President’s Message

The Alabama Section of ITE is facing some challenges that are currently being addressed by the Board of Directors. We are embarking on a plan to change the method of collecting dues from our Members and Affiliates, we are working with the Scholarship Foundation to help meet their goal of $100,000.00 in the scholarship fund, we are in the early stages of redefining our Strategic Plan, and we are financially supporting our fellow members of the Joint Engineers Council in the battle against various bills that would affect our profession. I ask that the membership of ALSITE support their Board of Directors by participation on committees when asked, volunteering to serve (in any capacity), and being acquainted with current events and issues.

You may have already received a letter from me regarding your dues payments for this year. The Board of Directors voted to change the current method of dues collection for our Members from the responsibility of our Secretary/Treasurer to the responsibility of International ITE (Affiliate dues will not be affected this year). ITE provides this service free of charge, thereby saving the ALSITE mailing costs and the confusion associated with Member status and grades. The time to act on this opportunity is now. Making this change, however, will affect the current method of dues collection by ALSITE. Our Section dues will now be due and paid with our International ITE dues starting this year. So, when you receive your dues notice from International ITE this year, please pay the required amount for International AND the required amount ($10) for Section dues. Yes, some of you have already paid your dues for this year when you attended the Annual Meeting. Your dues ($10) were included in the registration fee. However, this is a wonderful opportunity for our membership to participate in the fund raising effort of the Scholarship Foundation. The dues collected at the Annual Meeting will be donated to the Scholarship Foundation, but the Secretary/Treasurer of ALSITE will reimburse any Member who requests it. Please be patient with the Board of Directors as we resolve any unforeseen difficulties.

In closing, I would like to thank the membership for entrusting me with the responsibilities and duties assigned to me over the previous three years. It has been an experience I will never forget. I will continue to serve in this organization in whatever capacity I am capable because I believe in all that ALSITE stands for. I encourage each of you to do the same.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Stacey Glass

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Southern District ITE Report

First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your District Representative for the past two years. James Foster will begin his tour of duty in January and without speaking for him, please give him all the support you can. Keep James informed of issues that concern you and ideas you have to make our Section and District better.

The following future annual Southern District meetings have been scheduled:

2002 - New Orleans, LA Royal Sonesta Hotel  
April 20 - 24, 2002

2003 - Winston Salem, North Carolina

2004 - Covington, Kentucky

2005 - Savannah, Georgia

2006 - Gulf Coast, Mississippi.

James Foster and I will be attending the year end board meeting in Winston Salem, North Carolina in December. A lot of good information comes from this meeting every year, and James and I will be distributing this information to the ALSITE membership.

I encourage each of you to attend the District meeting. These meetings are where each Section shares their ideas, and we can learn from the other Sections. In the past when Alabama was leading the way, these Sections came to us and asked what and how we were doing things. They became stronger from the knowledge we gave them. So get involved and make Alabama and ALSITE strong again.

James Brown

2002 ALSITE Meetings

Meeting dates and locations for 2002 have been announced by Becky White.

- Spring 2002 - Auburn  
  March 5, 2002

- Annual Meeting - Gulf Shores  
  June 12, 13, & 14, 2002

- Fall Meeting - Tuscaloosa  
  Date to be announced

The Fall Meeting 2001 will be a joint meeting with the Tennessee Section. This meeting is scheduled for November 1 & 2, 2001 in Chattanooga. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Message from ITE

The following was posted on the ITE website at www.ite.org.

Thank You to the ITE Family

In the immediate aftermath of the terrorist acts of Tuesday, September 11, 2001, I begin receiving e-mail messages from ITE members around the globe. They came from across Europe, Lebanon, and South Africa. They came from Argentina and Australia, and from our own neighbors in Canada. And of course they came from colleagues in the United States. They expressed concern for ITE members who may have been injured or killed, but more broadly they expressed grief for all the lives lost and sadness over how such an act could have happened. In this sometimes uncivilized world, it is reassuring to know that ITE is truly an international family.

As the current leader of that family, and on behalf of the ITE International Executive Committee, Board of Direction, and ITE staff, I express my thanks to every ITE member for their concern, their sympathy, and their simple acts of camaraderie and friendship.

Steven B. Gayle
International President
FALL MEETING NOTICE
Joint Meeting with the Tennessee Section
Chattanooga Choo Choo - Chattanooga, Tennessee
November 1 & 2, 2001

The Tennessee Section of ITE welcomes the Alabama Section to Chattanooga for a joint meeting! Speakers will be provided by both sections. The two-day conference gives the two bordering states a great opportunity to pool their resources to conduct a larger meeting with a range of topics of interest to both sections. Mark your calendar for the first joint meeting between the two sections. The host hotel for this meeting will be the Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn located at 1400 Market Street in Chattanooga. The registration fee for this meeting is $50. The preliminary schedule follows.

