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MARCH STUDENT DAY

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Join us at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Gallery Lounge, Hermann Hall, 3241 South Federal, Chicago, IL

Date: March 24, 2011

DIRECTORY

Set-up: 9 - 9:30 AM Time:

> Career Fair: 9:30 AM - Noon Lunch: Noon - 1:30 P.M.

Cost: \$50 Exhibitors

Free for Students

Join us for a half day career fair and buffet Student/Professional luncheon. Lunch includes a Roundtable discussion on careers and the industry



Spring is just around the corner — I hope — and we are well into ITE Activities for 2011. We are very excited about the activities planned for this year and look forward to sharing them with you.

Thank you for those who joined us on January 14, for the 2011 Annual Banquet. ITE members and guests enjoyed camaraderie, honored longstanding members of ITE, shared in the inspiration of the future of ITE and supported the incoming board. Robert Seyfried, David Miller, and Jerry Riebe were all honored with Life Member awards. Ali Hajbabaie and Tyler James of the University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign were recipients of student scholarship. The student paper award went to Jiguang Zhao from Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville and the University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign won the Student Chapter Award. Matt Letourneau, 2009 Illinois Section President, provided opening comments and John LaPlante, 1975 Illinois Section President, swore in the 2011 Board. The Board has already made history by being sworn in twice - yes twice. The board was sworn in early to decide our first ever election tie. I am sure this is an indication of many exciting times ahead.

Congratulations to the 2011 ITE Illinois Section Board: Joel Christell (Vice-President), Chad Hammerl (Secretary), Sara Disney Haufe (Treasurer), Tim Sjogren (Immediate Past President), John Wirtz (Operations Group Director), Chris DeRosia (Technical Group Director), Joshua Harris (Student Affairs Group Director), Kevin O'Neill (Public Affairs Group Director), and Brian DeSalle (Activities Group Director). I look forward to continuing to work with this amazing group of professionals who dedicate so much of their time and energy to serving the section and our members.

Thank you to all of the members of the 2010 Board who have laid the foundation for another successful year and I would like to extend special recognition to Mark Rinnan and Young Jae Ju for their continuous support and leadership in developing and maintaining our Section's award-winning newsletter and website.

The 2011 Board will continue to serve our members in a number of ways, from bringing you engaging lunch speakers, to career development opportunities and training, to student events. Our first lunch meeting was held on February 10th, with Mr. Steve Schilke. Illinois Department of Transportation District One/Region One Consultant Studies Unit Head, presenting on the beginning stages of the Illiana Expressway Project. This complex project will involve many stakeholders and a tight timeline. We thank Mr. Schilke for talking with us and we look forward to hearing more about this project as it progresses. ITE recognizes that there are great benefits in joining our partners in shared events so our next lunch meeting on April 22, 2011 will be in conjunction with the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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ITE continues to support your career development by bringing you workshops and webinars that are timely and affordable. Due to record snow storms our Highway Capacity Manual training course originally scheduled for February 2, 2011 was rescheduled for April 11, 2011. We will continue to offer lunch time webinars from ITE International.

It is always rewarding to work with our students and student chapters. Student Day is coming up on March 24th and I am visiting the ITE Student Chapter at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville on March 17th.

Not only will the 2011 ITE Illinois Section be

focused on our section events this year, we are actively preparing for the 2012 District Conference. The 2012 District Conference is shaping up to be remarkable as we team with the Transportation Research Board 4th Urban Street Symposium. Mark your calendars for June 24-27, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza.

I am very excited about the year ahead and our work together. Please let me know if you would like to help out with ITE activities. It is incredible to be part of a network of transportation professionals that is constantly striving to improve mobility, safety, and quality of life for everyone.

TECHNICAL GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Technical Director Chris DeRosia. On December 9th, 2010, forty-eight professionals attended a full-day workshop on the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM), 2010 edition, which was held at the **DuPage County Airport** in the **Argonne National Laboratory Transportation** Research Analysis and Computing Center in West Chicago, IL. The workshop was conducted by McTrans Center and facilitated by the Illinois Section. Bill Sampson of the University of Florida instructed the workshop and even included "Traffic Jeopardy" at the conclusion to test registrants' material retention. The workshop focused on the significant changes to the HCM since it was last published in 2000. Changes generally included: pedestrian/ bicycle/transit level-of-service calculation, redone weaving analysis techniques, roundabout delay, revisions to intersection queue/delay calculations. In addition, an introduction to the new Highway Capacity Software (HCS) was presented, including new time space diagrams and improvement to optimization of cycle length and split times.

Orders are currently being taken for the new HCM which has now been released. The HCS is expected to be released one to two weeks after this. If you missed the first HCM Workshop, another one is scheduled for April 11th which will be held at the Illinois Department of Transportation District 1 offices in Schaumburg, IL. Otherwise, you may find it convenient to view the series of HCM webinars (http:// www.ite.org/education/webinars.asp) beginning April 12th by the ITE Educational Foundation partnered with Transportation Research Board (TRB). As an alternative and due to the overwhelming popularity of this topic we plan to hold a two-day HCM training course to provide more in-depth coverage of topics later this year.

