PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Alabama Section, chartered on January 1, 1989, is alive and well. We are continuing our transitional changes from Division to Section. At this time we can report that the new Section letterhead stationery is ready, the new Section banner will be ready for display at the Spring meeting in Huntsville and that the shift to the calendar operating year will be accomplished by having the officers elected this summer serve an 18 month term in office. We must file for tax exempt status within 15 months in order to comply with IRS regulations. Whether we pursue incorporation will affect the filing procedures and we are holding filing for tax exemption until we can research the incorporation question further.

Think about contributing to the scholarship fund as you prepare your income tax returns. The scholarship fund needs your support and you can probably use the deduction.

The thirty-second annual Highway Engineering and Construction Conference was held on February 8th and 9th at the Civic Center in Montgomery. The transportation technical programs were very well attended. I'd like to thank Bob Vecellio and Don Arkle for their hard work during program development and congratulate them for a job well done.

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ALSO...

Applications for the CHARLES ALEXANDER TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP have been sent to Dan Turner and Bob Vecellio. If additional forms are needed, please contact Rod Long at 205-967-9284.
The 1988 Fall Meeting of the Alabama Section Institute of Transportation Engineers was held on October 6, 1988 at the Holiday Inn East in Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting consisted of a morning Technical Session, a Luncheon, a Section Business Meeting and a Technical Field Trip.

PROGRAM & MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Don T. Arkle, Locke D. (Bubba) Bowden and John W. (Wes) Lord, Jr.

AGENDA

Registration: Lisa Alexander and Patricia G. Alford

Technical Session: Locke D. (Bubba) Bowden - Presiding

Traffic Control for Interstate Lane Addition Jobs in the Birmingham Area - Mr. R. Lynn Wolfe, Jr.

Covered Bridges in Alabama - Dr. Warren J. Keith

Break

Unmanned Radar - Mr. Bill Baker

Alabama Highway Department’s CADD System - Mr. Rex Bush

Luncheon Business Meeting Technical Tour: Alabama Highways Department’s CADD System

ATTENDANCE

54 Members and Affiliates; 6 Guests;
4 Speakers and 4 Students; Total = 68.

FINANCIAL

Receipts:
Registration Fee (59 @ $20.00) 1,180.00

Disbursements:
Break and Luncheon Expenses 701.68
Audio/Visual Equipment Rental 35.00
Postage for Meeting Notices 50.00
Scholarship Fund 295.00
Net Meeting Proceeds 98.32

BUSINESS MEETING

1) CALL TO ORDER:

The Business Meeting was called to order by President David Griffin at 1:03 p.m. President Griffin extended his appreciation to the Local Arrangements Committee for their efforts in planning the Fall Meeting.

2) MINUTES:

President Griffin called for any corrections/additions to the Minutes of the June 10, 1988 Annual Meeting, as published in the September 1988 Newsletter. There being none, Billy Jones made a motion, seconded by Don Arkle, to accept the Minutes as published. The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

3) SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Secretary/Treasurer’s Report was presented by Harold Raynor detailing the expenditures and receipts since the Annual Meeting. It was reported that the current treasury balance as $3,012.30. He also reported on Membership activities since the Annual Meeting, noting the admission of one (1) Member and eleven (11) Affiliates, and the resignation/expulsion of three (3) Members and fourteen (14) Affiliates.

The resulting current Membership was reported to be 67 Members and 124 Affiliates for a total Membership of 191. A copy of the detailed report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Harold Raynor introduced two (2) new members who were in attendance, Ken Cush (M) and Christina Williams (A); and listed the other Membership Applications approved by the Board of Directors since the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made by Phil Henson, seconded by Bubba Bowden, to accept the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

4) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ad Hoc Section Transition - Chairman Don Arkle reported they had reviewed three (3) items associated with the transition from Division to Section status. First, they were recommending that a new Section Banner be obtained which would be similar in style and color to the current Division Banner, but with the recently adopted Section logo. It was estimated, based on initial quotations, that the new Banner would cost approximately $360.00, and the display and mounting accessories would be an additional $150.00. Chairman Arkle made a motion that the Banner design as proposed, along with a budget of $550.00 for its purchase, be approved. The motion was seconded by Bob Wolfe and unanimously adopted by voice vote.

