This is not your typical ITE president’s message. I had a draft ready to send to Scott Rumble this morning, and the draft included all of the typical filler that really had no message or point. Everything I had to tell you is already in the newsletter as least twice. Instead, I wanted to share a very inspirational story I heard during dinner last night. Two of my friends and I were at a sit-down restaurant joking and clowning around as you would expect while we were waiting on our food. When our food arrived, we designated the person to bless our meal. In a cordial way, my friend asked if someone else would say the prayer. He explained that saying a prayer was very important to him and he did not want to screw it up in mixed company. Me being the inquisitive person I am, I had to ask why. My friend said for three reasons, a purple hooter shooter, a new year’s eve party, and a bent water pipe. The following paragraphs give an explanation for the above reasoning’s.

Of course, I started at the top. What does a purple hooter shooter have to do with saying the blessing? My friend said almost ten years ago he had been out partying and drinking. He said he did not drink alcohol that often, but when he did he could not stop. That night he was introduced to a drink called a purple hooter shooter. This drink mixed with several beers and other drinks he could not remember, left him highly immobile and intoxicated. He said he tried to drive himself home but luckily one of his friends took his keys and got him to his apartment safe. A few hours later, he said the fun really began. The cold sweat, vomiting and dry heaving continued throughout the next day. As he was driving the porcelain Mercedes, he said a prayer making a deal with God that if he would stop the pain, he would stop the drinking. Within an hour, he said he was able to eat and felt no side effects at all.

My next thinking was, you made good on your deal until you went to a New Year’s Eve party. He said no, not exactly. He explained that he had always gone to a party out of town for New Years, but due to threat of a snow storm that evening he had decided to cancel his plans. He said he been struggling with his personal life, hanging out with the wrong people, saying and doing things he was not proud of. He said that day he prayed and asked God to change his life and give him a new direction. His phone rang soon after. It was an old friend he had not heard from in years asking him to come to his New Year’s Eve party. He said he went to the party and some of the people he met that night truly helped changed his life.

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President's Message (cont.)

I said, “please tell me you did not ask God to repair your broken water pipe.” Again, he just smiled and started to explain. He said his mom had suffered a heart attack and was refusing to allow the physicians to operate or do the necessary test required to save her life. After spending the night at hospital, he had gone to his parent’s house to take a bath and change clothes. He said he had to take a bath instead of a shower at their house because the faucets in the spare bathroom had no water pressure. For about three years his parents could not find anyone that was able to find and correct the problem. As he was sitting in the bathtub, he again said a prayer and made a deal with God.

The deal was that if God would give him a sign that his mom would survive her condition that he would go to church the next Sunday and pray for forgiveness and salvation. Right at that moment, he said instantly the water pressure from the faucet in the tub almost tore his skin off his feet.

After hearing the explanations, I began to understand the importance of his special relationship with God. Needless to say, I enjoyed the conversation at dinner very much. Some of you will be offended I am sure by this message. Everyone has the right to believe as they wish and I am not trying to force religious opinions on anyone. As I stated earlier, I had the typical message ready but I felt the need to share this story and will gladly take all criticisms for my actions.

For those of you that are wondering if this is actually a true story: To this day, I still will not drink any alcoholic beverages. I met my best friend and soul mate at that New Year’s Eve party. We have been married almost seven years and have been blessed with two wonderful children. I was also saved that Sunday at church, it just so happened to be Easter Sunday, 2001. By no means am I a perfect Christian and I will never claim to be, but the best message I can share with anyone is that God is all around us and is there for us, we just need to open our hearts and eyes to see Him.

Double Your Donation

Donations from individuals to the Harold M. Raynor ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. will be matched by an anonymous donor. Please help support our two scholarships: Charles E. Alexander Memorial Transportation Engineering and Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering. Make checks payable to HMR ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. and send to:

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News & Announcements

News from PBS&J

PBS&J is pleased to announce the addition of James Thomas to its transportation engineering group in Birmingham. James is a recent graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering. James is a native of Birmingham.

ALSITE Promotes Safe Driving for Teens

ALSITE’s Service Projects Committee is launching a new campaign to educate teens about safe driving. This program will be introduced at the Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores. We will kick off phase one by participating in an outreach activity designed to reach teen drivers in the Gulf Shores area. Activity details will be provided at the meeting. Come prepared to participate in this potentially lifesaving project!