The Technical Group is planning many interesting professional development events in 2011 including regular webinars and a workshop on the new Highway Safety Manual. As always we welcome ideas from the membership on webinar and workshop topics or suggestions to make these professional training events more worthwhile and enjoyable.

CONDOLENCE

It is my sad duty to inform you Richard W. Stafford V, 47, of **Evanston past away on February** 24, 2011. Richard was a member of the Illinois Section ITE, a Vice President at Bowman and Barrett and previously a **Senior Transportation Engineer** at CH2M Hill. He was the loving father of Jonathan R. Stafford; beloved son of Dick and Betty; loving brother to Beth (Brad) Swigart and his twin, Cynthia (Brad) Strom. A memorial visitation was held March 1, and a memorial service on March 2nd at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Wilmette, Illinois. **Interment was at Memorial Park** Cemetery. The family has asked in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the church or charity of your choice. Arrangements were handled by NH Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, phone (847) 998-1020



2010 HCM Workshop: DuPage County Airport/Argonne TRACC, West Chicago. IL



STUDENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Student Affairs Director Sara Disney Haufe. This year, the Illinois Section presented two general scholarships and a paper award to three students pursuing an education in transportation engineering at an Illinois college or university. The ITE Illinois Section Scholarship Award is presented annually to encourage students to consider Transportation Engineering or Transportation Planning in their studies and career aspiration and to provide partial financial support to students who have demonstrated an interest and are likely to work in the transportation field. The Scholarship is provided to one graduate and one undergraduate student matriculating in Illinois in the form of \$2,000 each to be used as they choose. This year, among 13 highly qualified applicants, Ali Hajbabaie was selected as the graduate winner and Tyler James as the undergraduate winner.

Ali Hajbabaie is a PhD student and Graduate Research Assistant at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Mr. Hajbabaie has achieved a perfect GPA, is the ITE Student Chapter President at UIUC, and has previously worked for an engineering consulting firm in Tehran, Iran. Also a past winner of the IL ITE Student Paper Award, Mr. Hajbabaie aspires to a career in academia and research, where he hopes to make significant contributions to our industry in the areas of Intelligent Transporation Systems, traffic safety, and traffic operation.

Tyler James, a student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is working toward a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Mr. James has already gained work experience in transportation and construction management at both private and public sector firms, and he plans to begin the pursuit of a Masters Degree in Construction Management in August 2011. Mr. James then plans to embark upon a career involving the construction management of major transportation infra-

structure projects.

ITE Illinois Section student members currently enrolled in a graduate program in the state of Illinois are also provided the opportunity to submit a written paper on a transportation engineering topic for the chance to win \$1,000 in the 2010 ITE Illinois Section Student Paper Award competition. The papers are judged on scope and format, originality, applicability to the field, validity, and significance.

This year's Student Paper Award winner is Jiguang Zhao, a PhD student at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in the Department of Civil Engineering. His research paper, "The Safety Effects of Median Treatments using Qwick Kurb: An Emprical Bayes Before-After Study", is the first before-and-after comparison of the use of Qwick Kurb median treatment and its effects on traffic safety in Florida. The findings of Mr. Zhao's research indicate that the studied applications of Qwick Kurb for the purpose of limiting turning movements was an effective way to reduce the frequency of leftturn crashes with a shorter construction timeline than traditional concrete median applications. He hopes to continue his research in transportation, focusing on operations and safety.

The ITE Student Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign yielded the most applicants and was awarded \$150 to put toward a Chapter event of their choosing. Thank you to all IL ITE members who helped us raise funds for the 2010 student scholarship awards!

Are you looking for ways to enhance your student chapter? The Section invites chapter representatives or a faculty advisors to submit articles to ITEms. This is a great way to highlight chapter activities or the academic career of chapter members. It could also provide some name recognition for those who will soon begin their professional careers.



Scholarship Committee Chair Erik Cempel congratulates UIUC student Ali Hajbabaie on his winning the graduate scholarship award



the undergraduate scholarship award from Erik Cempel



SIUE student Jiguang Zhao is awarded the Student Paper Award by Erik Cempel



STUDENT EVENTS PLANNED!

By Incoming Student Affairs Director Joshua Harris. For the 2011 calendar year, IL ITE will continue the great events that the previous Student Affairs Directors started. The Student Affairs Group is examining successful past events and looking to improve upon them for the student members to expand their knowledge of the transportation engineering profession.

The first event of the year will be Student Day on March 24th. The Illinois Institute of Technology has helped secure a location at Hermann Hall, 3241 S. Federal Street, Chicago, Illinois. Student members can participate in a resume review and career fair from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. followed by a roundtable luncheon to explore the transportation engineer community and meet a variety of companies in the Illinois Section. Civil engineering students from universities across the Midwest attend this event, attracting students from as many as nine colleges and universities. Some of the colleges and universities invited include: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Marquette University, Purdue University, University of Illinois-Chicago, Illinois Institute of Technology, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison and Platteville. This is an excellent chance to publicize your

firm and its endeavors to both current and future professionals. If you would like to attend or more information, please get in touch with me

Other events and improvements that the Student Affairs Group is considering:

- 2nd Annual Job Shadowing Day
- A student social event
- · Visits to student chapters
- . Student chapter field trip
- . Awarding scholarships to students
- Continue to contact employers and students about job, internship, and job shadowing openings
- Increase student chapters in the Illinois ITE Section

We are always looking to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our group, so if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for the group, I would be glad to hear from you. You can contact me at:

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Center of lane zig-zag markings on Belmont Ridge Road in Loudoun County, Virginia



Zig-zag lane edge lines on Sterling Boulevard in Loudoun County, Virginia

ZIG-ZAG PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Reprinted from the Virginia Department of Transportation press release website. Those unusual but eye-catching pavement markings installed on two roads that intersect with the W&OD Trail in Loudoun County, are helping to slow motorists and bicyclists according to an experiment conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and its research arm, the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research (VCTIR).

