President's Message

Thank you for letting me serve as your President for the last year. The opportunities afforded to me have been invaluable. I have come to learn more about the workings of ITE at all levels - International, District, and Section. I have great expectations of ITE for the future as ITS Management and Operations, Agency and institutional partnerships, Education and mentoring processes strengthen the organization. We are all part of the work.

Ken Cush, Secretary-Treasurer Elect and Membership Committee Chairperson, tells me that membership applications are steadily being received. Each of us plays an important role in recruiting new members...as each of us talk positively about the benefits and purpose of ALSITE we are encouraging others to join. You know professionals, technicians, students, and others who are immersed in the transportation industry who are not members. You know they should be. Do reasons exist why ALSITE should not be one of the strongest and biggest sections in the District? Our people and the impact they have on society are tremendous assets; whether scholarships, mentoring, studies, or projects, the benefits are evident. Lest you think I'm reaching for my megaphone about this time to lead “Give me an A, give me a L... (Nope, not the University)

let me finish by stating, Let’s talk up ALSITE!... We have something to crow about.

The Annual Meeting in Nashville at the Opryland Hotel Was a great experience. The Alabama Section was well represented. I believe we had over twenty people from ALSITE in attendance. I believe Mobile was the best represented area in the State. A fine slate of seminars, workshops, and social outings was held. The event was well hosted by the Tennessee Section. Moreover, the Opryland Hotel was a superb backdrop for it. Jim Meads and James Brown are both serving us through representation at the District. Please continue to support their work. I am sure they would welcome your input or questions concerning District plans and functions.

Our Fall Meeting will be held this October at Auburn University. Check this newsletter for further information. Stacey Glass and Bob Vecelio are putting together the Technical Program. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Fall Meeting and many more to come.

Tim Taylor

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Southern District ITE Report

Well, I am sure everyone enjoyed the International meeting in Nashville. Since I was unable to attend, here are a few facts that I wish to pass along. Mrs. Jenny Grote was elected as the International Vice President. There were also over 2000 people who attended the meeting in the Opryland Hotel. For more information on the meeting in Nashville, please browse the Meeting and Conferences section of the national web site at www.ite.org.

Our next District Board meeting will be on December 4, 2000 in New Orleans which is the site for the 50th anniversary. The 2001 Southern District Annual meeting will be in Williamsburg, Virginia on April 22-25, 2001. Remember Jim Meads will be the outgoing president.

By the way, with our $1,000 contribution to the Millennium Fund, our Georgia neighbors have matched our contribution with an additional $100. Next time you see them tell them thanks.

As your representative, I wish to voice your opinions and thoughts. If at anytime you would like to contact me or ask a question, please use my new e-mail address: jbrown@almonassociates.com or call at 1-800-844-2105. In order to report all the great and wonderful ideas of our section, an open line of communication is required.

James Brown

Billy Jones Memorial Scholarship

On June 1, 2000 ALSITE Scholarships announced the award of a $2,500 scholarship to Sara Jacobs, a Civil Engineering student at Auburn University. The scholarship, which was made possible by a directed gift for the purpose of honoring Billy Jones and his contributions to the transportation engineering profession, is titled the Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship.

ALSITE Scholarships is pleased to administered this scholarship in the memory of Billy Jones. Billy was instrumental in the development of traffic engineering in the State of Alabama during his employment with the Alabama Highway Department. He was very supportive of the Alabama Section’s successful efforts to establish a scholarship program in 1986. He continued his support and contributed greatly to the scholarship program and our profession until his untimely death last in 1999.

Sara Jacobs is a Senior at Auburn with a 3.874 GPA and a 4.0 in Civil Engineering. She is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Chi Epsilon, and the University Honor’s College. She has served as Secretary for the American Society of Civil Engineers and as Publicity Co-Chairperson, also for ASCE. She hails from Madison, Alabama and states her career objectives are to work as a Professional Engineer in either transportation planning, highway structures, or light rail systems. Congratulations Sara!

