

GREATER FORT WORTH SECTION DISTRICT 9 (TEXAS) INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

GREATER FORT WORTH (GFW) SECTION REPORT TO THE TEXITE EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT JANUARY 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 2013

1.0 LEADERSHIP

President: Jennifer Butcher, Savant Group, Inc.

Vice-President: Erin Eurek, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Secretary / Treasurer: Mark Mathis, Urban Engineers, Inc. Past President: David Jodray, City of Fort Worth

Section Representative: Don Szczesny, Dunaway Associates, L.P.

2.0 FINANCIAL STATUS

Section checking account balance as of December 2013 was \$1,020.37 with a balance of \$1,853.20 in our savings account.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

The Greater Fort Worth Section currently has 75 paid members including 49 non-agency members and 26 members that belong through agency membership. The Section collects the annual membership dues of \$8 ourselves for non-agency members and agency membership dues are paid to the Section by International ITE. The annual membership dues will increase to \$10 in January 2014.

4.0 MONTHLY MEETINGS

The GFW Section holds regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month, with exceptions made for the two months each year during which the TexITE statewide meetings are held. Section meetings are usually held at a local restaurant, the City of Fort Worth Service Center, or at TxDOT's Regional Training Center. The dates, speakers, and topics for each meeting held for 2013 are shown in *Table 1*.

Table 1. Summary of 2013 Section Meetings

| Date | Speaker, Title | Location |
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| January 17 | Tejas Mehta, P.E., PTOE, Savant Group, Inc. "Interchange Operational Comparison Diamond/SPUI/DDI" | Joe T. Garcia's, Fort Worth |
| February 21 | Tour 1: Bureau of Engraving and Printing | 9000 Blue Mound Road, Fort Worth, TX |
| February 22 | Tour 2: West 7 th Street Bridge Casting Yard | West 7 th Street, Fort Worth, TX |
| March 21 | Stephen J. Ratke, P.E., Federal Highway Administration "FHWA Nine Proven Safety Countermeasures" | James Avenue Service Center, Fort Worth, TX |



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| April 10-12 | TexITE 2013 District 9 Spring Meeting | Richardson, TX |
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| May 16 | Chad Edwards, North Central Texas Council of Governments "Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update and Transportation Conformity" | Transportation Council Room NCTCOG |
| June 20 | Joint Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Meeting Koorosh Olyai, P.E., DART Andy Oberlander, P.E., TxDOT Lloyd Neal, P.E., City of Plano "Integrated Corridor Management" | Ruthe Jackson Center, Grand Prairie |
| July 18 | Tim Oster, CTC, Inc. "Understanding Preemption Issues" | Pappas Burgers Fort Worth, TX |
| August 15 | Alonzo Linan, P.E., City of Fort Worth "Roundabouts, are they really as good as they say?" | James Avenue Service Center, Fort Worth, TX |
| Sept. 25-27 | TexITE 2013 District 9 Fall Meeting | Clear Lake, TX |
| October 24 | Robert Wunderlich, P.E., Texas A&M Transportation Institute "It's all about the Traveler!" | Pappas Burgers Fort Worth, TX |
| November 21 | Jenn Neville, Rhythm Engineering "Optimized Signal Timing Plans vs. InSync Adaptive Traffic Signals: The Results of a New Microsimulation Study" | Pappas Burgers Fort Worth, TX |
| December 12 | Theresa Lopez, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation "TxDOT's Center-to-Center Software System" | TxDOT Regional Training Center, Fort Worth |

5.0 COMMITTEES

At the December 12 meeting, the new Officers for 2014 were announced. Please see the new Officers list below.

President: Erin Eurek, Kimley-Horn and Associates , Inc.

Vice-President: Mark Mathis, Urban Engineers, Inc.

Secretary / Treasurer: Ed Pultorak, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
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Below we have listed the Committees for 2013 as well as the new Committees based on membership feedback:

Membership Co-chairs: Tim Wallace (Wier Associates); and

Brendon Wheeler (Wier Associates)

Community Services: Open

Technical: Mark C. Schluter, P.E. (Aguirre & Fields) – Chair

Madhusudan Venugopal (Providence Engineering &

Environmental Group)

6.0 OTHER BUSINESS

The GFW Section was excited to learn that Jason Crawford was nominated to participate in the inaugural *LeadershipITE* program. In support of the Texas Districts' financial commitment to the *LeadershipITE* initiative, the GFW Section agreed to provide \$500 in financial support.

The GFW Section along with the Dallas Section co-sponsored (\$250) the Future City Competition, which is a middle-school educational outreach program designed to foster an interest in technology and engineering.

At the December meeting, \$305 was raised for the Cowboy Santas Program, which is a non-profit program that provides toys to children, 12 and under, from low-income Tarrant County families.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Don Szczesny, GFW Section Representative