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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As we approach the end of 2012, I want to wish our ITE family a safe and joyous holiday season.

Your ITE Illinois Section has continued to be busy with many events the past couple of months. Ms. Janet Attarian gave a great presentation on CDOT's "Make Way for People" initiative on September 19<sup>th</sup>. This initiative promotes innovation in the public way by opening Chicago's streets, parking spots, plazas and alleys to new programming and marketing opportunities.

In October, the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign – Urbana. The Section was a sponsor of this conference and had a representative on the planning committee. The conference was well attended with a wide variety of topics and discussions. As has become a tradition, six professionals spoke with students from the U of I and Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville about their career path in a roundtable discussion. Josh Harris and I also visited Southern Illinois – Ed-

wardsville and Northwestern University. We learned a lot about what the students want out of ITE and how the Section can serve the students better. See the Student Activities Group report for more information.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Rockford Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, we held a luncheon at Franchesco's in Rockford. Mr. Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager from the City of Rockford was present and provided an update on the City's upcoming and ongoing major capital projects.

I was given the opportunity to attend the Midwestern District Board Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee, the site of the 2013 Midwestern District Annual Meeting to be held on June 26-28. It will be a great conference and the planning efforts are coming together well. Registration information for the meeting is available at <http://www.midwesternite.org/2013conference/>.

I am honored to have been your President for the past year. Thank you to everyone for making this a great year, especially the Executive Board, Directors, and all of the committee members who have worked hard to provide you with great opportunities to socialize, obtain PDH's, and make new colleagues and friends. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Banquet on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Columbia Yacht Club to celebrate the past year and welcome the new 2013 Board!

We need more Facebook and LinkedIn members! Please friend us or join our group.

### 2013 ILLINOIS SECTION ANNUAL BANQUET

Join us at Columbia Yacht Club

111 N Lake Shore Drive,  
Chicago

**Date:** February 1, 2013

**Time:** 6:00p Reception  
7:00p Dinner

Watch your email for further information!



## ACTIVITIES GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*By Activities Group Director Brian DeSalle.*

It has been an active Fall season for the Activities Group, beginning with our September 19 luncheon at the Maggiano's in downtown Chicago. The focus of the luncheon was a presentation by Ms. Janet Attarian on the City of Chicago's "Make Way for People" initiatives, which have the goal of transforming city streets into places where not only vehicles are served, but also pedestrians, businesses, and neighborhood activities. Over 30 members and non-members alike were in attendance.

The Section also held its annual joint luncheon with the Rockford Area chapter of ISPE at Franchesco's in Rockford on November 15. Mr. Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager from the City of Rockford was present and provided

an update on the City's upcoming and ongoing major capital projects. About 40 transportation professionals were in attendance, with half of those being Illinois Section members.

The Activities group would like to encourage everyone to continue coming out to ITE events, including an upcoming social event on December 18 at Brando's in downtown Chicago, and of course our 2013 Annual Banquet, which will be held at the Columbia Yacht Club in downtown Chicago on February 1. Please be sure to save these dates on your calendars. We are also looking for donations and auction items at the Annual Banquet to benefit the Illinois Section Scholarship Fund. Stay tuned for more details on these upcoming events.

## OPERATIONS GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*By Operations Group Director John Wirtz.*

It's almost time to renew your ITE membership for 2013. The Operations Group will soon be sending out invoices to Affiliate Members in January. If you are a member of ITE International make sure you renew as well. If you are not an Affiliate Member, but would like to become one, please see the "How to Join" link on the Illinois Section website (<http://www.ilite.org/>) to download an application. At just \$20 per year, it's a very affordable way to stay active in ITE

and to make sure you receive our e-mails about upcoming events.

Also, we tested the use of GoToMeeting software to webcast the September Illinois Section meeting from Maggiano's in downtown Chicago. For the most part, the test was successful (although we determined that we need a wireless microphone). We expect to be expanding this webinar meeting option in 2013. Pricing remains to be determined.



