President’s Message

Recently, the inauguration of our newly elected president reminds us of the numerous issues facing the chief executive of the United States as he settles into the Oval Office. Reducing the national debt, closing the gap on the deficit, reducing federal income taxes, international affairs, and selecting cabinet members are but a few of the items to be addressed by George W. Bush during his presidency. President Bush may just as well consider what Christmas gifts he could purchase for select members of the United States Supreme Court.

 Seriously though, why do I even mention governmental affairs at the national level? Well, on a much smaller scale, the business of running the federal government is similar to that of our organization, the Alabama Section of ITE. Granted, as a body we’re not as concerned about federal budget balancing or raising or reducing taxes, but we must manage our resources efficiently. Our secretary-treasurer, meeting coordination committee, and scholarship foundation personnel are effectively managing the organization’s financial responsibility. Increased taxation is not an issue for which ALSITE should worry, but raising dues to meet our financial responsibility is. Don’t worry, I’m not advocating any such proposal.

Regarding the national agenda, ALSITE does not stand on the platform of any particular cause; however, on the local level the graduated driver’s license, architect’s bill, and seatbelt law are of interest to us. Fortunately, our JECA representative and legislative committee keeps us informed of the impending legislation requiring our immediate attention. ALSITE’s joint meetings with sister sections within the Southern District could be our version of international or “foreign” diplomacy. By the way, we have two joint meetings planned this year; with the Deep South at the annual meeting in Gulf Shores and with the Tennessee Section this fall in Chattanooga.

A similar analogy can be drawn between the selection of executive cabinet appointments and the various officers and committee members who carry out the functions of this section. Take a moment to view the names listed on the back of this newsletter and you will see the men and women making important decisions, recommending proposals to the Board of Directors and working tirelessly to keep you, the membership, informed of issues that affect us directly. I encourage each of you reading this newsletter to envision yourselves in one or more of these “cabinet positions” and work diligently to make it a reality. I look forward to the coming year, enjoying the fun and fellowship, participating in the educational opportunities and playing an occasional round of golf with my ALSITE peers. I’ll see y’all in Talladega.

Stacey Glass

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Southern District ITE Report

The next Southern District meeting will be in Williamsburg, Virginia on April 21 through 25, 2001. A great program is in place and I expect to have a good time as well. I hope you are able to attend.

On December 4, 2000 the Southern District had our Year End Board Meeting. One main action was the gavel was transferred to our very own Jim Meads. Congratulations Jim. We look forward to your leadership. Everyone should look at the next Southern District newsletter to see for yourself how we stack up to the other sections.

The following future annual meetings have been scheduled:

2001 - Williamsburg, VA April 21-25, 2001
2002 - New Orleans, LA Royal Sonesta Hotel
2003 - Winston Salem, North Carolina
2004 - Covington, Kentucky
2005 - Savannah, Georgia
2006 - Gulf Coast, Mississippi.

Other news includes an update on the status of PTOE. There are approximately 500 PTOE’s (Professional Traffic Operations Practitioner) currently registered with the first year’s renewals coming up. We have been informed that in order for PTOE to continue, the board is looking for a total of 1,200-1,500 PTOE’s in by the end of 2005. We will keep an eye out on this. It has been reported that the Millennium Fund raised approximately $220,000, a little short of the goal of $250,000. Also, the Southern District will increase the travel expense for Student Paper winners from $200 to $400.

If you are attending the Southern District meeting in Williamsburg, please let me know by e-mail or at the meeting in Talladega, and we will try to get together as a section at the Section Breakfast on Tuesday April 24. Also, I have the Section reports from the Year End meeting and I would be glad to share them with you if you are interested.

James Brown

News of the Membership

Darrell Skipper has notified us that Skipper Consulting, Inc. has moved. Their new address is:

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skipper@inline.com

New Members

ALSITE was proud to welcome several new members to our ranks in 2000. The 2000 membership Committee guided by Ken Cush is to be commended for an excellent effort to add to the membership of ALSITE. New Members include:

Member:
Kassandra Brundidge
Leslie Corlett
Lance Kitchens
John Lobdell
John McFadden, PE, PTOE
David McGill
Steve Miller
Natalie Mirasola
Blair Perry
Larry Riggs
Gilbert Sentell
Jeff Stephenson
Marc Thompson
Matthew Williams

Affiliate I:
Rocky Garrison
Kevin Kruse
Renny Stinson
Tony Riggs

Affiliate II
Wesley Ballard
Robert Blankenship
Jeff Bridges
Robert Cox
Leigh O’Quinn
Jeff Powell
Darnell Spencer
Jason Warrington
ALABAMA SECTION - ITE
SPRING MEETING
Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Alabama
March 15, 2001

