ALSITE is a dynasty! Once again, we were selected as the “Outstanding Section” for Group Two sections in the Southern District in 2004. We received this award at the annual Southern District Meeting in Savannah in April. This is the fourth consecutive year ALSITE has won. These awards could not be possible without plenty of hard work from all our members, so I want to thank each of you for doing all the things, both big and small, that make this Section the best in the eyes of our peers. I also want to issue a special thanks to Tim Westhoven, our President during the previous year, for his leadership.

The 2005 District Meeting in Savannah also launched the inaugural Temple Scholarship Challenge for college students. Andrew James and Richard Willis from Auburn University represented ALSITE as they competed for scholarship funds against student representatives from the other sections in the District. Although they did not win the event, they proved to be a formidable team.

Speaking of students, ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. will recognize two outstanding college seniors at our Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores. David Gaither Whitman of the University of Alabama has been chosen to receive the Charles E. Alexander Memorial Transportation Engineering Scholarship, and Trent Ronald Turner of Auburn University has been chosen to receive the Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship. Each will be present in Gulf Shores to receive their scholarship check during our banquet on June 9. Please get to know them while they are among us and encourage them to pursue a career in transportation engineering.

All proceeds to fund the Charles E. Alexander and Billy Jones Scholarships are generated through individual and corporate donations. One of the best ways to contribute is by participating in the auction at the conclusion of the annual banquet on June 9. You can participate by providing items to be auctioned and also by bidding on items brought by others. We have always been generous in previous years, so let’s continue a great tradition of giving again this year.

I am looking forward to greeting each of you at the Beach Club in Gulf Shores at our Annual Meeting on June 8-10. Joining us this year will be our neighbors from the Deep South Section. As always, Tommy Lee and his cohorts at Vulcan are working hard in preparation for this meeting, and Cade Braud, Richard Caudle, and Bob Vecellio have prepared a great technical program.

This year’s legislative session in Montgomery has drawn to a close without the passage of an automated red-light enforcement bill for the State of Alabama. Although identical bills were introduced in the House and Senate at the start of the session in January, neither bill was brought before the respective bodies for a vote. I am encouraged, however, by the interest and support these bills generated throughout the state. I am also encouraged that these bills will be introduced again in the 2006 legislative session and that there should be renewed support for passage. Please don’t forget to contact your local legislative delegation before next year to tell them of your desires. There are many people to thank in this effort, particularly Senator Phil Poole and Representative David Grimes, who sponsored the bills, and Joe Robinson and Jon Howell from the City of Tuscaloosa, who campaigned for the bill in Montgomery and kept us updated on its progress.

If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is an honor to serve as your president.

Doc Dorsey
We look forward to seeing everyone next week at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Alabama Section ITE. This year’s meeting is a joint meeting with the Deep South Section and is located at the beautiful Beach Club Resort. If you haven’t made reservations call 1-888-260-7263 and ask to speak with Group Sales. Be sure to tell the clerk you are with the ITE Group, Master Group Number 94473.

Please pre-register for the meeting by faxing the Pre-Registration form you received in the mail to Tommy Lee or Jimmy Stewart at 251-943-7590. All forms must be received by June 6th. If you have lost your form or did not receive the mail out contact Tommy or Jimmy at 251-943-2645.

**Tentative Technical/Social Program**

**Wednesday, June 8th**
- 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Registration (Island Room Lobby)
- 1:00 pm – 1:05 pm Welcome
- 1:05 pm – 3:00 pm Professional Development Session
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Break
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Technical Session I
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

**Thursday, June 9th**
- 7:00 am – 10:00 am Registration (Island Room Lobby)
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am Technical Session II
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am Break
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Technical Session III
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch “on your own”
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Technical Tour - TBA
- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Officer’s Reception – Veranda overlooking pool
- 6:00 pm – Till Awards Banquet and Scholarship Fund Auction

**Friday, June 10th**
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am Joint Section Breakfast followed by “Traffic Bowl VII”
- 10:00 am – 11:30 am Section Business Meetings
- 12:30 pm Technical Tour – Peninsula Golf Course

**All functions will be held in the Island Room unless otherwise noted.**

**Preliminary Technical Program**

**Profession Development Seminar**
How to Prepare and Deliver Oral Presentations

**Technical Presentations**
- Arterial Optimization
- Growth Equations in Transportation Planning
- Highway Information Systems
- Lafayette Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Intersection Design
- Pedestrian Facilities
- Traffic Signals
- Post Hurricane Ivan
- Evacuation
Southern District ITE Report

The Southern District meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia from April 10-13. There were approximately 12 members from the Alabama Section and two students from Auburn University.