Janet Attarian presents at the September Illinois Section Meeting at Maggiano's.



## STUDENT AFFAIRS GROUP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*By Student Affairs Group Director Joshua Harris*

### School Visits

The ITE Illinois Section is seeking to visit all student chapters every year. In the past quarter, three universities were visited, which included University of Illinois - Champaign-Urbana, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, and Northwestern University.

The University of Illinois - Champaign-Urbana visit was on October 17th. The meeting was held after the Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference activities. The meeting consisted of practicing professionals and students discussing aspects of transportation engineering. Some topics that were discussed included: funding, ethics, diverging diamond interchange design, interviewing tips, salary, work environment, company size, and trip generation.

The Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville visit was on October 30th. The meeting consisted of Joel Christell and Joshua Harris discussing a Phase I project and answering questions on aspects of transportation engineering. Some topics that were discussed included: the differences in phases of transportation projects, project funding, interviewing tips, work environment, company size, and the difference between public and private jobs.

The Northwestern visit was on November 29th. The meeting consisted of Joel Christell and Joshua Harris presenting about ITE and answering questions on aspects of transportation engineering. Some topics that were discussed included how to find a job, if higher education helps in getting a job, PTOE and PTP certifications, work environment, company size, and the difference between public and private jobs.

The ITE Illinois Section thanks the University

of Illinois - Champaign-Urbana, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, and Northwestern student chapters for hosting the meetings.

### Scholarship and Student Paper Competition

The application deadline was November 30th for the Scholarship and Student Paper Awards. 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. ITE Illinois Section student members currently enrolled in a graduate program in the state of Illinois were also provided the opportunity to submit a written paper on a transportation engineering topic for the chance to win \$1,000 in the 2012 ITE Illinois Section Student Paper Award competition. We thank all that submitted applications for the scholarship and the paper. The winners will be announced at the Annual Dinner Banquet on February 1st at the Columbia Yacht Club in Chicago, Illinois.

### Student Day

The ITE Illinois Section will hold another Student Day next year on March 29, 2013 at the Illinois Institute of Technology. The Student Day is for local university undergraduate and graduate students in transportation planning and engineering disciplines. The event includes a career fair at the beginning of the day and the opportunity for the students to interact with the section's general membership and to provide a forum for our membership to share their professional experience with the students at lunch.

### School Requests

The ITE Illinois Section is looking to do more for each school. Can we come by and visit your school to get a better understanding of the students needs? If there is anything that the Section can do, please contact Joshua Harris at [jharris@civiltechinc.com](mailto:jharris@civiltechinc.com).



## MAYOR EMMANUEL ANNOUNCES NATION'S LEADING INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FLEETS TO CONVERT TRUCKS TO ELECTRIC POWER

**NEW PROGRAM WILL BE MOST GENEROUS INCENTIVE PACKAGE IN NATION TO INCENTIVIZE CONVERSIONS TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES; WILL INCLUDE VOUCHERS GIVEN AT POINT OF SALE**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

**Chicago-** Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today that the City of Chicago will launch an incentive program for electric trucks in Spring 2013, which will be the most innovative program of this kind in the nation, and will encourage private and public fleets to convert their diesel trucks to electric operations. The Chicago program will be the first program in the nation based on the size of the battery being placed in the vehicle.

"This first-of-its-kind incentive program will make Chicago the leader in building a robust public and private electric truck fleet and dramatically increase the number of these trucks on Chicago's streets, allowing companies to operate more efficiently and creating economic opportunity in the process," said Mayor Emanuel. "This program is a creative way to achieve sustainability goals and business goals at the same time, and I'm pleased to be leading the charge on this effort."

Eligible fleets for the program will be those that operate in the Chicago area, which for the purpose of this program will be the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will. The program will be applied in the form of a voucher applied to the purchase price at the point of sale – whether at a dealership or through a manufacturer. The value of the voucher will be about 60 percent of the incremental cost of the electric vehicle (over the cost that might be expected for a traditional diesel vehicle) and will be determined by the size of the truck's battery pack. The City will issue a call for applications in Spring 2013, and expects to issue approximately 250 vouchers.

