President’s Message

A hint of fall is in the air, which means our final meeting of the year is close at hand. Please make plans to join us and the Tennessee Section in Huntsville on October 16th. Bill Kervin of the Tennessee Section, Tim Westhoven, and Dr. Vecellio have put together what looks to be an interesting and varied program. After hearing much discussion and recommendations your ALSITE Board officially acted to secure a date for the 2004 Annual Meeting at the Beach Club. This is the site that is located in Gulf Shores on Fort Morgan road (AL 180). The property’s website, www.beachclubal.com shows well the scale and beauty of the site. Having spent a long weekend at the Beach Club recently, I believe we will have as good a time at this new location as we have had at our traditional one.

I want to thank all the people that have worked diligently this year on handling the many duties of the Section. I want to thank Robby Anderson and Dan Sanders for their work on arranging our spring and fall meetings. A huge thanks to Tommy Lee, Jim Stewart, and Matt Muarin for all they do in handling our Annual meeting, especially with the additional work required to find a new location on very short notice. Also I want to thank all those involved with ALSITE’s development of Access Management training, especially Dan Turner and Darrell Skipper who volunteered to make the first presentations on this important subject. I want to thank the Members of the Board who have handled some rather large issues this year, and Bill Metzger and Richard Caudle for volunteering to carry on the work of the District and Section. Lastly but certainly not least, thanks to Rosemary Sawyer and Natalie Hobbs for their excellent work on producing our fine newsletter.

ALSITE members should be proud of their accomplishments this year. We were recognized in the ITE Journal for the safety seat check conducted during our Annual Meeting. Also a new student chapter was chartered at UAB this year and we awarded two scholarships to very deserving students. Please make every effort to help Virginia Sisiopiku and Rod Turochy our Faculty advisors for the UAB and AU student chapters. We should continue to pursue the implementation of our Strategic Planning goals since most significant breakthroughs are accomplished by persistent hammering rather than with an explosion of effort.

Ken Cush

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Southern District ITE Report

The future of an ABD, Southern District level, "Traffic Bowl", is looking like a go! I have been volunteered to chair and formalize this program by Rick Day, our SDITE incoming president. Final discussions will be presented at the SDITE "Year-End" meeting in Savannah and after a final vote we will be developing a process to select an ALSITE challenger. I will be looking for input from our organization in the coming months on how best to select our candidate. This will be another fun and beneficial way to get involved with our student chapters.

I also would like to express my gratitude in serving as your representative over the last two years. My involvement with SDITE has helped me tremendously in understanding the workings of ITE. We have a terrific Section! We won many District awards in the last few years and have accomplished many tasks. Our strategic plan efforts are directing us toward new frontiers. With continued participation and support from each of you in ITE, and with persistence in getting involved with our student members and new student chapter, and, with encouragement and mentorship with our new members, we will continue to shine!

Let's challenge ourselves to set the next mark of excellence!

Future Annual Meeting Schedule:

2004 Covington, Kentucky April 17-21
2005 Savannah, Georgia April 9-13
2006 Gulfport, Mississippi
2007 Knoxville, Tennessee
2008 Charleston, South Carolina
2009 (Birmingham ???), Alabama

Respectfully Submitted,
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ALABAMA SECTION ITE AND TENNESSEE SECTION ITE
FALL JOINT MEETING
Huntsville, Alabama
October 16, 2003

7:30 a.m.          Registration

8:30 a.m.          Welcome to Huntsville
                   Mayor Loretta Spencer

Technical Session I
Presiding: Bill Kerwin, Vice President, Tennessee Section, ITE

8:35 a.m.          Tennessee Statewide 511 Program
                   James Collins, Kimley-Horn & Associates
                   Memphis, TN

9:10 a.m.          The Huntsville Regional ITS Strategic Plan
                   Marshall Elizer, Gresham, Smith & Partners
                   Nashville, TN

9:40 a.m.          Driver’s Side
                   Ginny McDonald, The Birmingham News
                   Birmingham, AL

10:00 a.m.         Break

Technical Session II
Presiding: Tim Westhoven, Vice President, Alabama Section, ITE

10:30 a.m.         Blueback Enforcement
                   William J. Metzger
                   Traffic Engineering, City of Mobile, AL

11:00 a.m.         Teaching Kids the ABC’s of Traffic Engineering: Two Cities Experience
                   Reginald Kennedy, City of Tuscaloosa, AL
                   John Van Winkle, City of Chattanooga, TN

11:45 a.m.         Break

12:00 p.m.         Lunch

1:00 p.m.          ALSITE and TSITE Business Meetings

1:30 p.m.          Adjourn
Project Spotlight on ALSITE Service Project

As part of the Annual Meeting, the ALSITE Service Projects Task Force sponsored a Car Seat Check-up in partnership with the Alabama SAFE KIDS Campaign and Southern Chevrolet-Oldsmobile. The Car Seat Check-Up was held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday afternoon at the Riviera Centre Factory Stores in Foley. Local newspapers and media outlets advertised the Car Seat Check-Up in advance and a variable message sign was tested on Highway 59 to direct parents to the location of the Check-Up.

