President’s Message
By Rick Day

In typical fashion, the District’s annual meeting in Covington was a great success. The location was great, the technical sessions were excellent and the fellowship was as good as it gets. Hats off to Karen Mohammadi and her Local Arrangement Committee, along with Tim Haagsma from ITE District 3, who helped make it such a success.

With my theme for the District this year centering on “networking”, I’d like to say I thought the Covington meeting was particularly strong in this area. The organization of the meeting allowed the various groups of our diverse organization; the government employees, the consultants, the vendors and academia to visit both on a technical level, as well as many social activities. The meeting also allowed many of the ITE section leaders to meet in round table discussions on various topics of interest. When we continue to learn from each other’s experiences, the mission of ITE is served.

While much has been accomplished in the Southern District during the first half of 2004, much work still remains. I’ll highlight a couple of them here, which you’ll probably hear more about in the future:

Strategic Planning – Richard Atkins and his committee has worked tirelessly in developing a very challenging plan for the future of the District. This plan is based upon input from many of you. (If you’d like to see a draft, contact him at ratkins@wilbursmith.com.) I commend him for his excellent work. Over the next few weeks, the District Board will visit on this topic. Stay tuned.....

William H. Temple Scholarship Challenge – At our last meeting, the District Board approved going forward with this program. The challenge will be a Jeopardy style quiz competition for our ITE student members. The winning team will be awarded a $3,000 scholarship, generously provided by our District’s Associated Business Division (ABD). This event should help encourage student participation at our meetings and also be a lot of fun! Ask your Section Representative or James Foster (e-mail: jfoster@mobile-county.net) about the details of this new activity and how you can get involved in it.

In closing, I’d like to thank those serving on our Southern District ITE Board and our committees. Each is committed to our profession and ITE. Your service and leadership is inspiring. As I’ve said many times, thanks for all you do for ITE!
Vice President’s Report
By Bob Murphy

It has been a great honor to serve the membership so far this year and I look forward to the remainder of the year. This is an exciting time for the District and we have a lot going on this year. At next year’s Annual Meeting in Savannah we will have our first “Traffic Bowl” competition. I’m certain that the competition will be a fun event for everyone who is present. Also, Richard Atkins has been providing leadership and direction to the Board in our efforts to develop our first Strategic Plan. I believe the Strategic Plan will give us a clear roadmap to our future – a future with much success for SDITE. I look forward to helping implement the Plan next year.

My other activities for the year have included the following:

• Preparing and submitting the District’s Annual Report to International ITE.
• Preparing the draft Year-End Board Meeting minutes.
• Submitting the District’s annual tax return to the IRS.
• Serving as chair of the Membership Committee.
• Assisting Secretary-Treasurer Steve Strength in his transition to that post.
• Preparing resolutions thanking the LAC, the ABD & the Consultants for their contributions to our annual meeting in Covington.

As requested by President Rick Day, updating the District’s Manual of Operations.

Finally, as outlined in the Manual of Operations I have started working on a list of Committee Chairs for next year. Please let me know if you would be interested in serving on a SDITE committee or if you have any ideas about how we can make ITE a better organization. Thank you for your support!

Transportation Tips
Co-editors: Martin Bretherton & John Abraham

Standardization vs. Creativity
By Jim Harris

A recent feature article in World Highways suggests that standardization can stifle creativity. The author says, "Engineers are trained to develop efficient and effective solutions to technical problems. This training works particularly well in most branches of engineering … where problems and contexts are, in fact, largely technical. In civil engineering, the picture is clouded by the fact that many of the problems and issues we face are lodged in societal contexts, or involve the natural and built environments in ways that are not strictly technical from an engineering perspective, and where the ability to define and measure efficiency and effectiveness is not as clear cut." And "Carried too far, however, standardization can stifle creativity - limiting design options and constraining opportunities."

He claims that "There is often too much variation and uncertainty in dealing with communities, the natural environment, and even in dealing with some of the technical factors surrounding a project (such as weather conditions or geotechnical characteristics) for a cookbook methodology to work in all, or even most situations."

He concludes, "…it is not that civil engineers need be less concerned about technical criteria, or less committed to achieving a high degree of efficiency and effectiveness than their brethren in other engineering disciplines. In fact, the greater challenge of civil engineering practiced at its highest level is to integrate these criteria with broader values and concerns, and achieve efficient and effective outcomes that might not have been imaginable with a more narrowly focused, standardized approach."