2009 SDITE LAC Sub-Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs Meeting

The next LAC chair/co-chair meeting will be held during the Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores. The LAC meeting will be June 5th, Thursday, from noon – 2:00 p.m. in the Bayview East room in the Beach Club Resort (same facility as the ALSITE Annual Meeting). Lunch will be provided! However, LAC chair/co-chairs must RSVP with Scott Rumble (osrumble@pbsj.com) prior to May 30th. Please come prepared to give an update on your recent activities and bring any questions/comments.

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ALSITE Member Spotlight: An Interview with Doug Peterson

Each issue of our ALSITE newsletter will feature an interview with one of our members in order to try and get to know each other a little better. Katie Newton recently sat down with incoming President Doug Peterson to find out why ITE plays a special role in his life.

**KN:** Tell us about yourself.
**DP:** My wife Jennifer and I will celebrate nine years of marriage this June. We have two children, Samuel (4 years) and Reese (6 months). We live in Hoover and right now spend a lot of time playing tee ball.

**KN:** How did you end up a transportation engineer?
**DP:** It just sort of happened I guess. After I graduated, I went to work for Marion County in the County Engineer’s office and enjoyed the work there. A few years later, after Jennifer and I got married, I went back to school and got a master’s degree in Civil Engineering focusing on transportation.

**KN:** What led you to join ITE?
**DP:** I joined ITE as a graduate student at Auburn and was awarded the 2000 Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship. That scholarship helped me a great deal and ever since I have wanted to give something back to ALSITE as well as help future transportation engineering students.

**KN:** You’ll be ALSITE president next year. Any specific goals?
**DP:** I would like ALSITE to promote both our organization and our profession through public outreach and service projects. I would also like for us to continue to grow our membership and get young engineers involved in ALSITE.

**KN:** What do you think the greatest advance has been in the transportation field?
**DP:** Since I have been in the profession, I would have to say the continued advancement of computers. When I was in college, Microstation was still a pretty new thing. Now the level of detail that goes into a set of plans is pretty remarkable.

**KN:** What are you most looking forward to about next year’s SDITE meeting?
**DP:** The end. Just joking. Becky White and Scott Rumble have a lot of us busy planning next year’s meeting. It will be a great opportunity to show off our state to transportation engineering professionals across the Southeast.

**KN:** What is your favorite aspect of ITE?
**DP:** The people. I continue to be amazed by the dedication of so many members of ALSITE. Dr. Vecellio and I have been planning the technical program for this year’s annual meeting and a couple of weeks ago we were talking and I asked him how long he had been planning the technical programs for ALSITE meetings. He said since he was ALSITE Vice-President from 1980-81. That’s amazing. That’s what makes ITE such a great organization.

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Southern District Meeting Highlights

For all who were unable to attend the Southern District Meeting in Charleston, SC, you truly missed an excellent event. I thought that South Carolina did a fine job of hosting the annual event. Not only was the meeting a first for me but it was also my first visit to Charleston. What a beautiful city and one that we Southerners should take tremendous pride in. The Mayor of Charleston, Joseph Riley is currently serving an unprecedented eighth term. Amazing! After hearing him speak on Monday morning it is not hard to determine why he has been in office so long.

The technical sessions were very informative; at least those that I attended. I did take a few moments of personal time to see the City. ALSITE’s own President, Chris Reeves, moderated one technical session while several other ALSITE members (Becky White, Scott Cothron, Johnnie Waid, and Virginia Sisipiku) did a great job with their presentations. However, this article would not be complete without mentioning the excellent ABD event, a beach party at the Citadel Beach House. A good time was had by all! The music and food were both excellent.

Don’t forget that next year ALSITE will be hosting this meeting. I know that co-chairs Becky White and Scott Rumble and the rest of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) have a tremendous job of planning ahead of them. I was able to see behind the scenes picture during the local arrangement committee’s breakfast on the last morning of the meeting. I was totally amazed as to how much work is involved in putting it all together. We need to keep Becky, Scott and the rest of the LAC in our prayers! Thanks to Chris Sellers for contributing this article.