Forty-eight car seats were checked and forty-five were installed incorrectly! New car seats were also given away to children who were not in an age/size appropriate car seats. ALSITE members served as volunteers to assist the certified technicians by completing paperwork and providing refreshments to participants in the summer heat. One of the meeting's technical sessions featured a presentation on Child Passenger Safety by Dr. William D. King of the University of Alabama in Birmingham's Department of Pediatrics and Lisa Russell, R.N. of the Alabama SAFE KIDS Campaign.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made the first service project a success. See the photos on the following page of the volunteers and the children and parents participating in the event. The ALSITE Service Projects Task Force is comprised of:

Service Projects Task Force Chair: Becky White

Jim Stewart – Coordinated contact with Riviera Centre and Southern Chevy Olds.
Blair Perry – Coordinated children's activities for the event
Scott Skipper – Coordinated "freebies" to hand out to children
Rosemary Sawyer – Coordinated refreshments for the event
Annual Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order:

President Ken Cush called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

II. Minutes:

Secretary/Treasurer Doc Dorsey presented the minutes from the Spring Meeting in Prattville on March 6, 2003 as written in the summer 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 presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

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

Receipts since March 5, 2003:
- Registration – Spring Meeting: $3,115.00
- Advertising – Spring Newsletter: $1,275.00
- Section Membership Dues: $820.00

Total Receipts: $5,210.00

Disbursements since March 5, 2003:
- Facility Rental – Spring Board Meeting: $87.13
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- Miscellaneous Expenses – Spring Meeting: $127.50
- Scholarship Donation – Spring Meeting: $350.00
- Registration Refund – Spring Meeting: $45.00
- Printing – Spring Newsletter: $474.15
- Postage – Spring Newsletter: $108.60
- Scholarship Donation – Shirt Sale Proceeds: $455.12
- Website Domain Name Registration: $35.00
- Facility Rental Deposit – Fall Meeting: $500.00
- Misc. Expenses – Southern District Meeting: $647.00
- Postage – Election Ballots and Miscellaneous: $185.00
- Stationary – Envelopes: $269.94

Total Disbursements: $4,797.12

**Treasury Balance on June 3, 2003:** $6,100.48

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 Bob Vecellio for arranging the technical presentations.

Tim reminded everyone of upcoming ALSITE meeting dates and locations. 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 Alabama Section will host the 2009 Southern District Meeting in Birmingham. Many more details will be made available as that meeting date approaches.

C. Past President's Report:

Past President Becky White had no report.

D. District 5 Representative Report:

District Representative James Foster announced that the Alabama Section won the Best Chapter Award at the recent Southern District Meeting in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Auburn University Student Chapter also won the Best Student Chapter Award at the same meeting.

James said the Southern District Board is considering sponsoring an annual Traffic Bowl for college students at the annual District Meeting. One student from each Section will participate in the Traffic Bowl, with scholarship money being awarded to the top finishers. The Southern District is also considering developing policies to provide District funds for Section service projects.

E. Affiliate Report:

Affiliate Director James Stewart had no report.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Membership:

Ken Cush reported that the Board approved the Affiliate 1 membership applications from Ronnie Ellis of ALDOT, Matt Maurin of Vulcan, and Jeff Webb of 3M.

B. Scholarship:

David Griffin presented an updated financial report for the scholarship foundation. As of June 1, 2003, the scholarship fund had a balance of $91,078.82. The current low interest rates on bank deposits have hindered the account's growth. The Alabama Section's portion of last night's scholarship auction generated an additional $4,262 toward the scholarship fund. Additional copies of the financial report are available from David, and a copy will be attached with the minutes of this meeting.

C. Newsletter:

Rosemary Sawyer reported that the current newsletter was mailed to 192 Section members. Eighteen businesses paid for advertisements in the newsletter. Rosemary asked the membership to provide technical articles for publication in future newsletters.

D. Legislative:

Dale Lenoir asked the membership to be wary of funding proposals from the State legislature regarding un-earmarked funds, as they may reduce or eliminate funding programs for transportation. He also encouraged the membership to stay in contact with their respective legislators as important legislation is discussed.