Zig-zag pavement markings were installed on Belmont Ridge Road and Sterling Boulevard in 2009 to test their effectiveness in improving safety at trail crossings. The 45-mile W&OD trail has more than 70 highway crossings through Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun counties, creating the potential for serious crashes between vehicles and bicyclists and pedestrians.

The one-year study found that the markings installed in advance of the two crossings heightened the awareness of approaching motorists. This was evidenced by reduced mean vehicle speeds within the marking zones. Further, a majority of survey respondents indicated an increase in awareness, a

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The Institute of Transportation Engineers - Illinois Section invites you to exhibit at the

Fifth Annual STUDENT DAY Career Fair

Thursday, March 24th, 2011

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Illinois Institute of Technology in the Gallery Lounge at Hermann Hall

3241 S. Federal Street Chicago, Illinois

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates a 10-year (2008-2018) growth rate of 24% for transportation and civil engineers. With this in mind, now is the time to come face-to-face with students seeking full-time positions, internships, and co-ops! Even if your firm isn't currently hiring, IL ITE Student Day is an excellent chance to publicize your firm and its endeavors to both current and future professionals.

Student Day is attended by Civil Engineering students from universities across the Midwest. Previous event have attracted students from as many as nine colleges and universities. Some of the colleges and universities included: the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Marquette University, Purdue University, University of Illinois-Chicago, Illinois Institute of Technology, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison and Platteville. Each participating company will be provided with one six-foot table and two chairs for a registration fee of \$50.

Please direct any questions to Joshua Harris at <u>iharris@civiltechinc.com</u> or (630)735-3958 with questions. To register your firm, please return the lower half of this page and a check for the \$50 registration fee (payable to ITE – Illinois Section) to Mr. Joshua Harris at the address below.

Joshua Harris Civiltech Engineering, Inc. 450 E. Devon Avenue, Suite 300 Itasca, Illinois 60143

Exhibitors are welcome to begin setting up at 9:00 AM on the day of the event; set-up must be completed before 9:30 AM. Students and exhibitors are invited to wear business casual attire. Coffee service will be available for the duration of the career fair.

Space is limited, so act quickly!

IL ITE Student Day Career Fair - Exhibitor Registration Form

Please detach and return this portion of the page with registration fee to the designated address.

Company Name:		
Contact Person:		
Address:		
Phone:	E-mail:	





REGIONAL "FUTURE CITY COMPETITION™" RESULTS

The 2011 winners of the Chicago Regional National Engineers Week Future City® competition is the student team from St. Clair RXIII Junior High School (St. Clair, MO). St Clair students traveled from a school located 50 miles west of St. Louis to compete in the Chicago competition. The competition took place at University of Illinois at Chicago on Saturday, January 29.

The three winning team members are Shayla Hinson, Sydney Stahlma and Mikaela Drewel and were assisted by Kyler Waldo and Jamie Foutch, all age 13. Their teacher Jennifer Hawkins and Engineer mentor Ron Kadone, Clayton Engineering Co. (retired) provided guidance.

In 2009, a team from St. Clair came in 4th place. In 2010, a team from St Clair came in 2nd. In 2011, they took away top honors! SALUDABLE, the team's winning city, which means healthy in Spanish, is a technologically advanced, health conscience city. The city is set in the year 2266 in northern Venezuela. Having low pollution provides the city with better health and life expectancy. Research centers in the city have found cures for many diseases including viral meningitis, obesity, staph infection and muscular dystrophy. The city has several renewable energy sources getting power from the Rio Saludable Hydroelectric dam and wind turbines. Citizens of Saludable are progressive, well educated, health conscience, and technology advanced.

Shayla Hinson says, "This competition taught me a lot about engineering. I enjoyed building the model and writing the script for the presentation. I'm really excited to meet students from all over the county and compete nationally."

Sydney Stahlman comments, "I learned a lot about engineering and architecture preparing for this competition. I had fun and it is definitely something I'll look forward to again next year."

Chicago runners up include:

- Second place school: St. Paul of the Cross School, Park Ridge, IL
- Third place school: Franklin Middle School, Wheaton, IL
- Fourth place school: Miles Davis Magnet Academy, Chicago, IL
- Fifth place school: Stone Scholastic Academy, Chicago, IL

Special awards were presented to schools for their individual accomplishments in the competition. The Institute of Transportation Engineers presented a special award to a separate team from St. Clair for excellence in transportation safety and operations. Other special awards included Best Computer Model: Perspectives MSA, Best Essay: Miles Davis Magnet Academy, Best Model City: Stone Scholastic Academy and Best Presentation: St. Paul's Lutheran School.

