



## **TexITE District 9 Business Meeting Notes (FINAL)**

**Saturday, January 26, 2008**

**Wyndham DFW Airport North, Irving, Texas**

### **1. Call to Order (Charlton)**

Meeting called to order at 12:20 pm by Rick Charlton.

### **2. Invocation (Carter)**

Dave Carter delivered the invocation.

### **3. Introduction of Head Table (Charlton)**

Rick Charlton introduced the head table, including Earl Newman, Immediate Past President of ITE.

### **4. International Report (Newman and Wunderlich)**

Earl Newman, ITE International Immediate Past President; and Robert Wunderlich, District 9 International Director, jointly made a slide presentation on ITE. *A brief summary of the presentation is attached.*

### **5. President's Report (Charlton)**

Rich Charlton presented the following items:

- A. Our organization is vibrant and productive and in many cases a model
  - a. Scott Cooner – Traffic Engineering Council's Outstanding Paper Award
  - b. Stephen Boyles, UT Austin – Daniel B. Fambro Student Paper Award
  - c. TTI – Transportation Achievement Award for Safety
  - d. Houston-Galveston Area Council – Transportation Achievement Award for Bicycles
  - e. TexITE, Praveen Pasumarthy – ITE Newsletter Award for circulation greater than 500
  - f. Jennifer Butcher – Award from ASCE
  - g. Our way of including students in all that we do as an organization has been held as a model for other districts by visiting ITE officers
  - h. I see our six sections all with active programs and people who are striving to make a difference in their communities and the world
- B. Where do we go from here?
  - a. We don't slow down and rest on our laurels
  - b. We keep looking for new and innovative methods
  - c. We expect and reward effort and achievement
  - d. We communicate well among ourselves
- C. Goal – To provide the best services for our members and our sections, and proudly represent ITE



**D. Objectives**

- a. Do no harm – it ain't broke, don't try to fix it
- b. See problems as opportunities to excel instead of obstacles
- c. Improve our communication
  - i. Assume – that others want to hear you and that they want to talk to you
  - ii. Simplify – don't make it so hard
  - iii. Kick – all the obstacles out of the way

**6. Vice-President's Report (Jahn)**

Brian Jahn noted that he is actively working on the Technical Sessions for the Summer Meeting in San Antonio. He requested draft papers be submitted in March.

**7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Gaston)**

Approval of June 2007 Business Meeting Notes

Gilmer Gaston presented the June 2007 Business Meeting Notes from the Amarillo Meeting. Motion by Thomas and second by Saylor to approve the meeting notes. Motion was approved by common consent.

Approval of District 9 2008 Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Gilmer Gaston presented the TexITE Budget for 2008, including 2007 actual expenses for review and comment. A motion to approve the 2008 budget was made by Gary Thomas and seconded by Dave Carter. Motion was approved by common consent.

**8. Local Arrangement Committee Reports**

**Winter 2008, Irving, (Vedral)**

Dan Vedral noted that there were 210 people at the Friday Night Social at Texas Stadium. Steve Taylor won the football kicking contest. He thanked his Local Arrangement Committee Members for their assistance and thanked everyone for coming to Irving.

**Summer 2008, San Antonio, (Gaston)**

Gilmer Gaston noted that there were maps of downtown San Antonio on the tables and Save The Date cards on each table. The meeting will be held at the Historic St. Anthony's hotel located in Downtown San Antonio near the Riverwalk. The date will be June 26-28, 2008, so put it on your calendar. The last few meetings in San Antonio have been held in the Winter, so this will be an excellent opportunity to bring the family to San Antonio to visit Sea World or Fiesta Texas or just visit the Riverwalk. The local arrangements committee is hard at work preparing for an exciting meeting.



### **Winter 2009, Lubbock, (Owens)**

Sharmon Owens noted that the meeting will be held February 5-7, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza. The Friday Night Social will be held in Lubbock's Depot District.