Go to http://www.worldhighways.com/Features/article.cfm?recordID=1421 for more on what Hal Kassoff, a senior vice president of Parsons Brinckerhoff, New York, NY has to say about the subject.
Please Meet A Southern District Very Important Person...

Gaye Garrison Sprague

**Position:** Principal

**Company or Agency:** Sprague & Sprague Consulting Engineers

**Years of Service with Company/Agency:** 19

**ITE Section Affiliation:** South Carolina (also a member of North Carolina)

**ITE Offices/Positions held (past and present):**
1. International ITE Board of Direction, Southern District Director (past)
2. President, Southern District (past)
3. President, South Carolina Division (Section) (past)
4. Chair, South Carolina Section Scholarship Committee (past and present)
5. Chair, 2003/04 ITE Fellowship Selection Committee

**Birthplace:** Anderson, South Carolina

**High School:** T.L. Hanna High (of “Radio” (the recent movie) fame)

**College & Degree:** BS, CE, Clemson University, MS, CE, Clemson University

**Area of Professional/Engineering Emphasis:** Traffic engineering and transportation planning

**What you like most about your job:** Interesting projects, get to work with a lot of great people, flexibility (Joel’s view: The day starts when she wants it to and ends when she wants it to.)

**What you like least about your job:** Business matters such as insurance and invoices (Joel’s view: That clients insist on receiving invoices before paying)

**Describe your very first paying job:** Besides baby sitting, my first job was as a camp counselor at a 4-H camp in Aiken, South Carolina. Not having any particular camping talents, I was in charge of the craft hut and checking out canoes. The job didn’t do much to prepare me for my current career, but I had a great time and a really good tan. (Joel’s view: Baby sitting her younger siblings and maintaining order by sitting on them).

**Project or accomplishment that you are most proud of (professionally or personally):** A lot of people have been mighty good to me so I have a lot to be thankful for and proud of, but I have to say that receiving the Herman Hoose award at the 2000 SDITE Annual Meeting in Greenville was a high point in my career. (Joel’s view: Being happily married for 40, oh, I mean, 23 years)

**Toughest career decision that you’ve had to make:** Every one has seemed right at the time. (Joel’s view: Giving up her brief stint detailing rebar in bridges to refocus on transportation)

**Professional that you respect the most in your field:** There are too many to list, but at the top of the list is Bill Finger, my Division Manager at the City of Charlotte. (Joel’s view: Bill Finger)

**Advice to young professionals:** Don’t let others define success for you. (Joel’s view: Ditto)

**First choice of a different career:** Landscape architect (Joel’s view: President of the United States)

**Secret talent or other surprising/interesting facts:** I showed the junior champion calf at the Anderson County Fair in about 1970 (Joel’s view: She has three charm bracelets with charms representing most major events in her life.)

**Favorite hobbies, interests or free-time activities:** gardening and hiking – maybe I’ll get to pursue those activities again some day. (Joel’s view: Sleeping)

**Favorite vacation spot:** Any place interesting that I have not visited already (Joel’s view: What’s a vacation!?)

**Favorite sports and/or sports teams:** Football – Greenville High School Red Raiders! (Joel’s view: She lives in a house with three men who like to watch sports occasionally on television, and she has attended approximately 700 sporting events in the last 13 years. She’s tired of sports!) (Gaye’s rebuttal: Occasionally!)

**Favorite motivational phrase or quote:** Life is like a grindstone—whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you’re made of. (Joel’s view: This is what she yells out at football games to our two boys who are 200-pound offensive linemen: “Good job, Precious! Way to go, Darlin!”)

Happy Holidays!
Please Meet A Southern District
Very Important Person...

Slade F. Exley, P.E.

