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2019 TSITE Winter Business Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2019

Location: TSU Campus, Elliott Hall, Room 106 Nashville, TN

Call to Order & Welcome

President Amy Burch called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

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

Hollis Loveday	2000
Cindy Pionke	2002
Jeff Hammond	2005
Steve Allen	2006
Greg Judy	2007
Steve Meyer	2008
Kevin Cole	2009
Chris Rhodes	2011
Steve Bryan	2012
Jason Carder	2013
Greg Dotson	2018

Approval of 2019 Board Meeting Minutes: Cindy Pionke moved to approve; Chris Rhodes seconded. Motion Carried.

Officer's Reports

- **Past President – Greg Dotson**

- Shared gratitude for Amy and Nathan putting together the TSITE Winter Meeting
- TSITE has submitted Annual Report
- T-STEM work is continuing with Dr. Ivey and East High School. Always looking for support and help developing curriculum.

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- **President – Amy Burch**
 - Excited to be President and thankful for all the work of the Board and Committees
 - Recognized Sponsors for their contribution and expressed
 - Thanked TSU and Dr. Chimba, for the use of the facility and help with coordination for the TSITE Winter Meeting
- **Vice-President – Nathan Vatter**
 - Thanked everyone for attending, the Traffic Bowl Committee for organizing the TSITE competition, and TSU for hosting the TSITE Winter Meeting.
 - There were 106 members in attendance
 - Provided future meeting information (recorded below)
- **Secretary/Treasurer’s Financial and Scholarship Report – Stephen Edwards**
 - Stephen Edwards presented the TSITE Financial Report:

Previous Balance: October 2 nd	21,854.36
Income	3,520.99
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>6,140.65</u>
Ending Balance	19,234.70
 - Scholarship as of June 30, 2018: \$33,854.00
 - Provided Section Relation report (recorded below)
- **Section Representative’s Report – Terrance Hill, Lauren Gaines, Steve Bryan**
 - Terrance Hill
 - SDITE Meeting – March 31st to April 3rd in Arlington, VA is a co-meeting with the Mid-Colonial District.
 - ONE ITE – The Board met in December to discuss how TSITE will move forward with implementation. One option discussed is differential pricing with full members receiving a discount for Section meetings.
- **Affiliate Director’s Report – Tim Britt**
 - Thanked everyone for their attendance and affiliate and consultant sponsors for their support
 - Requested anyone interested in sponsoring TSITE to speak with him regarding the new annual sponsorship program and how to sign up

Committee Reports

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- **Audit (Kevin Cole)**
 - Books are in good standing
- **Awards / Nominations / Scholarships (Greg Dotson) – Amy**
 - Greg was not available for report
 - Amy Burch mentioned these committees will be working on awards, nominations, and scholarships
- **Career Development (Brian Haas)**
 - Thanked TSU for hosting and UT-Knoxville, UofM , and TSU for participating in the Traffic Bowl
 - Looks forward to winning team dominating at Southern District
 - TSITE Student Paper submission date has passed, but Southern District deadline March 1st
- **Legislative (Michelle Nickerson)**
 - Bill to expand no cell phones in school zones to any driving
 - Several bills to expand allowance off highway vehicles on state routes
 - Bill to allow cameras on school buses to catch people passing stopped school buses and separate bill to increase penalties associated with this offence
 - Bill requiring a driver to stop and report any accident with a pedestrian or bicycle
 - Bill to prohibit standing or conducting activities in the medians of a highway without TDOT permission
 - Classifying electric scooters under the same rules as bicycles
 - Increasing the requirements for rear reflectivity on horse drawn carriages
- **Section Relations (Stephen Edwards)**
 - **Knoxville: Cindy Pionke**
They gathered for a meeting and lunch on Tuesday January 29, 2019. Ellen Zavisca of Knox Planning had a regional presentation on “Understanding and Analyzing Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes.”
 - **Chattanooga: Karen Trowell:**
On October 12th, and On November 9th members met for lunch without speakers.

On January 11th, members met. They kicked off the New Year with updates from members and discussions on upcoming meetings for the year.

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If anyone would like to be added to Chattanooga invite list, please send Karen an email at Karen.Trowell@arcadis.com.