E. Meeting:

Local Arrangements Chair Tommy Lee thanked everyone for attending a very successful joint meeting. He reported a total meeting registration of 138. As with past ALSITE meetings, a portion of the registration proceeds from the meeting will be given to the scholarship fund.
F. Technical Committee:

Bob Vecellio thanked Scott Boyle of the Deep South Section and John McCarthy for their assistance in securing the eleven speakers that made presentations at the meeting. This year's meeting was significant in that it was the first ever without the use of videotapes or slide images during any of the presentations. Bob also announced that a handout containing the contact information for all speakers was being made available.

G. Alabama Technology Transfer Program:

John McCarthy reported that a technical writing workshop will be presented at four locations around the state on July 22-25. An asphalt pavement management workshop has also been scheduled in August.

H. Strategic Planning Task Force:

Updates were presented by representatives of each of the following committees:

1. Local Governments (Richard Caudle) – the committee is seeking to develop a list of experts to serve as information resources for municipal and county governments. The list, along with an annual newsletter, will be mailed to all Alabama municipalities and counties. All experts would serve on a volunteer basis only. More information is available in the summer newsletter.

2. Standards Development and Education (Ken Cush) – the Principles of Access Management short course held just prior to the Annual Meeting was a tremendous success, as it was presented to more than 60 attendees. The only complaint from the attendees was the lack of time available to thoroughly cover the subject. Therefore, the committee will look into expanding future presentations to a one-day length.

3. Membership Services (John McCarthy) – the committee has been working to update the ALSITE website. The training notes from the Principles of Access Management short course are available to download from the website. Several additional transportation links have also been added, as well as a page for posting questions.

4. Service Projects (Becky White) – the child safety restraint checkpoint held the previous day at the Riviera Center was very successful. The Riviera Center management was pleased with the turnout and may want to host this event again. A total of 48 seats were inspected during the checkpoint, and only three of those seats were installed correctly. All volunteers were thanked for their assistance.

5. Public Awareness (Rod Long) – Ginny McDonald with the Birmingham News attended the Annual Meeting to learn more about the Section and our mission. Additional publicity for the access management course is needed. Joe Robinson has developed a local school program that other members may want to emulate. The committee is also working to develop a public service video.

V. New Business:

Ken Cush reported that the newly-chartered Student Chapter at U.A.B. is growing and has many activities planned for its members.

Bubba Bowden asked if the funds raised through last night's scholarship auction could be split equally between the Charles Alexander and Billy Jones accounts. Ken Cush replied that the Scholarship Foundation Board determines how all their funds are allocated. David Griffin added that the Board currently has all their funds in one account to maximize their investment return, but a split of the funds is possible. The Board will review its fund management policies and present a report at the Fall Meeting.

Tommy Lee presented a thorough update of the Local Arrangements Committee's efforts to determine a site for next year's meeting. The only two sites large enough to accommodate our meeting that are presently being considered are the Beachside Resort (the former Quality Inn) and the Beach Club. The Perdido Beach Resort was contacted, but rejected because of its stringent occupancy requirements. Tommy presented the advantages
and disadvantages of holding the meeting at each site. Both sites have June 1-4, 2004 available for next year's meeting, but a decision must be made as soon as possible to avoid losing those dates. Tommy wants to secure a three-year commitment at either site. The Committee's long-term plan is to hold the annual meeting at the Gulf State Park after their new conference center has been constructed. The Committee, however, has no recommendation on the current site selection options.

A lengthy discussion ensued among the membership about the new site, but no decision was reached. Ken Cush asked each member to express his/her preferences to the Board as soon as possible. The Board will discuss those preferences, then make a decision on behalf of the Section within one week.

James Stewart announced that the golf scramble, which was scheduled to take place later in the day, had been cancelled due to wet grounds. Unless otherwise specified, all registration fees for the scramble would be contributed to the Scholarship Foundation.

A motion and second were made to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m., then all present approved the motion by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doc Dorsey
Secretary/Treasurer

Sponsors
1 Mark Your Calendars...

Alabama Section Meetings
Fall Meeting – October 16, 2003, Huntsville, Alabama
Joint Meeting with TN Section
Spring Meeting - TBA

ITE International Events
2004 Technical Conference & Exhibit
March 28-31, 2004

2004 Annual Meeting & Exhibit
August 1-4, 2004, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

The mission of the Alabama Section Institute of Transportation Engineers is to provide a leadership role in providing a transportation system in Alabama that improves mobility and safety for the traveling public. Activities of the Section focus on advancing the transportation profession and developing our members through education and training.

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