Position: Senior Vice President - Administration

Company or Agency: Neel-Schaffer, Inc., Jackson, MS

Years of Service with Company/Agency: 21 (since the formation of the firm in 1983), 9 years with Hensley Schmidt, Inc. (the firm we purchased the Jackson office from to form the new company)

ITE Section Affiliation: Deep South since 1975

ITE Offices/Positions held (past and present):
1. SDITE Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, & President 1997-1999
2. Membership Committee Chairman 1998
3. Nominating Committee Vice Chairman/Chairman: 1999/2000
4. Awards Committee Vice Chairman/Chairman: 2000/2001
5. Section Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President & President

Birthplace: Emory (Atlanta), Georgia, 1950

High School: Newton County High School, 1968, Covington, GA

College & Degree: Clemson University, BSCE, 1972; MSCE, 1974

Area of Professional/Engineering Emphasis: Traffic Engineering & Transportation Planning

What you like most about your job: Working on transportation related projects and seeing the results when the projects are implemented

What you like least about your job: Dealing with “people” problems, particularly adults who behave like children.

Describe your very first paying job: I worked at People's Drug Store in Covington, Georgia delivering drug prescriptions and working the soda fountain. (I guess that makes me a drug dealer or a soda jerk!) It paid $0.90 per hour and I got a 10% discount on anything in the store!

Project or accomplishment that you are most proud of (professionally or personally):
Serving as the project manager for the feasibility study for a new highway connection between the Jackson, MS CBD and the Jackson International Airport with a branch to MS Highway 25. The project is now in the design and funding stages.

Toughest career decision that you've had to make:
Where to take my first job when graduating from college. I have been with essentially the same firm since I made the decision to work for a consulting firm instead of going to work for the county or state that had made me offers for employment.

Professional that you respect the most in your field:
It is very difficult to choose just one. I greatly admire Marble Hensley, Herman Hoose, John Exnicios, and Joe Burleson who were some of the founding fathers of the District and who had a profound impact on the District and transportation advancements in the south eastern U.S. during their careers.

Advice to young professionals:
Maintain your integrity and never compromise the engineering profession’s code of ethics. Work at what you enjoy doing and put forth your best efforts always. Never just do the minimum to get by.

First choice of a different career:
Work for a railroad. I have great interests in railroading.

Secret talent or other surprising/interesting facts:
I was in the National Guard and Army Reserve for over 20 years as an officer. I retired and joined the Lord's army to do mission work in Honduras. My family and I just completed our seventh trip to Honduras to construct houses and participate in a variety of other mission activities in small villages in central Honduras.

Favorite hobbies, interests or free-time activities:
My primary hobby is model railroading, but I enjoy many activities related to railroads such as photography, history, riding trains and just watching trains go by. I also enjoy jogging and water skiing as physical activities. I get great pleasure out of volunteering for Habitat projects and construction projects around the house. I stay involved in church activities and our church’s Boy Scout troop.

Favorite vacation spot:
St Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands where Susan and I went for the first time on our honeymoon in 1979. We are returning to celebrate our 25th anniversary this summer.

Favorite sports and/or sports teams:
I enjoy watching Clemson football, but due to the distance from the school, I have to depend on what I can see on television.

Favorite motivational phrase or quote:
This is not a quote or an original idea, but a good leader is someone who leads by example. You must first show someone you can and are willing to do something before you can motivate them to do the same.
It is a great honor for me to receive the Herman J. Hoose Distinguished Service Award. Herman was a close personal friend and we were Founding members of the Southern Section of ITE (now the Southern District). Many of us looked at his work and innovation in Charlotte as examples of successful Transportation Planning and safe and efficient operation of traffic. He was also a great story teller and could transpose a confrontational moment into one of laughter. It was, and is, with great pleasure that I accept this award. I would like to extend thanks to the Southern District officers and committees for their hard work and dedication. It is a high privilege for me to be a member of such an outstanding professional organization.

-Marble Hensley

It is an honor to have been considered for the Marble J. Hensley Individual Activity Award. Members like Marble Hensley have provided a great foundation and rich history for the Southern Section/Southern District. The Southern District and the individual Sections have become an important tool for the professional development of today’s traffic engineers. I was fortunate to have been mentored by several active members early in my career, especially Ed Watt and Hibbett Neel, who provided the continuing encouragement to become active in ITE. I can only hope that I too can encourage young graduates to become active in ITE and take advantage of what it has to offer.

-Craig Hanchey
2004 Annual Meeting

The first Joint Annual Meeting between the Southern District and District 3 was held April 18 - 21, 2004 in Covington, Kentucky, just south of Cincinnati, Ohio. District 3 includes members from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and West Virginia. Over 260 people attended the meeting from well over a dozen states including International President Steve Hofener, International Vice President Tim Harpst, ITE Director and CEO Tom Brahms, and both International Vice Presidential Candidates. The meeting included 18 technical sessions, 3 round table discussions, and 8 technical tours. In addition, the youth program included two trips and the spouse/guest program included a total of 6 trips including a riverboat cruise. The ABD treated attended to a Monday Night dinner at one of only three authentic Hofbrauhaus' in the World. The Local Arrangements Committee greatly appreciates the following ABD members and consultants for their contributions and support.

2004 Associated Business Division (ABD) Members
American Signal Company  PEEK
Bondo  RAI Products
Colub Electronics  Road Kare LTD LLC
Control Specialists Company  SECO-SOUTH
Control Technologies of VA  South Atlantic Traffic Co.
EIS Electronic Integrated Systems, Inc.  Southeastern Safety Supplies
ENCOM Wireless Data Solutions  Southern Traffic, Inc.
Flint Trading, Inc.  Stansell Electric Co., Inc.
Gelcore, Inc.  Temple, Inc.
Iteris  Traffic Control Products
Jamar Technologies  Traffic Systems, LLC
Lecote Electronics  U.S. Traffic Corporation
Marion Steel  Valmont Industries
Naztec, Inc.  Vulcan, Inc.
Optisoft  WV Signal & Light, Inc.
Path Master, Inc.  Zumar Industries, Inc.
Patriot Technologies

Contributing Consultants
Platinum:
Gresham Smith and Partners
HNTB Corporation
Wilbur Smith & Associates
Gold:
Grice & Associates, Inc.
HDR
Neel-Schaffer, Inc.
Q4
Street Smarts
Volkert & Associates, Inc.
Silver:
American Consulting Engineers, PLC
Day Wilburn Associates, Inc.
GCA
Johnson Depp and Quisenberry
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
LSL Planning
PBS&J
RPM Transportation Consultants, LLC
Quest
T.H.E Engineers, Inc.
Wade-TrimbleWoolpert, LLP
Bronze:
Dean Tekell Consulting, LLC
KZF Design
H. W. Lochner, Inc.
2005 Annual Meeting

2005 SDITE meeting in Savannah is well into the planning stage. If you don’t have your 2005 calendar filled in yet, be sure to note that 10-13 April is the time you’ll want to be part of this great event.

Thanks to the ABD we will host our first ever William Temple Scholarship “Traffic Bowl”. This will be a fun event for all and provide three students the opportunity to earn a total of $3,000 in scholarships. We ask the you support the local events that will help determine the “players”.

We are months away from meeting time and there are already 44 out of 180 rooms reserved and that doesn’t include the Local Arrangements committee - so don’t delay. The Hyatt in Savannah will gladly take your reservations now. You can book through their website or call but be sure to tell them that you are with ITE.

Wassim Selman, past Georgia section President, will chair the Technical Program committee so be watching for a call for papers. We want everyone involved so if you have an idea, send it to Wassim (wselman@arcadis-us.com) or Marsha (marsha@streetsmarts.us). Look for some new and different sessions at next year’s meeting.

If you know a song or a book that has a title, words or lyrics about something to do with traffic, email to Marsha. Watch for news of the meeting website in the next SDITE newsletter, but let us know if you prefer to receive materials by mail.

Come to Savannah!
The Alabama Section has been busy this past summer. The Annual Meeting was held at Beach Club in Gulf Shores on June 9-11. A strong technical program was included, as well as a Professional Development Seminar on How to Teach ALSITE’s Access Management Course instructed by Jim Meads, Walter “Doc” Dorsey, Ken Cush, and Robby Anderson.

Rick Day, SDITE President spoke to the Alabama Section on current SDITE activities. Section Representative, Bill Metzger promoted the 2005 SDITE meeting in Savannah, Georgia and distributed registration information.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ALSITE Scholarships, Inc. Harold Raynor, Chairman, has announced the recipients of the 2004 Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship and the 2004 Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship. Robert Bradford Waldschmidt (Brad) a senior at Auburn University has been awarded the $3,700 Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship and Jesse Daniel Creel a senior at The University of Alabama was awarded the $2,500 Billy Jones Memorial Traffic Engineering Scholarship. These 2004 ALSITE Scholars were selected from a group of 10 applicants from Auburn University, The University of Alabama and The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

At the Annual Meeting Auction over $3600 was raised, which brought the total in the Scholarship Fund Endowment over the $100,000 mark.

