State of TxDOT and Upcoming Projects	<b>Jonathan Bean, P.E.</b> Director of Transportation Planning and Development Texas Department of Transportation	66
<b>March – No meeting</b>			
April 27	<b>Joint Meeting with UTSA Student Chapter</b> SA Tomorrow & UTSA ITE Student Chapter Activities	<b>Trish Wallace, AICP</b> , Transportation Planning Manager City of San Antonio  <b>Councilman Ron Nirenberg</b> District 8 City of San Antonio	62
May 9	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament</b>	None	76
June 10	<b>Joint Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Seminar with WTS San Antonio</b>	<b>Ben Loeb</b> , University of Texas, Forecasting America’s Adoption of CAV  <b>Jason Wagner</b> , TTI, Policy Implications of CAVs  <b>Tom Williams</b> , TTI, Transportation Planning and Design for CAVs  <b>Katie Turnbull</b> , TTI, Safety and Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit Effects  <b>Paul Avery</b> , Southwest Research Institute, Technology	50
June 24	<b>Joint Meeting- South Texas &amp; Capital Area San Marcos, Texas</b> Tale of a Smart City: Austin  ITS and Signal Upgrades in San Antonio	<b>Jim Dale, P.E.</b> ,Assistant Director Transportation Department, City of Austin  <b>Marc Jacobson, P.E. PTOE</b> , Senior Engineer, City of San Antonio	50
<b>July – No meeting</b>			

Aug 31	<b>Lunch Meeting</b> 2012 Bond Program-Lessons Learned 2017 Bond Program	<b>Mike Frisbie, P.E.,</b> City Engineer/Director City of San Antonio	70
Sept 13	<b>Social – Top Golf San Antonio</b>	None	34
Sept 23	<b>UTSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Engineering BBQ Cook</b>	None	
Oct. 22	<b>UTSA Adopt-A-Highway</b>	None	
Oct 26	<b>Lunch Meeting</b> VIA Metropolitan Transit Upcoming Projects	<b>Scott Bishop, P.E.</b> VIA Metropolitan Transit	54
Oct 29	<b>Joint UTSA Student Chapter Event-5<sup>th</sup> Annual</b> UTSA Football Tailgate	None	48
Nov 4	<b>STITE 7th Annual Regional Conference</b>	<b>David Holland</b> , Solaright  <b>Scott Nelson, P.E., PTOE</b> , Innovative Intersection Basics, Pape-Dawson Engineers  <b>Joseph Briones</b> , Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge Project, TxDOT Corpus Christi  <b>David Howell</b> , Ethics, Texas Board of Professional Engineers	25
Dec 8	<b>Mega Holiday Event</b> Joint San Antonio Area Engineering Event	None	150



**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**Scholarship Committee**

The Scholarship Committee Chair is Heather McNeal. This year the scholarship was once again opened up to all ABET accredited schools in our region. The Scholarship (\$1,500) was awarded to Rene Alvarado III from Texas A&M University Kingsville. Alvarado was involved in the ASCE Student Chapter and Chi Epsilon. In the summer of 2016 he interned with TxDOT and during the 2016 winter break he interned with Pape-Dawson Engineers in their San Antonio Office.



The Scholarship Committee consists of the following active members:

Scholarship Chair – Heather McNeal, Pape-Dawson Engineers

Scholarship Committee Members: Courtney Corbell, Pape-Dawson Engineers, Dawniele Metsker-Galarza, Kimley-Horn, and Thirulokesh Krishnan, Atkins.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT-1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL**

**Golf Tournament**

This year STITE held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Cedar Creek Golf Course in San Antonio. There were a total of 19 teams (76 people) registered and competing for the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies and bragging rights for the year. The winning team had score of 63. The results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: GGC Engineers

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cude Engineers

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Poznecki-Camarillo

Longest Drive: Casey O’Neil

Closest to the Pin: Rene Arredondo

STITE also provided goodie bags for each player in the tournament. Larry Picasso and Sandra Granger gathered up the raffle prizes including a 55” Samsung Smart TV, 3-night stay at the Bellagio in Las Vegas, 3-day rental of a Lincoln MKZ, Gift Cards, a Cooler with drink money, and a foursome at Cedar Creek. The tournament would not have been possible without the 16 companies which sponsored the event, which allowed them to have a tent at one of the holes on the course. The tournament was huge success for the STITE chapter raising over \$4,900 for our section!



