I imagine that most of you reading this newsletter are just like me…busy. I must confess that in the past I really didn’t take a lot of time to read the President’s message in the ALSITE Newsletter. So now that it’s time for me to write my first message to you, I have to ask myself this: What could I relate to each one of you that might be worth your time to read? So I’ll begin with a story. Each year in January the ALSITE Board of Directors has a meeting to get the year off to a good start. And as part of that meeting, we review the status of dues payment of all the membership. At the last Board meeting, I noted one of our affiliate members did not renew in 2005, and someone told to me that this person chose not renew because they did not feel like they got any benefit out of their membership. At that, I thought to myself, I never saw this person at any meeting ALSITE has ever had. And that lead me to a second thought, which is the focus of what I want to share with you. The only way you are going to get any significant benefit out of your affiliation with ALSITE is to GET INVOLVED with ALSITE. And then something great happens – ALSITE benefits from having you involved! Therefore, the remainder of my message will mention ways that we are currently involved and an invitation for YOU to get involved, too.

One way to get involved is to attend the meetings. The next meeting is coming up soon – Thursday, March 9 at Shelby Hall on the University of Alabama campus in Tuscaloosa. Steven Jones and Jay Lindley are putting together a great program. The Annual Meeting will be held again this year at the Beach Club in Gulf Shores on June 7, 8, and 9. And Dr. Bob Vecellio is putting together the Fall Meeting at the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center on Tuesday, October 3, 2006. And then there’s the Southern District ITE Annual Meeting. This year its close by, in Jackson, Mississippi on April 2-5. No reason to skip this one because it’s too far away.

And speaking of the Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores, we are all saddened by the passing of Vic McSwain last November. He will be greatly missed, particularly his unique contribution to the Annual Meeting’s Scholarship Auction. Frankly, we are not quite sure how the auction will proceed this year, but we know it will proceed. The Board of Directors has unanimously voted to name the auction after Vic, and Robby Anderson is heading up a committee to make a recommendation to the Board on how the auction should proceed this year.

Another way to get involved is with service projects. James Foster is heading up a new committee to develop and implement ideas for us to continue to extend the reach of ALSITE beyond “our four walls.” When you hear the details of the projects James and his committee come up with, volunteer to help. The Service Projects Committee was formed as a direct result of our Strategic Plan. Becky White and her committee will begin a process this year to update our Strategic Plan to provide ALSITE direction for the future.

So, in closing, I encourage you to get the most out of your ITE membership by being involved, and I’ll see you in March in Tuscaloosa.
Inoperable Traffic Control Signals
Draft Legislation

At the ALSITE Business Meeting in Mobile in October, 2005, President Walter (Doc) Dorsey instructed the Technical Committee to develop a draft of legislation to define the motorist's responsibility when approaching an inoperable traffic signal. The Committee examined current Alabama laws, case history, and the Driver's Handbook, as well as inoperable traffic signal laws from fourteen other states. The result of the Committee's work was presented to the Board of Directors in January. The Board voted to publish the draft legislation in the Newsletter to solicit comments from the membership at large. Doc is also working with his local legislative delegation to submit this proposed legislation to the Legislative Reference Service for final editing and submission to the Alabama House and Senate for consideration. You can direct any comments to Richard Caudle at richard@skipperinc.com.

(a) Except when directed to proceed by a law enforcement officer every driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection governed by a traffic control signal which is inoperable, out of service, or otherwise malfunctioning shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none, then at a point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection.

(b) When two vehicles approach or enter an intersection with a traffic control signal which is inoperable, out of service, or otherwise malfunctioning at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right, except when directed otherwise by a police officer.

(c) This section shall not apply to illuminated flashing red or yellow signals. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching illuminated flashing red or yellow signals shall be governed by the rules as set forth section 32-5A-34.
NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UAB Student Chapter News

The UAB ITE Student Chapter organized and hosted the 1st Annual Student Awards Luncheon at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) on November 9, 2005. The event was a great success. The program showcased research work currently underway at UAB and UAH through a technical session and a poster presentation session.