### **Selection of Summer 2009 Meeting Location (Charlton)**

President Rick Charlton explained that ITE's Annual Meeting will be held August 9-12, 2009 in San Antonio and that the Executive Board of District 9 has decided to hold a joint meeting with International ITE. The meeting in San Antonio offers a great opportunity for District 9 members to attend an ITE Annual Meeting.

## **9. Section Reports**

**Greater Houston Area Section** – Sean Merrill reported on the Houston Section ITE Scholarship.

**Brazos Valley Section** – Brooke Ullman reported the new officers for the Section are: President – Michael Martin, VP – LuAnn Theiss, and Sec/Treas – Greg Davis.

**Capital Area Section** – Alex Reyna, Secretary/Treasurer reported that the district held six meetings in 2007 and the next meeting will be held on Feb. 15.

**Greater Dallas Section** – Robert Saylor reported that the section is holding monthly meetings and is financially stable with 124 members. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month.

**Greater Ft. Worth Section** – Scott Cooner reported new officers, meeting with TxDOT.

**South Texas Section** – Gilmer Gaston reported that the section is holding monthly meetings in San Antonio and held a shrimp boil in Corpus Christi and held a mini-conference on S. Padre Island in October.

## **10. Special Recognition (Charlton)**

Special Awards were presented as follows:

- Jason Crawford was recognized for his outstanding service to TexITE as the outgoing President.
- A special award was presented to the City of Frisco for their Safety Town Project. The award was accepted by Brian Moen.
- Special Awards were presented to the following outgoing leaders:  
Srinivasa Sunkari, Outgoing Brazos Valley Section Representative;  
Mark Titus, Outgoing Greater Dallas Section Representative; and  
Melisa Finley, Outgoing Chair of the Committee for Future Engineers

## **11. Student Chapter Reports (Thomas)**

Gary Thomas noted that there was a great student poster session and recognized all the student presenters.

Gary noted the three Faculty Advisors present at the Business Meeting:

- Dr. Mattingly, UTA
- Dr. Hawkins, TAMU
- Dr. Lewis, TSU



Each student chapter representative was asked to present something interesting that their chapter participated in recently.

**UT** – Tara Snell, President, noted that the chapter recently held an Iron Chef Grad School Cooking Competition. There were four members present.

**UTSA** - No report

**UTA** – No report

**UTEP** – Student Chapter President noted that they held a Christmas Meeting and one officer presented at TRB. Three members present.

**Kingsville** – No report

**TSU** – Jamal Scobey noted that they recently had a presentation from a METRO representative. Eight members present.

**TAMU** - , President noted that the student chapter recently gathered traffic data for the City of College Station. Fourteen members were present.

## 12. **Committee Reports**

**CCTexITE** – Dharmesh Shah reported that the Thursday Night Event was a success. He complimented Steve Taylor and his committee on the organization of the event.

**Technical** – Paul Luedtke reported that the technical committee worked with the HPG to pull together some great presentations.

**Database** – Susan Langdon reported that if you have recently changed jobs, please update your information via the website. She will update the printable version of the database after the meeting.

**Newsletter** – Praveen Pasumarthy asked the membership to submit articles for the newsletter. Winter newsletter will go out in next few weeks.

**Website** – Gary Thomas noted that the website has been updated with new lookup features and content.

**Legislative** – Walter Ragsdale reported on: 1) Upcoming TxDOT Sunset Review, 2) Moratorium on Toll Roads, and 3) Special Senate Committee to be held Feb. 5.

**Future Engineers** – Ullman reported that poster contest for Jr. High is moving forward and entry forms will be available via the website.

**Awards** – Charlton requested that the members look for opportunities to submit for TexITE awards.

**Younger Members** – Jennifer Butcher noted that they are looking into special events for San Antonio, possibly including a bowling tournament. They are working on a Mentoring Program modeled after District 6. Dallas/Fort Worth will be holding a joint social.

## 13. **Adjourn (Charlton)**

Charlton thanked the Local Arrangements Committee and Dan Vedral for the hospitality in Irving and the meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM.