President's Message

The old adage is true, that time flies when your having fun; because it feels like just a week or so ago I was fretting over writing my first President's Message. This one was much easier because I have been so busy with ALSITE work. The Southern District Meeting hosted by the North Carolina Section in Winston, Salem was a good meeting to attend. I gained valuable insight into the inner workings of our District. I was also able to talk with members of other Sections and found that they are facing many of the same challenges we are. The technical program was very diverse with topics ranging from neighborhood traffic calming, to access management techniques, to land use planning. The banquet at the District Meeting was especially gratifying. Our section received the Southern District's Section of the Year Award for Small Sections. Also the Student Chapter at Auburn University received the Student Chapter of the Year Award. Then Cater Lee of Vulcan Inc. received a Lifetime Achievement Award for being a founding member of the ABD. My special thanks go out to the ABD for all their hard work and support of the Sections and District. We should be proud that Alabama based companies are so active in the ABD.

Our upcoming Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores promises to be as interesting and engaging as the District Meeting. Dr. Vecellio, Tim Westhoven, and the Deep South Section have developed an excellent technical program with such topics as the 511 traveler information system, truck rollover warning system, and small urban transportation plans. In conjunction with our up coming meeting, our Service Project Task Force will be partnering with the Alabama Safe Kids Coalition to conduct a child safety seat check. This safety seat check will be held on Thursday June 5th at the Riviera Outlet Center on AL 59 in Foley. The Task Force will be needing volunteers to work for about 3 hours after lunch on Thursday. So if you can spare an hour or so, please join me in lending a hand for such a worthy cause.

A large part of the success of our Annual Meeting is its location. This Year's Annual Meeting will be the last meeting possible at the Holiday Inn White Sands in Gulf Shores. The facility is going to be demolished and rebuilt as condominiums, which will prohibit us from meeting there next year and most likely anytime in the future. The Board was made aware of this situation early this year and has taken up the great challenge of finding another location, on such short notice, for our 2004 Annual Meeting. To find the best location possible for our Annual Meeting, the Board asks for your support of the proposed Annual Meeting Policy change. The proposed change, included in your ballot mail out, will allow the Board the flexibility to find a location outside the city limits of Gulf Shores; while still maintaining our tradition of meeting on Alabama's Gulf Coast. Please vote YES to add the words "the vicinity of" to our existing Annual Meeting Policy.

Also HB 122 is a bill before the Alabama Legislature this session. This bill is an airport infrastructure improvement bill. An outline of the bill's key items is listed later in this newsletter. Please contact your legislator and become an active participant in the legislative process. Hope to see you in Gulf Shores and please vote YES on the Annual Meeting Policy change.

Ken Cush

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Southern District ITE Report

The 51st Southern District ITE Annual Meeting was held in Winston-Salem, NC, at the Adams Mark Hotel. Once again the State of Alabama did very well with award recognitions.

Alabama Section
Best Section Award - Group 2
(Two in a row!)

Auburn Student Chapter
Best Student Chapter Award
(Last year’s runner-up)

Thanks to all of our membership!

Unfortunately, the ALSITE participants were few; including the spouses and ABD members, only about fifteen attended. The entire meeting registration had approximately 395 participants.

The technical programs were very good, with a lot of discussions about Tea 3, "Tea 21 Reauthorization" and the District's "Strategic Plan". One topic from International ITE was a new program fund, "Invest in the Future", a professional development fund. As a contributor to the fund, you will be assisting ITE in expanding course offerings of affordable and accessible professional development opportunities. The need to develop ongoing, significant professional development programs that meet the needs of transportation professionals is an important tool. During the SDITE Board Meeting, the board voted to approve, and match two other Districts' contributions of $1,000. ITE is requesting that Sections approve a contribution in support of their efforts.

This year our Auburn Student Chapter accomplished many tasks and, with our support, pulled off a narrow victory. This year 15 out of 21 chapters submitted an annual report (a record I think) and our new student chapter, the University of Alabama - Birmingham was included in submitting their report. Thirteen graduate level papers and five undergraduate papers were submitted (also a record). Unfortunately none of these papers were from Alabama. We need to reach out and to encourage them. Especially the undergraduates, where currently, group projects (reports) will be accepted. This year's winners were a team of five students from NC State. Maybe we could generate a project? The graduate level is still a one authored paper and is the only one that is submitted to International ITE. Hopefully, in the near future, the award (a cash amount), will be increased. We still need to get more involved with them at their campus meetings. Anyone available should contact them and give them your support!

