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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am honored to serve as your president for 2008. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you.

I want to thank **Peter Lemmon**, our immediate past president and the 2007 Board members for their outstanding job last year. I am glad to have **Chad Hammerl** and **Mike Pompili** on the Board as Directors of Public Affairs Group and the Technical Group, respectively.

I'd like you to meet the people who work for you. The new Board - **Matt Letourneau, Tim Sjogren, Kim Silverman Kolody, Peter Lemmon, Joel Christell, Tom Hein, Kevin O' Neill, Mike Pompili, and Chad Hammerl**. I would like to thank **Mark Rinnan** and **Peter Lemmon** for serving as Co-Chairs of the ITE Midwestern District Conference that will be held at Chicago this year.

My vision for 2008 is threefold:

- **Increase membership and involvement**
- **Bring quality programs to members**
- **Increase awareness of international opportunities**

MEMBERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT:

During my Tenure as President, I would like to increase membership of our Section.

- **By encouraging greater involvement of students at our presentations and conferences**
- **By reaching out to current, new and past members to know how we can make our activities more relevant to their current needs**
- **By promoting more involvement of public sector employees who are a big part of our industry**

CONTINUE TO BRING QUALITY PROGRAMS TO MEMBERS

ITE meetings and technical conferences rank as one of the primary benefits we bring our members. We will continue to offer the quality lunch presentations and seminars. The Board solicits your suggestions and feedback on the quality and content of our programs.

INCREASE AWARENESS OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT

As all of you are aware, our domestic economy is not at its strongest. As Federal and State governments struggle to balance budgets, long-term transportation development needs can sometimes be put aside. I encourage you to be aware of the transportation opportunities in rapidly growing developing and emerging nations. These economies would have a higher demand for our expertise in building reliable, safe, and eco-friendly infrastructures.

We have an exciting year planned for the Section. On January 25th, we had a successful Annual Meeting. Thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make the evening a success including **Peter Lemmon, Joel Christell, Sara Disney, and**

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MARCH LUNCHEON

Join us at **Maggiano's**,
516 North Clark, Chicago, IL

Date: March 20, 2008

Time: Reception - 11:30 A.M.

Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.

Cost: \$40 members
\$20 Public Sector
\$12 Students

Speaker: Daniel Thomas, AICP
Jacobs Engineering

Topic: Chicago Downtown Freight Study



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Dan Nowak. The Past President's Award was awarded to **Dennis W. Strong**, who is the founder and President of Strong Concepts. The Scholarship winners were **Emily Rosenbloom Kushto** (Northwestern) and **Lei Tang** (UIC), and the Student Paper winner was **Taha Hossein Rashidi** (UIC).

In February, the ITE Illinois Section supported the National Engineer's Week through a financial contribution and an Excellence in Transportation Safety and Operations Award given by the Section during the Future Cities Competition.

The one-day Workshop on Roundabouts, Intersections Designed for Safety held on February 14, was a big success. Thanks to course instructors **Fred Ranck** and **Jeff Shaw**, of the Federal Highway Administration, Resource Center Safety & Design Team.

The Illinois Section of ITE is hosting the Midwestern District ITE Annual Conference in Chi-

cago, from July 6 to 8, 2008, at the Hard Rock Hotel. The 2008 ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit will be held in Miami, FL, from March 30–April 2, 2008. The next lunch meeting is on March 20th, 2008 at Maggiano's, Chicago. Please mark your calendars and join us.

The volunteers of this organization accomplish many things throughout the year to support the members of the ITE Illinois Section. We are always seeking more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact me or anyone on the Board.

To the Board and Section members, I think this will be a great year for the Illinois Section and one that I will be proud to be associated with. Let us continue to give our best to the industry that supports us all.

Amarpal S. Matharu, PE
2008 ITE Illinois Section President
Illinois Section ITE

FUTURE CITIES

The mission of the National Engineers Week Future City Competition is to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for seventh- and eighth-grade students that combines a stimulating engineering challenge with a "hands-on" application to present their vision of a city of the future.

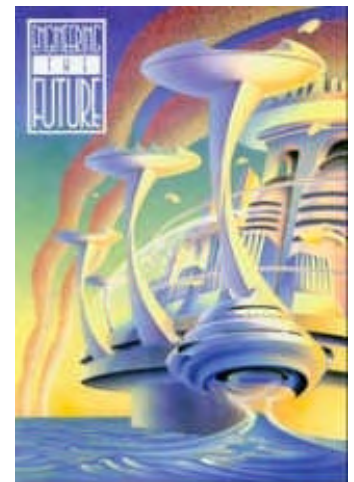
A city of the future – "Qubitersum" – designed by students from **Franklin Middle School** from Wheaton has won the Chicago Regional competition. Eighth-grade students Karen Suarez, Jenny Birman and Cole Manschot teamed up with their teacher, Liz Simpson represented Chicago at the National Competition in Washington, D.C. during National Engineers Week. The winning team was assisted by classmates Susan Bywaters, Kale Hanavan, Mariel Tader. Qubitersum is the name for the new city established in the desert of Australia

and included a wonderful maglev transportation system.

