



TENNESSEE SECTION INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

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**2015 TSITE FALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Chattanooga Convention Center**  
**Chattanooga, TN – November 5, 2015**

President Mike Conger called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

**Recognition of Past Presidents:** The following Past Presidents of the Tennessee Section that were in attendance were recognized:

Steve Allen 2006  
Jason Carder 2013  
John Gould 1999  
Jeff Hammond 2005  
Greg Judy 2007

Hollis Loveday 2000  
Stephen Meyer 2008  
Robert Murphy 1995  
Cindy Pionke 2002  
John W. Van Winkle 1996

**Approval of Summer Meeting Minutes:** Steve Allen moved to approve; Cindy Pionke seconded. Motion carried.

**Officer's Reports:**

President (Mike Conger): Mike indicated that everyone enjoyed the meeting and thanked Brandon Baxter (VP) and Kevin Comstock (S/T) for the meeting preparations.

Vice-President (Brandon Baxter): Brandon thanked all the presenters, sponsors and exhibitors for making this and all meeting this year successful financially. He acknowledged that next year will be a big year with SDITE in Nashville and a Joint Tennessee Section of the American Planning Association (TAPA) in Knoxville in Sept.

Secretary-Treasurer (Kevin Comstock): Kevin presented the TSITE Financial report:

Previous Balance	\$16,242.63
Income	\$ 14,347.15
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>(\$ 19,844.19)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 10,745.59

Scholarship Fund Balance as of (8/31/2015) as reported by Thomas Brahms of ITE International and Donna Durham Cavanaugh of Cavanaugh and Company, PLLC was \$28,092.51 and was not inclusive of the \$6,500.00 mailed in early November..

Section Representatives (Brad Waldschmidt/Amy Burch/Jonathan Cleghon): Amy Burch and Jonathan Cleghon were in attendance. The section representatives were to meet again on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>. Amy Burch discussed the SDITE initiative to address Teen Distracted Driving and specifically the High School outreach. Jason Carder is representing TSITE on that committee and feels there is an opportunity for TSITE to contribute to that effort. John Van



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Winkle mentioned the City of Chattanooga's Driver Education Program. This program introduces students to vehicular concerns as well as field trips that use Bicycles and the Transit Service and commuter modes.

Affiliate Director (Tim Britt): Tim Britt was present but had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

Audit: There was not an audit of the books prior to this meeting but Kevin Comstock (S/T) offered for anyone to review the books as they were brought to the meeting.

Awards: Mike Conger thanked John Hunter as the Past President for chairing the Awards committee. Mike announced that as the new Past President he would be seeking nominations for SDITE Awards in January. Email your nominees to mike.conger@knoxmpc.org.

Career Development: Brian Haas was not in attendance. There was nothing to report.

Legislative: Brad Waldschmidt was not present, but Mike Conger and the group shared some of the information on recent developments with the Federal Transportation Bill.

Mike indicated that the Senate had passed a long term T-Bill as had the House of Representatives. The intent was to merge and agree on a 6 year bill. Currently there is only funding identified for 3 years.

Steve Allen also spoke regarding State Funding and that TDOT was considering a 10 year plan and the need for alternative funding.

Nominations: As incoming Past President Mike Conger would be accepting nomination for the 2017 Secretary/Treasurer and one 2017-2018 Section Representative.

Scholarship: Nothing to report

Section Relations:

- Membership: No Update.
- Newsletter: We anticipate getting the next newsletter out shortly after this meeting with photos of summer award winners, scholarship recipients and election results and photos of this meeting.

Technical Report: Luke Dixon was not in attendance, but Mike reported on his behalf that TSITE would sponsor one more Webinar before the end of the year.

Scholarship Challenge (Traffic Bowl): No Report

**2016 Meeting Schedule**

Winter 2016

TBD; Nashville (VU) possible shift to Knoxville (UTK)



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Spring 2016	Canceled due to SDITE in Nashville
SDITE Annual	April 10-13, Nashville (Downtown Sheraton)
Summer 2016	July 13-15, Gatlinburg (Park Vista)
ITE International	August 14-17 Anaheim CA.
Fall 2016	Sept. 21-22 Joint meeting with TAPA in Knoxville (Crown Plaza)

**Old Business**

Planning Status Update for the 2016 SDITE Meeting in Nashville:

Jeff Hammond provided an update on the ABD party which will be held at the Wildhorse in Nashville. The committee is continuing to work on the budgets for this meeting.

**New Business**

TSITE Strategic Planning Group:

Mike provided a brief update indicating two committees had formed.

1. Mission and Vision – Cindy Pionke held a meeting regarding the 5 key words for TSITE. Discussions continue.
2. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Steve Bryan has taken the lead on this activity. A conference call is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Update on Stephen Edwards:

Greg Dotson provided a detailed update on Stephen Edwards who had been in a bicycle crash shortly after the Summer meeting. It has been a long and arduous journey but Steve is home. He has been responding well but as with any long term injury there will continue to be obstacles. Steve's employer (City of Memphis) is currently exploring options that would allow him to perform some work from home. Greg asked that we continue to keep Steve and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Swearing in of 2016 TSITE Officers:

Hollis Loveday administered the oath of office to the incoming 2016 TSITE Executive Board members who were in attendance.

Mike called for a motion to adjourn. John Van Winkle motioned with Steve Allen seconding.

**Moved to adjourn**