Another topic of interest was ITE's "Latin Initiative". ITE is getting involved in developing a Mexico Section, with Spanish translated publications (including a Spanish version of the ITE Journal), and a Spanish ITE website. ITE is thinking about putting together a "Sister Section" program, like a Sister City, having our sections directly involved with them. This sounds like a great program!

The ABD, at the District level, has approved to use their funding surplus to be used for some type of scholarship program. The current thoughts include a "Traffic Bowl", where each Section sends one student to the District's annual meeting to compete for awards. This could be a fun and beneficial project.

Future Annual Meeting Schedule:

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James Foster

Volunteers Needed

ALSITE is seeking volunteers to staff our first community service project. We will be conducting a Car Seat Check Up event in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores. ALSITE is partnering with Alabama Safe Kids Coalition to provide this event free of charge to the public. Safety specialists from Safe Kids Coalition will examine car seats for correct use and installation. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 14 and under. Car seats are extremely effective when correctly used and installed, reducing the risk of death by 71 percent for infants under age 1 and by 54 percent for toddlers ages 1 to 4. A car seat check up event raises public awareness of car seat usage and helps parents learn how to properly install their child's car seat.

We need volunteers to greet the public, help clients complete needed paperwork, provide traffic control, serve beverages, and entertain children. The event will be held from 12:00 p.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5 at the Riviera Center in Foley. If you are willing to volunteer for an hour or more, please contact Becky White by email (bwhite@saing.com) or phone (205-263-2141). Come lend a hand to improve transportation safety in Alabama. You’ll be glad you did!
AU ITE Student Chapter News

Engineering Council Representative, Charlie Baxley, reported that the ITE Student Chapter successfully implemented a van shuttle system on campus for E-Day, open house for high school students and parents, on February 28. Three vans shuttle 645 persons between the Intramural Field Parking and Foy Union. An additional 579 persons arrived at the Union on 16 school and charter buses. Thanks to Vulcan, Inc. for providing the blue parking arrows used on the E-Day blue and orange directional parking signs.

The Student Chapter hosted three (3) technical presentations during spring semester:
- "The ITS Program in Alabama" by Marvin Abboud, consultant for Arcadis, Inc. in Atlanta.
- "Traffic Engineering Activities and Projects in the City of Auburn" by Jeff Ramsey, City Engineer for the City of Auburn
- "Urban Traffic Operations: From Lemons to Lemonade" by Richard P. Kramer, P.A.P.I., from Huntsville

Total attendance at the meetings was 74 students.

UAB ITE Student Chapter News

On Wednesday, February 26, 2003, ALSITE presented a charter to the new ITE Student Chapter at the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB). The presentation was made as a part of the chapter’s February meeting. Mr. Bill Foisy, Transportation Director for Birmingham Regional Planning Commission was the featured speaker for the meeting. Bill is an ALSITE member. The UAB Student Chapter currently has 18 student members.

Below are photos from the meeting:

Pictured at left is the student chapter Executive Board: Vice President Charles Robinson, Treasurer Patra Siswobusono, Faculty Advisor Dr. Virginia Sisiopiku, ALSITE Past President Becky White, Secretary Rajesh Kambalapally. Not pictured is chapter President Yatin Joshi.

Pictured at left is Immediate Past President Becky White presenting Chapter Advisor, Dr. Virginia Sisiopiku with the Charter.

If you would like more information on the UAB Student Chapter, you can go to their website at: http://www.eng.uab.edu/cee/ITE/homepage.htm. The ITE Student Chapter Board has done a great job in creating the page.
ALSITE 2003 Scholars Announced

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. Harold Raynor, Chairman, has announced the recipients of the 2003 Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship and the 2003 Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship. Mary Elizabeth Dougherty (Marybeth) a Senior at Auburn University has been awarded the $3,700 Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship and Amanda Estes Irwin a Senior at The University of Alabama was awarded the $2,500 Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship. These 2003 ALSITE Scholars were selected from a group of 5 applicants.