Mr. Bill Metzger received the Transportation Engineer of the Year Award, presented annually to a member who has actively served the Alabama Section over a number of years. Bill has served at every elected office within the Alabama Section and is one of two Section members who has attended every ALSITE Annual Meeting since its inception in the 1970’s.

The ALSITE Service Task Force is planning a child seat safety check for the summer to be co-sponsored by the Tuscaloosa Branch of ASCE in Tuscaloosa, AL.

**Alabama Section Officers for 2004:**
- President: Tim Westhoven
- Vice President: Walter “Doc” Dorsey
- Secretary/Treasurer: Richard Caudle
- Section Representative: Bill Metzger
- Affiliate Director: Jim Stewart
- Asst. Affiliate Director: Rocky Garrison

The last Georgia Section monthly meeting was a luncheon held on June 10, 2004. The guest speaker was a well-known helicopter traffic reporter. He presented his aerial view of how traffic in Atlanta has changed over the past 15 years and where the most severe congestion points are occurring. The Georgia Section also recently co-sponsored a luncheon meeting with ITS Georgia on May 27, 2004. The speaker for the co-sponsored luncheon was Mr. Harold Linnenkohl, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Mr. Linnenkohl became Commissioner during the summer of 2003. Commissioner Linnenkohl presented GDOT’s vision for ITS in Georgia subject to the funding allocated in the latest transportation improvement program. Both meetings were very well attended. The Georgia Section held their most recent board meeting on June 1, 2004.

The next Georgia Section meeting will be the Summer Seminar. The dates of the Summer Seminar are July 18 - July 21. The Summer Seminar will be held at the King & Prince Hotel on St. Simons Island, Georgia. For further information, please contact Keith Strickland at 770-956-5770.

The Georgia Section will be co-hosting along with the Florida Section, the PTOE Exam to be given at Transpo 2004. Transpo 2004 is scheduled to be held December 6 - December 8 in Jacksonville, Florida. The Georgia Section has also agreed to help sponsor the 2004 Southeastern Rail-Highway Safety Conference and Workshop to be held June 16 - June 18 in Marietta, Georgia.

Finally, the Georgia Section sponsored a student to attend the Exploring Engineer Academy that was held at Georgia Institute of Technology, June 6 - June 8, 2004. This was a week-long program for 10th and 11th grade students that explore engineering as a career through hands on activities. The program focused on important skills needed for an engineering career such as problem solving, design and analysis, team building and communications.
Kentucky Section

The Kentucky Section’s Spring Meeting was held on March 12th in Covington, Kentucky as a joint meeting with the Indiana and Ohio Sections. A total of 39 people were in attendance. A presentation on Changes to the MUTCD was given by George Butzer, Civil/Transportation Division Manager from DLZ in Columbus, Ohio. A panel discussion was conducted by Duane Thomas, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Jim Poturalski, Indiana Department of Transportation and Steve Jewell, DLZ, representing Ohio; the subject was Implementation of the MUTCD Changes in Their Respective States.

Members of KYSITE were very pleased to host the 2004 District 3 & Southern District ITE Joint Annual Meeting in Covington April 18-21. This meeting marked the first time a joint meeting has been held involving the two districts. The pre-meeting event in Louisville offered an interesting afternoon and evening for those who participated. The golf outing was well-attended and lots of fun. The ABD events were excellent. Technical Sessions were strong, Roundtable Discussions were very useful. Technical Tours worked very well, as did spouse activities. The Youth Program was well-planned but not well-attended. The challenges created by the hotel, particularly the loss of air conditioning, were certainly unanticipated. We appreciate the patience and efforts shown by all in helping to overcome, or at least deal with, these obstacles allowing the meeting to be a success. Much appreciation goes to Karen Mohammadi and her committee chairs for all their efforts and hard work in preparing for the meeting.

