President’s Message

For most of us, Y2K is a fading memory of a crisis that never came to fruition. For a few of us, only stockpiles of consumables or a few durable goods are simply reminders of prophetic warnings. Naysayers are gloating. Provisioners are bloating (Those Oreo’s and Cheez-It’s do taste better while watching a televised college basketball game in a warm house). Laying all the hoopla aside, I would be remiss if I did not give credit to those in the public and private sector who worked extensively to remEDIATE elements of our society’s infrastructure. I applaud each of you for a job well done.

ALSITE is not facing a proportional Y2K crisis. Our financial status is good. Membership is increasing. Our meetings are superb. Professional association with members is affirming. Never has there been a better time to be involved in the transportation profession and its best association of peers. The excellent position afforded our Section has come at the expense and dedication of members who have served in the past. Many of these individuals continue to serve and provide wisdom and leadership to the Section. To each of you, this Section is indebted. As the new millennium emerges, we need to look to the future; will others be ready in this era to dedicate themselves like those before?

If our Section is to continue on the track of achievement it has enjoyed, members must continually step forward to work and serve. I have already contacted many of you regarding service to your organization this year. I am thankful for your positive responses and willingness to serve. Opportunities abound at all levels. Please let a Committee Chairperson know of your interest. Stay informed on ITE and legislative issues. Invest your time wisely in pursuit of both career goals and continuing education. Volunteer your time at Career Day at a school. Assist in the efforts of our Strategic Plans. Take a moment to review the Committee rosters listed in this newsletter for areas of interest.

As ALSITE President for Y2K, I would like to build up the ranks of membership in numbers as well as participation. I will soon be sending membership invitations to transportation professionals who have joined International but have not identified with the Alabama Section. I intend to see our Strategic Plan refined as needed and executed to both strengthen the Section and enhance our impact on society. I ask for your support and help to begin this millennium with a renewed effort to keep the Alabama Section of ITE as the premier transportation organization of professionals in the state.

Tim Taylor

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Southern District ITE Report

I hope everyone had a great New Year. It is hard to believe it is the year 2000. It is also hard to believe that I have the honor to serve the Alabama Section as Southern District Representative. The Alabama Section needs to become more involved in the Southern District, as our Section has a great deal to offer and the exchange of information between Sections is invaluable.

I will be attending the 48th Southern District ITE Annual Meeting in Greenville, SC on April 15-19, 2000. The folks in South Carolina are putting together a wonderful program with events that everyone will enjoy. Make your plans to attend and I hope to see you there.

As your representative, I wish to voice your opinion and thoughts. If at anytime you would like to contact me or ask a question, please use my new email address: jbrown@almonassociates.com. In order to report all the great and wonderful ideas of our Section, an open line of communication is required.

Also, please thank Nancy Hudson for her efforts as the previous Southern District Representative. Nancy has worked very hard for the Alabama Section and she deserves our appreciation, as do all the previous representatives.

James Brown

Meeting Schedule for 2000

Spring Meeting: March 9, 2000
Mercedes-Benz Complex
Tuscaloosa

Annual Meeting June 7-9, 2000
White Sands Resort
Gulf Shores

Fall Meeting Date TBA
Auburn

News of the Membership

James Brown was recently named principal and a member of the board of directors of Almon Associates, Inc.

Brown is a registered professional engineer with more than 20 year's experience in the design, construction, and project management of a variety of transportation and civil engineering projects.

He has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Mississippi State University. James and his wife Sheila have four children. They live in the Birmingham area.

Rodney Long has relocated his place of employment and is working for the City of Hoover. Since November 15, 1999, he has been serving the City of Hoover as City Engineer. The new work phone number is 205.444.7626. The e-mail address is Longr15@Bellsouth.net.

In Memoriam

Transportation in Alabama lost a real friend on January 1, 2000 with the passing of Jerry C. Drake, PE, Director of Public Works and County Engineer for Jefferson County. Jerry also served as Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, who, guided by Jerry's leadership, took the lead in the development of major improvements throughout the county and the region. Chief among these was the completion of Lakeshore Parkway, and more recently, negotiating funding for conceptual plans for the entire Northern Beltline. His vision and his uncanny ability to see all facets of a project will be sorely missed.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Becky White. As Editor of the ALSITE NEWS, Becky has won the ITE 1999 Newsletter Award for newsletters with circulation less than 250. The officers and membership of ALSITE thank you for your efforts as Editor for the past two years.
Spring Meeting 2000 at Mercedes-Benz

The Spring 2000 ALSITE Meeting will be held at the Mercedes-Benz complex located at Exit 89 on Interstate 59/20 between Tuscaloosa and Birmingham. The meeting will begin earlier than normal to allow us to take an hour and a half tour of the main production building. We are anticipating three tour times starting at 8:50 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 9:10 a.m. When you exit I-59/20, go to the Mercedes-Benz Institute (located next to the Visitor's Center with the distinctive wavy roof and next to the large fountain. Our meeting room will be in the multi-purpose room at the Mercedes-Benz Institute. Parking is available in front of the Visitor's Center.

Because of the varying tour group times, everyone will have about twenty minutes between 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to visit the Mercedes-Benz Museum which is also located in the Visitor's Center. The cost of both the museum and the tour of the production plant is included in your registration fee. The museum tour is a self-guided tour.

Spring Meeting Agenda
March 9, 2000
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Welcome to Mercedes-Benz
8:50 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Tours of Mercedes-Benz Production Facility
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Snacks, Open Museum Tours
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Door Prizes (Early Registrants)
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Red Light Running and Automated Enforcement Programs
John McFadden, Ph.D.
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. In Vehicle ITS
Spokesperson
EVS Department, Mercedes-Benz
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Steak with all the trimmings)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Business Meeting
ALSITE Fall 1999 Meeting Minutes
October 7, 1999

I. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Robby Anderson.