Marybeth Dougherty is scheduled to receive a Civil Engineering degree from Auburn University in May of 2004 and has maintained an overall GPA of 3.247 as an undergraduate student. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, Golden Key International Honor Society and a Student Member of ITE as well as the Society of Women Engineers. Marybeth has been a co-op student with Gulf Power Company in Pensacola, Florida while attending Auburn.

Amanda has maintained an overall GPA of 4.0 as an undergraduate student in Civil Engineering at The University of Alabama and is scheduled to receive her degree in December of 2003. She is an officer and member of the Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society and Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society. Amanda was selected by Tau Beta Pi as the Outstanding Engineering Sophomore, and was also named the Outstanding Civil Engineering Sophomore and Outstanding Civil Engineering Junior at Alabama. In addition, she is a member of ASCE serving as Vice President, and is a member and former officer of the Society of Women Engineers. Amanda was the recipient of the 2002 Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship. While attending The University of Alabama, Amanda has been a co-op student with the Birmingham consulting engineering firm of Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC.

Marybeth and Amanda will formally receive their Scholarship Awards at the ALSITE Annual Meeting Banquet in Gulf Shores on June 5th. Please look for these 2003 Scholars during the 2003 Annual Meeting and give them a warm ALSITE welcome. They both deserve the membership's congratulations for a job well done!

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Personal Updates

Congratulations to Natalie and Daniel Hobbs on the birth of Isabella on February 14th.
Officer Nominations for 2004

The Officers Nominating Committee has recommended the following Members and Affiliates as candidates for Section office for 2004 and an amendment to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Number 8:

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Ballots for the 2004 Alabama Section Officers will be mailed near the end of May. You may return ballot by mail in the OFFICIAL VOTING ENVELOPE provided or bring it to the Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores. Ballots returned by mail must be received by May 30, 2003. Ballots returned at the meeting must be hand delivered to Secretary/Treasurer Walter "Doc" Dorsey prior to the close of Technical Session III on Thursday June 5.

The following biographical sketches have been provided by the candidates. Please carefully consider each candidate and participate in the Section by voting responsibly. Officers elected at the 2003 Annual Meeting will serve January 1 to December 31, 2004.

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer

Richard L. Caudle, P.E.
Richard is currently employed with Skipper Consulting, Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama, where he serves as a traffic engineer. He grew up in Homewood, Alabama, graduated from Homewood High School in 1983 and is a 1989 graduate of the University of Alabama in Birmingham with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He holds professional engineering registration in Alabama (registered in 1994). Richard began working in the traffic and transportation field in 1987 as a technician with the firm Gorove/Slade Associates, Inc. in Birmingham. By the time Gorove/Slade was purchased by Rust International in 1994, Richard had become a project manager. Much of Richard's career has been focused in the design, development, and operations of traffic signal systems. Richard moved from Rust to the City of Hoover Engineering Department in February, 1997, and took over responsibility for the City's 70-plus signals and all other traffic-related activities of the City. In January, 2001, Richard moved on again to take a position with Skipper Consulting, Inc. Richard owns a farm between Springville and Ashville. Richard is married to Fara and has four children, Andrew, 11, Bethany, 8, Daniel, 5, and Sharon Rose, 3. Richard is a member of Ashville First Baptist Church where he serves as Deacon and Sunday School teacher, and is a chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Mike Gray, P.E.
Mike Gray has been employed at Almon Associates, Inc. in Tuscaloosa since 1998. He is an Associate and heads the transportation group. Mike has been a Professional Engineer in Alabama since 2001 and has been a member of ITE since 1997. Mike joined the Alabama Section in 2000 and is also an active member of ASCE. Mike received his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Alabama in 1995 and his graduate degree in Transportation from the University in 1998. Prior to graduating, Mike worked as a project engineer with Harrison Engineering in Tuscaloosa while completing his degrees.

