



TENNESSEE SECTION INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

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Tennessee Section ITE
2022 Winter Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
Tennessee Tech University
Cookeville, TN

Luke called the Meeting to Order 12:10 pm CST.

Recognition of Past Presidents

Steve Allen	Kevin Cole	Chris Kirby
Brandon Baxter	Steven Edwards	Hollis Loveday
Steve Bryan	John Gould	Chris Rhodes
Amy Burch	Jeff Hammond	Nathan Vatter
Jason Carder	Greg Judy	

Vote to approve Fall Business Meeting Minutes: Steve Allen – Move and Kenneth Perkins – seconded the motion.

Officers Report

- President's Report (Luke Dixon)
 - Luke thanked everyone for attending the Winter meeting including the 14 past presidents that were in attendance. He stated that the board plans to host all TSITE meeting in person for 2022.
 - Luke thanked Kenneth Perkins and Lauren Gaines for all the hard work they put into organizing the winter meeting. He also thanked Trey Todd and Bryan Bartnik for coordinating the traffic bowl.
 - Luke thanked the committee chairs for agreeing to serve again in 2022 and stated that there are a few committee positions open if you are looking to get involved in TSITE this year.
- Vice-President's Report (Kenneth Perkins)
 - Nothing to report.
- Secretary-Treasurer Report (Lauren Gaines)
 - Lauren reported that we have a total of 71 people register for the winter meeting. So, overall, we are very pleased with the turn out for the meeting. Out of the 71 registrants, 69 people showed up with an additional 19 walk-ups.
 - Lauren reported that TSITE now has LinkedIn page. Please go follow Tennessee Section ITE for the most up to date news.
 - Lauren asked the sections interest in having a "March Madness" tournament for charity to support the section scholarship program.



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- TN Section Representative’s Report (Jason Carder & Bryan Bartnik)
 - Jason reported that Southern District ITE will be March 27 – 30, 2022 in Downtown Louisville, Kentucky.
 - Early registration for Southern District ITE ends on March 11, 2022.
 - There are 3 Scholarships available for Southern District ITE.
 - Young Members (under 25, first time attendees)
 - Retirees
 - Public Sector Employees
- Section Administrator’s Report (Brandon Baxter)
 - Brandon reported that we updated section insurance for liability.
 - The annual report to has been submitted to the secretary for state.
 - Brandon reported that according to the new IRS law if you have over 100 transactions per year is reported to IRS and this gets you a 1099
 - EIN Number is not yours; what is TSITE’s EIN number and whose are we using?
 - Financial Report – fall was a good meeting
 - Insurance information is also on there

Committee Reports

- Audit (Kevin Cole)
 - Kevin reported that the financial report and audit is in good standing.
- Awards (Stephen Edwards) – N/A
- Nominations (Stephen Edwards)
 - Stephen reported that nominations submitted for SDITE;
- Scholarship (Stephen Edwards)
 - Stephen the availability of Young Member Scholarships for SDITE;
- Career Development (Brian Haas)
 - Brian thanked all universities for traffic bowl;
 - Brian said they looking for volunteers to review student reports and papers.
- Legislative (Michelle Nickerson)
 - Michelle reported 10 new bills (details listed below):

Senate Bill Num.	House Bill Num.	Description
SB 1671	HB 1663	Hannah Eimers Memorial Tennessee Roadside Safety Hardware Act - specifies requirements for testing crash cushions and guardrail end terminals located on public highways and roads maintained by TDOT.
SB 1821		As introduced, appropriates excess state tax revenues over-collected in fiscal year 2021–2022 to the department of transportation to be used for making grants in the amount of \$2 million to each county



