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## 2013 TSITE WINTER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES UT VISITORS CENTER, KNOXVILLE, TN FEBRUARY 27, 2013

President Jason Carder called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

The following Past Presidents of the Tennessee Section that were in attendance were recognized: Bill Allen, Steve Allen, Steve Bryan, Alan Childers, Kevin Cole, Jeff Hammond, Craig Hanchey, Greg Judy, Chris Kirby, Hollis Loveday, Bill Moore, Cindy Pionke, Chris Rhodes, John Van Winkle and Ed Watt.

The meeting minutes from the 2012 Fall Meeting & Winter 2012 Executive Board Meeting were made available. The minutes of both meetings were approved by a voice vote.

### OFFICER REPORTS

President: President Jason Carder thanked the student members for their attendance and participation in the Traffic Bowl. He also thanked Greg Judy and Luke Dixon for their work on the Traffic Bowl Committee to get everything organized and set up for today's competition. He also thanked Steve Allen for being the emcee and John Van Winkle and Chris Kirby for being the judges of the Traffic Bowl. He noted that Hollis Loveday had been nominated to run for the 2014 Southern District elected office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Vice-President: Vice-President John Hunter announced the TSITE meeting schedule for 2013:

SDITE 2013 Annual Meeting:	Charlotte, NC (April 7-10)
TSITE Spring 2013 Meeting:	Murfreesboro (May 14) (Embassy Suites, Vendor Meeting)
TSITE Summer 2013 Meeting:	Paris Landing State Park (July 25-27)
TSITE Fall 2013 Meeting:	Huntsville, AL (Oct. 17) (Joint Meeting with ALSITE)

He also noted that the 2013 ITS America Annual Meeting would be April 22-24 in Nashville

Secretary/Treasurer: Secretary/Treasurer Mike Conger announced a total attendance of 79 at the meeting including 17 student members. He presented the financial report showing deposits and debits since the Fall 2012 Meeting: The previous financial report showed a balance of \$20,963.20 (as of 9/30/12). Since that time, TSITE had deposits totaling \$3,521.70 and debits totaling \$8,185.61, for a balance of \$16,299.29 (as of 1/31/13). As of 12/31/12, the scholarship fund had a balance of \$42,414.91. Mike announced that so far there had been eight companies apply for website sponsorship and additional sponsorships were being sought. He stated that Affiliate Dues invoices would be going out soon to those members who wished to join TSITE but were not members of International ITE. He noted that the Affiliate Dues were increasing this year to \$25 from \$15 previously and he would be working with Luke Dixon to set up online payment for those dues.

Section Representatives: Section Representative Kevin Cole noted that early registration would be ending March 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2013 Southern District Annual Meeting. He stated that he attended the year-end Southern District Executive Board meeting in Greensboro, Georgia which would be the site of the 2014 Southern District Annual Meeting and he encouraged everyone to attend next year. He stated that current Southern District President Martin Bretherton's focus was on increasing membership with a goal of 2000 members by 2020 and he was serving on a membership committee that was exploring ideas to increase membership.

Mr. Cole explained that based on current TSITE membership numbers that our Section now qualifies for three representatives. He stated that he and Amanda Snowden were working with the TSITE Board to develop a plan



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to add another section representative that would serve a 2-year term such that elections would follow a 2-1-2 format where two section representatives would be elected one year, one the next, two the next and so on.

Affiliate Director: No Report

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Chris Kirby reported on behalf of the committee that he reviewed the financial records and everything appeared to be in good order especially in the transition of the Treasurer position between John Hunter and Mike Conger.

Awards: Steve Bryan stated that nominations were submitted for all of the Southern District award categories. He noted that nominations for the four Tennessee Section awards would need to be determined later this Summer and he asked for any suggestions.

Career Development: Brian Haas thanked the students for their participation in the Traffic Bowl and stated that he would be asking for volunteers to review student papers in the near future.

Legislative: Chris Rhodes provided the legislative report on behalf of Brad Waldschmitt and he stated that the committee had three items to make everyone aware of which were: a legislative reception is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hermitage, Engineers Day on the Hill is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> and one piece of legislation (House Bill 0182/Senate Bill 0188) regarding a requirement for TDOT to advertise bids for contract on their website instead of in a newspaper except TDOT may additionally publish it in a newspaper pursuant to present law.

Nominations: Steve Bryan announced that he would be looking for candidates for TSITE office within the next month and he asked members to let him know of any suggestions.

Scholarship: Steve Bryan reminded the students in attendance that the deadline for scholarship applications was April 1 and he stated that the application could be downloaded at TSITE.org and it consisted of a one page essay.

Section Relations: Mike Conger stated a revised TSITE newsletter format was being developed based on an idea to go to a quick 1-page newsletter in pdf format that could be sent to members by email roughly half way between quarterly meetings with information about the previous meeting and a preview of the upcoming meeting. He noted that he would be contacting Stephen Edwards who has agreed to assist with the Newsletter.

Technical: No Report.

Traffic Bowl: Greg Judy presented certificates to the student members representing the University of Tennessee that were winners of today's Traffic Bowl competition versus teams from the University of Memphis, Tennessee State University and Vanderbilt University. He noted that he would be working with the U.T. students on their travel arrangements to get them to the Traffic Bowl competition at the Southern District meeting this year in Charlotte.



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## OLD BUSINESS

- Planning Status Update for the 2016 SDITE Annual Meeting in Nashville –

Greg Judy provided an update on the 2016 SDITE Annual Meeting in Nashville. He stated that tentative dates had been established for the meeting of April 9 – 13, 2016. He encouraged people to stay at the conference hotel as part of their negotiations had to do with committing to a certain number of room reservations. He stated that they were focusing on Downtown Nashville and had toured prospective hotels with a preferred selection having been made pending successful contract negotiations. He noted that the he and LAC Co-Chair Jeff Hammond would begin ramping up the development of committees soon and would be reaching out to recruit help. He also mentioned that the Annual Meeting Manual that was developed by Cindy Pionke and Hollis Loveday had been very helpful in their preparations thus far.

- Edward E. Watt Distinguished Service Award –

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

## NEW BUSINESS

- ITE Life Member Certificates –

Jason Carder stated that ITE Life Member status can only be achieved by paying dues for 25 years and reaching the age of 65. He presented ITE Life Member certificates to Don Moore, who was in attendance, and noted others who would receive certificates were Ali Afis and Manoochehr Tanhaee.

- John Van Winkle announced the City of Chattanooga has a position opening in their traffic engineering department and he invited members who were interested to apply or to let him know if anyone has suggestions for candidates

Dr. Robert Stammer stated that regarding the push to increase the Southern District membership that if we are able meet the goal of 2000 members then the Southern District would be able to qualify for a 2<sup>nd</sup> International Director position which would be beneficial in terms of additional representation at the International ITE level.

With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM by President Jason Carder.