We are extremely proud of our own Jo Anne Tingle, who was presented the Joseph M. Thomas Young Member Award at the Annual Meeting. The award is presented annually to a member of the Southern District who is under the age of 35, has provided outstanding service to the transportation engineering profession, and who, by example and personal efforts, has inspired younger members to greater service. Jo Anne works with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in the Central Office in Frankfort. One of Jo Anne’s responsibilities at the Cabinet is to manage the scholarship program for civil engineering students at four Kentucky universities. Thus, she performs a mentoring role for young engineers on a daily basis. This award has been given since 1993 and Mrs. Tingle is only the second woman to receive the honor. Congratulations, Jo Anne!

The KYSITE summer meeting is our golf scramble and barbecue picnic. The event is planned for June 18th at the Kearney Hill Golf Course in Lexington, Kentucky.

Tennessee Section

TSITE completed its election cycle for next year. The results were announced at this year’s summer meeting at Fall Creek Falls State Park.

President: Jeff Hammond
Vice President: Steve Allen
Secretary-Treasurer: Greg Judy
Section Representative: Hollis Loveday
Affiliate Director: Renny Stinson

Student Member Scholarship Awards

TSITE has announced those selected to receive the 2004 student achievement scholarships: Benjamin Whitehead (UT-Knoxville) and Manoel Castro-Neto (UT-Knoxville). Both students received $1,500 for the upcoming ’04-’05 academic year. Also of note, the scholarship was officially dedicated as the William L. Moore, Jr. Student Scholarship in honor of Mr. Bill Moore’s dedicated service to TSITE and the State of Tennessee.

Electronic Voting

TSITE is on schedule to conduct its first officer election over the internet next year. Members who have access to the internet (90% of membership) will vote online next summer for the 2006 officers. A by-laws amendment was passed this July to allow this. Those members without internet access or those who wish to continue to receive paper ballots will be able to do so.

Speakers Bureau

TSITE has begun a new service intended to assist our student chapters. The Section has organized a list of members who have volunteered to make themselves available to be speakers at student chapter meetings. Members may sign up for this online via the Section’s web site. The list is distributed to student chapters for their use.

Section Meetings

The annual summer meeting was held July 9th and 10th at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Members and families attended to enjoy the scenery and fellowship. Our annual auction to benefit the scholarship was another success. Saturday technical sessions featured this year’s student paper winners.

Fall Creek Falls State Park
North Carolina

Section Highlights

A goal for the upcoming year is to have a total membership of 500 by the end of the year. Since the Section went to a Council Structure, many of the daily activities and actions of the Section have changed. The Board has been working to finalize a revised Operations Manual to reflect the new ways of doing business. The Bylaws are being reviewed to reflect current business practices. One major step we plan to take this year is to transition our liaison with the student chapters from an individual to a team approach. Another effort we will begin this year is evaluating our current strategic plan, *NCSITE 2000*, and to start the process of creating a *NCSITE 2020 Vision*. Several members are involved in planning for the 2005 Statewide Transportation Forum. NCSITE is the lead agency planning for the first of a kind comprehensive statewide transportation summit. This event has attracted enthusiastic support from many of the other transportation-related organizations within the State.

The Section quietly celebrated its 40th year of existence in 2003. The Southern Section authorized the creation of the North Carolina Division on April 26, 1963.

Meetings

There have been over 15 NCSITE sponsored events in the first half of the year. These meetings included a joint Student Chapter meeting where Ms. Caitlin Hughes, NCDOT Federal Legislative Programs Coordinator, Washington DC, was the keynote luncheon speaker. Over 30 student members along with an equal number of members attended an all day event where the students made all the presentations.

We had a great time at the Southern District Annual Meeting in Covington, Kentucky. We had approximately 30 people from North Carolina who made the trip to see us win the “Section of the Year” award. Congratulations to former President Jim Westmoreland and all of the NCSITE members who worked so hard to make 2003 an award winning year for the Section!

The Mid Year Meeting was held in Charlotte on June 9 and 10. The program included a day of mobile workshops and site visits that feature how Charlotte is integrating transportation technology with planning and economic development efforts throughout the City. From topics as wide-reaching as the South Corridor Light Rail Transit and Station Area projects to the new NBA Arena, the conference offers a variety of sessions on timely issues that are important to engineers, planners, and public transit officials. Other topics showcased are the Charlotte Trolley, new street design standards, pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, and the coordinated signal timing and camera surveillance systems. Day two featured technical sessions regarding the NEPA process, traffic calming, transportation modeling and closed loop signal systems. Over 220 people attended this two-day event. A golf tournament for the NCSITE Scholarship Fund was held on June 10, raising over $2500 for student scholarships.

