As this year comes to a close on my tenure as President of the Southern District, I would like to express my gratitude to the hard working volunteer members of the District that keep us moving forward. This organization is made up of professionals who take time from their careers and family to serve the membership and I'm encouraged by the efforts of our volunteers.

At the beginning of the year, I had three goals that are the following: Temple Scholarship Challenge Traffic Bowl; Southern District Nomination Process; and Southern District Organizational Structure.

With regard to the Traffic Bowl, SDITE needs to examine how this beneficial opportunity should be addressed both procedurally and financially. Originally funded with surplus available funds from previous annual meetings, funding of travel expenses for participants should be examined with then intent of identifying long term budgeting. In addition, assistance should be provided to the Traffic Bowl Committee Chair in the areas of questions development and event management to ensure that success of the event doesn’t depend on one person (albeit a dedicated member).

The nomination process continues to be discussed with regard to the nomination of multiple members for the Secretary/Treasurer and International Director positions. Any changes in the nominating process would require a change in the By-laws. The Board should consider studying this change through appointment of an ad-hoc committee to report back to the Board within a timely period so that a special vote can occur if changes are proposed and supported by the Board.

Finally, the Board should examine the 2010 Strategic Plan implementation together with the organizational structure of the District. The Implementation plan should address how the District should grow with its core responsibilities and how can the organizational structure of the District best serve the members. The District should closely examine the duties being performed each year and whether or not we are utilizing our member volunteer talents effectively. Are the leaders leading? Or, are they just handling administrative duties? Many repetitive duties being performed every year include preparation of Board meeting materials, meeting minutes, financial accounting, newsletter publishing, organization of the Annual Meeting and others. These are tasks that require time and because much of the time is expended learning the processes, revisions and improvements to these tasks do not occur often enough. Rather than having volunteer...
International Director's Message

Kenny Voorhies (GA)

The ITE International Board of Directors met at the ITE Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA on August 3 and 4, 2007 and again in Washington, DC at ITE Headquarters on October 26 and 27, 2007. There were several actions and ongoing activities that directly affect the Southern District.

Work is continuing on the Public Information, Public Relations, Public Image Mega Issue. A white paper was presented at the August Board meeting by a public relations consultant. Recommendations included ITE web site enhancements, adding a media list serve, developing an on-line PR Tool-Kit for members and methods of conducting a successful public campaign. A committee is being formed to monitor implementation, District members are needed on that committee.

The Transportation Certification Board is initiating a Safety Certification process. It was determined at an April workshop that training for safety will be conducted before the safety certification process is developed. Also a safety report card, similar to the Traffic Signal report card is being considered.

ITE Technical activities include helping set standards for LED degradation and to define the point of replacement. Another issue is the yellow clearance interval time. A LED Synthesis report is due out in early 2008, it will summarize best practices for maintenance and performance.

ITE is requesting interest in participating in vehicle change interval panels, the panel will convene to achieve consensus. Look for a request for participation in the ITE Journal. Work has begun on an update to the Traffic Signal Maintenance Manual. ITE is trying to increase participation in technical activities, email solicitations will be coming out soon.

The second National Traffic Signal Report Card was released in September. Thanks to all of you who participated.

In order to enhance ITE technical activities, ITE staff is currently enhancing the ITE web site. Cataloging technical content by ITE staff is underway. A database retrieval overlay is needed to make search easier and understandable. Other activities include an upgraded search engine for publications, resources, a DVD with all ITE Journals, Compendiums will be available soon and Council web pages are being updated.

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Occasionally the ITE District boundaries are reviewed: there are current requests from West Virginia, Northern Virginia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands to consider boundary changes. A Board Committee was formed. Actions taken to date are: West Virginia section was moved from the Great Lakes District (Ohio) to the Mid-Colonial District (Pennsylvania/ Maryland) and Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands remained with the Florida District. Northern Virginia is still under study.

ITE Staff has developed a senior staff succession plan.

ITE is initiating a recognition program for Young Transportation Professional, 10 members under 35 will be recognized each year. Sections across the country have initiated Young Members activities. The ITE Board is encouraging Districts to consider Young Member activities.

The ITE Board and staff focus in 2008 will be on the development of a real ITE Strategic Plan.

The Board adopted changes to ITE Annual Meeting in Anaheim, conference registration will include lunch Monday and Tuesday in the exhibit hall, the theme party will be eliminated and Honorees Dinner moved to Tuesday night. This is a test for this year.

Several upcoming Annual Meetings and Spring Conferences will be held in the Southern District. ITE staff will determine sites based on hotel negotiations.

Finally the ITE Executive Officers are trying to obtain dates of section meetings. Section officers, please send me any dates that are known.

Virginia is the only state divided between two ITE Districts. Study is underway to determine the benefit of placing Virginia either entirely in the Mid-Colonial District or entirely in the Southern District.

Students! Prepare Now for Spring Opportunities

**Dyan Damron (TN)**

This is an early reminder from the SDITE Education & Student Chapter Committee to make sure you keep in mind that the 2008 student chapter annual reports and student paper competition entries deadline will be coming up next spring.

I know it is very early to think about this, but please be aware of this as you begin your monthly meetings and chapter activities. I also urge all students to think about submitting a student paper. In the years past, we have received very few (sometimes only one) undergraduate papers. Advisors, please encourage all students to submit papers they have written. Someone has to win, even if we have only one submittal, so why not submit?!

I will be sending out more detailed information as the deadline approaches. But, please stay on top of these things so you will be prepared when the time rolls around next spring. Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions about entries or student activities.

Thank you for your dedicated work in promoting and participating in ITE student activities. The District 5 officers and Education & Student Chapter Committee greatly appreciate your efforts. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you as we begin another exciting new year.

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Future ITE Meetings in the District include the International Meeting in 2012 and Spring Conferences in 2010 and 2014.
2007 was a good year for District 5, with financial gains and, more importantly, gains in the District’s membership. Last year at this time, the official tally was 1,376 voting members and 1,785 total members and affiliates. The chart below shows an 11% increase in overall membership.

On a Section level, all 8 Sections posted increased membership figures over last year’s. The biggest membership-gainers were the South Carolina (+28%), Deep South (+25%), and Alabama (+22%) Sections.

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Our finances remain healthy. For the period January 1 through October 31, 2007, the summary looks like this:

- **Opening Balance:** $68,371.88
- **Total Income:** $24,799.39
- **Total Expenses:** $11,034.97
- **Net:** $13,764.42
- **Ending Balance:** $82,136.30

Major items contributing to this year’s gains were budget favorability in board expenses (including travel), a switch to electronic newsletter communications, and student payouts. The membership increases listed above also raised the District’s income by almost $1,500 above expected income.

Send the month out like a lamb with the beautiful people on Miami Beach March 30 — April 2, 2008. The ITE Spring Technical Conference has a lot going for it, namely the sun, the palms, and your fellow SDITE members who will be speaking. Sign up now from ite.org. (No word on whether swimsuits will be allowed in technical sessions.)

Bob Stammer (TN)  
Raymond Khoury (VA)  
Keith Golden (GA)  
Michael Fontaine (VA)  
Jennifer Ogle (SC)  
Stephen Read (VA)  
Srinivas Pulugurtha (NC)  
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Lawrence Hagen (GA)  
Terecia Wilson (SC)  
Charles Andrews (AL)  
Taylor Stukes (GA)
Moving Forward—SDITE 2010 Update

Richard Atkins (NC)

On behalf of our four key focus areas, I am pleased to share the accomplishments of the SDITE Strategic Planning Committee.

Overall 2010 Accomplishments

- Our Workforce Development Team conducted a District member survey which provided valuable insights into the needs of our members.
- A SDITE 2010 video was produced and shown at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Knoxville for the purpose of educating and informing our members regarding the status of SDITE 2010.
- A SDITE 2010 "communications liaison" was recruited from a private consultant to assist us in communicating progress regarding implementation of our plan.

Workforce Development Team Accomplishments

- Requested workforce development to be included as part of the 2008 Annual Meeting Technical Program.
- In process of conducting a student chapter survey, results of which will be shared at the 2008 Annual Meeting.
- Recently developed an attendance incentives proposal
- In process of completing an analysis of Annual Meeting rosters.

Leadership Development Team Accomplishments

- Established Southern District ITE Mentoring Guidelines to support mentoring activities within all Sections.
- Recently completed the initial phase for the leadership development module “A New Approach to Conducting Meetings.” An executive summary, a Power Point presentation, and a draft narrative for a DVD are available.

The Leadership Development Team discovered that the development of the module on conducting meetings required an exhausting amount of time; therefore they did not make significant progress on developing a second module as initially planned. Additionally, they were disappointed to find there were no requests for support by Sections in implementing any mentoring programs using the SDITE Mentoring Guidelines.

Technical Knowledge Team Accomplishments

- Completed web surveys for the Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia Sections for technical information published on Section websites.
- Collaborated with Wayne Sarasua (2008 Annual Meeting Technical Program Chair) to offer support in developing the technical program.
- Developed an online technical forum
- Currently in process of identifying transportation research in each State in the District

Information-Communications-Outreach Accomplishments

- Have secured the Southern District ITE web domain, in process of enhancing the SDITE website

I wish to conclude my service as your 2010 Chair with some observations to the Board for continuing to move forward as follows:

- The member survey conducted in the Spring of 2007 indicates there are significant un-met professional needs in the District which creates significant opportunities for SDITE
- Services developed under the SDITE 2010 must be marketed to our members---They will not market themselves.
- We face great challenges in our Vision becoming a reality with an entirely volunteer professional organization

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Board, the strategic planning champions, the strategic planning teams, and our Section Coordinators for their support and cooperation during the past four years. I will continue to provide support as needed.
Our Fall Meeting was held on October 25, 2007, at Northern Kentucky University. This location was selected to showcase the recently opened roundabout on NKU’s campus at the intersection of Nunn Drive and University Drive. Technical presentations were provided by Carol Callan-Ramler of KYTC’s District 6 office on current roundabout initiatives in District 6, as well as an update on the statewide roundabout policy.

