President’s Message
by Doc Dorsey

As I write this message to you, the Gulf Coast just endured its third major hurricane in the past three months. All three storms (Dennis, Katrina, and Rita) caused loss of life and significant property damage for residents and property owners between the Florida Panhandle and Texas. Restoring the affected cities and towns will take years, especially around New Orleans.

While watching news and weather reports of these hurricanes, I was constantly being reminded of our importance as transportation professionals. The Gulf Coast is a densely populated area, particularly during the traditional hurricane season. Conducting an organized evacuation of residents and vacationers in advance of an approaching hurricane is a major logistical challenge. Our Alabama and Deep South ITE professionals, both in the public and private sectors, have been working for years with emergency management agencies, transportation departments, and elected officials to develop and implement successful evacuation plans. One of the most evident examples of these successful evacuation plans is the ‘contra-flow’ use of Interstate 65 between Mobile and Montgomery. Similar lane reversal plans were also implemented on Interstate highways in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas in the past few weeks to move tens of thousands of people out of harm’s way. Our skillful planning and engineering has saved many lives to date, and will continue to save lives in the future.

Please continue to keep our friends with the Deep South Section in your daily thoughts and prayers. They are facing many long hours, days, and years of hard work to restore their coastal communities and transportation networks back to normal. It appears that the 2006 Southern District meeting scheduled for April in Biloxi will have to be relocated due to the damage suffered from Hurricane Katrina. We will keep you updated of the status and location of this meeting as we receive more information.

While on the subject of meetings, I want to thank Wayne Curry and Deborah Leo for all their hard work in scheduling and planning the ALSITE Fall Meeting in Mobile on October 5-6. This meeting was also affected by Hurricane Katrina, as her flood waters damaged the original downtown meeting site at the Mobile Museum. Wayne and Deborah worked overtime to secure a new meeting site at the Mobile Convention Center while managing the storm recovery work at ALDOT’s Ninth Division. Be sure and show your appreciation to Wayne and Deborah when you see them in Mobile.

Our Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores this past June with the Deep South Section was a tremendous success. All meeting activities were well attended, and we all enjoyed the fun and fellowship. We continue to support the ALSITE Scholarship Program, as many future traffic engineers will benefit from our generosity. Once again, many thanks go to our friends at Vulcan for organizing and administering this outstanding meeting.

Finally, I want to thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve as your ALSITE President during 2005. It has been a pleasure to get to know each of you better through the past year and to work with you. I also want to thank you for your contributions to make this organization stronger. I am excited about ALSITE’s future in 2006 under the leadership of President Richard Caudle.

Doc Dorsey
ALSITE 2005 Fall Meeting

Don’t forget the ALSITE Fall meeting October 5th & 6th, 2005 at the Mobile Convention Center in Mobile, AL. Reservations can be made at the following hotels.

Riverview Plaza Hotel     Admiral Semmes Hotel
(251) 438-4000           (800) 333-3333
Malaga Inn                 Lafayette Plaza Hotel
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(251) 626-2220

For more information about the Convention Center and a map of downtown Mobile visit the ALSITE website at www.alsite.org Click on the meetings tab.

Fall Meeting Itinerary
Mobile Convention Center, Room 201D
One South Water Street
Mobile, AL
October 6, 2005

Thursday, October 6th

7:00 am    Registration
7:30 am    Breakfast
8:30 am    Welcome

     Technical Session I
8:40 am    Development of Highway Advisory Messages
9:10 am    Embracing Advanced Technology
9:40 am    Using Micro-Simulation Models to Compare Urban Diamond Interchange Forms
10:00 am   Break

     Technical Session II
10:40 am   Wireless Solutions for the New Millennium
11:20 am   Consequences of Inadequate Temporary Traffic Control
12:00 pm   Lunch / Business Meeting
1:30 pm    RSA Tower Tour (optional)
            Hard hats required

Events for the meeting will start on October 5th. Bill Metzer is organizing a golf outing. If you are interested contact Bill via email at Metzger@cityofmobile.org. There will also be a shrimp boil from 6 to 8 pm at Fort Conde. The shrimp boil will include a local band and an open bar. Dress is casual. Please make plans to attend. If you have any questions or need any additional information contact Wayne Curry at (251) 470-8231.

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**Northington Retires**

Jerry Northington, a longtime member of ITE and the City of Birmingham Traffic Engineering Department on July 7th after more than 40 years of service. He began work with the Traffic Engineering Department in 1964 after graduating from Auburn University. During his tenure with the Department, he had the opportunity to oversee the City’s 700 signalized intersections, computer upgrades to the central system, and the City-wide conversion to LED signals. Jerry’s retirement plans include visits to his lake home, travel, fishing, and to finish restoring his own fire truck. Congratulations Jerry!

**2006 Southern District meeting to be Relocated**

The 2006 Southern District meeting, scheduled for April 23-26 will be relocated due to Hurricane Katrina damage to Biloxi and the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino. The Southern District is attempting to schedule a new location during the same dates however; a new location has not been confirmed at this time. We will keep you updated as to the status of this meeting as new information is received.

**Auburn ITE Student Chapter Update**

The Auburn University Student Chapter held its first meeting of the school year on September 20 to discuss and plan for events during the upcoming year. In attendance were 24 members of the student chapter and 9 non-members. ALSITE President, Doc Dorsey, spoke to the group about ITE and specifically the Alabama Section. Officers this year are Richard Willis (President), Andrew James (Vice-President), and Trent Turner (Secretary).
I. Call to Order

President Walter Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

II. Unfinished Business

President Walter Dorsey presented the 2005 Transportation Safety award to The City of Tuscaloosa, Joe Robinson, and Jon Howell for their work in pursuing an Automated red light running enforcement bill.