All together 24 awards sponsored by 20 different professional societies from the Chicago area were presented to teams in this the 7th year of the Special Awards program. The Institute of Transportation Engineers presented **Pulaski Academy of Chicago** a special award for excellence in transportation safety and operations. Each team that won a Special Award receives individual plaques and a \$50 US Savings Bonds for the three presenting students, and one larger plaque for the school to display.

Chicago Runners-up include; **Washburne Middle School** of Winnetka for Second Place; **Chicago State University**, Chicago, for third place; **St. Paul of the Cross** of Park Ridge for Fourth Place; and **Science Academy of Chicago** for fifth Place.

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ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET WRAP-UP

Article submitted by Joel Christell. The 2008 ITE-Illinois Section Annual Banquet was held on January 25, 2008 at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. Over 60 attendees enjoyed good food and a great program. The Section had another successful year, with much corporate and individual support. The corporate support came from **Bollinger Lach and Associates, Brown Traffic Products, CH2M Hill, Civiltech Engineering, Entran, Jacobs Engineering, Lin Engineering, Metro Transportation Group, Pan Oceanic Engineering, Regina Webster and Associates, Traffic Control Corporation** and **Transystems**. Individual donations were made by **Amarpal Matharu** and **Purab Kaur, Joel Christell, John Mick, Mark Rinnan, Kenneth Voigt, and Jae Ju**. Combining the donations, auction and raffle, the money raised for the scholarship total was over \$3,000. Thank you to all the bidders and donors.

Two scholarships were awarded for \$2,000 each. The students were **Emily Rosenbloom Kushto** from Northwestern University and **Lei Tang** from University of Illinois, Chicago. Ms. Rosenbloom Kushto obtained her Masters degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a 4.0 GPA while maintaining her career as an engineering consultant in the private sector. Ms Tang has a Masters in Urban & Regional Planning from Florida State University, where

CMAP HIGHWAY CRASH DATA MAPS

Chicago Agency for Metropolitan Planning (CMAP) planners have mapped 2005 and 2006 highway traffic crash data for the seven-county region. The data is posted at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/cmp/safety.aspx> along with links to available maps, a recent presentation to the Council of Mayors, and a detailed analysis of crash data and trends up to 2005. The maps are designed to provide first-step technical information for engineers, planners, and communities in identifying areas that may bear

she graduated with honors and was awarded the Florida Department of Transportation Transit Fellowship.

A \$1,000 paper award was given to **Taha Hossein Rashidi** from the University of Illinois, Chicago. He is a PhD candidate at UIC with a 4.0 GPA. His paper, Effectiveness of Transit Strategies Targeting Elderly People, evaluated solutions to the increasingly prevalent issue of transporting today's elderly demographic. Congratulations to the winners and also to all the applicants this year.

As part of night, the Past Presidents Award was given to **Dennis Strong** for his loyalty and work with the Illinois Section. This is one of the most distinguished awards given to an ITE - Illinois Section Member. We thank Dennis again for his contribution to ITE.

Back by popular demand was the "Name That Sign" exercise. **John LaPlante** and **Tom Kaeser** along with **Meghan Hamilton** helped out judging and administering the game. This exercise got the blood flowing and provided some great humor.

We were honored to have **Ken Voigt** the ITE International Vice President attend the Annual Banquet and Installed the New Board for 2008. We thank Ken again for taking the time to attend our function.

further analysis because of crash history. The data are not definitive in identifying hazards, because they do not control for volumes at intersections or highway segments. Also, any hazard identification should include a review of original crash records by professional personnel. The crash data may, however, help communities begin the process of improving highway safety where concentrations of crashes and casualties are identified. CMAP strongly encourages a community approach to addressing



Student Paper award winner Taha Hossein Rashidi and Scholarship Chair Sara Disney



Emily Rosenbloom Kushto accepts a Section Scholarship award presented by Sara Disney



Lei Tang is presented one of two Section Scholarship awards by Sara Disney



Dennis Strong is presented the Section's Past President award by Peter Lemmon on behalf of Dennis Dal Santo



MEET THE 2008 ILLINOIS SECTION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

AMARPAL MATHARU, P.E.

Mr. Matharu works as a Transportation Engineer with CH2M HILL. His work experience includes traffic operations and planning, highway design, and project proposals and management. Amarpal holds an M.B.A. from City University of New York, M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of North Carolina, and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from India.

Amarpal has been a member of ITE since 1991. As an active member, he has served as Treasurer and Director of the Student Affairs Group and as a committee member for the District IV Annual Meeting's Technical Program Committee. Amarpal is also a Board Member and Treasurer of the Asian-Indian Punjabi Cultural Society that is active in the Midwest.

VICE PRESIDENT

MATTHEW LETOURNEAU, P.E., PTOE

Mr. Letourneau is a Principal Transportation Engineer with Jacobs in Chicago and a registered professional engineer in the state of Illinois. Since joining Jacobs, he has been involved in the Phase I design of South Lake Shore Drive, various traffic signal design projects, and several projects involving the design and implementation of intelligent transportation systems (ITS). Most recently, Matt has helped to develop the draft Illinois Statewide ITS Architecture and Strategic Plan.