Annual Meeting Shrimp Boil

Join us for a Shrimp Boil/Beach Party at the ALSITE Annual Meeting! Meet us under the tent on the front lawn at The Beach Club on Wednesday, June 4th from 6-10 pm. Guests and spouses are welcome. Thanks to our sponsors: Arcadis, DMJM Harris, Gresham Smith & Partners, Neel-Schaffer, Inc., PBS&J, Sain Associates, Skipper Consulting, Inc., and Volkert & Associates, Inc.
Auburn University ITE Student Chapter Update

The Auburn University Student Chapter has finished a busy and exciting school year. Highlights include a field trip to the Georgia Navigator Transportation Management Center in Atlanta, attending the TRB annual meeting, participation in the City of the Future competition, and conducting a trip generation and parking occupancy study through a grant from ITE. Additionally, the student chapter held regular meetings with a variety of invited speakers throughout the year.

Georgia Navigator Field Trip

In November, 10 student chapter members visited the Georgia Navigator Transportation Management Center (TMC), owned and operated by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The group saw a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the TMC and then joined the action on the operations floor. This presented an informative opportunity to learn about intelligent transportation systems applications in a real-world environment.

TRB Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board, held in January in Washington, D.C., was attended by five members of the student chapter. The students attended several technical sessions as well as the reception for students held at ITE international headquarters. This trip afforded the students an opportunity to be exposed to a wide variety of transportation topics and hear presentations on the current state of the practice in topics of interest to them.

City of the Future

The City of the Future competition, sponsored by ASCE, IBM, and the History Channel, provided student teams an opportunity to develop a vision for infrastructure systems for the Atlanta region in the year 2108. Applications to participate in the competition were submitted in January, with the final presentations delivered on March 10. The student chapter fielded two teams: the Auburn University Blue Team (Reneé Ayala, Will Bowdoin, Kendra Peters, and Mary Robbins), and the Auburn University Orange team (Johnnie Waid, Jenifer Hammack, Will Mitchell, Andrew Wood). Although neither team won the competition, they developed exciting concepts for transportation in the city of the future while gaining great experience in teamwork and out-of-the-box thinking.

Trip Generation and Parking Data Fund study

For the second consecutive year, the student chapter responded to a request for proposals from ITE headquarters to conduct a trip generation and parking occupancy study. For the second consecutive year, the Auburn student chapter was among a select group of ITE student chapters to be awarded a grant to support student chapter activities in exchange for conducting the study. The student chapter officers wrote the proposal for collection of data at the recently-opened Sam’s Club store in Auburn.

Contributed by Rod Turochy.
2008 Scholarship Awards

The Board of Directors of Harold M. Raynor ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. announces the winners for the 2008 Scholarship Awards. Micah David Witt of the University of Alabama Huntsville will receive the $4,250 Charles E. Alexander Memorial Transportation Engineering Scholarship. Erica Leigh Ann Thomas of Auburn University will receive the $2,500 Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship.

Micah Witt from Tuscumbia, AL plans to graduate with a civil engineering degree from UAH in Spring 2009. He has a GPA of 3.09. He was a member of the Class of 2003 Leadership Shoals sponsored by the Shoals Chamber of Commerce. He has been active in the Boy Scouts of America and is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster. Employment since high school includes self-computer repair and self-lawn maintenance. Micah works for ALDOT Second Division in Materials and Tests. This experience “has proved to be very beneficial in my college classes…I already have knowledge on what goes on to construct roadway and bridge projects and have learned certain techniques used in civil engineering classes.” Micah has selected the transportation area of civil engineering, knowing that it would be beneficial to future ALDOT work.

Erica Thomas from Oxford, AL is a senior in civil engineering at Auburn University and plans to graduate Spring 2009. Her GPA is 3.85 overall and 4.00 in civil engineering. She is a member of ITE, ASCE, and the Society of Women Engineers. Work experience includes being a camp counselor for YMCA and conducting aggregate and asphalt tests for the National Center for Asphalt Technology. She intends to pursue a career in pavements and is interested in research, industry, and academia.

Micah and Erica will receive their scholarship awards at the Annual Banquet in Gulf Shores on June 5. Please give them a warm ALSITE/DSITE welcome for their achievement. Contributed by Dr. Bob Vecellio.

Past Year Highlights of UAB ITE Student Chapter Activities

Fundraising/Professional Service Project

In the spring semester 2007 the UAB Student Chapter competed at the national level for a service project award to collect and document parking and trip generation data for the city of Birmingham. With the assistance of ALSITE liaison Mr. Jim Meads and faculty advisor Dr. Virginia Sisiopiku the UAB ITE student Chapter submitted a proposal and was awarded the project. The Chapter members completed Parking Demand Data Collection Project on 2nd August, 2007. That was a great project and all student members participated for its successful completion. The national ITE awarded the UAB student Chapter a $1,000 grant for the chapter’s efforts.

Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 ALSITE Meetings

UAB ITE student chapter members attended the Fall ALSITE meeting at Barber’s Vintage Motorsports Museum on October 4th, 2007 and the Spring ALSITE meeting in Birmingham on March 12, 2008. Both meetings offered excellent training and networking opportunities for students and the rest of participants alike.

2nd Annual Student Awards Luncheon

On November 27th, 2007, the UAB ITE student chapter organized and hosted the 2nd Annual Student Awards
luncheon to celebrate the achievements of transportation students. The event took place in Birmingham, AL and was attended by over 40 participants. On that event, graduate transportation students from UAB, UA and UAH presented technical papers and posters to showcase their research activities. Awards were presented to students to allow them to travel to Washington DC to attend the 86th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board. UAB graduate students receiving awards included Ozge Cavusoglu, Andrew Sullivan, and Ahmed Abd-El-Meguid.

87th Annual TRB Meeting, Washington D.C., January 2008
The UAB ITE Student chapter had a great presence at the 87th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) in Washington, D.C. on January, 2007. UAB students who attended the conference include: Jugnu Chemmannur, Andrew Sullivan, Stephanie Watson, Ahmed S. Abd-El-Meguid and Ozge Cavusoglu. While at TRB, UAB ITE Student Chapter officers also attended the National ITE Reception.

ALSITE Job Shadowing Initiative
On January 23, 2008 the UAB ITE Student chapter hosted a meeting to discuss the ALSITE Job Shadowing Initiative. Ms Becky Malenke, P.E., Neel-Schaffer, Inc. discussed the goals and objectives of the program and provided information on how to participate.

2008 SDITE Traffic Bowl
UAB ITE student chapter represented the state of Alabama in the Traffic Bowl competition that took place in Charleston, S.C. on March 31st. Student team members included Ozge Cavusoglu, Stephanie Watson, Abhishek Acharya, and Sujit Rathi. It was an exciting competition and a fun and rewarding experience for all participants.

Contributed by Dr. Virginia Sisiopiku.

Don't Forget to Vote!
Please remember to vote for the 2009 ALSITE officers using the ballots that you received in the mail. Please mail them using the envelope provided with your ballot or bring them to the ALSITE business meeting (June 5th, 8:00 am).

Welcoming Committee Needs “Freebies” for Baskets
It is time for the Welcoming Committee to gather any and all “freebies” that you or your company may want to include in the welcoming gifts this year. Some examples of things collected last year are notepads, pens, hats, koozies, etc. (They do have a few koozies already). The committee would need 60 of each item, as they are making 60 baskets. If you or your company have anything to donate, please contact Julie LeNoir at 205-655-8855, or by email at julie@skipperinc.com and she will make arrangements to collect your items. Also, please make sure that the items are not extremely large - as they have to fit into the gift bags as well as be carried around by the recipient. Contributed by Julie LeNoir.

ITE International Vice President Candidates
The following page provides information on the background and qualifications of Raul Eng-Wong, PE and Eugene Wilson, PE, PTOE, the candidates for ITE International Vice President.
Candidates for ITE International Vice President

Paul Eng-Wong, P.E., Fellow ITE
President, Eng-Wong, Taub & Associates, PA, New York, NY, USA

You, Me & ITE: Working Together

I am honored and humbled to be a candidate for International Vice President. ITE represents the highest standards of professional development and technical advancement in the transportation engineering profession and continues to bring tremendous value to its membership, industry and the traveling public. Professional enrichment through active and meaningful member participation is the centerpiece of my vision for ITE. The organization must serve as a conduit between individual spirit and collective resolve if ITE is to continue playing a central role in elevating our profession. My vision includes these key areas:

Professional Development – The heart of ITE is its membership, and nurturing the careers of transportation professionals requires effective programs for leadership development. We need to have the membership’s pulse at our fingertips; understanding your needs and interests should help guide everything that we do. I will strive to communicate with you and continue to invest in our future.

Technical Advancement – ITE must remain at the forefront of technical expertise to satisfy the needs and demands of transportation systems that are constantly growing in magnitude and complexity. We have an opportunity to bring the best and brightest minds to bear on a wide-array of technical challenges, and I will promote ITE as the premier resource for technical excellence and technological innovation in the transportation industry.