Mike is originally from Germantown, Tennessee. He married the former Jennifer Story of Millbrook, Alabama in 1997. He and his wife have two children, Josh (3) and Sarah (7 months). Mike enjoys playing golf and softball in his spare time.

Candidates for Assistant Affiliate Director

Rocky Garrison
Rocky Garrison is employed with Traffic Products, Inc. and has been serving Alabama in the traffic industry for almost 13 years now. He has been an affiliate member of ITE and ALSITE during that time. Rocky graduated from Tusculum College in 1987 with a B.S. in Business Administration.

Rocky lives in Decatur, Alabama with Casandra, his wife of 5-1/2 years, and their young daughter and son; Taylor is almost four years old, and Jacob just turned two. Rocky is the Worship Leader at Autumnwood Baptist Church in Decatur and has been serving in the ministry for over ten years. He is involved in a number of competitive sports; he loves to hunt and fish, and spends his "free" time (all 12 minutes a week) in the outdoors.

Deborah Leo
Deborah Leo worked as a co-op for the City of Mobile Traffic Engineering Department while attending the University of South Alabama. She became an Engineer I upon graduation in May 2000. She joined ALDOT as a GCE in July 2002. She is married to Joseph Abruscato who is in industrial sales. She welcomes the opportunity to serve ITE in this capacity.
Candidates for Section Representative

William J. Metzger, Jr., P.E.

William graduated from Auburn University in 1972 with a Bachelor in Civil Engineering. William started with the Alabama Highway Department in 1972 as a Co-operative Educational Student, and served as Assistant Division Traffic Engineer from 1973 to 1975. William joined David Volkert and Associates in 1975 and worked as a Design Engineer with the firm until 1978. In 1978, William joined the City of Mobile as Assistant Traffic Engineering Director and served at that capacity until 1992. Since 1992, William has served in his current position as Traffic Engineering Director for the City of Mobile.

William joined ITE in 1972 and has served as ALSITE President in 1984, as well as on numerous committees. In 1991, William served as the Co-Chairman of the Mobile SDITE meeting. William is also a member of the International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA). William is married to Ethel and has three children.

Proposal to Amend Wording of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Number 8:

The third paragraph of SOP Number 8 presently reads as follows:

"The Annual Meeting shall be conducted in Gulf Shores, Alabama, in June of each year, unless precluded by an Act of God. This location and date has been one of the strengths of the Section for many years, ensuring a large and vibrant attendance at the meeting."

The Board of Directors has unanimously recommended that the third paragraph of SOP Number 8 be revised to read as follows:

"The Annual Meeting shall be conducted in the vicinity of Gulf Shores Alabama, in June of each year, unless preceded by an Act of God. This location and date has been one of the strengths of the Section for many years, ensuring a large and vibrant attendance at the meeting."

2003 ALABAMA SECTION ITE AND DEEP SOUTH SECTION ITE 31st ANNUAL JOINT MEETING June 4 - June 6, 2003

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH
8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

ACCESS MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSE
Limited Space Available
Contact Dan Turner – 205-348-9925 or utca@coe.eng.ua.edu for info.
Registration (Lobby)
Welcome
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION
Break
TECHNICAL SESSION I
Adjourn

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m. –

Registration (Lobby)
TECHNICAL SESSION II
Break
TECHNICAL SESSION III
ALSITE SERVICE PROJECT
Lunch "on your own"
TECHNICAL TOUR
Gulf Orientation Fellowship – Pool Deck
Awards Banquet and Scholarship Fund Auction

FRIDAY JUNE 6TH
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m
1:00 p.m.

Section Breakfast followed by "Traffic Bowl V"
Section Business Meeting
Technical Tour
Transportation Infrastructure House Bill

A bill is being introduced in the House of Representatives that will positively impact our transportation infrastructure. House Bill 122 was introduced in the House of Representatives by Nelson Starkey that will increase available state match monies for general aviation airport projects. The Federal Aviation Administration currently funds general aviation projects at 90% with the remaining 10% coming from state and/or local match. Last year the state was unable to participate in the 10% match requirement due to years of funding neglect. House Bill 122 will fully fund the state aeronautics program so that 5% match funding will be available for potentially all general aviation projects in a given year. Below is a brief analysis of House Bill 122.