"The City is encouraging companies to invest in electric vehicles in order to incrementally im-

prove Chicago's air quality while helping to advance these emerging transportation technologies," said Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) Commissioner Gabe Klein. "By offering a voucher at the point of sale, rather than as a post-sale rebate, we hope that more companies will be encouraged to participate in the program."

The program is funded by resources from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and their Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program selection committee, which awarded the City \$15 million in CMAQ funds. Those funds, which come from U.S. Department of Transportation funding, will make the E-Truck incentive program possible. "Electric trucks can improve quality of life for residents of the Chicago region by making our streets cleaner and quieter," said CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn. "By supporting worthy projects such as this, CMAP encourages the use of cleaner transportation technologies and fuels to help achieve regional goals for air quality and sustainability."

This is not the first such program that the City has undertaken under Mayor Emanuel's leadership. Through similar federally funded incentive programs, the City has helped deploy 404 cleaner vehicles, including 159 compressed natural gas (CNG) livery/taxi vehicles and 223 alternative fuel stations, including 17 CNG and 202 electric vehicle charging stations. These vehicles and stations have displaced 200,000 barrels of oil and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 2,850 tons. The Mayor has committed that the City will continue to be a leader in promoting transportation options and sustainability efforts that nurture further job and economic development.

Source: <http://www.cityofchicago.org>





## FIRST PHASE OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT LAUNCHES IN CHICAGO



**NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

**CHICAGO-** The Chicago Transit Authority on Monday debuted the first phase of its Bus Rapid Transit program with service that officials said will save commuters seven minutes each way between the Loop and the city's south side.

The "Jeffery Jump," first announced in September, is a new express service between 103rd Street on the south side to Metra's Ogilvie and Union stations.

Trips will cost the standard CTA fare, but the buses will make fewer stops. During the morning and afternoon rush, the Jeffery Jump will travel along the city's first dedicated bus-only lanes.

The service will operate without a few key elements of what's traditionally known as BRT:

traffic signal prioritization throughout, pre-paid boarding and bus stop platforms that are level with the bus floor. Those features are coming later, officials said.

Local service on the CTA's Route 15 will continue as normal. That, in addition to the Jeffery Jump service and an increase in the number of shuttle buses, should help south siders get around while [a portion of the Red Line's Dan Ryan branches shuts down for five months for reconstruction](http://www.nbcchicago.com/traffic/transit/chicago-transit-bus-rapid-transit-jeffrey-jump-179034271.html#ixzz2EJLq3eX).

Future BRT routes include those along Western and Ashland avenues as well as an east-west corridor in the Loop.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/traffic/transit/chicago-transit-bus-rapid-transit-jeffrey-jump-179034271.html#ixzz2EJLq3eX>

## FUTURE CITY SCHOOL COMPETITION: PART II

The Chicago regional competition will be held in mid-to-late January. The Future City Competition is a national, project-based learning experience where students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade imagine, design, and build cities of the future. Students work as a team with an educator and engineer mentor to plan cities using SimCity™ 4 Deluxe software; research and write solutions to an engineering problem; build tabletop scale

models with recycled materials; and present their ideas before judges at Regional Competitions in January. Regional winners represent their region at the National Finals in Washington, DC in February.

To learn more about opportunities in Chicago and be involved with competing teams, visit <http://futurecity.org/region/chicago-regional-volunteer-opportunities>.