7:45 - 9:00 a.m.  Registration
9:00 - 9:05 a.m.  Alabama Section Welcome
                  Becky White, Vice President
9:05 - 9:40 a.m.  Advanced Traffic Data Analysis & Management Software
                  Steve Allen, Tennessee DOT, Nashville, Tennessee
9:40 - 10:15 a.m. Georgia’s Emergency Motorist Aid Call Box Project
                   Stephanie L. Kolb, TransCore, Norcross, Georgia
10:15 - 10:45 a.m. BREAK
10:45 - 11:20 a.m. The Northern Arc EIS Scoping
                    David Ashley and Alan Hundley, Jordan, Jones and Goulding,
                    Norcross, Georgia
11:20 - 12:00 p.m. Identification of Over-represented Parameters for Work Zone Crashes in
                    Alabama, Michigan, and Tennessee
                    Jill Chambless, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
                    University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
12:00 - 12:45 p.m. LUNCH
12:45 - 1:30 p.m.  Business Meeting
1:30 p.m.  Technical Speedway Tour

For Spring 2001, ALSITE returns to the Talladega Superspeedway. Everyone had a great time at the Fall 1999 meeting. Ken Cush and the Meeting Arrangements Committee have done an excellent job of arranging an interesting technical agenda and a fascinating technical tour. There are a lot of interesting things to see and do in the vicinity of the Superspeedway, including the International Motorsports Hall of Fame, so try to arrange time to look around the area before or after the meeting. Of particular interest to our group are the traffic operational improvements that have been made in the vicinity of the track to handle the extremely heavy, directionally unbalanced traffic approaching and leaving the speedway during major events.

If you want to learn more about Talladega and the attractions in the area, visit www.talladegasuperspeedway.com, www.motorsportshalloffame.com, or the excellent site sponsored by the City of Talladega which is located at www.talladega.com. We look forward to seeing everybody at the Spring 2001 meeting.
ALSITE Fall Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2000
Auburn, Alabama
Meeting Hosted by the Auburn University Student Chapter

I. Call to Order:
   President Tim Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

II Minutes:
   President Tim Taylor called attention to the Annual Meeting Minutes published in the Newsletter. A motion was made by Jim Meads and seconded by Joe Robinson to accept the minutes as reported. The motion was passed by voice vote.

III Officers/Directors Reports:
A. Vice President’s Report:
   Vice President Stacey Glass reported that the previously announced Spring Meeting that would have been a joint meeting with the Alabama APA had been canceled due to a scheduling conflict. An alternative date and location for ALSITE's Spring Meeting is being determined. Postcards will be sent to the membership as soon as details are determined. Future meetings of the section are described as follows:
   - The 2001 Annual Meeting dates will be June 6, 7, and 8 in Gulf Shores
   - The Fall 2001 Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Tennessee Section in Chattanooga.
   - The ALSITE Board is considering a joint meeting with the ASCE in the Spring of 2002.

B. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report:
   Treasury Balance on June 5, 2000: $5,638.43
   Receipts since June 5, 2000:
   2000 Dues Payments: $428.00
   Annual Meeting Proceeds: $1,627.79
   Total Receipts: $2,055.79

   Disbursements since June 5, 2000:
   Supplies for Flags: $39.96
   Travel for Scholarship Recipients to Annual Meeting: $400.00
   JECA Legislative Reception: $100.00
   Miscellaneous Postage: $33.00
   Speaker Gifts: $282.00
   Newsletter Printing Charge: $375.84
   Bell South - Phone Service: $42.48
   Student Chapter: $150.00
   Millennium Fund Contribution: $1,000.00
   Fall Meeting Advance: $100.00
   Total Disbursements: $2,523.28

   Treasury Balance on October 3, 2000: $5,170.94

Becky White reported that the Board of Directors has approved a motion to remove 16 members for non-payment of dues. As part of that action, the Board agreed to automatically reinstate membership to any of those 16 members if payment for back dues is received by the Section no later than November 30. The Board approved fourteen new member applications. The Section welcomes Kasandra Brundidge, Leslie Corlett, Lance Kitchens, David McGill, Larry Riggs, Gilbert Sentell, and Marc Thompson as Members; Tony Riggs and Renny Stinson as Affiliates I; and Wesley Ballard, Robert Blankenship, Robert Cox, Leigh O'Quinn, and Jeffery Powell as Affiliates II. With these membership changes, the Section's total membership numbers 179 with the following breakdown by status: 102 Members, 4 Retired Members, 38 Affiliates I and 35 Affiliates II.
Nominations are needed for the 2000 Transportation Safety Award. Please consider your fellow members in ALSITE for this prestigious award. If you wish to make a nomination, please complete this form and mail it to the address below.