Analysis of House Bill 122

- Introduced by Representative Nelson Starkey

- House Bill 122 will provide matching funds for an estimated $80-million in federal airport improvement funds in each of the next four years

- Eliminates the $600,000 per year aviation fuel tax revenue cap

- Preserves the jet fuel tax exemption for certain qualifying air carriers

- Increases the jet fuel tax rate from 1.0 cent per gallon to the southeastern average of 3.5 cents per gallon

- Increases the aviation gasoline tax rate from 3.0 cents per gallon to the southeastern average of 9.5 cents per gallon

- Generates an estimated $2.0-million in aviation fuel tax revenues

- Adds an estimated $5-million per year from automotive sales taxes to the state’s airport improvement program (does not increase the auto sales tax rate)

- Funds the Department of Transportation’s airport improvement program at a level of approximately $7-million per year to match federal funds

- Creates an air carrier airport entitlement program similar to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) entitlement program by legislatively establishing a funding formula to distribute 50% of the annual airport improvement funds to infrastructure improvements at these airports

- Creates a general aviation airport infrastructure funding program by making 50% of the annual airport improvement funds available to eligible airports

- A recent state airport system study determined that Alabama’s 84 publicly owned airports revealed that for every dollar invested in the state’s airports, $163 is returned to Alabama’s economy – HB122 will produce an estimated $1.1-Billion impact on the state and local economies

- HB122 status pending consideration by the House Government Finance & Appropriations Committee
Project Spotlight

As a public service to the citizens of Florida, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOTD), District Three, with assistance from Volkert, incorporated Amber Alert into the variable message signs (VMS) being used on I-10, I-110, and Avalon Boulevard. Amber Alert is a national program that assists law enforcement officials in locating abducted children. The program relies upon VMS to display important information to motorists. The six signs in use on the I-10/I-110 project are the only Amber Alert VMS in Escambia or Santa Rosa Counties, and these signs are managed by Volkert as part of their Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) contract with District Three.

At approximately 10:00 p.m. on January 13th, Lieutenant Preston of the Florida Highway Patrol contacted Ed Blackmon, the Project Manager on the I-10/I-110 projects, and an Amber Alert was put into motion. ALSITE member Fred Brown, who is responsible for programming the VMS, immediately called Lieutenant Preston, received instructions, and took action.

The following message was programmed into the VMS units on 3 interstate routes, I-10 east and westbound, northbound I-110, and Avalon Boulevard.

Frame 1 – “Child Abduction Alert” (display 2 seconds)
Frame 2 – “Maroon Ford Ranger” (display 2 seconds)
Frame 3 – “Call “HP if Seen” (display 2 seconds)

By 10:35 p.m., the messages had been programmed on the variable message signs. Fred says that because this was the first field test of using his laptop computer and the Southern Linc to communicate with multiple signs, and given the importance of the Amber Alert, he traveled to the Pensacola area and verified that each of the signs had indeed uploaded the programmed message. All signs did receive the message as shown in the pictures below.

At approximately 12:20 a.m., the Florida Highway Patrol dispatcher called and said the missing teenager had been found, and the signs should be returned to their standard display. Fred returned to the Volkert Tradewinds Office and programmed the appropriate display to each of the signs. He tested the communication of the signs while traveling home and discovered that the central computer did not change 3 of the 4 sign messages. Fred said that he used his laptop to correct the 3 signs; but unfortunately the dispatcher notified him at approximately 6:15 a.m. that the Avalon Boulevard sign had not changed. Fred said he corrected the message, radioed Dawn, the Tradewinds Office receptionist, and asked her to verify the message on the sign on her way to work. Everything was back as it should be.

Law enforcement officials credited the Amber Alert System with helping to quickly locate the missing Broward County teenager and arrest her abductor.