Paper Competition

The Southern District ITE Technical Council has issued a call for technical papers and reports to compete for the District’s Outstanding Sponsored Technical Paper, Non-Sponsored Technical Report, and Best Technical Committee Report. The term “sponsored” implies that the paper was prepared 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 apart from one’s job responsibility. The specific paper and report requirements can be obtained from Bob Vecellio, ALSITE representative to the SDITE Technical Council. The submission is December 1, 2000.
ALABAMA SECTION - ITE
FALL MEETING
Auburn University
October 5, 2000

7:45 - 8:35 a.m. Registration

8:35 - 8:45 a.m. Alabama Section Welcome
                Stacey Glass, Vice President

        Auburn University Welcome
        Dr. Joe F. Judkins, Jr., Head
        Department of Civil Engineering

Technical Session I

Presiding:
        Doug Peterson, ITE Student Chapter
        Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship Winner

8:45 - 9:15 a.m. “GPS Applications in Mapping and Vehicle Tracking”
                Steve Taylor and Matt Veal, Department of Biosystems Engineering,
                Auburn University

9:15 - 9:45 a.m. “The Impact of ADA on Auburn University and Transportation Issues”
                Kelly Haynes, Director, Program for Students with Disabilities,
                Auburn University

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. BREAK

Technical Session II

Presiding:
        Sara Jacobs, ITE Student Chapter
        Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship Winner

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. “Alabama Safety: A Comprehensive Approach”
                Janet Thomas-May, Thomas, May & Associates, Montgomery, AL

10:45 - 11:15 a.m. “Making ITS Work for You”
                Ken Smith, Ken Smith and Associates, Atlanta, GA

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. “LED Traffic Signals for Energy and Maintenance Savings”
                Mike McGehee, Dialight, Manasquan, NJ and Billy Kelly, FMS Lighting, Jackson, MS

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Business Meeting

2:00 - Dusk Turfgrass and Hydrological Inspection
ALSITE Annual Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2000
Gulf Shores, Alabama
White Sands Resort

I Call to Order:
President Tim Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was conducted in the banquet room of the White Sands Resort.

II Minutes:
President Tim Taylor called attention to the Spring Meeting Minutes published in the Newsletter. The Local Arrangements Committee for the Spring 2000 meeting asked that a correction be made to the number of paid registrants which was listed as 88. The correct number was 80. A motion was made by David Griffin and seconded by Richard Caudle to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed by voice vote.

III Officers/Directors Reports:
A. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report:

1. March 8, 2000 to June 5, 2000

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| Disbursements since March 8, 2000:|          |
| Awards Plaques:                  | $755.27  |
| ALSITE Scholarships Surcharge:   | $400.00  |
| Spring Meeting:                  | $2,450.63|
| Miscellaneous Postage:           | $99.00   |
| Miscellaneous Office Supplies:   | $21.04   |
| Letterhead and Envelops:         | $134.00  |
| ALSITE Website                   | $35.00   |
| Newsletter Postage:              | $116.27  |
| Newsletter Printing Charge:      | $752.76  |
| Bell South - Phone Service:       | $21.16   |
| Total Disbursements:             | $4,785.13|

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2. The Board has approved several applicants for membership. The Section welcomes seven new members (Eddie Lobdell, Steven Miller, Matthew Williams, Blair Perry, Jeff Stephenson, Natalie Mirasola, and John McFadden), two new Affiliates II (Jeff Bridges and Jason Warrington), and two new Affiliates I (Kevin Kruse and Rocky Garrison). The ALSITE membership status is as follows:

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A motion was made by James Foster and seconded by Ken Cush to accept the Secretary/Treasurer’s reports as presented.
ALSITE Annual Meeting Minutes (Cont.)
June 9, 2000

B. Vice-President's Report:

Vice-President Stacey Glass reported that the Fall 2000 meeting will be held in Auburn on October 5 with the Student Chapter hosting. Future meetings of the Section are described as follows:

- The Spring 2001 meeting will be a joint meeting with Alabama APA. The tentative date is March 8, 2001. Location has not been determined.
- The 2001 Annual meeting will be June 6, 7, and 8 in Gulf Shores.
- The Fall 2001 meeting will be a joint meeting with the Tennessee Section to be held in Chattanooga.