During the event the following six students were recognized as the winners of the University Transportation Center for Alabama (UTCA) student paper competition:
Ms. Xuping Li (UAB), Mr. Jeff Wilson (UAH), Mr. Abdul Muqueet Abro (UAB); Mr. Amol Vaidya (UAB), Amol Kingaonkar (UAH), and Mr. Pavan Paiavula (UAH). Each student was awarded a scholarship of $1,000 to attend the 85th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board in Washington D.C.

Congratulations to all the winners and to the UAB ITE Student Chapter for organizing such a successful event.

Get Involved with ITE!

The Alabama Section and the Southern District of ITE have several meetings scheduled for 2006 and we would like to encourage everyone to attend and Get Involved with ITE!

Our first meeting of the year is being held on March 9th in Tuscaloosa. There is still time to make plans to attend, see page 6 of this newsletter to get more details about the meeting and the proposed itinerary.

Coming up in next month, the Southern District Annual Meeting will be held in Jackson, MS the April 2-5, 2006. For more information visit the website at www.sdite2006.org or contact Bob Mabry at (601) 826-0420 or bmabry@mdot.state.ms.us.

In June, the Alabama Section Annual Meeting will once again be held in Gulf Shores, AL the 7th through the 9th. The year’s meeting will be held at the Beach Club (the same place as last year) on Fort Morgan road. More details about the meeting will be forthcoming by email and in the next installment of this newsletter. Make plans now to attend.

And finally, the Alabama Section Fall Meeting will be held in Auburn, AL on October 3, 2006. More information about the meeting will be available at time draws nearer.

Student Awardees with faculty advisors Dr. Virginia Sisiopiku (UAB) and Dr. Mike Anderson (UAH) at the 1st Annual Student Awards Luncheon
Fall 2005 Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2005
Mobile, Alabama

I. Call to Order

President Walter Dorsey called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

II. Minutes

A motion was made by Fred Brown and 2nd to approve the Summer 2005 meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. The minutes were approved.

IV. Officer’s and Director’s Reports

A. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report

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

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A motion was made by Richard Caudle and seconded by Becky White 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 the Board met June 10, 2005 and took three actions:
1. All proceeds from the Billy Jones Memorial Golf Tournament should be directed to the Billy Jones Memorial Scholarship.
2. ALSITE should donate $200 in memory of Peggy Reeves to ALSITE Scholarships.
3. ALSITE should donate $1000 in honor of Mr. Harold Raynor, and Vulcan, Inc. to ALSITE Scholarships in appreciation for their work in creating the scholarship.

The Board also met October 5, 2005 but comments on this meeting will be forthcoming later in the business meeting.

C. Immediate Past President’s Report

Immediate Past President Tim Westhoven was absent. President Dorsey reported that Mr. Westhoven had no report.

D. District 5 Representative’s Report

District 5 Representative Bill Metzger’s reported that the District meeting will no longer be at the Beau Ravage due to the Hurricane Damage. The meeting will likely be in Jackson, Ms.

E. Affiliate Director’s Report

There was no Affiliate report.

V. Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning – No report.

B. Membership – Ken Cush reported that Bob Waylon, an ITE National member, has submitted application. Board action will be forthcoming.
C. Scholarship – Harold Raynor reported that as of Jan. 1, 2005, the account had income of $8790, expenses of $4950, leaving a balance of $106,654.36. Following the meeting, Mr. Raynor provided a spreadsheet of the above account.

D. Newsletter – David Turner reported that Doug Peterson has requested that members submit reports of interesting projects for inclusion in the newsletter.

E. Legislative – No report. Walter Dorsey reminded the members to back a red light running automated enforcement bill as it is anticipated that it will be reintroduced this year.