Thanks to ALSITE members Bruce Thomason and Fred Brown for their contributions to the article and to Pat Rochford for her input.
ALSITE Spring Business Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2003
Prattville, Alabama

I. Call to Order:
President Ken Cush called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

II. Minutes:
Vice President Tim Westhoven presented the minutes of the Fall Meeting in Tuscaloosa on October 9, 2002 as written in the spring newsletter. A motion and second were made to approve the minutes as written, then the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

III. Officer's/Director's Reports:
A. Treasurer's Report:
Secretary/Treasurer Doc Dorsey reported the Treasurer's Report as follows:

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Treasury Balance on March 5, 2003: $5,687.60

A motion and second were made to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, then the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

B. Vice-President’s Report:
Vice-President Tim Westhoven thanked Robby Anderson for serving as the local arrangements chairman and Bob Vecellio for arranging the technical presentations. He also welcomed the members of the Alabama Transportation Planners Association for their attendance.

Tim reminded everyone of upcoming ALSITE meeting dates and locations. The Annual Meeting will be held June 4-6 at the Holiday Inn in Gulf Shores. This will be a joint meeting with the Deep South Section. The Vulcan staff will again host this meeting. The Fall Meeting will be held October 16 at the Marriott Hotel in Huntsville, and will be a joint meeting with the Tennessee Section. Dan Sanders of the City of Huntsville will serve as the local arrangements chairman.

The Board has also been notified by the Holiday Inn in Gulf Shores that their facility will be demolished after the 2003 Annual Meeting. Since the number of facilities in Gulf Shores capable of hosting a meeting our size is limited, there may be a need to find a suitable meeting facility outside Gulf Shores. In response to this situation, and in order to find an adequate site for future annual meetings, the Board voted last night to recommend to the membership that the wording in Standard Operating Procedure No. 8 (SOP 8) be revised. The current wording in SOP 8 states the annual meeting must be held within the city limits of Gulf Shores, Alabama. The Board recommends that the wording in SOP 8 be revised to state the annual meeting must be held "in the vicinity of" Gulf Shores, Alabama. An SOP can only be revised by a vote of the membership. The proposed wording of the revision will be included in the mailing with the officer candidate’s biographies in April. Ballots for the revision will be included with the officer candidate’s ballots, which will be mailed in May.
At the Board Meeting the previous evening, the Board voted to extend ALSITE's contract with Network Solutions for one year at $35.00 to retain its Internet domain name. The Board also approved the minutes from the fall Board meeting and the officer's transition meeting in January.

C. Past President's Report:

Past President Becky White announced that a charter was presented to the newly-formed Student Chapter at the University of Alabama at Birmingham on February 28. Dr. Virginia Sisiopiku serves as the Faculty Advisor, and 18 students have already joined the chapter.

Becky also announced that the Service Project Task Force has planned a service project during the next Annual Meeting. ALSITE and the Alabama Safe Kids Coalition will co-sponsor a child safety restraint checkpoint at the Riviera Center in Foley on Thursday afternoon, June 5. The Safe Kids Coalition will be responsible for staffing the checkpoint site. ALSITE volunteers will be needed for greeting, traffic control, serving refreshments, etc. More information will be available in the next newsletter. Janie Applegate with the Alabama Safe Kids Coalition is here at the meeting to answer any questions or provide additional information. A technical session program for a future meeting could be developed from this service project.

President Ken Cush presented Becky with a plaque recognizing her service as the 2002 President and thanked her for her hard work and dedication during her term.

D. District 5 Representative Report:

District Representative James Foster was ill and unable to attend the meeting. His report is contained in the Spring newsletter.

E. Affiliate Report:

Ken Cush announced that Affiliate Director Larry Profit has resigned from this position due to a change in his job responsibilities with 3M. Assistant Affiliate Director Jim Stewart has agreed to serve as the Affiliate Director through 2004. An election to fill the vacant Assistant Affiliate Director's position will be held in the Spring.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Membership:
Ken Cush reported that the Board approved the affiliate membership applications of Lamar Boyd and Stephanie Traywick. Both new members work with ALDOT in Montgomery.

B. Scholarship:
David Griffin presented the 2002 financial report for the scholarship foundation. As of January 1, 2003, the scholarship fund had a balance of $89,421.93. Additional copies of the financial report are available from David, and a copy will be attached with the minutes of this meeting.

C. Newsletter:
Ken Cush presented the report for Rosemary Sawyer, who could not attend the meeting. Eighteen businesses paid for advertisements in the newsletter.