**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Website**

The Section website, <http://texite.org/southtexas/>, is consistently updated with the latest meeting and conference information, previously published newsletters, and meeting presentations. This past year the website was completely updated to provide a more user-friendly experience and to provide enhanced content for our members. This new and improved website showcases STITE events and provides another opportunity for Section sponsors to reach members through website business card sponsorships which rotate throughout the website.

**Additional Communication Initiatives**

The Section has been using Constant Contact to create email announcements for events and meetings and manage the guest lists. In 2016, this service was used to manage all event registrations, announcements, newsletter distribution, and officer elections. Constant Contact has proven to be a valuable addition to our website for communication meeting announcements and section news. We continue to look for more ways to utilize this service including better organization of our membership lists.

**SECTION STUDENT CHAPTERS**

The Section has been very active with the UTSA Student Chapter throughout the year. Highlighted activities include the Annual Joint Student/Professional meeting held in April, finding various speakers/volunteers for different student chapter events/meetings, and offering discounted rates at meetings in an effort to attract more student chapter members to experience the professional chapter atmosphere. In 2016, the Joint meeting was held at a nearby hotel to entice more professional members to attend. In October, STITE and the Student Chapter jointly hosted a tailgate for a UTSA football game at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio. The STITE student liaison for UTSA also assisted in a HECRAS training for the student chapter members.

**University of Texas, San Antonio**

The current UTSA Student Chapter Officers are listed below:

- President: **Ilse Malagamba**
- Vice President: **Dalia Nevarez**
- Treasurer: **Ruben Elizondo**
- Secretary: **Jessica Morris**
- Marketing: **Arantza Arrieta**
- Public Relations: **Jesus Juarez**



The UTSA ITE Student Chapter is having a successful semester. The Chapter has been working hard alongside other student organizations such as ASCE, TSPE, and EWB to set up the Third Annual Engineering BBQ Cook-Off. This unique event brings together engineering firms and has them compete in a cook off. The event is judged by high ranking local transportation engineering community members. They will also be continuing their involvement with “Adopt a Highway” by organizing a highway cleanup. The UTSA ITE has also attended socials with the professional chapter where students have had the opportunity to network and establish professional relationships. Along with these activities, the student chapter has participated in intramural volleyball, dodgeball, and softball to provide opportunities focused on teamwork development.

**Texas A & M University, Kingsville**

At the time of submission of this report, no information was received

**GOALS FOR 2017**

- a. Increase attendance at events and involve more members in the Section’s committees.
- b. Submit STITE Newsletter for ITE District and Section Award.
- c. Increase section revenues through Business Card Advertisement and social events.
- d. Continue to offer program meetings with informative topics and prominent speakers.
- e. Expand the scholarship program to include other universities in South Texas.
- f. Offer at least one valuable professional development program/workshop.
- g. Increase International ITE Membership.

**AWARDS/HONORS**

Kerri M. Collins, PE, PTOE, LEED AP was elected as TexITE President for 2016.

Rene Alvarado III from Texas A&M University - Kingsville was recognized as the winner of the 2016 STITE Scholarship.

Joe Nix, P.E., was recognized by TexITE as Transportation Engineer of the Year for 2016.

**OTHER**

***Election Results***

The STITE Section held elections for 2017 officers. Scott Nelson will serve as President, Nick Arnio as Vice President, Larry Picasso as Secretary/Treasurer, and Justin Clark as Section Representative.

***Section Dues 2017***

For 2017, the STITE section dues were increased from \$5 per year to \$20 per year for private sector members and from \$5 per year to \$10 per year for public sector members. This change was voted on and approved by the section members in December 2016.

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