Thursday, November 1, 2001

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Registration
1:30 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. - Technical Session
2:50 p.m. - 3:10 p.m. - Break
3:10 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Technical Session
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Reception

Thursday Topics:
- Airport Issues for DOTs
- Chattanooga Transportation Projects
- Corridor X
- Roundabouts

Friday, November 2, 2001

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Section Business Meetings
9:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. - Technical Session
10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. - Break
10:40 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Technical Session
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Joint Section Lunch
1:30 p.m. - Adjourn

Friday Topics:
- Engineering Ethics
- Electric Transit Vehicles
- Traffic Signal Timing Issues with Advanced Railroad Preemption
- Land Use and Transportation Planning
ALSITE Annual Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2001  
White Sands Resort  
Gulf Shore, Alabama  

I. Call to Order:  
President Stacey Glass 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 Stacey Glass called attention to the Spring Meeting Minutes published in the Newsletter. A motion was made by Dan Turner and seconded by David Griffin to accept the minutes. The motion was passed by voice vote.

III Officers/Directors Reports:  
A. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report:  
1. March 14, 2001 - June 5, 2001
   
   Treasury Balance on March 14, 2001: $4,904.27
   
   Receipts since March 14, 2001:
   - Newsletter Advertisements: $1,125.00
   - 2001 Dues Payments: $1,120.00
   - Spring Meeting Registration Fees $1,770.00

   Total Receipts: $4,015.00

   Disbursements since March 14, 2001:
   - Catering for Spring 2001 Meeting: $1,567.50
   - ALSITE Scholarships Surcharge at Spring Meeting $295.00
   - Travel Stipend for Scholarship Recipients $400.00
   - Miscellaneous and Postage: $159.00
   - Speaker Gifts: $825.04
   - ALSITE Website Domain Name CY ‘01 & ‘02 $70.00
   - Summer & Fall 2000, Spring 2001 Newsletter Postage: $253.00
   - Final Bell South - Phone Service $7.76

   Total Disbursements: $3,577.30

   Treasury Balance on December 31, 2000: $5,341.97

2. The Board has approved several applications for membership. The Section welcomes four new members (Louis Chalmers, John Hibbard, Scott Skipper, and David Turner), three new Affiliates II (Michael Lazenby, Robert Camp, and Andy Kerr). The ALSITE membership status is as follows: 113 Members, 42 Affiliates Class I, 43 Affiliates Class II, and 4 Retired Members for a total membership of 202. A motion was made by Joe Robinson and seconded by Vic McSwain to accept the Secretary/Treasurer’s reports as presented.

B. Vice President’s Report:
   Vice President Becky White reported that the Fall 2001 meeting would be held in Chattanooga on November 1 & 2, 2001 with the Tennessee Section hosting. Future meetings of the Section are described as follows:
   - The Spring 2002 meeting will be in Auburn on Tuesday, March 5, 2002.
   - The 2002 Annual Meeting dates will be June 12, 13, & 14 in Gulf Shores.
   - The Fall 2002 meeting will be in Tuscaloosa with the meeting site and date TBA.
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June 8, 2000

C. Past President’s Report:
Tim Taylor had no report.

D. District 5 Representative Report:
James Brown said attending the 49th Annual Southern District Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia was well worth the trip. He also requested that the membership attend the 50th Annual Southern District Meeting in New Orleans.

E. Affiliate Director’s Report:
Tim Franklin had no report.

IV Committee Reports:

A. Local Arrangements:
Tommy Lee expressed his thanks to Jim Stewart and Bob Vecellio for their assistance with the meeting. There were 143 full registrants at the meeting with 210 people at the banquet. The ALSITE receipts at the scholarship auction were $3,080. The Board extended the contract with the Holiday Inn White Sands through the 2004 meeting.

B. Scholarship:
David Griffin reported that the balance for ALSITE Scholarships’ account as of June 4, 2001 was $76,063.70. The foundation earned $4,075.03 in interest in CY 2000. David was pleased that the Scholarship Foundation could award the 2001 Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship to Laura Emily Fuqua for $3,000 Also, a directed gift of $2,500 was received for the specific purpose of awarding the Billy Jones Memorial Scholarship, which went to Jill Chambless. David expressed his appreciation to all that contributed to the scholarship auction.

Dan Turner, for the Board of Directors of ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. brought the following proposal to the Alabama Section ITE:

1) That a three-year fund raising drive be conducted to:
   a) Perpetuate the “Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship”.
   b) Move the corpus of the endowment to $100,000 to provide enough interest to make the Alexander and Jones scholarships large enough to influence students to enter the transportation profession.