Nominee’s Name ____________________________

Position Title ________________________________

Employer’s Name ____________________________

Business Address ____________________________

Immediate Supervisor’s Name ___________________

Briefly state this individual’s contribution to transportation safety __________________________________________

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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:

Tim Taylor, P.E.
Alabama DOT
1409 Coliseum Blvd.
Montgomery, AL 36130
ALSITE Fall Meeting Minutes (Cont.)
October 5, 2000

A motion was made by Ken Cush and seconded by David Griffin to accept the Secretary/Treasurer’s report as presented.

C. District 5 Representative Report:
Tim Taylor reported for James Brown that the 49th Annual Southern District Meeting will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia from April 22-25, 2001. The District Board Meeting will be held on December 4, 2000 at the site of the 2002 District Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Tim strongly urged the membership to respond to the Section Activity Questionnaire that will soon be mailed to the membership. Responses to the questionnaire are used to create the Section’s Year End Report.

D. Affiliate Director’s Report:
Walter Dorsey welcomed all new Affiliate Members to the Section. President Tim Taylor added a thanks to Walter for heading up arrangements for the Technical Field Trip.

IV Committee Reports:

A. Scholarship:
David Griffin reported that the Scholarship Fund had received $490.00 from the Annual Meeting surcharge. A total of $3,250 has been expended to date for scholarships: $1,250 to Sara Jacobs and $2,000 to Doug Peterson. The remainder of these student’s scholarship awards will be paid as soon as grades are posted. With regard to the issue of directed gifts to the Scholarship Fund, the Board is developing a policy under which they will accept directed gifts.

B. Newsletter:
Zeke Willis announced his intention to continue as editor of the newsletter for one more year. Zeke would like to increase news of the membership and technical input. He is working toward putting the newsletter on the ALSITE web site. Zeke will also be working this year to improve communications between the Alabama Section and other sections in the Southern District. Solicitations for advertising will be sent out in December. The content deadline for the spring issue of ALSITE News is January 30.

C. Legislative:
Robby Anderson reported that February 20th would be observed as Engineering Day in Montgomery. On that day there will be a meeting of the Board of Licensure and an Engineer’s Luncheon to be followed by a JECA Legislative Reception in the evening. Robby strongly urged the ALSITE membership to attend the Legislative Reception. A reminder notice will be sent to the membership as the date for the reception approaches. Robby noted that there has been some discussion on the JECA Board of moving the Legislative Reception in 2002 to the first night of the Highway Conference.

D. Technical and Local Arrangements:
Bob Vecellio reported that attendance at the Fall Meeting included 80 registrants with 7 speakers. Bob expressed thanks to John McCarthy for developing a program on short notice. Thanks were also expressed to all of the students for their hard work in hosting the meeting. A list of seminars for the T2 program was on the tables. Bob noted that two of the seminars are being hosted by ALSITE.

E. State Safety Coordinating Committee:
Tim Taylor reported for Pat Alford that she had checked into the possibility of ALSITE sponsoring child restraint checkpoints around the state, however liability insurance appears to be prohibitive of ALSITE sponsoring such an event.

V. Old Business/New Business:
No old or new business was discussed.

VI Adjourn:
A motion was made by Jim Meads and seconded by David Griffin to adjourn the meeting. President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Rebecca D. White
Upcoming Meetings and Events

There is a lot of activity planned for the coming months. The Alabama Section is planning the following meeting schedule:

2001 Annual Meeting - June 6-8, 2001 at the White Sands Resort in Gulf Shores
Fall 2001 Meeting - Joint Meeting with the Tennessee Section in Chattanooga - Date TBA
Spring 2002 Meeting - The Board is considering a Joint Meeting with ASCE - Date and location TBA

49th Annual Southern District Meeting

The Southern District and the Local Arrangements Committee have put together a very exciting Technicsl Program and Meeting Agenda. I trust that the Alabama Section will be well represented at this meeting. The meeting is scheduled for April 22-25, 2001 at the Williamsburg Marriott in Williamsburg, Virginia. For additional information on attractions in the Williamsburg area visit www.williamsburg.com and www.history.com.

ITE International Meetings

The ITE 2001 Spring Conference will be held from March 25-28, 2001 at the Hyatt Regency Monterey in Monterey, California. The ITE 2001 Annual Meeting and Exhibit is scheduled for August 19-22, 2001 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. For more information visit www.ite.org.

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