ITE INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE

ITE International has tasked the Illinois Section is to nominate a member to serve on the Constitutional Amendments Committee.

The Constitutional Amendments Committee meets rarely, but holds a significant role – if there is a proposed amendment to the ITE Constitution, this committee will review it prior to ratification by the membership. Therefore, the member who is nominated to serve on this

Matt has worked in the Activities Group, arranging a number of luncheon topics over the years. Since June of 2003 Matt has served as Technical Group Director for the Illinois Section, helping to arrange a series of technical seminars for the Section membership, including the “Rural ITS Toolbox” and the “Traffic Signal Design and Operations” course.

SECRETARY

TIM SJOGREN, P.E., PTOE

Mr. Sjogren is a Senior Transportation Engineer with Metro Transportation Group in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. His work experience has taken him from Champaign (he received his degree in Civil Engineering from the U of I—Urbana/Champaign) to Boston, and now to Chicago. He has served as a project manager for over 100 transportation related projects with both private and public sector clients. Since graduating in 2000, Tim has been an international and associate member of ITE. As an active member, he has served as chairperson of the Illinois ITE scholarship committee and Director of Student Affairs.

TREASURER

KIM KOLODY-SILVERMAN, P.E.

Ms. Kolody Silverman, P.E., has worked for CH2M Hill for over 9 years. She is a Project Manager and engineer on a variety of projects, including transportation safety work with the IDOT Bureau of Safety Engineering. She obtained her masters degree from Michigan State University.

committee should be familiar with the workings of ITE. Most likely, any action would be accomplished via e-mail. If you are interested in serving on this committee contact Amarpal Matharu. Last year's committee member was Stephan Hoffman from the Wisconsin section. Amarpal should be able to provide Stephan's contact information should you wish to ask him about his experiences.



Section President
Amarpal Matharu



Section Vice President Matt Letourneau



Section Secretary Tim Sjogren



Section Treasurer Kim Kolody -
Silverman



2008 DISTRICT CONFERENCE—SWEET HOME CHICAGO!

The organizing committee is working hard to make the ITE Midwestern District 2008 Conference an enjoyable and professionally rewarding experience. The conference and exhibit will be held July 6 to 8 at the Hard Rock Hotel Chicago, Illinois (<http://www.hardrockhotelchicago.com/>). The Hard Rock Hotel offers a unique yet historic setting that is convenient to many attractions, including Millennium Park.

You can make your hotel reservations now by calling toll free at 1.866.966.5166 or locally at 312.334-6767 or via e-mail at: reservations@hardrockhotelchicago.com.

The conference room rate is \$189 plus tax for a Deluxe King (single or double occupancy). To get the conference rate make your reservations early as space at that rate is limited. Also reservations must be made by June, 5, 2008 to receive the conference rate. If making reservations via e-mail, please have the following information available:

- **Block Code - ITE2008**
- **Arrival and departure date**
- **Room type request**
- **Number of people and names in the room**
- **Credit card number to guarantee**
- **Any other preferences (smoking, non, etc)**
- **Reply e-mail address and/or phone number**

Also available are a limited number of Select Queen/Queen rooms at a conference price of \$239 plus tax.

Conference registration will be on-line or via fax. Watch the conference website at <http://www.midwesternite2008.org>. It's still under development but check for additional details as they are developed. Registration costs are \$250 if made before May 31st and \$275 after.

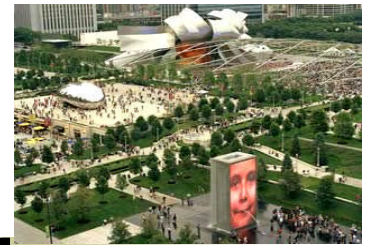
There are so many fun things happening in Chicago that time of the year, so it doesn't have to be all work! The organizing committee picked

the dates and venue with the goal to increase attendance, especially for those from out-of-town. Plan on coming early to catch the huge 3rd of July fireworks display over Monroe Harbor in downtown Chicago. Held this year through July 6th is the Taste of Chicago, the city's largest festival of food, music, and family fun. Other family orient activities Chicago has to offer include the Cirque du Soleil (opening June 26th), shopping in the Loop or along the Magnificent Mile (the Michigan Avenue area), the Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier, just hanging out at one of Chicago's downtown beaches, and an endless choice of restaurants to meet all budgets and tastes.

Conference sponsored social functions include a Sunday evening ice-breaker at the Hard Rock Hotel. For an extra cost a two hour sail on Lake Michigan on 34-foot keel (sail) boats is offered Monday. Stay afterwards! Group tickets to the Chicago Cubs vs Cincinnati Reds July 8th 7:05 PM game at Wrigley Field will be available at an extra cost to a limited number full conference registrants. We are also planning post-conference training sessions during the afternoon of July 8th and on July 9th.

The final deadline for the call for abstracts was February 29th so the program committee is now busy putting the program together. The program will include topics and presentation having local and District-wide interest. The committee plans on notifying selected speakers and confirming technical tour arrangements during the second half of March.