2) That the three-year fund drive include the following:
   a) Solicit $10,000 in directed gifts,
   b) Conduct a “Presidential Challenge” for directed gifts,
   c) Increase the meeting supplement from $5 to $10
   d) Investigate raising funds through an additional golf tournament or modifications of the existing golf tournament.

3) That an article be prepared for the Newsletter to:
   a) Summarize the success of the Scholarship Program
   b) Publish narratives that describe the accomplishments of Charles Alexander and Billy Jones, along with their love of and support for the Alabama Section ITE.
   c) Explain the fund raising program.

A motion to agree “in concept” and to work to change the required SOP’s was made by David Griffin, seconded by Robby Anderson and passed by voice vote.

C. Newsletter:
Stacey Glass reported on behalf of Zeke Willis that ALSITE News’ spring issue has been mailed to all members and extra copies sent to Auburn and Alabama.
ALSITE Annual Meeting Minutes (Cont.)
June 8, 2000

D. Technical:
Bob Vecellio reported that 12 speakers presented a variety of topics during the technical sessions. All were well received. Bob acknowledged the assistance of Becky White and Dan Gailet.

E. JECA:
Robby Anderson reported that in the last regular session there were 80 “engineer” bills. A controversial bill involving Interior Designers and Architects died but is expected to return. This bill would have a negative impact on firms that practice Architecture and Engineering. The Board will support JECA in opposition to this legislation.

F. Technology Transfer:
No report

G. State Safety Coordinating Committee:
No report.

V. Old Business:
Stacey Glass presented Tim Taylor with the Section’s Past President’s Plaque. Tim thanked the Section and relished the opportunities that ITE has given him.

VI. New Business:
Hack Sain presented to the Board a proposal in concept for the creation of the Engineering Center of Alabama. This center would serve all engineering societies and organizations in the state as well as provide a mechanism for showcasing engineering to the general public. The Center would also house the Engineering Hall of Fame. The Board decided to draft a letter of support, but not to make a financial commitment at this time.

Stacey Glass formed a committee to review and report back to the Board on Retired Member Procedures. The committee members are Ken Cush, Tim Taylor, and James Foster. He also formed a committee to review and report back to the Board on Travel Reimbursement Procedures. The committee members are Becky White, Jim Meads, and James Brown.

Dr. Vecellio reported that a RFP from NHTSA and FHWA on “Rational Speed Limit Field Testing for Managing Speeds” was received. He recommended that ALSITE, ALDOT, and the Universities work together in responding to the RFP. Tim Taylor made that motion, which was seconded by James Brown and passed by voice vote.

Stacey Glass requested that the Strategic Planning Committee meet under the leadership of Darrell Skipper to develop plans for dealing with such issues as the above referenced RFP, public awareness, and the Scholarship Program.

VII. Adjourn:
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Richard Caudle and seconded by Bob Portera. President Glass adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Ken Cush
Secretary/Treasurer
Call for Technical Papers and Committee Reports

The Southern District’s Technical Council has issued a call for technical papers and reports to compete for the District’s 2001 Outstanding Sponsored Technical Paper, for the 2001 Outstanding Non-Sponsored Paper, and for the 2001 Best Technical Committee Report.

Technical Papers

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, 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, 2000.
4. The original and seven (7) copies shall be submitted to the Chair of the Technical Council no later than December 1, 2001.
5. The cover letter should clearly state when the paper was completed and whether the paper is being submitted for the sponsored or non-sponsored award with an explanation related to the above definitions in the category choice.

Papers will be judged on originality (20%), significance (20%), scope (15%), validity (20%), applicability (15%), and organization (10%). Cash prizes of $150 for the winner and $50 for the runner-up will be awarded in each category.

Technical Committee Reports

To qualify for the competition, the report must meet the following requirements:

1. The report shall be written by a technical committee officially established by a Section in the Southern District.
2. The report shall be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page, and shall be a minimum of 1,500 words in length.
3. The report shall have been completed since December 1, 2000.
4. The original and seven (7) copies shall be submitted to the Chair of the Technical Council no later than December 1, 2001.
5. The cover letter should clearly state when the report was completed.

Reports will be judged on originality (20%), significance (20%), scope (15%), validity (20%), applicability (15%), and organization (10%). Papers and reports should be submitted to Robert Canfield, Chairman, SDITE Technical Council, c/o 5529 Loranger Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Please address any questions to Mr. Canfield at 225.293.9609 (Phone or FAX), or e-mail at RRCBRLA@AOL.COM.
Pre-Registration for the Fall Joint Meeting

Provisions to pre-register for the joint fall meeting of the Alabama Section and the Tennessee Section were not included in the announcement of the meeting.

To pre-pay and pre-register, please remit $50.00 by check payable to TSITE.

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