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		highway department for the construction, repair, and improvement of county roads and bridges.
SB 1753		As introduced, adds driving while impaired by fatigue, punishable as a Class E felony, to the offense of vehicular homicide.
SB 1840	HB 1675	As introduced, authorizes a county legislative body to impose an impact fee on residential development in the county.
	HB 1650	As introduced, reduces the tax on gasoline and diesel to pre-IMPROVE Act rates
SB 2388	HB 2413	Funds for cities for RR crossing that are impacted by blockages
SB 2479	HB 2627	PE Licensure
SB 2517	HB 2002	Nashville required for mowing litter removal on SRs
SB 2700	HB 2772	Warning for first speeding violation under 7MPH in a speed trap
SB 2795	HB 2541	As introduced, urges the department of transportation to study opportunities for financing electric vehicle charging station infrastructure in this state, including any possible corridors in which electric vehicle charging infrastructure, such as battery charging stations, may be installed; requires the department to report its findings and any recommendations to the transportation committee of the house of representatives and the transportation and safety committee of the senate on or before January 1, 2023.

- Section Relations (Lauren Gaines) Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Tri-Cities
 - Chattanooga (Karen Trowell & Cindy Shell)
 - met once in the last year; working to set up student chapter at UTC
 - Knoxville (Mike Conger)
 - Feb 17 – TSITE group lunch with PDH opportunity where Andy Padgett from TDOT Region 1 Traffic Ops presented on Highway System Access Manual (HSAM); this was a joint meeting with the local Knoxville American Planning Association (APA) and was held at the City of Alcoa Service Center with 38 total in attendance (roughly 2/3 TSITE members). CDM Smith’s Knoxville office sponsored the event providing lunch at no cost to attendees.
 - Nashville – no meeting
 - Memphis (Peter Kauffmann) – no meeting
- Technical (Peter Kauffmann) - Nothing to report.
- Traffic Bowl (Trey Todd)
 - We would like to thank everyone for coming and supporting the students. We have three teams competing today: UT Knoxville, U Memphis, and TN Tech. We should have a good competition and hope to see many of you supporting the winner in Louisville for SDITE.



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Meeting Schedule

2022 Winter Meeting:	February 23 rd – TN Tech
2022 SDITE Student Leadership Summit	February 25 th - 27 th – Blacksburg, Virginia
2022 SDITE Annual Meeting:	March 27 th - 30 th – Louisville, KY
2022 Spring Meeting:	May 25 – Memphis TBA
2022 ITE Annual Meeting	July 31 st - Aug 3 rd – New Orleans
2022 Summer Meeting:	July 27 th - 29 th – Park Vista, Gatlinburg, TN
2022 Fall Meeting with Knoxville APA	October 26 th - 28 th or 27 th only (TBD)

Old Business

- Updating Operations Manual – last updated 2018
- Updating History Manual – last updated 2016
- New Student ITE Chapter at UT-Chattanooga
 - Add to Traffic Bowl list for participation and Winter Meeting rotation – Winter 2023 traffic bowl will be held at UTC.
- Student Scholarships Updates
 - Bill Hart Scholarship being added to Operations Manual.
 - Increase funding levels for other scholarships, this will be included in changes to Operations Manual.

New Business

- Fall Meeting with Knoxville APA
 - Discuss Level of TSITE participation
- SDITE 2025 Meeting with Missouri Valley Section in Memphis, TN.
 - LAC Co-Chairs Greg Dotson and Stephen Edwards
 - LAC Members – Ben Ledsinger and Kenny Monroe
- TSITE LinkedIn page
- TSITE member engagement opportunities
 - Legislative committee
 - Technical committee
 - Webmaster
- TSITE Sponsorships for 2022
- Passing of Jack B. Humphreys - <https://www.knoxnews.com/obituaries/kns043731>
- Other Items?
 - Southern district meeting 2nd leadership training at a DOT will be at TDOT Traffic Ops this spring.
 - If we have a desire at a quarterly meeting to present one of 17 models, it would make a great presentation.
 - Still hosting 2 golf tournaments this year (June 24th @ normal place and September 30th @ Country Hills) – look for Tom Every to reach out.

Discussion Items

TSITE: ADVANCING TRANSPORTATION IN TENNESSEE



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Call to Adjourn

Jason Carder made a motion to adjourn; Kevin Cole seconded the motion.

Luke Dixon called to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m. CST.