At present, it's just a tentative plan, but consideration is being given to participating in a Monday evening Lake Michigan cruise aboard the Odyssey with the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) and ASCP. Those organizations are holding their conference here at the same time and includes a track on transportation and public infrastructure. The possibility of socializing with European professionals is exciting!



CHICAGO GUIDE

AIRPORTS

<http://www.flychicago.com/>

TRANSIT

<http://www.transitchicago.com/maps/systemmaps.html>

<http://rtachicago.com/>

PARKING

<http://www.chicagoparkingmap.com/>

VISITOR INFORMATION

<http://www.choosechicago.com/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://chicago.metromix.com/>

TASTE OF CHICAGO

<http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/portalEntityHomeAction.do?entityName=Taste+of+Chicago&entityNameEnumValue=166>

SPORTS

cubs.mlb.com/

whitesox.mlb.com/

<http://www.mlsnet.com/t100/>

NAVY PIER

<http://www.navy pier.com/home.html>

MILLENNIUM PARK

<http://www.millenniumpark.org/>

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

June 26—July 27 KOOZA under the Grand Chapiteau, United Center Parking lot K www.Cirquedusoleil.com





CONDOLENCES

It is my sad duty to report to you ITE Illinois Section Past President **William "Bill" Marston** of Wenona passed on to his heavenly Father on Sunday, January 6, 2008 at St Mary's Hospital in Streator, Illinois

His visitation, Masonic services, and funeral were held Bethany Lutheran Church in Wenona. Pastor Craig Swenson officiated his funeral on Saturday, January 12th. Military rites were conducted by the Streator American Legion and VFW Post at the Rutland Cemetery. Hurst Funeral Home, was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Ronnie, Kevin and Keith Coons; Allan Divora; Bob Kurrle; R.G. and Jason Dummet; Bob Holz; and Rebecca Halma.

Mr. Marston was born in Dana, on Sept. 8, 1909, son of William J. and Louise Klesath Marston.

In 1933 he married Marjorie Carlson of Rutland. On June 1, 2007, they celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary. They enjoyed many happy years traveling to most countries of our world and celebrating their lives together.

In 1931 he received his bachelor of science in railway electrical engineering. He began work in Chicago with the Chicago Transit Authority. After serving as a streetcar motorman, and a night clerk at various streetcar barns, he was assigned to the department of traffic and transportation.

In 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve, receiving a commission as Lt J.G. He was later assigned as captain of an LCI. Joining the other ships, he sailed to Pearl Harbor and to war in the South Pacific and North China arenas. He often talked of his experiences on his ship.

He served as ITE Illinois Section President in 1951 and 1952. Lifetime member John LaPlante fondly recalled the social retreat Bill

hosted at his summer home in the country. It was a great way to leave the stress of the city behind and enjoy the camaraderie of the Section.

In 1960, Mayor Richard J. Daley appointed him as City of Chicago traffic engineer. He was later appointed deputy commissioner of the Department of Development and Planning. In 1961, he was appointed as first deputy commissioner of the Department of Streets and Sanitation. After 45 years of serving with the City of Chicago government, he retired and served as a consultant for the Illinois/Indiana Bi-State Commission.

Bill was a member of the Wenona Masonic Lodge 334, where he served as worshipful master. He was an active member of the Wenona Rotary and a member of the Wenona American Legion Post.

He is a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church where he was a past member of the church board of directors. Prior to moving to Wenona, he was an active member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. He has contributed financial assistance to many philanthropic projects locally and nationally.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one sister, Jaunita Coons. He is survived by his loving wife, Marjorie, and two brothers, Donald from the state of Washington and Dale of Virginia. He is a loving uncle of many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

For 98 years he lived a full life but will be dearly missed by his wife, family, and friends. Memorials may be made to the Bethany Lutheran Church of Wenona.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

City of Naperville

The City of Naperville, Illinois, is seeking a high-energy leader to establish strategic direction for the Transportation and Traffic Services teams in the city's Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group. The individual selected for this position will be responsible for determining appropriate city strategies and managing relationships regarding transportation with regional partners including Metra, Pace, RTA, DuPage Mayors and Managers, county governments and adjacent municipalities. As a vital partner to city residents and businesses, the chosen candidate will represent the city on transportation and traffic issues before federal, state, county and other governmental bodies, TAB, advisory and neighborhood groups as appropriate. Additional responsibilities will include assisting in the development and management of neighborhood traffic control policies, the Capital Improvement Program, traffic safety initiatives, and development related transportation issues. This individual will work with city departments to answer citizen inquiries, gather information, or resolve complaints as well as develop cooperative working relationships with representatives from other local governments and community organizations in order to better promote the community's assets & events. The selected candidate will be providing innovative leadership for a team of 6 or more employees of the Transportation and Traffic Services Team. This will involve creating and facilitating an environment of employee participation, creativity, risk taking and decision making at all levels of the Team and the Business Group. In addition, budgetary responsibility is associated with this position.

The City of Naperville, Illinois is a dynamic community of 140,000 residents, conveniently located 28 miles west of Chicago. Money Magazine recently named Naperville as the second best city in the United States in which to live. We have gained national recognition for our family-friendly environment, excellent schools and library system, low crime rate and vibrant downtown area.

We're also an exciting place to work! Our municipal government employs over 1,050 dedicated individuals in a wide range of job categories. We offer competitive pay (low \$80's to mid \$90's to start, dependent upon qualifications), an outstanding benefit package, a great work environment, an on-site fitness center and a beautiful location on Naperville's scenic Riverwalk.

To qualify for this exciting opportunity, you must have a bachelor's degree in Engineering or Planning and at least 5 years of experience in a related field. A master's degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Civil Engineering, Planning or a related discipline is preferred; though an equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered. A Registered Professional Engineer's license (P.E.) for the State of Illinois or AICP certification is also preferred. A valid Illinois State Driver's license is required.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is recruiting for the following positions:

- **Program Manager, Special Programs**
- **Project Manager, Special Programs**
- **Project Manager, Regional Coordination**
- **Project Manager, Engineering & Technology**
- **Division Manager, Program Compliance**
- **Manager, Regional Planning**

For information about the RTA, the positions and to apply, visit www.rtachicago.com. EOE



Wilbur Smith Associates

Wilbur Smith Associates is a full-service international transportation and infrastructure consulting firm providing planning, engineering, design, economic and construction-related services for projects worldwide. We have experienced tremendous growth and plan to continue. We were founded in 1952, and are 100% employee owned. Our culture is one that encourages intelligent risk and is performance based, yet we're also family-focused. This environment allows our staff members to reach their full potential. We are currently seeking Transportation Project Managers for our Lisle, Illinois office to manage transportation planning and engineering studies related to the toll industry. Studies would include traffic and revenue estimation, highway corridor analysis, traffic and toll plaza operations, and others.

REQUIREMENTS:

- **Must have a Bachelors and/or Masters Degree in civil engineering, planning or economics all with an emphasis in transportation**
- **Minimum of ten years experience**
- **Familiarity with the development of socioeconomic forecasts**
- **Must possess a good understanding of transportation demand and microsimulation models with the ability to interpret results**
- **Demonstrated project management experience and cost control**
- **Strong communication and interpersonal skills**

The successful candidate must have proven record in all areas of project management, interact with clients, develop business opportunities, and have strong leadership and communication skills.

WSA offers an excellent compensation and benefits package including competitive compensation, health, dental, vision, 401k, paid time off, ESOP, and more. To apply online, please visit our website at www.WilburSmith.com. Resumes may also be sent via fax to 615-778-9733 or emailed to mschroeder@wilbursmith.com Please reference job #WV10614 when applying.

REFER A FRIEND

The Illinois Section will send a complementary issue of ITEMS to your friend or business acquaintance who may be interested in joining ITE. E-mail the contact information to your ITEMS editor at: mrinnan@ekmail.com or fax the information to 312.251.3015. The contact will be provided membership information and acknowledgement of your referral.



INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

PAUL ENG-WONG, P.E., FITE

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 of transportation professionals. 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. 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.

ITE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

This year I am celebrating my 30th year of active membership in ITE, with which I started at the grassroots level as a member and committee chair in the Metropolitan Section of NY and NJ, before going on to be elected President and Section Director. I was later elected Chair and International Director of the Northeastern District and served as Chair for both the Transportation Planning Council and Transportation Consultants Council. I have also been honored to receive various awards from ITE, including the International Board Certificate of Recognition, the Ivor S. Wispart Transportation Engineer Award from the Metropolitan Section and the Harvey Boutwell Distinguished Service Award from the Northeastern District.

PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

I co-founded Eng-Wong, Taub & Associates, a traffic and transportation engineering firm, in 1988. Serving as president, I have led its growth to a 50-person company celebrating its 20-year anniversary. Among a wide-range of traffic, ITS, parking, transit and pedestrian studies, I hold overall responsibilities for issues pertaining to technical oversight, corporate finance and human resources. I strive to cultivate an environment of enthusiasm and collaboration, promoting the highest standards of professional ethics, workforce development, education and community participation that echoes those values attained in a lifetime of ITE service. Prior to establishing Eng-Wong, Taub & Associates, I worked at The RBA Group and Edwards & Kelcey. I earned both my Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and am a licensed Professional Engineer in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Florida.



International Vice President candidate Paul Eng-Wong, P.E., FITE



INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

EUGENE "GENE" WILSON, P.E., PTOE

Strengthen ITE by helping to solve critical professional and societal core issues. Gene will use his experience in education and training to help achieve solutions in the areas of safety, management and operations, designing for all users and workforce development.

Strengthen ITE by working together as a community of transportation professionals.

Gene will help ITE provide member services to strengthen your local professional recognition. Gene wants to help you become more active in ITE at all levels. The stronger our membership is; the stronger ITE's voice becomes. He will work within the ITE community, forming new partnerships as appropriate and will work with ITE's global networks to achieve solutions.

Strengthen ITE's global network of members.

Gene will provide more opportunities for international member involvement. Gene will use his experience with the World Interchange Network (WIN) to create an international ITE communications network. An ITE WIN network will provide more opportunities to share worldwide knowledge of transportation developments. This international networking will help all ITE members.

Strengthen ITE member communications and educational training.

These are keys to more members and more active members. Gene pledges to listen and respond to your professional needs and issues.

SELECTED SERVICE TO ITE AND THE PROFESSION

- **International Board of Direction, Technical Council Representative, 1991-1994**
- **ITE's representative to the Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc. (TPCB), 1998-2007**
- **Technical Council, 1982-1994, Chair, 1991-1994**

- **Transportation Safety Council, Executive Committee, 1997-2007, Emeritus Member, 2007**
- **41st Annual District 6 Meeting, Technical Program Chair and Compendium Editor, 1988**
- **Chapter Author, "Teaching Safety," ITE Traffic Safety Toolbox, 1999**
- **Assistant Editor, Traffic Control Devices Handbook, ITE, 2001**
- **ITE Journal, Conference Proceedings and Westemite - author and co-author of 30+ articles**
- **ITE Technical and specialty committees - 20+ committee memberships and/or chair activities**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Active in ITE for nearly 40 years, Gene has a broad base of experience.**
- **As a University of Wyoming Professor Emeritus, Gene has been privileged to prepare young engineers for a career in transportation.**
- **Gene has worked for DOTs providing research, traffic engineering and transportation planning expertise.**
- **Gene has been active in ASCE, ARTBA, NACE, APWA, TRB, NLTAPA, NCHRP and the MUTCD National Advisory Committee.**
- **Involvement in many sectors has helped Gene to understand the complexity of transportation and the importance of ITE's role.**
- **Gene values transportation certification's role in protecting public safety. The TPBC is a team success affiliated with ITE. Gene is proud to have been the first chair of this team effort.**
- **Gene continues to work as a transportation engineering consultant.**
- **100+ technical publications**
- **100+ national and international conference presentations**
- **200+ workshops taught worldwide**

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at Arizona State University, (Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning)**
- **Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Civil Engineering at University of Wyoming**



International Vice President candidate Eugene "Gene" Wilson, P.E., PTOE

TOLL ROAD PRIVATIZATION MAY RESULT IN INDIRECT IMPACTS

Privatizing toll roads in the U.S. may result in significant diversions of truck traffic from privatized toll roads to “free” roads, and may result in more crashes and increased costs associated with use of other roads, according to a new study.

Peter Swan of Penn State Harrisburg and Michael Belzer of Wayne State University presented the findings of their study, "Empirical Evidence of Toll Road Traffic Diversion and Implications for Highway Infrastructure Privatization," at the 87th annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board.

The study used data from the State of Ohio, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Ohio Turnpike to predict annual Turnpike truck vehicle miles traveled, and therefore diverted vehicle miles, based on national truck traffic and Turnpike rates. The researchers then compare estimated truck traffic diverted from the Turnpike to truck traffic on Ohio road segments on possible substitute routes.

Both economic models support the hypothesis that rate increases divert traffic from toll roads to “free” roads.

"While recently privatized roads do not have enough history to determine how high actual rates will rise, adequate data do exist to determine what happens when toll rates increase dramatically on state-run toll roads," says co-author Swan, Assistant Professor of Logistics and Operations Management at Penn State Harrisburg.

The study concludes that if governments allow private toll road operators to maximize profits, higher tolls will divert trucks to local roads, depending on the suitability of substitute roads. The authors estimate that for 2005, a for-profit, private operator of the Ohio Turnpike could have raised tolls to roughly three times what they were under the public turnpike authority, resulting in about a 40% diversion of trucks from the Ohio Turnpike to other roads. "The Ohio Turnpike substantially increased tolls during the 1990s to help finance construction of a third lane in each direction over substantial portions of the Turnpike," the researchers say. "Because the Ohio Turnpike raised its rates for trucks in the 1990s and later lowered them again, sufficient data exist to calculate a demand curve for the Turnpike based on demand and the toll rate. We then use the resulting demand curve to estimate diversion of trucks caused by the changes in the toll rates and to forecast how toll rates might affect Turnpike truck revenue."

The number of diverted trucks is important to both the State of Ohio and the nation for economic and social reasons.

First, many of the substitute roads are two-lane highways with crash rates many times that of the Turnpike. Second, the increased traffic has reduced the quality of life for communities located along diversion routes and dramatically increased the maintenance costs of many of these roads, say the researchers.



Ohio Turnpike Commission facilities—then (above) and now (below).



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TOLL ROAD PRIVATIZATION (CONTINUED)

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Finally, higher truck tolls have two negative effects on the economy. Motor carriers eventually pass all tolls to consumers in the form of higher prices for goods. While higher toll rates may not decrease the efficiency of non-diverted trucks, they have raised costs.

Furthermore, diversion reduces the efficiency of these trucks because they clearly are taking a second-best route. The resulting loss of efficiency can stifle economic activity, according to the study.

Many of these economic and social costs may not be considered in future leases or sales, especially when such costs are paid by people in states other than the one making the lease agreement.

The study researchers question whether it makes good policy sense to substitute the existing fuel tax-based system of funding road infrastructure with a system that uses widespread tolls and to grant long-term leases to private enterprises that will operate them for profit.

"The combination of inadequate maintenance,

lack of capital for new capacity, and ever-growing demand has led to renewed calls for tolls," Swan and Belzer state. "It is curious that national policy clearly supports sales or long-term leases of roads to private parties when such negative results can be expected.

"It does not appear that the U.S. Department of Transportation has considered how far tolling and highway privatization should go ... how such a market-based system of interstate highways will affect the parallel system of publicly-owned state and local roads ... or the effect of private tolling on interstate commerce – unless U.S. DOT is already committed to the toll-based funding for all roads."

"If the true problem is that political leaders are unwilling to face the voters with the reality that there is no free lunch, then the problem we seek to solve by tolling and privatization will not solve the problem at all. In fact, our research suggests that it will only make the problem worse," Swan and Belzer say.

View the entire article at <http://php.scripts.psu.edu/dept/iit/hbg/about/News/2008-01/01-15-Swan.php>

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT BOARD

On January 1st, newly elected members of the ITE Midwestern District Board officially assumed their duties. The 2008 Board consists of **District President Jeff Young** of the Illinois Section who is the Assistant County Engineer for the McHenry County Division of Transportation. **Vice President John Davis** is a traffic engineer for Ayres and Associates in Waukesha, and a member of the Wisconsin Section. **Secretary/Treasurer John Crawford** works for URS in their Minneapolis Minnesota office and is a member of the North-Central Section. **Steve Manhart** of Jacobs Engineering enters his second year serving as your International Director. **Tom Campbell** continues to serve as Administrator (Ex-Officio).

Maintenance of the District web site was recently transferred to the Traffic Operations and Safety (TOPS) Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

If you pay International and District dues you should have received a copy of the revitalized District newsletter, MidwesternITE. If you did not, you need to check your contact information (for how to, see the Keep Your Membership Information Current sidebar in this issue).

For more information, visit the on the Midwestern District website at www.midwesternite.org/.

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CURRENT...

...by using the Change of Personal Information Form on the Illinois Section website at <http://www.ilite.org/public/membership/ChgInfo.pdf> and by accessing <http://www.ite.org> then log in using your member no. and password. Your personal information page is then displayed. Hit the edit button and make changes as needed.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

ITE WEB SEMINARS

Registration for the ITE web seminars listed below closes 3 days prior to course date. Visit <http://www.ite.org/education/webinars.asp> to register. A copy of the presentation and a student supplement are provided two days prior to the web seminar.

SIGNAL TIMING FOR CONGESTED CONDITIONS

Thursday, March 6, 2008, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
CST Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

OVERVIEW OF MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF ITS

Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

SIGNAL TIMING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIGNAL TIMING PLANS

Thursday, March 13, 2008, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

DESIGNING ITS PROJECTS WITH MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS FOCUS

Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

ADVANCED SIGNAL TIMING

Thursday, March 20, 2008, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
CST Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

CHARACTERISTICS OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)

Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member
Price: \$100 Site Registration Fee.

APPLICATION OF THE NATIONAL

UNIFIED GOALS FOR TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET \$100 Site
Registration Fee.

EFFECTIVE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Wednesday, April 30, 2008, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET Price:
\$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AUDIT GUIDE

Thursday, May 15, 2008, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET Price: \$250/
Nonmember Price: \$275.

TRIP GENERATION: FUNDAMENTALS AND APPLICATIONS

Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

TRIP GENERATION: ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS

Thursday, June 5, 2008, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
CDT Credits 1.5 PDH/.15 IACET ITE Member
Price: \$250/Nonmember Price: \$275

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Extended seminar series, March 7 & 8, April 18 & 19, May 18 & 19, September 5 & 6, October 3 & 4, November 14, and concluding February 2009 at the ACEC-IL Winter Conference Awards Luncheon ~ NIU Outreach Center, Naperville, IL. Registration Fee: \$2,900 not including registration fee and lodging for 2009 conference, and dinners on April 18, September 5, October 3 and November 14. Registration Deadline is until 24 slots have been filled.

Registration forms are available the American Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois (ACEC-IL) by calling 217/529-7430 or e-mailing acec-il@acec-il.org.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE HANDBOOK REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and the International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) are requesting proposals for the development of a new Traffic Signal Maintenance Handbook. Proposals are due on March 7, 2008 at 3 PM EST. All Proposals must be submitted electronically via Microsoft Word and in Adobe Acrobat to Lisa Fontana Tierney at lfontana@ite.org.

The complete RFP can be obtained on the ITE web site at http://www.ite.org/positions/SignalMaintenanceHDBK_RFP.pdf

CONFERENCE CALL

A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

ITE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT

Sunday to Wednesday, March 30-April 2, at the Hyatt Regency Miami in Miami, Florida. For more information visit <http://www.ite.org/Conference/> or phone Sallie Dollins at 202-289-0222 ext. 149 or e-mail her at sdollins@ite.org

ITS MICHIGAN ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday and Thursday, May 13 & 14, at the Rock Financial Showplace, in Novi, Michigan. For more information visit <http://www.itsmidwest.org/events.html> or e-mail Michele R. Mueller at muelerm2@michigan.gov.

