President’s Message

The annual meeting is a few weeks from now! Make plans NOW to attend. This year is a joint meeting with the Deep South Section and as usual it promises to be a great meeting. James Foster (ALSITE) and Chris Morvant (Deep South) have worked hard to prepare an outstanding technical program, and I have a special guest that everyone will want to hear.

The Southern District Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky was excellent. Jim Meads did not get the votes to win Secretary-Treasurer, but he won the votes in Alabama. Please understand how important your vote is in District elections.

The Spring Meeting in Birmingham was great. Tim Westhoven and staff did a wonderful job as usual. I encourage each person to attend the Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores on June 12/13th at the Quality Inn. Be sure to bring items for the auction. There will be some unique items at the auction this year, therefore bring your money and please bring anything that is in good taste. Remember, those people from Mississippi and Louisiana will buy almost anything.

James Brown

Southern District ITE Report

It is an honor to serve the Alabama Section as Southern District Representative. I attended the Southern District’s Annual Meeting on April 19-23 in Louisville, Kentucky, along with other Alabama Section members. The Louisville meeting was excellent. Our future meeting locations are listed as follows:

1998: Memphis, Tennessee
1999: Montgomery, Alabama
2000: Greenville, South Carolina
2001: Williamsburg, Virginia
2002: New Orleans, Louisiana
2003: North Carolina

The year 2000 International ITE meeting will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

International Director, Gaye Sprague, reported that the two hot topics this year are traffic calming and ISTEA legislation. Gaye informed us that International ITE is considering having a yearly leadership conference in Washington for Section and District Vice Presidents. Other news included an upcoming ITE membership recruiting contest and the pending completion of the 6th Edition ITE Trip Generation Manual.

The Southern District is requesting committee volunteers for career guidance, historical records, and the technical council. The District’s career guidance coloring book is being printed.

The new officer elected by the Southern District was Kenny Voorhies, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Annual Awards Banquet was highlighted with the following awards:
- Outstanding Section Award: Georgia
- Joseph M. Thomas Outstanding Young Member Award: Robert Walker

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Spring Meeting Minutes
March 12, 1997
Birmingham, Alabama

I. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by President James Brown.

II. Minutes:
President Brown called for a motion to accept the minutes of the October 10, 1996 Fall Meeting as published in the Spring 1997 Newsletter. Dick Garner made the motion, seconded by Ray Hill, to accept the official minutes.

III. Officers/Director’s Reports:
A. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report:
1. The October 10 to December 31, 1996 Secretary/Treasurer’s Report was presented by Vice-President James Foster for 1996. It was reported that the balance as of October 10, 1996 was $8,152.11, receipts for the year ending December 31, 1996 were $4,281.03. Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1996 were $5,475.61, leaving a balance of $7,948.98. The membership status was reported to be 99 Members, 47 Affiliate Class I, 36 Affiliate Class II and 4 retired members for a total membership of 186.

2. The Secretary/Treasurer’s report for January 1 to March 12, 1997, was reported by Robby Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer and as of January 1, 1997, the balance was $7,948.98, receipts ending March 12, 1997 were $825.00, expenditures were $911.92, leaving a balance of $7,862.06. The board acted on 3 applications for membership status and 1 application for Affiliate Class I. David Weber, Jennifer K. Gray, and Richard Powell were admitted as members and Mike Williams was admitted as an Affiliate Class I. The membership status as of March 12, 1997 was reported to be 102 Members, 48 Affiliate Class I, 36 Affiliate Class II, and 4 retired members for a total of 190.

A motion was made by Lamar Strickland and seconded by Stacey Glass to accept the Secretary/Treasurer’s Reports as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. District 5 Representative Report:
Jim Meads attended the Year-End Southern District’s Board meeting in Memphis Tennessee, the site for the 1998 Annual meeting. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation of the Southern District ITE web site by Michael Reese of the North Carolina State ITE Student Chapter. This web site has been well prepared and should provide a great deal of information to the membership as well as links to other transportation related web sites. Jim encouraged attendance at the 45th Annual Southern District ITE Meeting on April 19-23, 1997, in Louisville, Kentucky. Jim is a candidate for Secretary/Treasurer for the District.