## IT'S ILITE ELECTION TIME!

Just when you thought you'd escaped election drama, it's back – the annual election of officers to the ILITE executive board. For the 2013 calendar year, our membership will be electing a new Treasurer, two new Directors, and an Affiliate Director. You'll also have the opportunity to vote for your Section President, Vice President, and Secretary, each of whom traditionally move up one position annually from the time they are elected Treasurer. This year's nominees are (listed in alphabetical order for contested positions):

<b>President:</b>	<b>Chad Hammerl</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Sara Disney Haufe</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Chris DeRosia</b>
<b>Treasurer (vote for one):</b>	<b>Mike Phan</b>
<b>Director (vote for two):</b>	<b>Josh Harris</b>
	<b>Ryan Jacox</b>
	<b>Jessie Slaton</b>
<b>Affiliate Director (vote for one):</b>	<b>John Wirtz</b>

Look for an e-mail on December 19<sup>th</sup> with your voter login and password to participate in this year's election, then come see who will be representing you during the officer installation at this year's Annual Banquet on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>!



2012 Illinois Section Board

## AMTRAK SERVICE FROM CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS REACHES 110 MPH

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. NOVEMBER 23, 2012.**

**Springfield-** After a test phase, Amtrak is whisking rail passengers at a new top speed of 110 mph over a short section of its route between Chicago and St. Louis in a step forward for the Midwest high-speed rail program, officials said Thursday.

Trains accelerate to the higher speed over a 15-mile segment between the central cities of Dwight and Pontiac in an upgrade that Amtrak and state officials hope will generate buzz just in time for Thanksgiving weekend and the start to the busy holiday travel period. Amtrak, though it is still losing money, is experiencing record ridership numbers on many routes around the country.

"This next-generation rail system gives passengers a safer, more reliable way to travel across Illinois and connect with family this holiday season," Gov. Pat Quinn said in a statement announcing the achievement.

The Chicago-to-St. Louis route is an important spoke in the Midwest rail system, which has received a chunk of the \$8 billion in stimulus funds set aside by President Barack Obama for high-speed rail projects.

Its current top speed over most of the route is 79 mph.

After another three years of upgrades, the \$1.5 billion in improvements to the Illinois line are expected to enable speeds of 110 mph over 75 percent of the route. That is expected to shave about an hour off the 284-mile journey between Chicago and St. Louis, which now takes about 5 1/2 hours. Future plans aim to shrink the time to under four hours.

Besides the faster speed, some trains on Amtrak's Lincoln Service will offer free Wi-Fi service.

Amtrak says ridership on its four Illinois routes has grown nearly 75 percent over the past six years, reaching 2.1 million last year.



Photo courtesy of ABC 7 <http://www.wjla.com>



## SHUSTER WON'T RULE OUT RAISING GASOLINE TAX FOR ROADS

### BLOOMBERG NEWS

By Angela Greiling Keane on November 28, 2012

Increasing the U.S. gasoline tax and instituting a levy based on miles driven should be options to pay for highway spending as cars become more fuel efficient, said Representative Bill Shuster, who will be the top House member overseeing federal transportation policy.

"I'm not wedded to any options," Shuster, a Pennsylvania Republican, told reporters today in Washington. "We need to explore them all."

Republican leadership chose Shuster today to be the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chairman in the next session of Congress, which begins in January.

The surface transportation bill passed by Congress in June kept the U.S. gasoline tax at 18.4 cents a gallon, where it's been since 1993, after Republican leaders and President Barack Obama ruled out an increase. The bill called for spending \$18.8 billion over two years above the amount raised by the gasoline tax, with the rest coming from general revenue.

Shuster said a vehicle-miles tax, raising the gasoline tax, tolling and public-private partnerships should be among options Congress considers to close the gap between the amount it needs for highway and transit spending and the money available.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, a former Republican House member from Illinois, suggested in 2009 after he assumed his post that a vehicle-miles tax should be an option. Then-White House press secretary Robert Gibbs, refuting LaHood's suggestion, said such a system "will not be the policy of the Obama administration."

A transportation appropriations amendment adopted by the Republican-controlled House in

June forbid the department from even studying a vehicle-miles tax.

### VMT HURDLES

Such a tax system may be a "long-term" solution, Shuster said today, without defining his time frame. The concept has logistical hurdles such as how information about miles driven would be collected and how payment would be made, he said.