This year's final round judges in Chicago included:

- Rupert Graham, Superintendent of Highways Cook Country Highway Department
- Carl Knutson, Associate Principal Perkins + Will. Architects
- Manju Sharma, Director of Maintenance & Operations Metropolitan Water Reclamation
 District of Greater Chicago
- Gina Trimarco, Assistant Vice President Transystems

They will now travel to Washington DC to compete in the 19th Annual Future City National Finals (www.futurecity.org), scheduled for February 18-22, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. More than 33,000 students from 1,000 middle schools in 35 regions across the country are participating in the Future City regional competitions. The grand prize is a trip to Space Camp in Alabama provided by Bentley Systems, Incorporated. Results of the competition were not announced at the time of publication.



2011 Regional winners (I to r) Mikaela Drewel, Kyler Waldo, Sydney Stahlma, Jamie Foutch, and Shayla Hinson from St. Clair RXIII Junior High School

DID YOU KNOW?

The Illinois Sections website (http://www.ilite.org/start/) contains the Major Topics such as Meetings, Newsletter, Membership, Business, and News such as **Illinois Section** Announcements, Road & **Bridge News, and IDOT** News. There are links to the **Midwestern District Meeting** and International Meeting, and the Illinois Section Calendar. (Thank you Mike Phan for providing this valuable tip.)

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OPERATIONS GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Operations Group Director John Wirtz. I am beginning a new term as the Director of the Operations Group and look forward to getting more involved with the Illinois Section. First, I want to thank **Mike Phan** for his past hard work. Mike will continue to be involved as the Chair of the Ambassador Committee, responsible for encouraging membership.

The Operations Group is also seeking a new chair for the Records and Mailing Committee. The main responsibilities are to update, publish, and distribute the annual directory, and to maintain an accurate member database. Please contact me at john.wirtz@jacobs.com to volunteer.

Invoices for annual dues were sent to all affiliate members in December. To date, we have received payment from 21 of 38 affiliate members. Thank you to those of you who have paid. If you haven't paid, we hope you will renew your

membership. It's only \$20 for the year (less for students and public agencies) and it gets you a \$10 discount to every lunch meeting. I'll be contacting you soon!

I also want to challenge everyone to recruit a new member. Perhaps there is a young person in your office who would like to get more involved in a professional society, maybe someone new to the region, or even a former member who hasn't been active in a while? Applications are available on the ILITE website.

As always, don't forget about the opportunity to advertise in ITEMS newsletters. The newsletter is distributed quarterly to over 400 transportation professionals in the Illinois Section. Ads are just \$100 for a year. Please contact Bill Eidson at weidson@cbbel.com or see the website for details.

ZIG-ZAG PAVEMENT MARKINGS (CONTINUED)

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change in driving behavior, and a higher tendency to yield than before.

Motorist awareness was assessed by before and after speed studies. Motorist attitudinal changes were assessed through a survey targeting motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists familiar with the markings. The survey was distributed via links posted on the Loudoun County government office website and electronic newsletters distributed by the Broad Run and Sterling District supervisors' offices. Links were also distributed to bicycle clubs operating throughout the northern Virginia area. Motorist understanding was assessed through a handout survey in a different region of the state that targeted motorists unfamiliar with the zig-zag markings in Loudoun County.

The study recommends that VDOT continue to re-mark and maintain the zig-zag pavement markings at both test locations and monitor

and collect data on crashes at both locations for three years.

The zig-zag pavement markings are a low-cost alternative to other safety improvements at mid -block locations. The pavement markings come in two different styles, and were approved for this test by the Federal Highway Administration after seeing the successful use of these markings in the United Kingdom and Australia.

"Zig-zag markings provide an additional tool for us to consider in improving safety at bicycle and pedestrian crossings," said Hari Sripathi, VDOT's Regional Operations Traffic Engineer.

"If similar results are obtained for zig-zag experiments in other parts of the country, the treatment may be sanctioned for widespread use."

The entire study can be downloaded from VCTIR's website at http://vtrc.virginiadot.org/ PubDetails.aspx?PubNo=11-R9.



HCM 2010 NOW Available

The fifth edition of the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM2010) incorporates more than \$5 million of funded research that has occurred since publication of the HCM2000. This latest edition will significantly update how engineers and planners assess the traffic and environmental effects of highway projects. The fifth edition is the first HCM to:

- Provide an integrated multimodal approach to the analysis and evaluation of urban streets from the points of view of automobile drivers, transit passengers, bicyclists, and pedestrians;
- Address the proper application of microsimulation analysis and the evaluation of those results:
- Discuss active traffic management in relation to both demand and capacity; and
- Provide specific tools and generalized service volume tables to assist planners in quickly sizing future facilities.