IV. Committee Reports:
A. Scholarship Foundation Report:
Dr. Bob Vecellio gave a rosy report of funds in the Scholarship Foundation. The current balance is $51,861.51, the highest total in its history. He stated that during 1996 the fund earned in excess of $3,100 in interest. The deadline for applications for this year’s award is March 31.

B. Newsletter:
Stacey Glass reported he needed all information for the next newsletter by May 1, 1997. All members were encouraged to submit information for the newsletter. In addition Stacey announced that payments for participation in the business card section of the newsletter were now due. Stacey also expressed his appreciation to Becky White for her help in producing the newsletter.

C. Immediate Past President:
Bruce Thomason reported that the Awards Committee needed all nominations by April 1, 1997 for the Transportation Safety Award and Traffic Engineer of the Year.
Bruce was presented the Past President’s plaque in appreciation for his services as president last year by James Brown. The membership showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

D. Local Arrangements:
Bob Vecellio reported the Spring Meeting attendance of 69 and thanked all those who helped put this program together.

E. Meeting/Site Selection:
James Foster reported that the Annual meeting would be a joint meeting with the Deep South Section and would be held in Gulf Shores at the Quality Inn on June 12-13, 1997. The Fall Meeting 1997 will be held in Montgomery, Alabama on October 8, 1997 at the recently completed RSA Tower. The 1998 Spring Meeting will be held in Auburn.

F. JECA/Legislative:
James Brown announced there would be a Legislative reception on April 8, 1997 at the RSA Plaza from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This reception is sponsored by JECA and all ITE members are encouraged to attend. A general discussion followed and it was once again reiterated that it was very important for the membership to be involved in legislative matters on both a State and National level.

V. New Business:
James Brown reported that a Strategic Plan for the Section is being considered by the Board. A report will be forthcoming at the annual meeting. James also reported that Nancy Hudson had addressed the Board concerning the involvement of the Section in safety related projects. Nancy is in the process of forming a committee to examine ways we can become more involved in these issues and welcomes input and participation from all members.

Darrell Skipper reminded the membership that Jim Meads is a candidate for District office and stressed the need for all Section members to support him.

VI. Adjourn:
A motion was made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Becky White. The motion was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robby Anderson
Secretary / Treasurer

James Brown awards Bruce Thomason with the Past President’s plaque in recognition of his service to ALSITE.

Bill Van Luchene presents a session titled “Federal Highway Administration Strategic Plan for Safety” at the ALSITE Spring Meeting.
Student Chapter News

On February 28, 1997 the Auburn University Student Chapter operated a shuttle system for Engineering Day 1997, the College of Engineering’s open house for prospective students and their parents. The shuttle van system is designed to facilitate the transportation of visitors to Auburn University on Engineering Day from the University’s parking areas. The shuttle system is necessary due to the large number of visitors to the campus and the distance between the parking areas and the activity locations. Twelve students volunteered their time to make the shuttle system work. This year a total of 432 visitors used the shuttle system for a travel cost of $0.17 per passenger.

Ryan Ott
President, Student Chapter

NOTICE!

Anyone who has not received their pins or certificates for membership in ALSITE should contact Secretary/Treasurer Robby Anderson (address and phone number on back page).

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Marble J. Hensley Outstanding Individual Activity Award: Robert Murphy
Herman J. Hoose Distinguished Service Award: Hibbett Neel

Nancy Hudson and Bubba Bowden will be the co-chairs for the Southern District meeting hosted by the Alabama Section in the Spring of 1999 in Montgomery. Many volunteers will be needed to host this event. Volunteers should plan to attend the District meeting in Memphis, April 18-22, 1998, to become more familiar with the preparations necessary for Montgomery.

Jim Meads
Southern District Representative

Meet the Candidates

Nominations for ALSITE Secretary/Treasurer

Timothy C. Taylor, P.E.

Tim is a native of Thomasville, Alabama. He attended W.P. Davidson High School in Mobile, Alabama. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He has been married for sixteen years to the former Denise Hawkins of Gadsden, Alabama. They have three children: Nathan (10), John Paul (7), and Kathryn (4).

Tim is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Alabama. He is an active member of ALSITE serving on Awards and Membership Committees and regularly attending meetings. He is also an active member of the Alabama Section and Tuscaloosa Branch of ASCE.