There are an equal number of meetings planned for the second half of the year that will culminate with the Annual Meeting on December 2nd in Raleigh. At the Annual Meeting the 2005 officers will be initiated and the first Student Chapter “Traffic Bowl” quiz competition will be held in preparation for 2005 Southern District competition.

Members in the News


Elizabeth Runey (student member), a senior in the Civil Engineering Department of North Carolina State University, named this year’s Transportation Founder Fund (TFF) Scholarship Fellow.

Virginia

Virginia Section Officers for 2004
Tim White – President
Bill Cashman - Vice President
Cheryl Lowrance - Secretary
Mike Greenwood - Treasurer
Tim Foster - ITE Director
Mike Shahsiah – ITE Director
Mark Jamison – Affiliate Director
Pete Leavitt – Affiliate Director
Kirsten Black – District 5 Representative
John Yorks – District 5 Representation
Bob Gey – Immediate Past President

VASITE held its Spring Seasonal Meeting March 10-12 at the Woodlands Hotel in Williamsburg. It was well attended with over 70 attendees. A continuing education training course on Corsim was offered March 10 and 11.

The VASITE Annual Meeting will be held June 22-25 at the Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront in Virginia Beach. A continuing education course on "Synchro" will be offered June 22-23 and there will be a golf outing on June 23 at the Hell's Point G.C. in Virginia Beach.

The VASITE Fall Seasonal Meeting will be held at the Wintergreen Resort in Wintergreen, Virginia from September 29-October 1, 2004. A continuing education course in "Traffic Signal Design Workshop" will be offered September 29-30, 2004. On September 30, a golf outing will be held at the Devils Knob G.C.

As a possibility for the Spring Meeting – 2005, VASITE is planning to schedule the spring seasonal meeting at the new Air and Space Center located near Dulles Airport outside of Washington, D.C.

2004 Southern District Officers

President: Rick Day
(404) 249-7550
rday@daywilburn.com

Vice President: Bob Murphy
(615) 370–8410
bobmurphy@rpmtraffic.net

Secretary-Treasurer: Steve Strength
((504) 437-3105
stevestrength@dold.state.la.us

Past President: Stanley Polanis
(336)-727-2707
stanp@ci.winston-salem.nc.us

ITE International Director: Brent McKinney
(336) 662-0002
brentm@partnc.org

ITE Websites
International ITE: http://www.ite.org/
Southern District ITE: http://www2.ncsu.edu/sdite/
Alabama: http://www.alsite.org
Deep South:
Georgia: http://www.ite.gati.org/
Kentucky: http://www.kysite.org/
North Carolina: http://www.ite.ncsu.edu/ncsite/
Tennessee: http://www.tsite.org
Virginia: http://www.vasite.org/

Upcoming SDITE Annual Meetings

The Southern District has a rich heritage of conducting informative and educational Annual Meetings, mixed with plenty of social occasions for members to learn from each other. The following sites have been selected for upcoming SDITE Annual Meetings:

2004 — Savannah, GA
2005 — Biloxi/Gulfport, MS
2006 — Knoxville, Tennessee
2007 — South Carolina
2008 — Alabama
News of the South — Newsletter of the Southern District (5)
“News of the South” is the official publication of the Southern District (5) of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). Any comments or suggestions are welcome and should be submitted to Sharon Schutz, Newsletter Editor, (615) 383-8420, sschutz@neel-schaffer.com

Section Correspondents
Rosemary Sawyer (AL) rosemaysawyer@volkert.com
James Gray (GA) jgray@graycalhoun.com
Greg Judy (TN) gjudy@neel-schaffer.com
John Yorks (VA) jyorks@hampton.gov

Alison Caturella-Michel (DS) acmichel@urbansystems.com
Bill Seymour (KY) bill_seymour@gspnet.com
Burt Tasaico (NC) htasaico@dot.state.nc.us

Sharon M. Schutz
Neel-Schaffer, Inc.
210 25th Avenue North, Ste. 800
Nashville, TN  37203