III. Minutes

A motion was made by Bubba Bowden and 2nd by David Griffin to approve the Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. The minutes were approved.

IV. Officer’s and Director’s Reports

A. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report

Secretary/Treasurer David Turner announced the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

March 9, 2005 – June 5, 2005

Beginning Balance – March 9, 2005 $4,774.98

Expenses: March 9, 2005 - June 5, 2005
3/10/05 Talladega Super Speedway $ 306.02
3/10/05 ASCE $ 310.00
3/10/05 Classic Catering $ 6,171.50
3/14/05 Volkert & Associates $ 7.77
3/14/05 ALSITE Scholarships $ 640.00
3/24/05 BKI $ 23.68
4/22/05 Auburn Student Chapter $ 34.99
4/26/05 David Turner $ 22.10
4/26/05 Postmaster $ 37.00
5/23/05 Pressto Printing, Inc. $ 136.08
5/23/05 New Beacon Hospice $ 100.00
5/23/05 Richard Willis $ 320.43
5/23/05 Walter Dorsey $ 110.88
6/02/05 Richard Caudle $ 529.65

Total expenses $ 8,750.10

Income: March 9, 2005 - June 5, 2005
3/11/05 Spring meeting $ 9,660.00
3/11/05 Membership Dues $ 10.00
3/21/05 Spring Meeting $ 65.00
3/14/05 Membership Dues $ 10.00
4/11/05 Section Allotment, Membership Dues $ 2,410.00
4/22/05 Surplus Charter Grant $ 2,664.65
4/22/05 Membership Dues $ 255.00
4/26/05 Spring Meeting $ 130.00

Total income $ 15,204.65

Ending Balance – June 5, 2005 $11,229.53

Note: The Section has requested $431.31 from SDITE for reimbursement of student expenses for the SDITE Traffic Bowl.

A motion was made by Vic McSwain and seconded by Bob Wolfe to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Vice President’s Report

Vice President Richard Caudle reported that all actions taken by the board during its meeting on June 7, 2005 will be covered during the summer meeting.

C. Immediate Past President’s Report

Immediate Past President Tim Westhoven was absent due to a death in his family. President Dorsey reported that Mr. Westhoven had no report.
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D. District 5 Representative’s Report

District 5 Representative Bill Metzger’s report was printed in the newsletter. He encouraged the members to attend the District meeting in Biloxi, Ms.

E. Affiliate Director’s Report

Affiliate Director Rocky Garrison reported that Jerry Reeves’ wife passed away Saturday, June 3.

V. Committee Reports

A. Membership Committee Report

Ken Cush, Chairman of the Membership Committee, had no report.

C. Scholarship Report

David Griffin presented his report. $560 was raised and will be matched by an anonymous donor. He discussed different investment strategies. The scholarship fund has a balance of $100,804.36 as of June 6, 2005. Dan Turner discussed Mr. Harold Rainer and Vulcan’s contributions to developing the scholarship foundation. $4010 was raised at the auction this year.

D. Newsletter Committee

Newsletter Editor Doug Peterson had no report.

E. Legislative Committee

Dale Lenoir, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, had no report.

F. Local Arrangements

Tommy Lee reported that 124 registered for the conference, with 184 registering for the dinner. The 2006 Summer meeting will be Jun 7, 8 and 9th at the Beach Club.

Deborah Leo announced that the Fall meeting will be October 6th in Mobile with the officer’s reception the night of the 5th. Mailouts should be coming in August or September.

Walter Dorsey announced that the Spring 2006 meeting will be hosted by the University of Alabama.

G. Technical Committee

Bob Vecellio, Chairman of the Technical Committee, reported that there were 12 presentations by 14 speakers. Cade Braud from the Deep South section assisted with preparing the itinerary.

H. Alabama Technical Transfer Center

Transportation Safety Seminars will begin in December.

I. Strategic Planning

Becky White, chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, recommended disbanding the committee, and creating a Public Service Projects Committee. President Dorsey created this committee and requested that members volunteer to serve. Becky White reminded the membership that part of the raise in dues was to help fund a service project. Walter Dorsey suggested that the Strategic Planning Committee be reinstated in 2007. Ms. White had previously provided the board with the Committee’s recommendations.

J. Other Reports - None

VI. Old Business

President Dorsey announced that James Brown was appointed to the UTCA advisory board as the ASCE/ITE representative.
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VII. New Business

Jim Meads stated that the Access Management Training for ALDOT has been very successful. Jack Plunk with East Alabama Regional Planning has asked that ITE provide the course for them. Ken Cush, Walter Dorsey and Jim Meads will present the course Friday, June 17\textsuperscript{th}. Dan Turner said ITE is still looking for other members to help teach the course.

Bubba Bowden made a motion that the District reimbursement be put into the scholarship fund. There was no second. Discussion followed.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business meeting. Motion passed on voice vote. President Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Turner, P.E.  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Editor’s Note:

We need volunteers to provide topics for the Project Spotlight segment of the ALSITE Newsletter! If you have a project which you would like to be included in a future newsletter please contact me at (205) 214-5500 or by email at dpeterson@volkert.com.

As we wrap up another year or the ALSITE Newsletter, I’d like to thank this year’s sponsors for their support of the newsletter and the Alabama Section. I hope that each of you will continue to support the newsletter next year as well.

Thanks,  
Doug Peterson  
ALSITE Newsletter Editor
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Alabama Section & Southern District Meetings

ALSITE Fall Meeting
October 5-6, 2005
Mobile, AL

Southern District Meeting
April 23-26, 2006
Location to be Determined

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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