Oregon has tested a VMT, and another test is under way at the University of Iowa paid for with U.S. dollars. A VMT, in addition to not declining as fuel economy improves, would give the government a way to tax driving of electric vehicles that don't have gasoline engines, according to a 2011 Bloomberg Government study.

The gasoline tax was last raised in 1993 as part of a deficit-reduction deal. Because it isn't indexed for inflation, the amount collected has decreased relative to costs for the highway and transit projects it funds. Congress has bailed out the highway trust fund with general fund money so it can meet its obligations.

The trust fund hasn't covered expenses since 2009, according to the Bloomberg Government study.

The trust fund collected \$36.9 billion in taxes and interest in 2011, while it sent out \$44.3 billion in payments, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Of the outlays, \$36.7 billion went to highways and \$7.6 billion to mass transit.

**TO CONTACT THE REPORTER ON THIS STORY: ANGELA GREILING KEANE IN WASHINGTON AT AGREILING-KEA@BLOOMBERG.NET;**

**TO CONTACT THE EDITOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS STORY: BERNARD KOHN AT BKOH2@BLOOMBERG.NET**

### KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

The Section website is currently being updated. Until the update is complete please contact John Wirtz, Operations Group Director, at 312.612.7293 or e-mail [John.Wirtz@jacobs.com](mailto:John.Wirtz@jacobs.com) to provide change of personal information.

International members use cut and paste to access

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

then log in using your member number and password. Your personal information page is then displayed. Hit the edit button and make changes as needed.



## JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN ACCEPTS POSITION AS COOK COUNTY DOT'S CHIEF ENGINEER

Ms. Killen joined the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways in May 2012 as the Bureau Chief of Transportation and Planning. As the Chief Transportation Engineer, Ms. Killen oversees the Traffic Division, Advanced Planning and Agreements Division, Project Studies Division and the Right-of-way Division.

Ms. Killen is responsible for programming projects included in the annual 5 year Transportation Plan, and will oversee the development of the County's first Long Range Transportation Plan. The Long Range Transportation Plan will shape the transportation network to accommodate our future needs. The main focus of the plan is the Sustainable Prosperity which will be

achieved by addressing the needs of all modes of transportation: auto, bus, freight, bicycle and pedestrian. The goal to fund all types of transportation projects will also be more evident in the upcoming Multi-Year Transportation Plan.

Prior to her work with the County, she spent 13 years in the private sector with Civiltech Engineering, in the downtown Chicago office, conducting traffic studies, Phase I Engineering Studies and Phase II Design plans. Ms. Killen received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is a licensed Professional Engineer and Professional Traffic Operations Engineer.

## GABE KLEIN OF CDOT HAS JOINED THE ITS AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Intelligent Transportation Society of America names five distinguished leaders to Board of Directors

The Intelligent Transportation Society of America is pleased to welcome five distinguished transportation leaders to its Board of Directors. The ITS America Board of Directors voted this morning to approve the following new members:

**Malcolm Dougherty**, Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans);

**Gabe Klein**, Administrator of the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT);

**Jon Morrison**, President and General Manager of Meritor WABCO;

**Keith Parker**, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA);

**Ananth Prasad**, Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

A complete list of ITS America Board members is online at

<http://www.itsa.org/aboutus/boardofdirectors> .

## MICHAEL A. FORTI HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS CHIEF COUNSEL AT IDOT

Mr. Forti's appointment was announced by IDOT Secretary Ann Schneider on December 10, 2012. His term will be effective as of December 17th.





## VILLAGE OF KIRKLAND RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW HORTENSE STREET BRIDGE. NOVEMBER 29, 2012. DEKALB, IL.