F. Local Arrangements – Wayne Curry reported that 45 people registered with the conference clearing approximately $500. President Dorsey thanked Wayne and Deborah Leo for their hard work in preparing the conference and dealing with the difficulties of the hurricanes.

G. Technical - Bob Vecellio, Chairman of the Technical Committee, reported that there were 5 presentations by 6 speakers.

H. Alabama Technical Transfer Center - John McCarthy reported that the Soils Course will begin next week. A Series of three surveying and GIS courses will begin soon and a traffic course will be taught this spring. Handouts were available.

I. Temple Scholarship Challenge – James Foster reported that there was good turnout and performance at last year’s District meeting. ALSITE sent two students. ALSITE should work to get more students involved. Several groups had sponsors, shirts, and a team atmosphere. Mr. Foster requested that David Turner send him via e-mail a breakdown on last year’s cost. Walter Dorsey reported that Auburn’s student section’s kick-off meeting was attended by approximately 35 students.

J. Other Reports - None

VI. Old Business – None.

VII. New Business

A. President Dorsey brought up the fact that the State of Alabama does not have legislation covering traffic control at a “dark” intersection. The Board voted to pursue authoring a bill to codify this situation. The Board has asked the Technical Committee (Bob Vecellio, Joe Robinson, Richard Caudle) to investigate the situation and draft possible legislation for review. Richard asked for volunteers to assist in the investigation.

B. John McCarthy made the following motion:

That the Alabama Section of ITE encourage its members to participate in the 5th Annual “Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day”, October 10, 2005.

The motion was seconded by Waymon Benifield and passed.

C. Members are encouraged to attend the Safe Home Alabama Conference November 2, 2005 in Montgomery. Cost is $25.

D. Tim Taylor congratulated ALSITE for their outreach to ALDOT. ALDOT affiliated membership is now over 20 members and the growth can be directly contributed to the access management training sessions.

E. Richard Caudle reported that the Spring 2006 meeting will be held March 9th, on the University of Alabama campus at Shelby Hall and the Beville Building. Jay Lindley and Steven Jones are handling local arrangements. The Annual meeting will be held at the Beach Club in Gulf Shores June 7th through the 9th.

The Fall 2006 meeting will be held at Auburn University.

F. President Dorsey discussed the Section’s Community Service Projects Committee. Several members have agreed to serve, but not chair this committee. James Foster agreed to chair this committee.

G. President Dorsey officially transferred the gavel to incoming President Richard Caudle. Richard thanked doc for his hard work. Richard reminded members of the 1:30 tour of the GM&O historical structure.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business meeting. Motion passed on voice vote. President Caudle adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Turner, P.E.
Secretary/Treasurer
2006 Spring Meeting Itinerary
March 9, 2006
Tuscaloosa, AL

8:00 – 8:45 Registration

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Walter Maddox, Mayor of Tuscaloosa and Dr. Chuck Karr, Dean of the College of Engineering

9:00 – 9:30 Planning for ITS – A Tale of Two Cities
Steve Ostaseski, Gresham, Smith & Partners, Birmingham, AL and David Griffin, Tuscaloosa Department of Transportation, Tuscaloosa, AL

9:30 – 10:00 Benefits of Optimizing Traffic Signals in Small Communities
Dr. Brian Bowman, Auburn University, Auburn, AL

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:00 Downtown Birmingham Street Car Study
Mark Nile DMJM+Harris, Fairfax, VA

11:00 – 12:00 Introduction to the Traffic Analysis Toolbox
Grant Zammit, Federal Highway Administration, Atlanta, GA

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch and Technical Tours

1:30 – until ALSITE Business Meeting

The meeting will be held at Shelby Hall on the University of Alabama campus. The registration fee is $55.00 which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks. Parking is available in the parking deck across the street from Shelby Hall. The charge is $3 for each time you leave the deck. If you have any questions or need additional information contact Steven Jones at (205) 348-5859 or at sjones@eng.ua.edu
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