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ACTIVIES GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Activities Director Brian DeSalle. The 2011 ITE-Illinois Section Annual Banquet was held on January 14, 2011 at White Eagle Banquets in Niles, Illinois. Fifty-four Section members, spouses, and honored guests enjoyed the festivities. Once again, we had significant contributions from both corporate donors and individuals to the Scholarship Fund. The corporate support came from Civiltech Engineering and CH2M Hill. Individual donations were made by Joel Christell and Carter McHugh, Chester Kropidlowski, John "Tex" Mick II, Cheng Soong, and John and Linda LaPlante. Combining the donations, auction and raffle, \$1,760 was raised for the Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all the bidders and donations.

Several student awards were presented during the evening's program. Two scholarships were awarded for \$2,000 each. The students were Ali Hajbabaie and Tyler James, both students at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. A \$1,000 paper award was given to Jiguang Zhao from Southen Illinois University-Edwardsville. A \$150 Student Chapter Award for most scholarship applicants was presented to the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Congratulations to the winners and also to all the applicants this year.

Section awards were also presented during the Annual Banquet. Three Section members were recognized as new Life Members of the Institute. These members were **David Miller**, **Jerry Riebe**, and **Robert Seyfried**. The 2011 Young Member Award was presented to **Sara Disney-Haufe**. She will receive up to \$2,500 to offset here costs to attend either the 2011 ITE Midwestern District Conference in Dubuque, IA or the 2011 ITE International Meeting in St. Louis, MO. The Past Presidents Award was given to **Rolf Killian** for his dedication, professional ex-

cellence, and contributions to the Illinois Section. This is one of the most distinguished awards given to an ITE – Illinois Section Member. We thank Rolf again for his many years of service to ITE and the profession.

We were honored to have **John LaPlante** perform the installation of the 2011 Illinois ITE Section Board. John was the 1975 Illinois Section President, a 1983 Past President Award Winner, and the recipient of the 2010 Theodore M. Matson Award presented by ITE International for his contributions to the field of traffic engineering. We thank him for his participation in the festivities.

In addition to the Annual Banquet, the Illinois Section ITE Winter Social was held at Improv Olympic (iO) in the Wrigleyville neighborhood of Chicago, IL on December 16, 2010. Some members gathered prior to the show at the Goose Island Pub and Brewery for dinner and drinks. A good time was had by all who attended.

In a change from past years, we held a February luncheon on February 10, 2011 at the Maggiano's in Schaumburg, IL. **Steve Schilke** of IDOT presented on the Illiana Expressway Environmental Impact Study. Over 60 Section members and other transportation professionals were in attendance for his presentation. We thank all those who attended and made our first February event in several years a success!

Upcoming events include the ITE Student Day at IIT which will be held on March 24, and our next Section luncheon held in conjunction with ISPE-Chicago at the downtown Maggiano's on April 21. Be on the lookout for more details for both of these upcoming events!



Mike Phan (right) thanks Steve Schilke for his presentation to the Illinois Section

SEMINARS COMMITTEE CHAIR SOUGHT

The Technical Group is currently searching for volunteers to help with the Seminars Committee.

Any interested individuals may contact Chris DeRosia at cderosia@

patrickengineering.com

or (312) 201-7931. The duties include advertising, making arrangements, and handling registration for Illinois Section technical training events.

Please step up and volunteer so that the section can continue to provide worthwhile training opportunities to the local membership.



Steve Schilke of IDOT District One describes one the many unique elements of the plan for a transportation corridor that crosses the Illinois-Indiana border



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MEET THE 2011 ILLINOIS SECTION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

KIM KOLODY-SILVERMAN, P.E.

Ms. Kolody-Silverman , P.E., has worked for CH2M Hill for 12 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 previously worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation, the City of Lansing (MI), and obtained her masters degree from Michigan State University. Kim has been a member of the International and local sections since 1994. Her service includes Director of the section's Technical Group, Treasurer of the 2004 Midwestern District Conference planning committee, and assisted with various committees.

VICE PRESIDENT JOEL CHRISTELL, P.E.

Mr. Christell has worked for Civiltech for over 10 years. He serves as a Project Manager and Engineer on a variety of projects including highway and roadway design, environmental and location design studies, Pre-Phase I studies, and location drainage studies. Joel has a bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and currently serves the Section as Activities Group director. He has been a member of International and local sections since 1999 and served for eight years on the House and Special Events committee which he chaired from 2004 to 2006.

SECRETARY

CHAD HAMMERL, P.E., PTOE

Mr. Hammerl has been an active member of ITE since his sophomore year at Marquette University and with the Illinois Section for the past 13 years. He just completed his term as section Treasurer, has served a s Public Affairs Group Director, has assisted in planning technical events such as the Traffic Signal Timing Workshop and various webinars, and served as cochair on the 2008 Midwestern District Conference planning committee. Chad began his career with the Village of Schaumburg and currently works as a Project Manager for Jacobs Engineering.

TREASURER SARA DISNEY HAUFE, P.E., PTOE

Ms. Haufe is a Traffic Engineer for Traffic Analysis & Design, Inc and a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is responsible for project management and traffic engineering tasks including: traffic impact studies for various land uses, signal warrant studies, parking demand analyses, transportation planning studies, and traffic simulation modeling. Sara has over 5 years of traffic engineering experience and has contributed to studies for clients in the public and private sectors. Some of the notable projects in which she has been involved include a campus traffic and parking study for the Edward Hines Jr. Veterans Affairs Hospital in Hines, Illinois; Interchange Feasibility Studies for Interstate 90 at Illinois Route 47, and the Downtown DeKalb Revitalization Study. Ms. Haufe has served as Student Affairs director and Chair of the Student Awards Committee.