NOVEMBER 29, 2012

**DeKalb-** The Village of Kirkland and DeKalb County Highway Department held a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony signifying the opening of the new Hortense Street Bridge on November 9, 2012. The Hortense Street Bridge was closed on August 10, 2010 because the bridge's existing superstructure was deficient beyond repair and in need of replacement. Because Village funds were not available for the needed repairs, the Village and the County worked together to secure federal funds to build the project. Truly a success story for both the Village and the County, planning for the demolition and reconstruction of the Hortense Street Bridge began March 28, 2012 with design and construction completed in a short seven months. At the Ribbon-cutting Mayor Les Bellah attributed this success to the positive collaboration between all involved parties including IDOT, FHWA, Herlihy, DeKalb County and design engineers Baxter & Woodman, Inc. Not only was construction completed in just 2 ½ months, this \$215,000 project came in 15% under budget. "This project was one of cooperation between Federal, State, County, and Municipal governments and a testament to what can be accomplished by working together."-DeKalb County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz.



Paul Naugle, Superintendent of Public Works, James Sparber Regional Manager of Baxter & Woodman, Mayor Les Bellah, and Brandon Buzzell Baxter & Woodman Structural Engineer.

Baxter & Woodman, Inc. is an employee-owned Engineering News-Record Top 500 Design Firm which provides planning, design, construction and technology services for water, wastewater, stormwater and transportation facilities. Environmental, geographic information systems (GIS), water and wastewater operations, and advanced technology needs complement the firm's civil engineering expertise. Municipalities, counties and state agencies are served from nine regional offices in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

### REFER A FRIEND

The Illinois Section will send a complimentary 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: [Sarah.Marrs@ch2m.com](mailto:Sarah.Marrs@ch2m.com). The contact will be provided membership information and acknowledgement of your referral.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

### ITE WEB SEMINARS

Registration for the ITE web seminars listed below closes three 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.

### KEEPING RISKS IN CHECK: APPLYING THE UPDATED FHWA MODEL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING DOCUMENT TO ASCT IMPLEMENTATION

1:00pm–2:30pm ET. December 20, 2012.

This webinar will walk participants through the application of the *Model Systems Engineering Documents for Adaptive Signal Control Technology Systems*. The speakers will provide an overview of the document and discuss its application through the use of real world scenarios to produce a concept of operations and system requirements. Register here: <http://www.pcb.its.dot.gov/t3/>

## CALL FOR PAPERS, PROPOSALS, AND ENTRIES

### APA POSTER DISPLAY (GENERAL & STUDENT)

**THE 2013 APA NATIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD APRIL 13 TO 17, 2013**

**Special Achievement Awards** are given for those projects worthy of special recognition of the engineer and the owner/client for achieving engineering excellence; and **Merit Awards** are given for those projects worthy of recognition for the engineer and the owner/client.

Download the Entry Form here: <http://www.acec-il.org/exawards.cfm>

### APBP POSTS RFP FOR 2013 WEBINARS

Since 2008, APBP has presented monthly web-

inars on a wide range of topical bicycle and pedestrian subjects. These one-hour sessions reach a wide audience of agency staff, consultants and advocates. APBP's webinars help to build and strengthen teams in many communities while delivering expertise for sustainable transportation.

APBP invites proposals specifically for topics in the 2013 monthly webinar series. Proposals for presentations on other technical topics may also be submitted using the same form.\* Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis and you will be notified within 45 days of your submission.

To download the RFP and view the topics of discussion, go to [http://www.apbp.org/default.asp?page=Webinar\\_RFP](http://www.apbp.org/default.asp?page=Webinar_RFP)

## CONFERENCE CALL

### TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD 92ND ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday to Thursday, January 13 to 17, at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Washington Hilton hotels in Washington, DC. Visit <http://www.trb.org/AnnualMeeting2013/> for more information.

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### ITE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT

Sunday to Wednesday, March 3 to 6, at the Sheraton San Diego hotel in San Diego, CA. Watch <http://www.ite.org/meetings/index.asp> for information as it becomes available.