II. Minutes:
A. A motion to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's Report was made and accepted by voice vote.
B. Vice President Tim Taylor presented the Board change Amendment for a 20-30 day advance notice for any motions affecting policy and procedures. Approved by Board. James Foster will make necessary changes in the Officer's Manual.

III. Officers/Directors' Reports:
A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report:
   1. Secretary/Treasurer's Report - June 22, 1999 to October 6, 1999 as presented by Stacey N. Glass:

   Treasury Balance on June 22, 1999                      $4,428.19

   Receipts since June 22, 1999
   Dues Payments                                          $300.00
   Total Receipts                                         $300.00
   Disbursements since June 22, 1999
   Bell South - Phone Service                             ($32.23)
   Newsletter Printing Charge                             ($367.20)
   Newsletter Postage                                     ($62.70)
   Awards Plaques                                         ($210.00)
   Annual Meeting Speaker                                 ($250.00)
   Income Tax Preparation                                 ($246.00)
   Bank Analysis Charge                                   ($18.17)
   Total Disbursements                                   ($1,186.30)

   Treasury Balance on October 6, 1999                   $3,541.89

B. Vice President's Report:
   Vice President Tim Taylor and Ken Cush are to contact International members who are not members of the Alabama Section to encourage membership in ALSITE.

   Site selection -
   March 9, 2000 Tuscaloosa Four Points Sheraton
   Summer 2000   Gulf Shores
   Fall 2000     Auburn
   Spring 2001   Open
   Fall 2001     Joint meeting with Tennessee Section in Chattanooga. May be a rotating basis with Huntsville. Ed Watt is working out the details.

C. Past President's Report:
   Past President James Foster reported that the nominee for Southern District Representative is Bruce Thomason.

D. Southern District Representative's Report:
   Section Representative Nancy Hudson reported that the web site address for the Southern District Newsletter is www.ncsu.edu/sdite/. Georgia Section won for 3rd year in a row as best section for activities. ALSITE Activities Form to be mailed out by Becky White. Please fill them out for year-end report.
ALABAMA SECTION ITE
1999 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARD

Nominees Name

Position Title

Employers Name

Business Address

Immediate Supervisors Name

Briefly state this individuals contribution to transportation safety

The Nomination Committee may want to discuss this nomination with you. Please provide the following information.

Name of Nominator

Address

Telephone Number

Relationship to Nominee

Thank you for your assistance. Please complete this form and mail to:

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Fall Meeting Minutes Continued

E. Scholarship Report:
    David Griffin reported over $67,000 in account. There was $900.00 in memorial contributions in honor of
    Billy Jones.

F. Newsletter:
    Becky White is searching for a replacement for Newsletter Editor. January 30, 2000 is the deadline for the
    Spring Newsletter.

G. JECA:
    Thank you note for our support from JECA. JECA reported a successful reception with approximately 30
    legislators and 50 engineers in attendance. They would like to schedule a reception every 4 years.

H. Technical Report:
    Bob Vecellio expressed thanks to Ken Cush and Tim Taylor for help with the program. He also reminded
    the membership about the call for papers for ITE.

I. T Square:
    John McCarthy updated the membership on upcoming T² events.

J. Local Arrangements:
    Ken Cush said that the Track did a wonderful job. There were 64 registrants for the meeting.

K. Strategic Plan:
    Darrell Skipper reported that the committee would meet soon to review tasks.

IV New Business:
A. National ITE Conference:
    Bob Wolfe attended the National ITE Conference this summer in Las Vegas, Nevada. The next meeting is
    in Nashville, Tennessee (Opryland Hotel). He encouraged everyone to attend.

B. Bob also mentioned various concerns about ITE Councils. Treasuries of various Councils are too big. ITE wants to
    control finances. ITE wants to increase dues, but there is an excess in funds in Treasurer balance. We need to get
    involved so we will know what is going on. Bob strongly encouraged participation at the Annual Meeting.

V. Adjourn:
    Robby Anderson passed the gavel to Tim Taylor. Tim Taylor adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey N. Glass
Secretary/Treasurer

Southeastern Local Roads Conference

The Alabama T² Center is host of the Southeastern Local Roads Conference scheduled for Marriott’s Grand Hotel in
Point Clear on May 15-17, 2000. The conference is sponsored by the eight LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program)
Centers in the Southeastern states, FHWA and a number of professional organizations who work with local officials. The
ALSITE representative on the Steering Committee is James Foster of Mobile County.

The Conference will consists of technical presentations, exhibits, golf and plenty of food and drink. Please mark
your calendar. ALSITE members will receive a separate mailing of Conference details, including registration information.
Additional Information

Additional Information about Tuscaloosa, the Mercedes-Benz facility, and the attractions in the Tuscaloosa area can be found on the web. Before the spring meeting, check out the following sites:

The University of Alabama: www.ua.edu/
The Mercedes-Benz Facility: www.mbusa.com/
The Tuscaloosa Convention and Visitor’s Bureau: www.tcvb.org/
The Tuscaloosa Magazine: www.tusmag.com/
The Tuscaloosa News: www.tuscaloosanews.com/

From the Editor

The Spring meeting at the Mercedes-Benz facility promises to be an exciting follow-up to a great meeting at the Talladega Speedway. I’m looking forward to seeing each of you in Tuscaloosa and discussing and how the newsletter can better serve your needs and interests. Let me know your comments. We can’t all be as happy as Nancy Hudson behind the wheel of the Talladega Pace Car, but we should at least try!

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