C. Past President's Report:

Robby Anderson reported that the Board had received the resignation of J.G. Meyer, Affiliate Director-elect for 2001. J.G.'s resignation is due to a move out of the region. In response, the Board voted to make the winner of the Assistant Affiliate Director position, Tim Franklin the Affiliate Director for 2001. The challenger, Mike Chambliss, will serve as Assistant Affiliate Director.

As JECA representative, Robby Anderson reported that the JECA legislature reception was well received by the legislature, with approximately 60 legislators in attendance. No one from the Alabama Section, other than Robby, attended the reception. The JECA Board has voted to continue sponsoring the reception and wants to host it earlier in the year, perhaps in February. Issues coming before the legislature next year may include separate licensure requirements for structural engineers. There is a movement to possibly merge the Professional Land Surveyors lobbying group with JECA. This is under consideration by the JECA Board.

D. District 5 Representative Report:

James Brown referenced his report documented in the Summer Newsletter. The 49th Annual Southern District Meeting will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia from April 22-25, 2001. The ITE International Meeting will be hosted in Nashville, August 6-9, 2000. James pointed out that the Southern District Best Section Awards are now divided into two groups based upon Section membership. Alabama competes in the smaller Section category. At the last District meeting, the Georgia Section challenged all other Sections in the Southern District to give money to the ITE Millennium Fund. Georgia promised to match funds contributed by other Sections.

E. Affiliate Director's Report:
Walter Dorsey had no report.

IV Committee Reports:

A. Local Arrangements:

Tommy Lee expressed his thanks to Jim Stewart, Tim Watts, and Bob Vecellio for their assistance with the meeting. There were 100 full registrants at the meeting with 144 people at the Banquet and 50 signed up to play golf. The receipts of the scholarship auction set an all-time record at $4,130. Next year's joint meeting with the Deep South Section will be June 6, 7, and 8, 2001.

B. Scholarship:

David Griffin reported that the balance for ALSITE Scholarship's account as of June 1, 2000 was $69,593.41. David estimated that with the income generated at the Annual Meeting, the new balance would be approximately $76,000. ALSITE Scholarships has recently elected officers and has discussed a draft policy for how the foundation will hereafter handle directed gifts. David expressed his appreciation to all who contributed to the scholarship auction.
ALSITE Annual Meeting Minutes (Cont.)
June 9, 2000

C. Newsletter:

Becky White reported on behalf of Zeke Willis that ALSITE News’ summer issue was late and will only be mailed to section members who did not attend the Annual Meeting. Copies of the summer issue were available at the registration table. Contributions for the fall newsletter will be due September 1. Tim Taylor reported that the Board will be discussing options for putting the Alabama Section newsletter on our website similar to the way the Southern District newsletter is handled.

D. Technical:

Bob Vecellio reported 12 speakers presented a variety of topics during the technical sessions. All were well received. Bob acknowledged the assistance of Stacey Glass, Dan Turner, and John McCarthy. He asked that anyone with suggestions for speakers or topics for the fall meeting in Auburn to please see him.

E. Technology Transfer:

No report.

F. State Safety Coordinating Committee:

Tim Taylor reported on behalf of Pat Alford. Several issues were brought before the legislature this year concerning traffic safety. A graduated licensing program was narrowly defeated in the Senate but there is hope that it will be passed next year. The mandatory liability insurance bill did pass and went into effect on June 1. Tim noted that the CARE Program that is administered by the Transportation Research Center at the University of Alabama was used as a considerable resource for accident data to support the case for graduated licensing.

V. Old Business:

There was no old business.

VI New Business:

Bob Wolfe stressed the importance for our Section membership to continue involvement in the broader ITE organization. Bob made a motion that the Alabama Section donate $1,000 to the ITE Millennium Fund, subject to the availability of funds in the treasury. The motion was seconded by Dan Turner. In discussion, it was pointed out that the funds are earmarked to outfit ITE’s new headquarters building in Washington DC. If the required funds are not gathered in the Millennium Fund, there may be an increase in membership dues. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

With regard to the upcoming election for ITE International Vice President, Bob Wolfe mentioned that he had spoken personally with both candidates. While both are very qualified, they have different perspectives on the issue of PTOE certification. Bob also mentioned another concern pertaining to the ITE Councils. He strongly recommended that those Alabama Section members who are a part of an ITE Council get more involved. Since the ITE Board has ruled that there will be no more general meetings of the councils at the ITE Annual Meeting, it is even more important that members take the time to learn what the councils are doing and make their opinions known.

