President’s Message

As I began to organize my thoughts and feelings as to what should be included in my Farewell President’s Message, the first thing that came to me was a feeling of gratitude. It has truly been an honor for me to serve the Alabama Section ITE as its President. I am grateful to those who have helped make my tenure on the Board a pleasant one. This list includes members of the Board with whom I have served, Local Arrangements Committees and Chairs who hosted our meetings, Committee Chairmen and the Editor of our award-winning Newsletter. (By the way, we are in need of a new editor. Please volunteer!) There is also a long list of people who continually roll up their sleeves and pitch in to accomplish whatever task is ahead. One name that I will mention is Dr. Bob Vecellio who, year in and year out, continues to put together our technical programs which are a cornerstone of our Section. Thank you Bob for your service.

There were many highlights this year for me but the one that stands out the most was to be able to participate in the Inaugural Billy Jones Memorial Golf Tournament. This is my highlight not because of the golf, in fact, I don't even remember who won. It is my highlight because, it was, and is, our tribute to our longtime friend who worked his whole career in the highway and traffic safety areas only to be tragically taken from us in a highway accident. Many thanks to the folks at Vulcan for establishing this tradition for us.

During my tenure on the Board, I made the transition from working strictly in the highway/transportation engineering field to municipal engineering dealing with people from all phases of engineering. This transition has served to make greater my appreciation of the members of ALSITE. The level of commitment each shows the profession, the friendly spirit of competition in the private sector, and the willingness to assist and provide support to each other are not found in other areas. I hope the Alabama Section can maintain this tradition for many years to come.

It has been a very rewarding experience for me to hold office in our section. I know that our newly-elected slate of officers stand ready to assume their duties and I hope that each one will find their experience just as rewarding. I look forward to seeing each of you in Talladega.

Robby Anderson

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Upcoming Meetings

ALSITE Fall Meeting
October 7, 1999
Talladega, Alabama

ALSITE Spring 2000 Meeting
March 2000
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

SDITE Annual Meeting
April 2000
Greenville, SC

ITE 70th Annual Meeting
August 6-9, 2000
Nashville, TN
Southern District ITE Report

It’s hard to believe that my two years as District Representative are almost over. It is truly an honor to have been able to serve the Section. I would also like to thank each of you for your support and ask that you give the same support and encouragement to our next District Representative, Mr. James Brown.

As we approach the end of the year, it will be time to prepare the Annual Report. Please submit all of your professional activity forms by December 15. This information is very important in selecting the Outstanding Section of the Year.

Nancy Hudson

New Officers Elected for Year 2000

At its Annual Meeting in June, the Alabama Section elected new officers for the year 2000. The incoming Board is as follows:

Immediate Past President        Robby Anderson
President                       Tim Taylor
Vice President                  Stacey Glass
Secretary/Treasurer              Becky White
Affiliate Director              Doc Dorsey
Assistant Affiliate Director    J. G. Meyer

News from the Membership

After 21 years at the City of Birmingham, Nancy Hudson has begun a new job with Alabama Operation Lifesaver. Nancy is serving as State Coordinator for the non-profit organization that promotes rail safety throughout the state. If you attend the Fall Meeting in Talladega, you’ll get a chance to hear Nancy talk about what Operation Lifesaver.

Tim Westhoven has left the City of Hoover and joined the consultant ranks. Tim is now working with Barge-Waggoner-Sumner-Cannon in Birmingham. We wish Tim luck as he makes the transition from public to private sector. (This editor also hopes for a new advertiser in next year’s newsletter.)

Feeling left out? Was your big news not included? We can’t read your mind, so speak up. Fax your update to the newsletter editor.

FHWA Developing Strategies to Reduce Construction Traffic Delays

As the nation’s highway system ages, preservation of existing pavements and bridges is becoming more critical, resulting in a greater emphasis on maintenance, rehabilitation, and major reconstruction projects. These highway projects compete with traffic flow, however, causing delays that frustrate drivers and cost billions of dollars in lost time and late deliveries. In 1993, the total cost of congestion in the nation’s 50 largest metropolitan areas was estimated to be $51 billion.

The Federal Highway Administration’s Office of Program Quality Coordination recently addressed the issue of traffic delays in a national quality improvement review on “Meeting the Customers’ Needs for Mobility and Safety During Construction and Maintenance Operations.” The review looked at the effectiveness of procedures in use at all government levels to reduce construction-related traffic congestion. Areas reviewed included work-zone traffic control, contracting procedures, materials selection, and public participation in traffic management policies. As a result of the review FHWA has identified several best practices for improving traffic flow in construction projects. The best practices are documented in the review team’s report: Meeting the Customer’s Needs for Mobility and Safety During Construction and Maintenance Operations (Publication No. FHWA-PR-98-01-A). To obtain a copy, contact the FHWA Research and Technology Report Center at (301) 577-0818. The report can also be found on the Web at www.fhwa.dot.gov/reports/bestprac.pdf.