Brent Sweger of KYTC’s Central office presented on a recently completed small area study and explored the integration of transportation and land use planning.

Our Annual Meeting/Dinner/Silent Auction was held November 9th at the Claudia Sanders Dinner House in Shelbyville. Our 3rd Annual Section Traffic Bowl was conducted at this meeting. Traffic Bowl participants included Meiwu An, Tony Fields and Erin Bachman. Each participant was awarded a $500 scholarship. Jason Yeager will likely take Erin’s place on our team for the 2008 Traffic Bowl in Charleston.

The silent auction raised $667 for the scholarship fund. A total of 30 people attended the meeting - 15 Members, 4 Students and 11 Spouses and Guests.

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This year’s accomplishments for the website committee include an overhaul of the Georgia Section ITE website, implementing online registration for the monthly meetings, implementing an online registration for Summer Seminar, adding a Job Opportunities section to the website and posting pictures from meetings and activities. The Georgia Section ITE website overhaul was intended to make the website more visually appealing while increasing the ability to relay information effectively to visitors. This is an ongoing change, as more effective ways of presenting information in an organized manner are deployed. Thanks to our Webmaster, France Campbell, for enhancing the website.

Newsletter

Under the leadership of John Edwards, the Georgia Section re-introduced the section newsletter in 2007. The section has published quarterly newsletters throughout the year covering topics such as: monthly lunch meetings, technical seminars, District and International Meetings, scholarship awards, legislative issues, and committee activities. The Board also approved the distribution of hard copies to “VIP” recipients, including: elected officials, City/County transportation department heads, GDOT management and other transportation agency leaders.

Young Members Committee

This new committee formed in 2007 and undertook an ambitious plan to increase young membership involvement. Some of the activities this past year included: social event at Jock’s and Jill’s Sports Bar, participating in Earth Day activities, bowling social, several Adopt-A-Mile service projects, Atlanta Braves baseball night social, Habitat for Humanity service project, whitewater rafting trip, Appalachian Trail maintenance service project and a Shakespeare’s Tavern social.

Exploring Engineer Academy:

The Georgia Section sponsored the Exploring Engineer Academy in 2007. This is a week-long program for tenth and eleventh grade students to explore engineering as a career through hands-on activities.

International Meeting:

The Georgia Section was well represented at the annual meeting with six presenters/presiders on the program, including: John Funny, Peggy Allen, Betsy Williams, Marion Waters and Marsha Bomar.
Virginia Section

The fall seasonal meeting continues to be a great success for our organization. Once again the meeting was held at the Wintergreen Resort, with over 80 people in attendance. The meeting consisted of a number of technical presentations, including:

- Safety and Operational Benefits of Median U-Turn Intersection Treatment by Warren Hughes, VHB;
- Incident Response in Hampton Roads by Stephanie Hanshaw, VDOT;
- Base Realignment and Closure Transportation Issues by Jim Curren, PBS&J;
- After Implementation of Chapter 527 – Lessons Learned by Rob Hofrichter, VDOT; and
- I-264 Corridor Study – Planning for the Future by Bill Cashman, URS;
- NCSITE Trip Generation Task Force by Will Letchworth, WSA;

The meeting concluded with our 4th Annual Student Traffic Bowl competition between teams comprised of students from Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia. The team from Virginia Tech won the competition and will be traveling to Charleston, SC next March.

2007 Officers:
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District 5 Rep – Tim White
District 5 Rep – Bryant Goodloe

Tennessee Section

The following awards were presented at the TSITE Fall Meeting in Nashville on November 15.

Tennessee Section ITE Member Awards

Volunteer Distinguished Service Award: This recognition is given to a TSITE member who has contributed both to the advancement of the transportation profession and to ITE at the Section and district levels. Established in 1975, this high award is presented to an engineer active in the profession for more than 10 years and who has exhibited outstanding service above and beyond the normal duties of his position over a number of years.

2007 Volunteer Distinguished Service Award: Cindy Pionke (Knox County Engineering)

Jack B. Humphreys Young Member Award: This recognition is given to a TSITE member who has contributed significantly to the Section or the profession over the past few years. Established in 2002, this award recognizes the achievements of members under the age of 35.

2007 Jack B. Humphreys Young Member Award: Kevin Cole (Wilbur Smith Associates)

Tennessee Section Outstanding Individual Award: This recognition is given to a TSITE member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the profession and to ITE at the State and District levels. Established in 1975, this award recognizes the recent achievements of members over the past few years.

2007 Tennessee Section Outstanding Individual Award: Greg Judy (Neel-Schaffer, Inc.)

Knoxville has closed its checking account after finally receiving all outstanding bills, and reimbursement checks being cashed. The Final Report has been printed (a dozen copies) and is also available on CD. The records show that the meeting was a financial success.

TSITE’s participants in the district Traffic Bowl have been selected and are students at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. The students are Airton Kohls, Francisco de Oliveira Moraes, and Tarren Barnes with Jonathan Watson as the alternate.
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