International Partnership – As a worldwide organization, ITE should persist in its commitment to increase collaboration with the international community. I will encourage an exchange of ideas, technology and research that can be developed globally and applied locally.

These areas of emphasis have something very important in common; they rely on the participation, enthusiasm and commitment of an active membership. Both member and employer involvement in shaping the future direction of ITE is integral to its growth and success.

I have always believed that ITE is both a resource and a responsibility, and I have seen first-hand the benefits of investing my time in all that the organization has to offer. Every time I give to ITE, I get back so much more in return. With you, me and ITE working together, we can ensure that ITE continues to be the organization of choice for the transportation profession.

Eugene M. Wilson, P.E., PTOE, Honorary Member of ITE
Transportation Engineering Safety Consultant, Wilson and Associates, Laramie, WY, USA

Strengthening the ITE Team

ITE is an outstanding professional society—it would be an honor to serve as your International Vice President.

OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

- Strengthen ITE by helping to solve critical professional and societal core issues.
- Strengthen ITE by working together as a community of transportation professionals.
- Strengthen ITE’s global network of members.
- Strengthen ITE member communications and educational training

SELECTED SERVICE TO ITE AND THE PROFESSION

- ITE’s representative to the Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc. (TPCB), 1998–2007
- Assistant Editor, Traffic Control Devices Handbook, ITE, 2001

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- ITE 2006 Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award
- 2006 Wyoming Eminent Engineer
- ITE 2004 Edmund R. Ricker Traffic Safety Award
- 59th Honorary Member of ITE, 1999
- ITE 1997 Burton W. Marsh Award
- ITE Colorado/Wyoming Section’s Lifetime Achievement Award, 1996
- National Association of Local Technical Assistance Programs representative to the WIN
- ARTBA 1994 S. S. Steinberg Outstanding Educator Award

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Active in ITE for nearly 40 years, I have a broad base of experience.
- As a University of Wyoming Professor Emeritus, I have been privileged to prepare young engineers for a career in transportation.
- I have worked for DOTs providing research, traffic engineering and transportation planning expertise.
- Past activities with ASCE, ARTBA, NACE, APWA, TRB, NLTAPA, NCHRP and the MUTCD National Advisory Committee.
Wednesday, June 4

10:00 am - 4:00 pm  REGISTRATION (Island Room Lobby)

1:00 pm - 1:05 pm  WELCOME

1:05 pm - 3:00 pm  TECHNICAL SESSION I
Chris Reeves, P.E. (ALSITE President), Presiding
Sponsored by: The University Transportation Center for Alabama and the UAB University Transportation Center

Presentation: The Alabama Strategic Highway Safety Plan and Older Drivers
Presenter: Linda Law Guin, P.E. (Safety and Technology Engineer, FHWA, AL Division)

Presentation: Enhancing the Safety and Mobility of the Older Driver
Presenter: Dr. Karlene Ball, PhD (Professor of Psychology, UAB)

Presentation: Engineering Countermeasures for Older Drivers
Presenter: F. E. (Gene) Amparano, P.E. (Safety Engineer, FHWA Resource Center Safety & Design Technical Services Team)

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm  BREAK

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm  TECHNICAL SESSION II
Cyndi Pennington, P.E., PTOE (DSITE President), Presiding

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm  Presentation: Safety Impacts of Differential Speed on Atchafalaya I-10
Presenter: Dr. Xiaoduan Sun, Ph.D., P.E. (University of Louisiana, Lafayette)

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm  Presentation: Post Katrina – Improving the Rebuilding of Highway 90 with Advanced ITS Networks and Applications
Presenter: Jon Gifford (InLine)

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Presentation: Modeling as a Tool for Major Transportation Projects
Presenter: Carmelo Gutierrez, PE, PTOE (Krebs, LaSalle LeMieux Consultants)

5:00 pm  ADJOURN

Thursday, June 5

7:00 am - 11:00 am  REGISTRATION (Island Room Lobby)

8:00 am - 8:30 am  SECTION BUSINESS MEETINGS

8:30 am - 10:30 am  PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION
Dr. Bob Vecellio, PhD, P.E., Presiding
Questions about the Annual Meeting?
Contact Tommy Lee at tlee@vulcaninc.com or Scott Rumble at osrumble@pbsj.com.