The technical programs were well prepared and well attended.

The Temple Scholarship Challenge had 26 students from nine states competing and several more watching and attending the technical programs and other events. The presence of the students changed the atmosphere of the meeting and everyone seemed more involved.

The Alabama Section won the 2004 Outstanding Section Award for Group two (the smaller sections) for the fourth year in a row.

The first group to take the oath and be installed in the “Order of the Engineer” in the Southern District was completed. The Order of the Engineer is a solemn obligation to oneself “to uphold devotion to the standards and the dignity of the engineering profession.” It is an obligation to turn to “practical use, the principles of science, and the means of technology… to serve humanity by making the best use of earth’s precious wealth.”

Plan now to attend next year’s Southern District meeting. The site is much closer. It is being held in Biloxi, MS at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino from April 23-26-2006.

Information will be available soon on the Southern District web site – www.sdite.org

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathies…


Please continue to keep Tim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations

Dr. Virginia P. Sisiopiku was this year’s winner of the Best Sponsored Technical Paper Award by the Southern District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). The winning paper was titled “Advanced Technology Options for Enhancing Pedestrian Safety”. The award was presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the ITE District 5 in Savannah, GA. Dr. Sisiopiku is an Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and a transportation engineering expert. Her teaching and research focus on applications of new technologies to transportation problems, issues related to traffic operations and safety, and traffic simulation and modeling. Throughout her career Dr. Sisiopiku has been recognized by many organizations for her professional achievements including the Federal Highway Administration, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Illinois Association of Highway Engineers, NIH, and the Women's Transportation Seminar. Dr. Sisiopiku is an active member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Transportation Research Board and currently serves as the faculty advisor for the UAB ITE Student Chapter.
Auburn University ITE Student Chapter Report

The student chapter coordinated the transportation system for E-Day, the annual open house of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, on February 25. E-Day draws about 2,000 high school students, teachers, and parents, to the Auburn University campus every year. Student chapter members coordinated efforts to install and remove temporary signs directing visitors to parking locations and shuttle bus stops, obtain shuttle service from Tiger Transit to transport visitors from the designated parking areas to Foy Student Union (site of E-Day exhibits) and greet visitors.

Richard Willis and Andrew James represented the Alabama Section very well in the inaugural Temple Scholarship Challenge at the District Meeting in Savannah on April 11 and 12. Nine teams, representing the sections in the Southern District, participated in a “Traffic Bowl” competition. Richard and Andrew finished in a close second place (to the ultimate winner) in the first of the two rounds of competition. Additionally, they were the only two-person team; the other eight teams each had three and some of these had alternates. Therefore, they performed very respectfully. More effort should be made to bring in more student applications for next year’s competition so that our section can field a three-student team.

During the month of April the student chapter hosted three guest speakers: Ken Cush of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Jeff Ramsey of the City of Auburn, and Stan Biddick of ALDOT. Mr. Cush discussed traffic planning for events at the Talladega Superspeedway, Mr. Ramsey provided an overview of transportation planning activities in a rapidly growing community (Auburn), and Mr. Biddick gave an overview of Intelligent Transportation Systems projects in Alabama.

James Brown named to UTCA Advisory Board

James Brown, an ALSITE Past President, and also a member of ASCE has been chosen to represent both professional organizations on the Advisory Board of the University Transportation Center for Alabama (UTCA). His mission while serving in this position is to help evaluate proposed research on transportation issues and insure that there is no overlap of efforts or abilities of these proposals and with our members.

James would like to thank both ALSITE and ASCE for choosing him to serve in this role and plans to keep both organizations abreast of what the UTCA is doing. Anyone wishing to contact James can do so by email at jbrown@almonassociates.com
If you would like to be an ALSITE News Sponsor, please contact Doug Peterson at dpeterson@volkert.com or (205) 214-5500.
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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Alabama Section Meetings
Annual Meeting – Joint Meeting with Deep South Section
Beach Club, Gulf Shores, AL
June 8-10, 2005

Fall Meeting
Mobile, AL
First or Second week of October