Secondly, it was reported that the Committee had reviewed various printing alternatives for the letterhead to be used on Section stationary. It was noted that the recent vote by the Membership on a new Section logo dealt with design and style, and did not specifically address the matter of multiple colors. Therefore, it was recommended by the Committee that the letterhead design displayed by Chairman Arkle, with the outline of the State and the words "Alabama Section" printed in red and the remaining portions of the design printed in blue, be adopted by the Membership. Chairman Arkle made a motion to approve the Committee’s recommendation and it was seconded by Dan Turner, and unanimously approved on a voice vote by the Members present.

The third item considered by the Committee involved the design of Section Award Plaques. It was noted that these items were produced by a firm in Mobile and the required modifications appeared to be simply cosmetic changes.

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Basically, the word "Section" would be substituted for "Division" and the new logo would replace the previous design. It did not appear that any significant additional costs would be incurred due to the changes.

Legislative - It was reported by Chairman Don Arkle that a draft of ITE's Position Paper on the "FUTURE OF FEDERAL-AID SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS" had been received and reviewed by the Section Board. It was stated that the Board generally concurred with the contents and recommendations of the "Paper". However, there were some substantive differences with regard to a "fixed" funding percentage versus an "as needed" basis of funding; and the implication that a significant increase of Highway Trust Fund revenues might be specifically "ear marked" for urban areas, could result in a Federal Aid funding reduction for Alabama.

It was proposed by the Section Board that funds be distributed in the form of "block grants", so that funding might be available for replacement of structurally deficient bridges or other local needs as may be deemed most critical by a particular state. Chairman Arkle noted that when the draft is received on the final version of the "Paper" it was likely the Section Board's response would be consistent with its prior position on the ITE proposals.

Meeting Arrangements, Program and Site Selection - It was reported by Chairman Don Arkle that the Spring Meeting of the Section was scheduled for March 9, 1989 in Huntsville. Mike Mahone will be responsible for arrangements and he had expressed to Chairman Arkle the City of Huntsville's desire to sponsor a National Highway Institute (NHI) course on "Intersection Controller Training" in conjunction with the Spring Meeting.

Dan Turner spoke in favor of incorporating technical training with Section Meetings and cited examples of the success other Sections have experienced with similar efforts. After considerable discussion, it was the general consensus that such activities should be scheduled either prior to or immediately following the regular meeting day. Additionally, it was agreed that a special effort would be made to publicize and encourage enrollment by advanced notice, should the City of Huntsville schedule the training to coincide with the Spring Meeting.

President Griffin announced that at its July 14th Annual Meeting, the Membership of the Deep South Section unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing President Steve Strong to seek agreement with the Alabama Section to conduct a joint meeting in Gulf Shores in June 1989. Following some discussion on the positive aspects of prior joint meetings, President Griffin made a motion that the Alabama Section extend an invitation to the Deep South Section to meet in joint session in June 1989 at Gulf Shores, Alabama. The motion was seconded by Joe Robinson and unanimously adopted by voice vote of the Members in attendance.

Past Presidents - Chairman Joe Robinson reported that the Committee had been addressing three (3) issues; applying for tax exemption status, conversion from a fiscal year to a calendar year and incorporation. He stated that ITE had offered the assistance of its legal advisors in finalizing the application, providing the Section furnished a Power of Attorney authorizing ITE's attorneys to respond to any questions from IRS. He noted that submission of the formal application could not occur until ITE District 5 issues the Alabama Section Charter, probably in December. Chairman Robinson indicated that in keeping with the action taken by the Membership at the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors had accepted the Committee's recommendation to proceed with applying for tax exempt status.

