



**APPROVED TexITE District 9 Board Meeting
Fall 2007**

October 29, 2007 at 11:00 am
TTI Arlington Office with Videoconference to Other Offices

In attendance: Jason Crawford, President; Rick Charlton, Vice-President; Brian Jahn, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Wunderlich, International Director (Texas); Srinivasa Sunkari, Brazos Valley Section Representative; Scott Cooner, Greater Fort Worth Area Section Representative; Andy Ballard, South Texas Section Representative; Taylor Withrow, Amarillo Local Arrangements Committee Chair; Randy Schulze, Houston Area Section Representative; Praveen Pasumarthy, Newsletter Committee Chair; Dan Vedral, Irving Local Arrangements Committee; Brian Van De Walle, Past President; Mark Titus, Greater Dallas Section Representative; Kirk Houser, At-Large Area Section Representative; David Carey, Capital Area Section Representative; Jim Williams, District Administrator; Gary Thomas, Website Committee Chair and Student Chapter Liaison; Susan Langdon, Database Committee Chair; Jennifer Butcher; Younger Members Committee Chair; Dave Carter, Special Meetings Committee Chair; Gilmer Gaston; CCTexITE?; Jere Hart; Lubbock Local Arrangements Committee Chair; Dale Picha; San Antonio Local Arrangements Chair.

1. Call to Order (Crawford)

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am by Crawford.

2. Approval of June 14, 2007 Board Meeting Notes (Crawford)

Crawford made change to Item 6 (reference to Summer 2007 should be Winter 2008). Motion by Cooner and second by Houser to approve. Motion passed.

3. International Director Report (Wunderlich)

Wunderlich reported on ITE Board meeting proceedings including:

- why people join volunteer organizations
 - relevance
 - making a positive difference
 - enjoyment
- challenge to ITE is to make these things happen – also, how to get feedback from members
- changes planned for Anaheim meeting in 2008 include losing the theme party
- committee working on determining when LED's are considered to have failed
- conversion of change interval policy to rec. practice

- national signal report card shows improvement
- MUTCD changes (should TextITE make statement?)
- List of delinquent members in Texas
- Two VP candidates are Paul Eng-Wong and Eugene Wilson

4. District Administrator Report (Williams)

- State Tax Exempt Application Status
No progress.
- Acteva Meeting Reconciliation
Still no final #'s on Amarillo or Houston.
- 2006 Federal Tax Return Status
Return has been filed.

5. Treasurer's Report (Jahn)

- Adoption of 2008 Budget
Budget was omitted from packet, so action was deferred to Winter 2008 meeting.

6. Vice-President's Report (Charlton)

Charlton reported that technical program for Winter 2008 can include HPG presentations and outlined the requirements for such. Discussion ensued. Motion by Schulze and second by Wunderlich for approval to allow HPG presentations. Motion passed.

7. President's Report (Crawford)

No report.

8. Local Arrangement Committee Reports

- Winter 2007, Houston - Closeout (Williams)
No report.
- Summer 2007, Amarillo - Closeout (Withdraw)
Currently showing a profit of \$1,600+.
- Winter 2008, Irving (Vedral)
Development of meeting program and schedule continues. Ethics seminar will be offered. Discussed requirements for stadium tour. Acteva fees will be included as part of meeting budget for Irving. TTI conferences services will be examined for future meetings.

- Summer 2008, San Antonio (Picha)
June 26-28 dates have been set. Budget remains as submitted in June.
Program under development.
- Winter 2009, Lubbock (Hart)
Feb 5-7 and Feb 25-27 are date options. Working w/ 3 hotels.
- Summer 2009, Invitees (Jahn)
Received submittals from Garland and Richardson. Motion not to allow Arlington to propose for Summer 2009 meeting by Wunderlich and second by Sunkari.
Motion passed.

9. Review Role of TextITE in Legislative Process (Crawford)

Luedtke, Williams and Ragsdale should research available data to determine if a safety issue exists relative to distracted driving (cell phone usage) and whether a statement could/should be supported and/or is allowed.

10. Section Reports / Issues or Action

- Brazos Valley Section (Sunkari)
- Capital Area Section
Not present.
- Greater Dallas (Titus)
Question regarding by-laws and electronic voting (do they allow it).
- Greater Fort Worth (Cooner)
 - Approval of Greater Fort Worth Section By-laws Change
Requesting by-laws revision to allow electronic voting. However, request violates provisions of Charter relative as to who can hold office. Motion by Wunderlich and second by Charlton to approve proposed changes not in conflict with FW Charter. Motion passed.
- Greater Houston (Schulze)
No report.
- South Texas (Ballard)
Ballard reported an upcoming meeting in S Padre and upcoming by-laws changes.

11. Committee Reports / Issues or Action

- Highway Products Group (Thomson)
Not present.
- Special Committee on Technical Meetings (Carter)
Survey sent out and will incorporate results for meeting in Irving.
- Membership Committee (Bray)
No report.
- District Database (Langdon)
- Consultants Council (Gaston)
Dharmesh Shah new president; Tom Simerly new Sec./Treas. Planning to update fees paid from \$750 to \$1,000 retroactive to Winter 2007 meeting.
- Technical Committee (Luedtke)
After November, Committee will be more functional.
- Newsletter (Pasumarthy)
Newsletter should be out by end of October.
- Website (Thomas)
Redesign is up and running.
- Student Chapter Liaison (Thomas)
Wunderlich suggested incorporating an individual mentor for each student chapter. CCTexITE has an infant program in place.
- Legislative Committee
- Younger Members Committee (Butcher)
- Committee for Future Engineers
Not present.
- Awards Committee
Not present.

12. Historian (Crawford)

Still need bio from Van De Walle.

13. Other Business

None.

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Charlton and second by Houser. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 1:56pm.