Summarized from APWA Reporter, June 1999

From the Editor

This is my last issue of ALSITE News. The past two years have been a great experience, mostly for the relationships I’ve had the opportunity to develop with so many of you. Thanks for all your encouragement and support. Oh! By the way, we need a new editor so don’t hesitate to volunteer. What is that armed forces tagline...“the toughest job you’ll ever love”? Well, I won’t go that far, but you will learn something and have a good time doing it.

Becky White
Make plans to attend the ALSITE Fall Meeting at Talladega Superspeedway. Located about 20 miles northeast of Childersburg, Talladega is the home of the world’s fastest, most competitive motor sports facility. Ken Cush has arranged an excellent meeting with technical program help from Bob Vecellio. We’ll gather in the infield media center and follow up our program with a tour of the track. Whether you’re a race fan or not, this is sure to be a fascinating experience. Don’t miss this great opportunity to see the inside workings of the speedway.

Fall Meeting Agenda
Talladega, AL
October 7, 1999

8:30 a.m. Welcome

8:40 a.m. Overview of the Chief Ladiga Trails Project
Jack Plunk
East Alabama Planning Commission, Anniston, AL

9:10 a.m. Signs People See
George Kochanowski
All Sign Products, Pompano Beach, FL

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. What is Operation Lifesaver?
Nancy A. Hudson
Alabama Operation Lifesaver, Inc., Birmingham, AL

11:00 a.m. Fog Detection and Warning System: I-10 and US 90 Mobile Bayway
Tommy Goodman
Alabama Department of Transportation, Mobile, AL

11:30 a.m. Kansas Speedway Project
Terry Flannagan
HNTB, Kansas City, MO

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Business Meeting

2:00 p.m. Track Tour
ALSITE Annual Meeting Minutes
June 25, 1999
Gulf Shores, Alabama
White Sands Resort

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by President Robby Anderson. The meeting was conducted in the banquet room of the White Sands Resort.

2. Minutes:
Vice President Tim Taylor presented the Spring Board Meeting Minutes as published in the Newsletter. A motion was made by Joe Robinson and seconded by James Brown to accept the minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

3. Officers/Director's Reports:
A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report:
   1. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – April 19, 1999 to June 22, 1999 as presented by Stacey N. Glass:

   Treasury Balance on April 19, 1999 $5,238.83
   Receipts since April 19, 1999
   Dues Payments $828.00
   Total Receipts $828.00
   Disbursements since April 19, 1999
   Bell South – Phone Service $44.25
   Newsletter Printing Charge $297.00
   Newsletter Postage $33.00
   Miscellaneous Postage $168.00
   Travel Expenses Scholarship Recipients $400.00
   Travel Expenses Student Chapter to SDITE $60.00
   Speaker Gifts $317.00
   Letterhead, Envelopes, & 2nd Sheets $218.16
   Benevolence Fund $77.22
   Bank Analysis Charge $24.01
   Total Disbursements $1,638.64
   Treasury Balance on June 22, 1999 $4,428.19

   2. The ALSITE membership status is as follows: 101 Members, 40 Affiliate Class I, 34 Affiliate Class II, and 4 Retired Members for a total membership of 179. The Board approved 6 (six) new members on June 24, 1999. The new members are as follows: James Kelley (M), Elaine Ferguson (M), Thomas Bedell (M), Michael Gray (M), David Jones (M), Allen Secreast (M), and Wayne Carroll (All). The new membership status is as follows: 107 Members, 40 Affiliate class I, 35 Affiliate Class II, and 4 Retired Members for a total membership of 186. A motion was made by Bubba Bowden and seconded by Ed Watt to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's reports as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Vice-President’s Report:
Vice-President Tim Taylor reported that the Spring 2000 meeting will be held in Tuscaloosa, and David Griffin and Joe Robinson are the meeting coordinators. The Annual Meeting 2000 will be held in Gulf Shores in the second week of June. The Fall 1999 meeting will be conducted in Talladega on October 7, 1999. It is still undecided where the Fall 2000 meeting will be held. Ed Watt suggested the possibility of a joint meeting with the Tennessee Section in Chattanooga. Tim also reported that a plaque has been created for the First annual Billy Jones Golf Tournament. The plaque will be awarded to the winners of the annual golf tournament each year. The names of the winning team will be added to the plaque each year.