Professional Development: A Language for Leaders
Sponsored by: The University Transportation Center for Alabama and the Alabama Technology Transfer Center, Auburn University
Presenter: Dr. Ron Dulek, PhD (University of Alabama)

10:30 am - 11:00 am BREAK

11:00 am - 12:00 pm TECHNICAL SESSION III
Dennis Dickey, P.E. (ALSITE Secretary/Treasurer), Presiding

11:00 am - 11:30 am Presentation: Auburn University ITE Student Chapter: City of the Future Competition
Presenters: Renee Ayala, Mary Robbins, Johnnie Waid, and Jenifer Hammack (Auburn University)

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Presentation: Birmingham Congestion Management System
Presenters: Darrell Howard (Birmingham Regional Planning Commission), Richard Fangman (Jacobs Carter Burgess)

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm LUNCH “On Your Own”

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm 2009 SDITE LAC MEETING (Bayview East)

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm TECHNICAL TOUR – VULCAN, INC.

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm OFFICER’S RECEPTION (Veranda overlooking Pool)

6:00 pm - Till AWARDS BANQUET AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AUCTION

Friday, June 6

7:30 am - 8:30 am SECTION BREAKFAST (Island Room Lobby)

8:30 am - 9:30 am TRAFFIC BOWL X (AL vs MS vs LA)

9:30 am - 10:00 am TECHNICAL SESSION IV
Doug Peterson, P.E. (ALSITE Vice-President), Presiding

9:30 am - 10:00 am Presentation: Evacuation Management Planning and Modeling
Presenters: Doug Tilt and Akhil Chauhan (ARCADIS)

10:00 am - 10:30 am Presentation: Traffic Signal Warrant - Summer Study
Presenters: Bob Mabry (MDOT), Zachary Bugg (Mississippi State University)

10:30 am - 11:00 am Presentation: Access Management Plan for SR 181 in Baldwin County
Presenter: Becky White (Sain Associates)

11:00 am ADJOURN

12:00 pm BILLY JONES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT (Kiva Dunes Golf Course)

12:00 pm 1st ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT (Beach Club Tennis Center)

***ALL FUNCTIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE ISLAND ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED***
I. Call to Order
President Chris Reeves called the meeting to order at 12:35pm. The meeting was held at Vulcan Park in Birmingham, Alabama.

II. Officer’s and Director’s Reports
   A. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
      Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Dickey announced the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

      | Description                              | Amount      |
      |------------------------------------------|-------------|
      | Beginning Balance – January 3, 2008       | $12,962.23  |
      | Expenses: January 3, 2008 – March 11, 2008| $1,684.27   |
      | Income: January 3, 2008 – March 11, 2008  | $75.00      |
      | Ending Balance – March 11, 2008           | $11,352.96  |

      Dennis reported the current membership as follows:
      Members 150
      Affiliate I 22
      Affiliate II 16
      Retired 2
      TOTAL 190

   B. Vice President’s Report
      Vice President Doug Peterson had no report.

   C. Immediate Past President’s Report
      Immediate Past President David Turner had no report.

   D. District 5 Representative’s Report
      District 5 Representative Richard Caudle reported the Southern District Board met on, December 3, 2008, at Ross Bridge Resort in Hoover, Alabama.

      Richard reported the 2008 Southern District annual meeting will be held in Charleston, SC from March 30th through April 2nd. On Sunday afternoon, there will be two technical workshops, one on the MUTCD and the other on the Highway Capacity Manual.

      Richard encouraged everyone to support Darrell Skipper, who is on the ballot for International Director for the Southern District.

      Richard reminded everyone that the 2009 Southern District annual meeting we be held at the Ross Bridge resort form April 19th through April 22nd.

   E. Affiliate Director’s Report
      Affiliate Director Matt Maurin had no report.

   F. Assistant Affiliate Director
      Assistant Affiliate Director Christy Cahalan had no report.
III. Committee Reports

A. Legislative Report
Legislative Committee Chairman Dale Lenoir had no report.

B. Membership Committee Report
Membership Committee Chairman Ken Cush announced three new ALSITE members.

C. Newsletter and Publicity
Newsletter Editor Scott Rumble reported the ALSITE newsletter went out on March 6th. Scott requested suggestions for the next member spotlight for the next newsletter. Scott reported a total of $1,125.00 received from sponsorships of the newsletter.

D. Welcoming
Welcome Committee Chairperson Julie Lenoir thanked everyone who contributed to the welcome baskets given away at the 2007 annual meeting in Gulf Shores, AL. Julie requested donations for welcome baskets to be given at this year’s annual meeting. She stated the committee is planning on giving away forty to fifty baskets at this year’s meeting.