Section President Kim Kolody -Silverman



Section Vice-President Joel Christell



Section Secretary Chad Hammerl



Section Treasurer Sara Disney Haufe



INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

ZAKI MUSTAFA, P.E. (F)

Bureau Chief, City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles, CA, USA

TOGETHER WE ARE THE BEST

I truly believe that we can accomplish more goals in more meaningful ways when we work together with each other. In preparing my vision statement for this campaign, I contacted all ITE presidents and many past presidents to learn about the issues our leaders are facing throughout the world. I found that there are common themes in all regions and generations of the ITE family: We need to work together to make ITE more accessible, visible, and affordable.

My experience gained from more than 30 years of ITE involvement has provided me with a valuable tool: I can recognize the needs and expectations of our members in the many different levels of our organization, and I know how our organization can meet these needs.

I have worked for the City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation for the last 27 years. As the Chief of Field Operations, I am responsible for crews that install and maintain all traffic control devices for the City. I manage more than 280 employees with a budget of approximately \$30 million.

I have been very fortunate to serve at all levels of ITE leadership: as a Student Chapter President, Section President, District President, and recently as a member of the International Board. This experience has allowed me to contribute my ideas, programs, and enthusiasm throughout the full spectrum of the ITE organization. My ITE career highlights include:

- International Director: 2008, 2009, 2010
- Western District President: 2005
- Initiated the Presidential Proclamation award program
- WesternITE newsletter editor
- WesternITE web-site manager
- LAC Chair Anaheim Annual Meeting: 2008
- Traffic Bowl Committee Member

I established the District's Student Endowment Fund and helped establish my local Section's Student Scholarship fund. I also established eight new student chapters throughout the Western U.S.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ME!



International Vice President candidate Zaki Mustafa, P.E., FITE

AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

ITE PAST PRESIDENTS' AWARD

The ITE Past Presidents' Award for Merit in Transportation is awarded annually for a paper reporting on independent and original research or on an outstanding accomplishment in the field of transportation engineering. The purpose of the Award is to recognize distinguished achievement in transportation engineering by younger members of the Institute.

ELIGIBILITY: To be an eligible recipient for the proposed award, a candidate must be a non-

student member of the Institute who has not reached his/her 35th birthday by April 1st of the award year.

- The candidate must have conducted or been a principal participant in an original study or project in the field of transportation.
- The study or project must have been completed with two (2) years of the stated deadline for entries (April 1).
- . The study or project may have been financed

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INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

RAY DAVIS, P.E., PTOE (F)

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with public or private funds by contract.

- The study or project may have been previously reported to another group or publicized in other media.
- The study or project may be an expansion or revision of a paper that previously has been submitted to the Institute in the Past Presidents' Award competition.
- Papers by multiple authors are not eligible for this award.

SUBMITTAL PROCEDURE:

- The candidate will submit an original paper describing the study or project undertaken.
- The paper must be typewritten, double-spaced, and can be no longer than 5,000 words in length.

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- The paper must be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 300 words.
- The submission will include a statement clearly indicating the candidate's relationship to the study or project in terms of design, conduct of the work, analysis of data, and authorship of the paper itself.
- Each application must be submitted electronically, in one document, formatted in Adobe Acrobat®.
- Submission must be received at ITE Headquarters office no later than 5:00 pm by the deadline of April 1, 2011. Submit application to: Carol MacDougall cmacdougall@ite.org, Subject Line: Past Presidents' Award

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Originality 20%
- Significance 20%
- Scope, format, clarity 20%
- Validity 20%
- Applicability 20%

AWARD: Recognition at the ITE Annual Meeting and in ITE Journal, Inscribed certificate, and Up to \$1,500 travel reimbursement to attend the ITE Annual Meeting (at which the award will be presented).

ITE PUBLIC AGENCY COUNCIL AWARD

The purpose of the ITE Public Agency Council Award is to recognize government agencies that achieve excellence. This award is not directed at the technical work of the agency, which may be recognized by such awards as the Transportation Achievement Award or the Transportation Planning Council Awards, but rather at how the agency conducts its business. This award may be given annually.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility extends to local governments, regional organizations, state or provincial agencies, and transportation districts and authorities.

SUBMITTAL PROCEDURE: Each entry should be completed by the agency submitting the nomination and contain the following pieces of information:

- Agency information: Agency's name, address, web site listing and name of member submitting the nomination including phone/fax numbers and email address.
- Description of the practice or program being nominated: Must communicate how the management practice or program is specifically related to the agency's ability to deliver outstanding results in the transportation engineering, planning, operations or related activities.
- Supporting Documentation: Additional information may be provided to help describe the practice or program. This may include brochures, manuals, press clippings, photographs, etc. The information must be submitted in sufficient detail to allow objective judging of these efforts.

Each nomination must not exceed ten pages including a cover page with the agency information.