○ **Nashville: Kenneth Perkins**

The Middle TN ITE meeting is regularly scheduled on the last Wednesday monthly as usual.

○ **Memphis: Greg Dotson / Peter Kaufmann**

A Memphis meetup occurred prior to the fall MPO meeting on Thursday November 1, with 8 attendees.

They are setting a goal of five meetings in 2019, four quarterly meetings around the Memphis MPO's schedule and one to be held jointly with the University of Memphis student chapter. Peter is exploring site visit opportunities for that extra session.

○ **Tri-Cities: Jason Carder**

The Tri-Cities branch has not met.

● **Technical (Kenneth Perkins)**

- Updating the Operation Manual and History Manual
- Statewide TSITE sponsored webinar on April 24th
- Discussing future projects for Technical Committee

● **Traffic Bowl (Greg Judy)**

- Stick around for the traffic bowl at the end of today's meeting

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ITE Meeting Schedules

2019 SDITE Annual:	March 31 – April 3; Arlington, VA
2019 TSITE Spring:	May 16; Memphis (BBQ Fest)
2019 ITE Annual:	July 21 – 24; Austin, TX
2019 TSITE Summer:	July 31 – August 2; Gatlinburg (Park Vista)
2019 TSITE Fall:	TBD October; Chattanooga
2020 ITE/SDITE Annual:	August 2 – 5; International / SDITE Joint Meeting New Orleans, LA

Old Business

- **ONE ITE**
 - You should be receiving emails to change your membership from a TSITE member to a full ITE member
 - The board is working with ITE on how TSITE makes adjustments to adapt to the new policy
- **TSITE Administrator Position & Bylaws**
 - We are hoping to wrap up the update to the TSITE Operation Manual and Bylaws this year and add the TSITE Administrator position to handle TSITE finances.
- **Nashville Chapter Meetings**
 - Steve Bryan has started arranging sponsored lunch meetings, in addition to the traditional breakfast meetings
 - Alternate between breakfast and lunch meetings
 - Lunch meetings will include a presentation and be sponsored by local consultants
 - Last Wednesday of every other month
 - Speaker next week Andy Lucyshyn, Gresham Smith, at TDOT Region 3 Auditorium
 - KCI is sponsoring lunch
 - \$10 meeting fee goes to TSITE Scholarship fund
- **Sponsorship change to Annual Sponsorship**
 - New program will help us budget and plan for our meetings
 - Main focus on improving planning of Summer Meeting
 - Helps reduce the number of sponsorship asks each year
- **Introducing member discounts for quarterly meeting registration**
 - This is a response to the ONE ITE initiative
 - Will be a small discount for full members

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New Business

- **ITE Diversity Scholarships Program**
 - Flyers available at registration table
 - Deadline approaching on March 31st
- **ITS TN Annual Conference Announcement: Michael Rebick, Immediate Past President ITS TN**
 - Wednesday-Friday, April 10-12, 2019 at Hilton Cool Springs (Franklin, TN)
 - Half day kick off on 10th will include ITS America training Improving Highway Safety with ITS Solutions
 - Thursday 11th full day speakers
 - Technical Tour on the 12th of the THP/TDOT Incident Management Training Facility
- **Officer Voting for ITE and SDITE Reminder**
 - Voting for International officers open and Southern District should open soon
- **Other Items**
 - Steve Allen announced that Billy Hart passed away on February 16th. Billy spent 38 years with TDOT and mentored a lot of transportation professionals. Similar to the John Harper Memorial Golf Tournament held every Spring that provides a \$2,000 TSITE scholarship, we will honor Billy with the Bill Hart Fall Tournament to sponsor a \$2,000 scholarship for TSITE.
 - Nathan Vatter announced unscheduled lane closure of EB I-40 at mile marker 334 estimated to be clear by 6pm
 - Amy Burch announced that Craig Hanchey is recovering from a procedure and doing well
 - Cindy Pionke requested an applicant for the SDITE Young Member scholarship to attend the 2019 SDITE Annual Meeting in Arlington, VA.

Call to Adjourn: President Amy Burch adjourned the meeting at 1:41pm.