Chairman Robinson reported that the Committee and Board of Directors favored conversion of ASITE to a calendar year. He noted that to meet the intent of the Section Bylaws, it was concluded that the Oath of Office would be considered the "official certification of election" and that it would be modified to reflect the terms of office as being a calendar year. It was recommended by the Committee that all officers elected at the 1989 Annual Meeting serve until midnight, December 31, 1990 (18 months). All subsequent elections would continue to be conducted at the Annual Meetings, but newly elected officers would not take office until the following January 1st and their term of office would be twelve (12) months. Chairman Robinson made a motion to this effect and it was seconded by Dan Turner.

Dan Turner spoke in favor of the motion and indicated that all organizational units of ITE were following this trend. By a voice vote, the Membership unanimously approved the motion. Chairman Robinson stated that the Committee was continuing to explore the merits, problems and costs associated with incorporation, and would report back to the Membership at a later date.

Scholarship - Chairman Rod Long reported that following the award of the most recent scholarship to Curtis Lineberry the Fund balance was $7,094.77. With receipt of the Annual Meeting proceeds, it was reported that the Section currently had on deposit $10,568.00 and that approximately $850.00 in interest would be generated by the Fund in the next twelve (12) months. Chairman Long indicated that he and Cecil Jones would begin a telephone campaign in the coming weeks to solicit additional contributions.

Newsletter - Chairman Jim Meads reported on the efforts to upgrade the Newsletter and the increased participation in the Professional Services Directory. He expressed his appreciation to various members of the Section for their assistance and guidance in publishing the September issue. Chairman Meads announced that the Spring issue would be published in mid-February. President Griffin commended Jim for his efforts and the significant improvements he accomplished in the recent Newsletter. The Membership assembled signified their approval of Jim's efforts by a round of applause.

5) OLD BUSINESS:

President David Griffin recognized Dan Turner for a special announcement. Dr. Turner reported that in the September issue of the ITE Journal, an article titled "A Commitment to Tomorrow's Transportation Engineers" was published.
MINUTES (CONTINUED)

This article detailed the history and goals of the Alabama Section's Scholarship Fund. In recognition of his leadership efforts, Dan Turner presented Founding member Charles Alexander with an attractively framed original copy of the article. President Griffin reported that since publication of the article he had received inquiries from the Tennessee and Wyoming Sections for additional information.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

None

7) COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Lynn Wolfe announced he was serving on ITE Technical Council Committee 2:38 "Traffic Engineering in Driver Education Curricula" ... and would welcome any input from the Membership on the Committee's assignment.

President Griffin unveiled a newly designed podium plaque incorporating the adopted multi-colored Alabama Section logo, and announced that it had been made and contributed to the Section by Vulcan, Inc. The Membership in attendance expressed its approval and appreciation to Vulcan, Inc. with a round of applause.

8) ADJOURN:

President Griffin called for a motion to adjourn if there was no further business. The motion was made by Dick Garner, seconded by Jim Meads, and unanimously approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold M. Raynor
Secretary/Treasurer 1986-1989

If anyone has something they would like included in the next newsletter please send it to:

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ALABAMA SECTION ITE
SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT
OCTOBER, 1988

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasury Balance on June 10, 1988 $1,465.33

Receipts Since June 10, 1988:

- Annual Meeting Registration: Scholarship Fund $345.00
- Annual Meeting Auction: Scholarship Fund $1,004.00
- Dues Payments $1,116.00
- Newsletter: Professional Services Directory $840.00

Total Receipts $3,305.00

Expenditures Since June 10, 1988:

- Bank Charges $36.84
- Dues Refund: Overpayments $12.00
- Postage: Meeting Notices $50.00
- Printing: Newsletter Mastheads (700) $54.79
- Printing: October Newsletters (210) $152.90
- Postage: October Newsletters $102.50
- Scholarship Fund $1,349.00