D. Legislative:
Dale Lenoir asked the membership to be wary of funding proposals from the State legislature regarding earmarked funds, as they may reduce or eliminate funding programs for transportation.

E. Meeting:
Robby Anderson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He reported a registration total of 75, which included five speakers and two students.

F. Technical Committee:
Bob Vecellio thanked the five speakers that gave presentations at the meeting. ALSITE will be responsible for securing 5-6 speakers for the Annual Meeting. Anyone with ideas for speakers and/or subjects should contact Bob or Tim.

G. Alabama Technology Transfer Program:
Rod Turochy reported that the program presented twelve seminars at 48 locations to more than 1,600 attendees during 2002. One seminar has already been held in 2003, and two more have been scheduled. Any suggestions for seminar topics are appreciated.

H. Strategic Planning Task Force:
Chairman Darrell Skipper announced that a half-day workshop will be held prior to the Annual Meeting to allow each committee to present updates on their work, and to determine if each committee is proceeding toward their objective(s).

Updates were presented by a representative from each of the seven committees:

1. ALDOT Relations (Darrell Skipper for Dan Turner) – Darrell Skipper and Stacey Glass have met with ALDOT construction and maintenance engineers to hear some of their ideas. The committee is also developing an access management class to teach ALDOT personnel. The classes will be presented on four occasions throughout the state. Additional instructors are needed and training will be available.

2. Local Governments (Tim Westhoven) – the committee has met several times and is making progress. They have been focusing on identifying local governmental contacts to provide those resources.

3. Standards Development and Education (Ken Cush) – the committee is working with the ALDOT Relations committee to develop the access management training course.

4. Membership Services (James Brown) – the committee has developed several ideas to assist the membership, such as a standing technical committee and an improved website to disseminate information. These items may need board approval for implementation.

5. Service Projects (Becky White) – no additional projects have been planned, other than the child safety restraint checkpoint at the Riviera Center. Ideas for other service projects are welcomed.

6. Student Chapter (Ken Cush for Jim Meads) – another student chapter has been chartered at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

7. Public Awareness (Joe Robinson for Rod Long) – the committee has met several times and is formulating ideas.

Ken Cush thanked each of the members who serving on the committees and encouraged all members who have not enlisted on a committee to become involved.

V. New Business:

Ken Cush reminded the membership to be aware of the proposed change to Standard Operating Procedure Number 8, which will allow the Annual Meeting to be held in the vicinity of Gulf Shores, Alabama. Vulcan is presently exploring several options for future meeting facilities. One possible option may be Gulf State Park after their conference center has been renovated. This work is not expected to be completed for several years, however.

Jim Stewart said personnel changes at the Holiday Inn have caused some problems with our lodging arrangements for this year’s meeting, but he and Tommy Lee believe they have corrected those problems. Anyone that experiences further reservation problems should contact Jim or Tommy.

Stephen Jones of the University Transportation Center of Alabama (UTCA) at UAB is seeking 8-10 ALSITE members to form a steering committee. The committee will possibly work with the Technology Transfer program at Auburn to develop joint training ventures.

A motion and second were made to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m., then all present approved the motion by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doc Dorsey
Secretary/Treasurer

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The Alabama Section's Local Government Task Force is looking for a few highly skilled individuals to serve as an "Information Resource" to municipalities and counties in the State. It is the intention of our Task Force to publish an annual newsletter/brochure to be mailed to Mayors, City Engineers, County Engineers, Police Chiefs, etc., etc. In this brochure we would like to publish the names and other contact information of Alabama Section members who would be interested in fielding questions regarding all aspects of traffic engineering. We envision this "experts" list to be divided into three categories: 1) experts by region, 2) experts by sector of service, and 3) experts by area of expertise. The salary for this position is negotiable, but generally ranges from zero to nothing. If you would like to be an expert, or would like a Task Force member to call you with more information, please fill out the form below and return it to:

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Alabama Section Meetings
Annual Meeting – June 4-6, 2003, Gulf Shores, AL
Joint Meeting with Deep South Section
Fall Meeting – TBA, Joint Meeting with TN Section

ITE International Events
August 24-27, 2003, Seattle, Washington

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