All nominations must be sent to ITE HQ electronically formatted in Adobe Acrobat® no later than 5:00pm on April 1, 2011 to Tatiana Richey at trichey@ite.org. (Attn: PAC Award).

EVALUATION CRITERIA: The following criteria will be used when reviewing the award entries:

- · Number of creative innovative ideas
- Level of community impact
- . Benefits to agency and its citizens
- . Applicability to other agencies
- Participation in ITE activities such as the ITE
 Public Agency Council and/or Agency membership

AWARD: Recognition at the ITE Annual Meeting and in ITE Journal and a Plaque.

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ITE INNOVATIVE INTERMODAL SO-LUTIONS FOR URBAN TRANSPOR-TATION PAPER AWARD

This award has two purposes: to encourage reporting of activities and programs that have been effective in addressing urban transportation needs through the development of innovative, practical and balanced intermodal solutions; and to publicize the role of transportation professionals in achieving innovative solutions to urban transportation needs.

The award has been endowed by Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan Inc. in memory of Daniel W. Hoyt, a Fellow member of ITE at the time of his untimely death in April 1991 at the age of 51.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual transportation professional, member or non-member of ITE, who actively has been involved with and reports on intermodal activity or programs that address urban transportation issues.

For a paper to be eligible, it must be published in the Annual Meeting Compendium, the Technical Conference Compendium, or the ITE Journal.

SUBMITTAL PROCEDURE:

- In order to be considered for this award, each original paper and/or program application must be submitted electronically in one document with this submittal form as page one, formatted in Adobe Acrobat®.
- Please send your PDF submission electronically no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2011 to Carol MacDougall at cmacdougall@ite.org (Attn: Daniel W. Hoyt Award).

SELECTION PROCESS: After an initial screening process conducted by session presiders and other volunteers, the subset of potential finalist papers is narrowed down to the 5-8 finalist papers. The finalist papers will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Transit Council and the winning paper is selected based on the highest score from the judging criteria. The Awards Chair then notifies ITE headquarters by May 1st of the winner.

AWARD: Recognition at the ITE Annual Meeting and in ITE Journal and an award plaque

ACEC-ILLINOIS 2011 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The ACEC-Illinois 2011 Community Service Award is intended to recognize ACEC-Illinois members for their accomplishments in community service.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Member, Life Member or Fellow of ACEC-Illinois.

NOMINEES: Shall be outstanding individuals who have been involved in community service such as boards, commissions or community groups and shall have demonstrated a sustained commitment to their communities.

- Shall be perceived by the public in their communities as leaders.
- May have been active in local, county or state government.
- Shall have served to influence decision making on issues other than professional.
- May demonstrate through their civic involvement how the quality of life in their community has been enhanced.
- Shall have received no remuneration for professional services rendered, if any.
- Shall be or has been a principal or manager in an ACEC-Illinois member firm for at least five (5) years.

NOMINATIONS: Are submitted by an ACEC-Illinois Member on behalf of him/herself or on behalf of another Member.

DEADLINE: All nominees must be presented to ACEC-Illinois no later than March 11, 2011 for state-level consideration.

AWARD WINNERS will be recognized at our Annual Meeting on June 9, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield during the evening Member Awards/Scholarship Dinner. ACEC-Illinois will forward the TOP AWARD to ACEC for National Community Service Award Competition.





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.

PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC OPERA-TIONS ENGINEER® REFRESHER COURSE

Tuesdays, April 12 to May 10, 2011, 2:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 9 PDH/0.9 IACET CEU. ITE Series Site Fee: \$625 ITE Member /\$781 Nonmember /\$313 Student Chapter Member.

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Wednesdays, April 13 to May 18, 2011, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 9 PDH/0.9 IACET CEU. Approved Certification Maintenance (CM) credits for this activity are pending. ITE Series Site Fee: \$750 ITE Member /\$938 Nonmember /\$375 Student Chapter Member.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPERATIONS SPECIALIST® REFRESHER COURSE

Thursdays, April 14 to May 12, 2011, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CDT Credits 9 PDH/0.9 IACET CEU. ITE Series Site Fee: \$625 ITE Member /\$781 Nonmember /\$313 Student Chapter Member.

HIGHWAY CAPACITY MANUAL 2010 OVERVIEW

Tuesday, April 12, 2011, Noon – 1:30 p.m. CDT Registration for this webinar was not available at time of publication.

APPLICATIONS OF THE NEW ACTIVE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER

Thursday, April 14, 2011, Noon – 1:30 p.m. CDT Registration for this webinar was not avail-

able at time of publication.

CHANGES TO UNSIGNALIZED IN-TERSECTION METHODOLOGIES

Tuesday, April 26, 2011, Noon – 1:30 p.m. CDT Registration for this webinar was not available at time of publication.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP: TRAFFIC SIGNAL DE-

Monday to Friday, April 18 - 22, 2011, Contact NUCPS for course times. Credits 34 PDH/3.4 IACET CEU. \$1050 per person. Course held at the NUCPS, 1801 Maple Avenue, Evanston, IL. Visit http://nucps.northwestern.edu/ for more information.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP: CRASH RECONSTRUCTION FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERS

Monday to Friday, June 6 - 10, 2011, Contact Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS) for course times. Credits 34 PDH/3.4 IACET CEU. \$950 per person. Course held at the NUCPS, 1801 Maple Avenue, Evanston, IL. Visit http://nucps.northwestern.edu/ for more information.

