

**GREATER FORT WORTH (GFW) SECTION  
REPORT TO THE TEXITE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
SECTION REPORT  
JANUARY 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 2020**

**1.0 2020 LEADERSHIP**



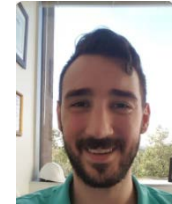
***President***

Zegeye "Zee" Kebede  
Lockwood, Andrews & Newman, Inc.



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Suki Hay  
Lockwood, Andrews  
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***Section Representative***

Jennifer Butcher  
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***Immediate Past President***

Scott Arnold  
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

**2.0 FINANCIAL STATUS**

As of 12/31/20, Section checking account balance was \$1,723.49 and savings account balance was \$8,973.77.

**3.0 MEMBERSHIP**

Annual section membership dues are \$15, which are collected by International ITE.

<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>2020 ITE Roster</b>	<b>2019 ITE Roster</b>
Agency Member	82	71
Non-Agency Member	57	46
Student	10	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>136</b>



## 4.0 ACTIVITIES

### 4.1 GENERAL TECHNICAL

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 District meetings are held. Section meetings are typically held at the City of Fort Worth Service Center, including the annual Business Meeting; however, this year's COVID pandemic changed our meetings to monthly virtual meetings. The virtual platform allowed us to do more joint meetings with the Dallas Section and host speakers from outside our region.

The dates, speakers, presentation topics, and attendance numbers for each meeting held for 2020 are shown below.

*Summary of 2020 Section Meetings*

Date	Speaker, Title	Attendance
January 23	<b>2020 Networking Social</b>	
February 20	"DFW Connector Project" Stephen Ho, P.E. (WSP)	36
March 19	Cancelled luncheon meeting due to COVID-19	
April 10	"Vision Zero, Roadway Safety Assessments and Safety Plans" Molly O'Brien (Kimley-Horn) Virtual Webinar	NA
April 15-17	<b>2020 TexITE Spring Meeting Rescheduled to 2021</b>	
May 15, 21	<b>Dallas-Fort Worth TexITE Joint Virtual Webinars*</b>	121, 104
June 12, 18	<b>Dallas-Fort Worth TexITE Joint Virtual Webinars*</b>	78, 88
August 4-6 August 11-13	<b>2020 Fall Meeting - ITE Annual Joint Virtual Meeting</b>	
September 17	"Technology Tools for Improving Signal Timing Practice" Dr. Zong Tian (University of Nevada) Joint Virtual Webinar*	89
October 20-22	<b>2020 TexITE Fall Virtual Meeting</b>	
November 19	"Saving Lives by Wrong-Way Detection (WWD) and Warning Systems: Design and Implementation" Jessica Miramontes (Kimley-Horn) & John Gianotti (TxDOT - San Antonio District) Joint Virtual Webinar*	98
December 10	Virtual Scavenger Social & 2021 Budget & Officers Election Results	14

*\*Attendance represents both the Dallas Section and Greater Fort Worth Section*

**Meeting Highlights:**



**February Meeting – Past President Award**

*Pictured: Scott Arnold (Kimley-Horn), Zee Kebede (LAN)*



DALLAS-FORT WORTH TEXITE VIRTUAL JOINT MEETING AGENDA

Date	Description
May 15	"TSMO - Enhancing Quality of Life for All Texans" Joe Hunt (TxDOT), Gaby Tassin (Alliance), & Millie Hayes (FHWA)
May 21	"Improving Multi-Modal Last Mile Connections to Transit" Kevin Kokes (NCTCOG) & Travis Liska (NCTCOG)
June 12	"We All Count: Collaboratively Collecting & Using Biking and Walking Data in Minnesota" Michael Petesch (MNDOT)
June 18	"Use of Anonymized Mobile Data to Support Transit Redesigns, Plan Emergency Evacuations, and Track COVID-19 Recovery" Anurag Komanduri (Cambridge Systematics) & Francisco Torres (NCTCOG)
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Joint Webinar Sponsors



#### 4.2 GENERAL SOCIAL

The Greater Fort Worth Section has hosted the following social events:

- 1/23/20: Networking Social; Blue Mesa Grill

#### 4.3 COMMITTEES

Listed below are the Committees for 2020:

<b>Membership Chair:</b>	Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG
<b>Technical Chair:</b>	Suki Hay, Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.
<b>Website Chair:</b>	Erin Eurek, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
<b>Younger Members Chair:</b>	Shannon Hobbs, City of Fort Worth
<b>STEM Chair:</b>	Christian Alonso, Dunaway Associates
<b>Mini-Conference Chair:</b>	Scott Arnold, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc
<b>Mini-Conference Committee:</b>	<u>Greater Fort Worth Section Executive Board</u> Zegeye Kebede, Suki Hay, Brendon Wheeler



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

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and Jennifer Butcher

Greater Dallas Section Executive Board

Pamela Alummoottil, Joseph Marchione, Chad Ostrander  
and David Halloin

***Nominating Committee:***

Marisa Conlin, City of Fort Worth  
Sam Simmons, NCTCOG  
Cristian Alonso, Dunaway Associates

Website Committee

The Greater Fort Worth Section website has been maintained throughout 2020. With a paid subscription to MembershipWorks the section has been able to develop an online membership directory and accept online registrations and payments for events and sponsorships. The section has seven (7) 2020 website sponsors:



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### Younger Members Committee

The Greater Fort Worth Section Younger Members Committee was not able to host any events in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.

- The committee is working to find virtual and outdoor events where members can safely network during the social distancing protocols.

### STEM Committee

The Greater Fort Worth Section added a STEM committee in 2019. The STEM committee is responsible for coordinating K-12 outreach activities to promote the transportation industry. The committee aims to have a positive impact on the Greater Fort Worth community through making transportation fun and engaging. Committee member involvement ranges from submitting outreach ideas, coordinating activity details, or participating in events. They were not able to do any outreach this year due to school closures and limited outside groups allowed inside during COVID.

## **5.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **5.1 GOALS FOR 2020**

- Increase Section-level outreach to K-12 students about engineering and the transportation profession
- Increase Section membership
- Seek feedback from Section membership on Section activities
- Update website to include information about Section History
- Increase college student participation in the Section
- Utilize the virtual platforms to find new topics from outside regions

### **5.2 UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Greater Fort Worth Section annually donates \$250 and co-sponsors, along with the Dallas Section, a Special Award for the North Texas Future City Competition. The Future City Competition is a middle-school educational outreach program designed to foster an interest in technology and engineering. In July 2020, we made our annual donation for the 2021 competition. The tentative competition date will be January 23, 2021.

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### 5.3 AWARDS/HONORS RECEIVED/BESTOWED

The Greater Fort Worth Section received the **TexITE Section Momentum Award** at the Fall TexITE Virtual Meeting.



#### **GFW ITE Section Momentum Award (COVID Style)**

*Pictured: Zegeye Kebede, Suki Hay, Brendon Wheeler, and Jennifer Butcher*

### 5.4 CHANGES TO SECTION BYLAWS

In March, the Greater Fort Worth Section submitted their new Section Bylaws to TexITE for approval. The Bylaws were updated to match the new OneITE format.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mark Mathis, GFW Section Representative (2021-2022)