Tim’s work history is as follows: Pittsburgh-Des Moines Corp., Birmingham, Al. (1981-1982), ALDOT Asst. Project Engineer, Tuscaloosa, Al. (1982-1991), ALDOT Division Traffic Engineer, Tuscaloosa, Al. (1991-1997). As Division Traffic Engineer Tim is responsible for installation and maintenance of traffic control devices for nine counties, directs and manages operation of traffic signals and signal systems, and responsible for intersection and highway capacity improvements to list a few of his duties.

Tim is active in his community serving as YMCA baseball coach, Royal Ambassador leader, Deacon, Boy Scouts past Den Leader, and Tuscaloosa City Schools volunteer.

Tim Westhoven, P.E.

Tim graduated from Auburn University in 1983 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering. He received his professional engineer’s license in 1988. He has been a member of ITE since 1990. His current position is City Engineer for the City of Hoover, Alabama. He has been serving in this capacity for nearly two years. Tim is married with two children, Kimberly (11) and Ben (8). He has been married for fourteen years to his wife Jenni.
Call for Abstracts

The Institute of Transportation Engineers invites you to submit an abstract of a paper that you would like to have considered for presentation at the 68th ITE Annual Meeting, to be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 9-12, 1998.

Format
Your abstract should be 250 to 300 words in length and should fill no more than one typewritten page. Your name, title, mailing address, phone number and Fax number (or, in cases of multiple authorship, that of the person who would actually be presenting the paper) must appear on the abstract. Six copies of the abstract are required.

Deadlines
Abstracts must be received at ITE Headquarters no later than Sept. 15, 1997. You will be notified by Feb. 1, 1998, as to whether your abstract has been accepted as a basis for a presentation at the meeting. If your abstract is accepted, you will be required to submit a written paper, to be published in the 1998 Compendium of Technical Papers on CDROM.

Submittals
Send six copies of your abstract by Sept. 15, 1997, to Toronto Technical Program, Institute of Transportation Engineers, 525 School St., S.W., Suite 410, Washington, DC 20024-2797 USA.

Possible Topics
The following is a list of possible topic areas. You are not limited to these topics; all abstracts will be considered.

- Computer Applications for Transportation Engineering
- Congestion and Mobility Management
- Effective Traffic Safety Programs
- Energy and Transportation Issues
- Enforcement of Transportation Systems
- Experience with Transit Systems (LRT, HOV, etc.)
- Expert Witness/Tort Liability
- Freeway Operations, Surveillance and Control Systems
- Future Demand for Transportation
- GIS Applications
- Growth Management
- Historical Aspects of Transportation Engineering
- High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes*
- High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes*
- Human Factors in Transportation
- Improving Airport Ground Transportation
- Innovative Transportation Financing
- ITS for Incident Management
- Issues Facing the Transportation Profession
- Land Use and Transportation
- Lessons from Major Investment Studies
- Money Saving Tips for Public Agencies
- Motor Carrier Issues/Goods Movements
- Neighborhood Traffic Management
- New Developments in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and South America
- New Technologies for Ground Transportation including Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Nonmotorized Transportation
- Privatization Programs/Toll Road Developments
- Public Information and Education
- Railroad Crossing Protection
- Signals and Signal Systems
- Technology Transfer
- Transit Operations and Innovations
- Transportation and the Elderly
- Transportation: Environment; Engineering Education, Needs and Programs; Research; Safety
- Transportation for Livable Communities
- Transportation for Special Events
- Travel Demand Management
- Trip Generation
- Water-borne Commuter Transportation

*The 9th Annual TRB Conference on High Occupancy Vehicles will be conducted in conjunction with the 1998 ITE Annual Meeting. Abstracts on HOV/HOT Lanes will be considered for the TRB HOV Conference.
### Technical/Social Program - 1997 Annual Meeting
**June 12-13, Gulf Shores**

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### Alabama Section 1999 District V Committee Meeting

Any Alabama Section member interested in volunteering for one of the committees planning for the 1999 District V Annual Meeting which will be held in Montgomery, Alabama, please join us at the Quality Inn in Gulf Shores on Wednesday, June 11 at 4:00 p.m. Many volunteers are needed, and this will be a time for those interested to start planning preparations.
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