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CONFERENCE CALL

A list of conferences is provided for your consideration:

2011 ITE TECHNICAL CONFER-ENCE AND EXHIBIT

Sunday to Wednesday, April 3 to 6, at the Walt Disney World Swan Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. For more information visit http://www.ite.org/conference/default.asp

MID-AMERICA FREIGHT COALI-TION CONFERENCE AND MEETING

Tuesday to Thursday, April 26 to 28, at the Marriott St. Louis Union Station, in St. Louis, Missouri. More information available on the web at http://midamericafreight.org/events/2011am/.

WTS 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday to Friday, May 18 to 20, at the Hyatt Embarcadero, in San Francisco, California. See the conference website at http://www.wtsinternational.org/ SecondaryTemplate.aspx?id=5378 for more information.

TRANSPORT CHICAGO 2011

Friday, June 3, 2010 at the American Dental Association Building, 211 East Chicago Avenue, in Chicago. For more information visit http://www.transportchicago.org/, or call David VanderZee at 847.228.2388.

TRANSIT INTATIVES AND COMMU-NITY CONFERENCE

Monday to Wednesday, June 20 to 22, at the Hilton at the Ball Park, in St. Louis, Missouri. See the conference website http://www.cfte.org/TIC/TIC2011.asp for more information.

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT 45TH Annual Conference and Meet-Ing

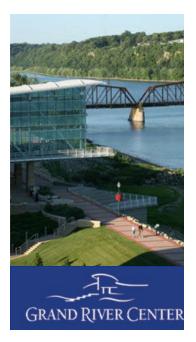
Held in conjunction with the Missouri Valley ITE Spring Annual Meeting. Sunday to Tuesday, June 26 to 28, at the Grand River Center, in Dubuque, Iowa. Watch for e-mails and the District website at http://www.midwesternite.org/ for more information.

2011 AASHTO MISSISSIPPI VAL-LEY CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEET-ING

Hosted by the Mid-America Association of State Transportation Officials. Wednesday to Friday, July 20 to 22, at the Westin Hotel, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Watch for the conference website at http://www.dot.state.oh.us/groups/maasto2011/Pages/default.aspx for more information.



ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit



Site of the ITE Midwestern District Annual Conference and Meeting

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICIT 2011 CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Local Arrangements committee is seeking papers on the new and ongoing issues or technologies in the field of transportation engineering, planning and operations. The committee hopes that you will take this opportunity to share your research and case studies with your fellow professionals. The conference is to be held June 26 –28, 2011 at the Grand Harbor

Resort, in Dubuque, Iowa. Abstracts are due by Friday, April 1, 2011. E-mail your abstract to:

Andy Swisher, P.E., PTOE HR Green, Inc.

email: aswisher@hrgreen.com

Phone: 515.657.5266

Please limit abstracts to approximately 250 words and include "2011 Abstract-Author's Last Name" in the subject line and as the name of any attached documents.



SECTION CALENDAR

MARCH 2011

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 18 Sandhouse Gang Seminar, "The Future State of Rail in Illinois" 1 to 5 PM. Transportation Center, Northwestern University Chambers Hall, Evanston, Illinois. Visit http://transportation.northwestern.edu/sandhouse/ for more information.
- March 19 John Mick's 13 th Annual St Pat's Party (ALL Proceeds benefit Cancer Relay for Life and American Diabetes Association) at The Underpass Restaurant & Lounge, Franklin Park, IL RSVP by phone at 312.505.1149
- March 24 Illinois Section
 Student Day, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois
- April 11 2010 Highway Capacity Manual Workshop, IDOT
 District One, Schaumburg
- April 22 Illinois Section Joint Luncheon with ISPE, Maggiano's , Chicago
- May 16—ITEms Deadline
- May 20 Illinois Section Luncheon, Maggiano's, Naperville

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ILLINOIS SECTION '11-'12 PLANNER

Please note al dates, locations, and topics are tentative. Check the section calendar in future editions of ITEms or on line at www.ilite.org to verify details.

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June 16	Suburban Maggiano's – Joint Meeting, ASCE (Tentative)		
June 26-28	Midwestern District Annual Conference hosted by the MOVITE Section		
July 14	Illinois Section ITE Summer Social Event		
August 13-16	ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit, America's Center, St. Louis, MO		
August TBD	Golf Outing – Joint Outing with the Irish Engineers Group		
September 15	Holiday Inn, Naperville – Joint Meeting (Dinner), ISPE		
October 20	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's		
November 17	Monthly Luncheon at Cliffbreaker's, Rockford		
December 15	Year End Social Event (details to be provided)		
	2012		
January 13	Annual Banquet at The White Eagle, Niles, IL		
January 22-26	TRB Annual Meeting, Washington DC		
February 24	Engineer's Week Washington Banquet		
March 3 - 7	ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit, Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, CA		
March 15	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's		
April 19	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's		
May 17	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's		

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