E. Professional Development ALDOT Relations
Professional Development ALDOT Relations chairman Dan Turner had no report.

F. Professional Development Technical
Richard Caudle reported the meeting today at Vulcan Park featured five different speakers on four different topics. Richard also reminded everyone that these technical presentations qualify for Professional Development Hours.

G. Local Arrangements
Richard Caudle reported there were eighty-two registrations for today’s meeting. They consisted of the following:

- Members: 69
- Guests: 3
- Students from UAB: 10

Richard reminded everyone to tour the Vulcan Museum and for the pre-registered guests to pick up their door prize.

H. Service Projects
Service Projects Chairperson Becky Malenke reported that Job Shadowing presentations had been made at both UAB and Auburn University.

Becky stated some members have indicated an interest in ALSITE producing a brochure, Power Point Presentation, or video DVD, on driving and driving safety. The purpose of this media would be for teenage drivers, schools, civic organizations, etc. Becky requested for input and for volunteers to assist in this project.

I. ALSITE Scholarships
David Griffin reported on the Harold M. Raynor ALSITE Scholarships, Inc., for the year 2007.

David reported $8,500.00 was awarded in scholarships during 2007. Of the $8,500.00 awarded, $2,000.00 was for scholarships awarded in the year 2006.

A summary of the report is as follows:

- Beginning Balance: $118,961.68
- Credits: $11,144.91
- Debits: $9,023.37
- Ending Balance: $121,083.22
**J. Alabama Safety Coordinating Committee**

Waymon Benefield reported on twelve bills which would improve safety within the State of Alabama. These twelve bills are a carryover from last year, when no safety legislation passed. A summary of the bills are as follows:

1. HB 176 Prior alcohol, out of state, and aggravated DUI
2. HB 303 No previous drivers license
3. HB 364 Attempting to allude
4. HB 22 Cities under 19000 (7000) inhabitants
5. HB 35 Arrest for misdemeanor if not seen by an officer
6. HB 379 Move over law
7. HB 47 Seat belts by all passengers, increase fine $25 to $50
8. HB 312 Strengthen graduated drivers license
9. HB 42 Teen cell phone prohibition
10. HB 24 Red Light Cameras
11. HB 16 Portable speed limits
12. HB 77 Ignition interlock

**K. Alabama Technology Transfer Center**

Dr. Vecellio reported on a successful Highway Lighting Seminar led by Dennis Dickey. He announced a Roller Compacted Concrete seminar will be held in May. Dr. Vecellio requested suggestion on future seminar topics.

**IV. Old Business**

Becky White and Scott Rumble unveiled the logo and slogan that will be used for the Southern District 2009 Annual meeting, which will be held at Ross Bridge Resort in Hoover, AL. The slogan is “Forging the Future of Transportation”.

Becky also encouraged people to volunteer for the different committees needed to host the Southern District 2009 meeting at Ross Bridge. The chairpersons for each committee were scheduled to meet immediately after today's meeting.

Chris Reeves announced the ALSITE Board is continuing work on modifying the format for this year's annual meeting in Gulf Shores. Changes in the format are necessary to accommodate the need of ALDOT employees.

**V. New Business**

Bubba Bowden announced the bill to create a Highway Commission, which was supported by the Governor, had been defeated by the State Senate.

**VI. Site Selection**

The following Site Selections were announced for upcoming 2008 ALSITE meetings:

**Annual Meeting:** The 2008 ALSITE Annual Meeting will be held at the Beach Club in Gulf Shores, AL, June 4-6, 2008. The meeting will be a joint meeting with the Deep South Section

**Fall Meeting:** The Fall Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Tennessee section in Chattanooga on October 23-24, 2008

**VII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis B. Dickey, P.E.*

Secretary/Treasurer

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Summer 2008
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.

### 2008 ALSITE Standing Committees, Representatives & Liaisons

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Mark Your Calendar!

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Annual/Summer Meeting

- **June 4-6, 2008 / Gulf Shores, AL**
  - Joint Meeting with Deep South Section

#### Fall Meeting

- **October 23-24, 2008 / Chattanooga, TN**
  - Joint Meeting with Tennessee Section

#### 2009 SDITE Annual Meeting

- **April 19-22, 2009 / Birmingham, AL**
  - Hosted by ALSITE at the Ross Bridge Hotel and Resort