**Do you have employment opportunities?**

**Advertise your job opening in *ITEMS*. For information contact:**

**William Eidson**  
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## Illinois Section Institute of Transportation Engineers

# 2013 ANNUAL BANQUET

## DONATIONS TO THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### LIVE AUCTION:

In order to raise money for the ITE student scholarship fund, a live auction will be held during the 2013 Annual Banquet. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Brian DeSalle at

Phone: (630) 735-3956, Fax: (630) 773 -3975  
E-mail: bdesalle@civiltechinc.com

Donated items could include:

- ☒ Entertainment (Tickets to plays, Music Concerts, etc.)
- ☒ Gift Certificates (Area Stores, Hotels, Restaurants, and Museums, etc.)
- ☒ Sports (Signed Memorabilia, Tickets to Sox, Bears, Hawks, Cubs, etc.)
- ☒ Technology (iPod, iPad, MP3 players, DVDs, etc.)
- ☒ Toys and Games (PS3, X -Box 360, Wii U, Disney items, etc.)
- ☒ Gifts for Him or Her (Purses, Brief Cases, PDA's, Apparel Items, Gift Baskets, etc.)
- ☒ Old and/or Interesting Street Signs

Please refrain from bringing items that have been previously used (except street signs).

### CASH DONATIONS:

Cash donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to ITE Illinois Section.

ITE is a non -profit organization. The section's FEIN number is 45-3787253. All donations are fully tax deductible and support the student scholarship fund.

Thank you.

2013 Illinois Section ITE Annual Banquet Donation Form

NAME/COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM DONATED: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #/E -MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROX. ITEM VALUE (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION CALENDAR

## [ DECEMBER 2012 ]

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **December 18:** Holiday Cocktail Reception at Brando's Speakeasy

- **January 1:** Happy New Year!
- **January 13-17:** 2013 TRB 92nd Annual Meeting in Washington D.C.

- **February 1:** 2013 Illinois Section Annual Banquet
- **February 22:** Engineer's Week Washington Banquet

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**ILLINOIS SECTION 2013 PLANNER**

Please note all dates, locations, and topics are tentative. Check the section calendar in future editions of ITEms or on line at [www.ilite.org](http://www.ilite.org) to verify details.

**2013**

January 13-17	TRB Annual Meeting, Washington DC
February 1	Annual Banquet, Columbia Yacht Club, Chicago, IL
February 22	Engineer's Week Washington Banquet
March 3 - 6	ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit, Sheraton San Diego, San Diego, CA
March 29	Illinois Section Student Day, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois
April 18	Illinois Section Monthly Luncheon, Suburbs (Venue TBD)
May 23	Illinois Section Monthly Luncheon, Chicago (Venue TBD)
June 20	Illinois Section Monthly Luncheon, Suburbs (Venue TBD)
June 26-28	ITE Midwestern District Annual Conference hosted by the Wisconsin Section, Milwaukee, WI
July 19	Illinois Section ITE Summer Social Event (Tentative)
August 4-7	ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit, Sheraton Boston and Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA
August 30	3rd Annual ITE-WTS Golf Outing (Date Tentative, Location TBD)
September 19	Monthly Luncheon, Chicago (Venue TBD)
October 15-17	62nd Annual Traffic Engineering & Safety Conference, Champaign, IL
October 17	Monthly Luncheon at Downtown Chicago Maggiano's
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**THANKS TO MARK RINNAN!**

BY OPERATIONS LEAD JOHN WIRTZ

I noted in the June issue that **Mark Rinnan** would be transitioning the responsibility of editing ITEms to a new editor. **Sarah Marrs** of CH2MHill has been working with Mark for the past two issues and will be the Newsletter Editor for 2013 (and hopefully beyond). Once again, I want to take the opportunity to thank Mark for dutifully completing his role as Newsletter Editor for the Illinois Section for the past eight years. The ITEms newsletter underwent a major makeover when Mark took over in 2005 and promptly won the ITE District and Section Newsletter Award.



ITEms won again in 2011, and Mark was able to accept the award at the ITE Annual Meeting in St. Louis (see picture). Thanks for the hard work and good luck to the new editor.



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