TRANSPORT CHICAGO 2008

Friday, June 6 at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL. For program details and registration information, check the conference web site at <http://www.transportchicago.org/>.

TRB FREEWAY AND TOLLING OPERATIONS CONFERENCE

Sunday to Wednesday, June 15-19, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. <http://www.2008ftoc.com/conference.aspx> or contact Steve Corbin at 954-847-2785 for more information.

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBIT

Sunday to Tuesday, July 6-8, 2008, at the Hard Rock Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. For additional information visit <http://www.midwesternite2008.org>



CALL FOR PAPERS AND NOMINATIONS

TRANSPORT CHICAGO 2008

Transport Chicago seeks papers dealing with all aspects of transportation, including planning, public transit, freight, air, rail, and bicycle and pedestrian transportation. Paper presentation will occur in one of two separate forums: oral presentation before an audience or display at a "poster session." Student papers are encouraged and will be eligible for prizes on day of conference.

If interested, please submit an abstract (250-word maximum) for anonymous review by the Steering Committee by Monday, March 17, 2008. Abstracts must be in the specified format. For more information visit <http://www.transportchicago.org/> or email andrew.parker@pacebus.com.

2008 ITE TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Transportation Achievement Award is awarded annually for excellence in the advancement of transportation to meet human needs by

entities concerned with transportation such as governmental agencies, legislative bodies, consulting firms, industry and other private sector organizations. The award consists of recognition at the ITE Annual Meeting and in ITE Journal and a plaque. Awards will be presented to outstanding transportation achievements in the following categories: All Users, Bicycle, Facilities, Operations, Pedestrians, Safety, and Signal Systems. Should a project or program encompass multiple award categories, the one combined award will be given. To be an eligible recipient for the proposed awards, the candidates can be: a government agency, transportation consulting firm, private business or corporation, combined public/private institution, academic institution or any other appropriate entity. Please submit the nominated project or program on materials electronically formatted (in Adobe Acrobat) by April 1, 2008. Questions regarding the awards process should be directed to Heather Talbert at htalbert@ite.org phone (202) 289-0222 ext 138.

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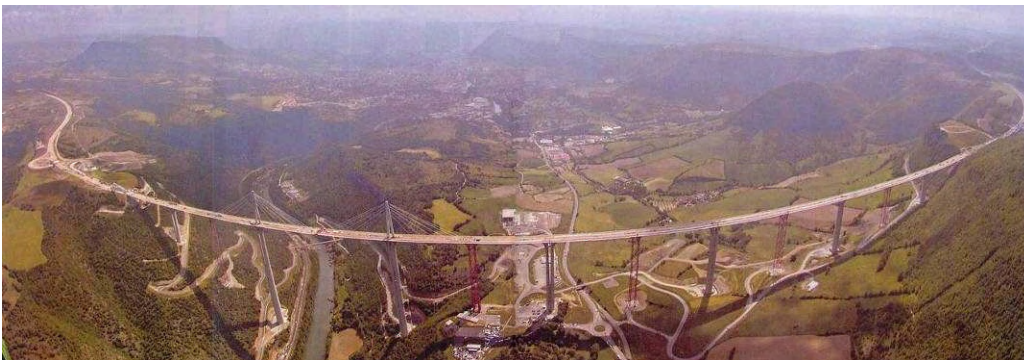
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **March 20** – Illinois Section Luncheon, Maggiano's, Chicago, Illinois
- **March 30 to April 2**– ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Miami, FL. Visit the website at <http://www.ite.org/conference/>
- **April 24** – Illinois Section Luncheon, United States Dependency on Foreign Oil – Christopher Jones, NIU Professor – Holiday Inn, Naperville (TENTATIVE)
- **May 15**–ITEmS Deadline
- **May 22** – Illinois Section Luncheon, Transportation Engineers Role In The Legal Field – Mark McNabola, Cogan & McNabola, Maggiano's, Chicago, Illinois

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2008

June 19	Suburban Maggiano's – Joint Meeting, ASCE (Tentative)
July 6-8	Midwestern District Annual Conference hosted by the Illinois Section
July 17	Golf Outing – Joint Outing with the Irish Engineers Group
July 24	Location TBA, Joint Meeting, WTS
August 17-20	ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit , Anaheim CA
September 18	Holiday Inn, Naperville – Joint Meeting (Dinner), ISPE
October 23	Student Day - IIT
November 20	Cliffbreaker's, Rockford
December 18	Bella Bacino's – Happy Hour – Year End Wrap-up

2009

January 25	Annual Awards Dinner at Wellington, Arlington Heights, IL
February 22	Engineer's Week Washington Banquet
March 20	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
March 22 - 25	ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit , Phoenix AZ
April 16	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
May 21	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
June 11	Suburban Maggiano's – Joint Meeting, ASCE (Tentative)
June 17-19	Midwestern District Annual Conference hosted by the Wisconsin Section
July 16	Golf Outing – Joint Outing with the Irish Engineers Group
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August 9-12	ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit , San Antonio TX
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