C. District 5 Representative Report:
Nancy Hudson's report is as printed in the Newsletter.
Annual Meeting Minutes, continued

D. Past President’s Report:
   James Foster presented the results from the officers’ nominations as follows: Tim Taylor (President), Stacey Glass (Vice President), Becky White (Secretary/Treasurer), Doc Dorsey (Affiliate Director), and J. G. Meyer (Assistant Affiliate Director). Bob Vecellio made a motion to accept the report and to destroy the ballots. Bubba Bowden seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

4. Committee Reports:
   A. Meeting and Site Selection:
      Tommy Lee reported that there were 124 registrants to the meeting, 188 attended the banquet, and 58 golf registrants. ALSITE raised $3,185.00 and Deep South raised $1,300.00 for a total Scholarship Auction amount of $4,485.00. Tommy also reported that the committee would search for a new location for next year’s meeting due to the unexpected increase of approximately $1,200.00 in charges by the White Sands Resort. The meeting will be held June 7, 8, and 9, 2000.

   B. JECA:
      Robby Anderson reported that a legislative reception was held on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. at the RSA Plaza. Approximately 20 members of the House of Representatives attended as did about 60 engineers. ALSITE helped sponsor this reception, but we may decide not to sponsor another event.

   C. State Safety Coordinating Committee:
      Robby Anderson reported for Pat Alford that the primary seatbelt use law was passed.

   D. Newsletter:
      Becky White has set a September 3, 1999 deadline for all submissions to the newsletter. She is also looking for someone to take over as newsletter editor for next year. Also, the ALSITE Newsletter earned national recognition as best newsletter in the category of 250 circulation or less.

   E. Scholarship:
      David Griffin reported that two scholarships were awarded this year. Tracy Hamil of Auburn University was awarded a $3,000.00 scholarship and Jason Daniels of Auburn University was awarded a $1,000.00 scholarship. The Section will also gave the recipients $200.00 travel expenses to attend the annual meeting. David also reported that the balance of the Scholarship Fund is $62,782.08 as of June 1, 1999. This includes contributions totaling $850.00 in memory of ALSITE Past President Billy Jones.

   F. Technical Report:
      Bob Vecellio expressed thanks to Jeff Smith of Deep South and Tim Taylor and John McCarthy of ALSITE for their contributions to the technical session. He also expressed his thanks to the speakers of the technical sessions.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:
   A. John McCarthy made a motion and was seconded by Richard Caudle for ALSITE to support a joint meeting with T2. The motion passed. The Board of Directors has given support to this endeavor.

   B. Past President James Foster made a motion to make a change in ALSITE’s governance documents. Much discussion followed as to whether to make the change to the Policies or to the Standard Operating Procedures. John McCarthy made a motion to table the motion by James Foster until a later date. It was seconded by Ed Watt and the original motion was tabled. James Foster will submit his original motion to be printed in the newsletter and it will be brought to the floor at the Fall meeting in Talladega.

   C. James asked that any suggested changes to the AASHTO Green Book be sent to James Brown.

7. Adjourn:
   A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Richard Caudle and seconded by Tommy Lee. President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey N. Glass
Call for Abstracts/Call for Papers

The ITE Southern District invites you to submit an abstract of a paper that you would like to have considered for presentation at the District's Annual Meeting in Greenville, SC, April 16-19, 2000. An abstract on any paper related to Safety, Operations, or Planning for any transportation mode will be considered for inclusion in the technical program. The abstract should be 250-300 words in length and should fill no more than one typed page. The name, title, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address (or, for multiple authors, that of the person who would be presenting the paper) must appear on the abstract. Please send the original diskette containing the abstract in either Microsoft Word or Word Perfect 5.1 to:

Dr. J. Edwin Clark, Chair
ITE Southern District Technical Council
1643 W. Little River Dr.
Seneca, SC 29672

The deadline for submission of abstracts is February 1, 2000.

The District also invites technical papers for the Outstanding Sponsored Technical Paper and for the Outstanding Non-Sponsored Technical Paper competition. The term "Sponsored" implies that the paper was prepared essentially as part of the author's job responsibility and on company time. The term "Non-Sponsored" implies that the paper was prepared on the author's own time and essentially apart from his/her job responsibility. To qualify for the competition, the paper must meet the following requirements:

1. The author(s) shall be a member(s) of the Southern District.
2. The paper shall be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page, and shall be a minimum of 1,500 words in length.
3. The paper shall have been completed since December 1, 1998.
4. The original and five (5) copies shall be submitted to the Chair of the Technical Council no later than February 1, 2000.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Clark at (864) 882-9803 or by e-mail at bjec@bluebridget.net.com.
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