VII Adjourn:

A motion was made by Dan Turner and seconded by Darrell Skipper to adjourn the meeting. President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Rebecca D. White
Secretary/Treasurer
Annual Meeting Roundup

Not even a shark attack could ruin the ALSITE annual meeting in Gulf Shores. With perfect weather, an excellent technical program, and some wide-open pocketbooks, this year’s meeting was especially enjoyable. The technical program included a wide variety of topics from bike/pedestrian trails to ITS architecture. We were all pumped up and smiling after the warmup professional development seminar on “The Language of Leadership,” presented by Dr. Ron Dudek of the University of Alabama. That good mode lingered through Thursday night’s Scholarship Auction. With some masterful auctioneering by Vic McSwain, the ALSITE membership raised an all-time record $4,130 for the scholarship fund. If you’ve never attended an annual meeting you’re really missing out on a great opportunity for fellowship, fun, and personal growth. Make it a point to join us next year in Gulf Shores on June 6, 7, and 8.

Becky White

Golf Tournament A Success

The Billy Jones Memorial Tournament was a rousing success this year at Gulf Shores. In his last appearance as a member of ALSITE, 3M’s J.G. Meyer teamed with Thomas Croom of Vulcan Signs, James Foster, Tom Bedell with the City of Pensacola, and Mike Gray, the designated golfer from Almon Associates (according to James “I Feel Good” Brown). They lapped the field with a sizzling round of 10 under par, leaving the rest of us also-rans in their wake, as James Foster put on a putting exhibition that dazzled his playing partners.

The big news, though is that the long-drive champion defended her (you read that correctly) crown. For the second consecutive year, Amy Dorsey (Mrs. Doc) put the men to shame with a HUGE drive on the 9th hole. By popular demand, next year she will be required to play left-handed. It was a great turnout for the tournament with 50 golfers participating.

Jim Stewart

News From International

2001 Elections - The tabulation of the 2001 International Officer ballots was completed at the ITE 2000 Annual Meeting in Nashville. Steven B. Gayle was elected International President, and Jenny L. Grote was elected International Vice President. They join Robert M. Rogers, International Past President, on the 2001 International Executive Committee.

ITS Standards Training Course Information - The ITS Cooperative Deployment Network has announced the first four courses of the ITS Standards Outreach, Education and Training Public Sector User’s Advisory Group. The courses are free and the class size is limited to 40 participants per day. Courses are also available on an as-needed basis for Public Sector Groups. Contact James Cheeks at ITE Headquarters for more information.

The four Standards courses are:

ITS Standards Overview - This module provides a broad understanding of ITS, ITS Standards and associated topics that impact operation of ITS systems.

Center to Center ITS Standards - This module details the need for communication standards between ITS management and operational centers.

Dynamic Message Sign ITS Standards - This module provides detailed information on message display signs installed on roadside or overhead structures.

Actuated Traffic Signal ITS Standards - This module provides focused information on actuated traffic systems and the need to establish a common communications protocol for these devices.

Course schedules have been established in Washington, Dallas, San Diego, and Chicago through August 2001. For more information on these courses and the announced schedules visit the ITE Website at www.ite.org.
Southern District ITE Annual Meeting

The Southern District has issued an invitation to the Alabama Section to join them and be a part of history at the Annual SDITE 2001 Annual Meeting to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia from April 22-25, 2001. Williamsburg was the Colonial Capital of Virginia from 1699 to 1780 and was the site of the first American Highway Legislation with the establishment of the “Great Road” between Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia in September 1632. The meeting will be held at the Williamsburg Marriott. Attractions in the area include Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, Jamestown, and Busch Gardens. Don’t miss this opportunity to participate in ITE activities at the next level and to learn more about the great history of this country and of transportation in colonial times.

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