Total Expenditures $1,758.03

Treasury Balance on October 6, 1988 $3,012.30

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Activity Since June 10, 1988:

- Membership on June 10, 1988
- Admissions and Reinstatements
- Deceased
- Resignations and Expulsions
- Membership on October 6, 1988

Dues Status on October 6, 1988:

- Paid
- Owe $6.00
- More Than $6.00
- Total

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DUES
AFFILIATE NEWS, ETC.
BY DEWITT WILLIAMS

In last fall’s NEWSLETTER we gave special congratulations to Amy David McDonald for becoming the Traffic Engineer in the First Division of the Highway Department. We are sorry to report that since that time Amy has seen fit to resign the position, but happy to report and congratulate Robert Adams upon becoming her replacement.

Robert is an affiliate member of ITE and has a Civil Engineer III classification. He assumed his new duties on January 17, 1989, after having worked for several years in the Traffic Engineering Section of the Highway Department’s Design Bureau in Montgomery. Robert is a very capable individual and we believe he will be a real asset to the Department in his new position in Decatur.

We are indeed saddened by the untimely death of Jessie D. McGill, formerly the Highway Department’s Division Engineer in Alexander City. Jessie was a friend of ITE and was closely associated with many of our members and affiliates ... he will be missed!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Wilma, and their four children, Preston, Dale, Denise and James.

STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS
BY BOB VECELLIO

The Student Chapter hosted two meetings over the past several months. Warren Keith, former professor of the University of Alabama, gave an excellent and highly entertaining presentation on "Covered Bridges in Alabama." In a joint meeting with ASCE, Steve Gray of the Alabama Traffic Safety Center made a very interesting and sobering presentation on "Vehicular and Highway Safety Research."

The Student Chapter provided transportation for graduate students attending the Highway Engineering and Construction Conference in Montgomery. The Chapter is busy planning the operation of the van shuttle system for E-Day, open house at Auburn for high school students. New chapter officers are President Deborah Greene, Vice President John Murphy, Secretary-Treasurer Kathryn Lowe, and Engineering Council Representative Tim Schmitz.

ALABAMA’S NEAREST TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Walter C. Dorsey, Jr. has accepted the position of City Engineer / Traffic Engineer for the City of Opelika. Walter was recently employed by David Volkert and Associates in Mobile. He is a 1981 graduate of Auburn University with a degree in civil engineering and is a registered professional engineer in Alabama.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

AFFILIATES

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Amy Davis McDonald
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Cecil Edwards Sellers, Jr.
Alabama Highway Department

John Lamar Strickland
Alabama Highway Department

Christina Pezzella Williams
City of Tuscaloosa
# Calendar of Events

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<td>1st Annual Meeting Institute of Transportation Engineers District 5 Hyatt Regency Hotel Lexington, Kentucky Contact: Lonnie Yates 502-564-3020</td>
<td>Annual Meeting Institute of Transportation Engineers Alabama Section Quality Inn-Beach Side Gulf Shores, Alabama Contact: Don Arkle 205-261-6164 or Gary Dennis 205-934-1541</td>
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## FHWA Course

**Subject:** NEMA & TYPE 170 CONTROLLERS INTERSECTION CONT. TRAINING COURSE  
**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**Date:** MARCH 22, 1989  
**Presented By:** JHK & ASSOCIATES  
**Speaker:** Jim Kell  
**Address:** Parlor B Von Braun Civic Center Huntsville, Alabama  
**R.S.V.P:** Pat Hair 532-7440  
**Misc.:** No Registration Only cost will be for lunch course will be limited to 30 attendees  

For more information please contact Richard Kramer or Pat Hair

## On the Lighter Side

RODNEY L. LONG, Past President of the Alabama Section ITE and Auburn University graduate, recently placed this advertisement in a national newspaper:

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