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## 2013 TSITE SPRING BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES EMBASSY SUITES, MURFREESBORO, TN MAY 14, 2013

President Jason Carder called the meeting to order at 2:25 PM.

The following Past Presidents of the Tennessee Section that were in attendance were recognized: Steve Allen, Steve Bryan, Kevin Cole, Mark Geldmeier, Jeff Hammond, Craig Hanchey, Greg Judy, Bob Murphy, Sam Parnell and Chris Rhodes.

The meeting minutes from the 2013 Winter Meeting were made available. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

### OFFICER REPORTS

President: President Jason Carder expressed appreciation to the vendors for their participation at the meeting and he also thanked Steve Bryan for all his work over the past year to arrange this meeting and solicit vendors to participate. He noted that the low registration fee of \$25 for today's meeting was able to be provided due to the support of the vendors through supplementing the registration fees.

Vice-President: Vice-President John Hunter echoed his thanks to the vendors and Steve Bryan for a successful meeting. He announced the remaining meeting schedule for 2013:

TSITE Summer 2013 Meeting:	Paris Landing State Park (July 25-27)
ITE 2013 Annual Meeting:	Boston, MA (Aug. 4-7)
TSITE Fall 2013 Meeting:	Huntsville, AL (Oct. 17) (Joint Meeting with ALSITE)

Secretary/Treasurer: Secretary/Treasurer Mike Conger announced a total attendance of 42 members at the meeting. He stated that there was great involvement from the vendors at today's meeting with 17 separate companies registering for a booth. He presented the financial report showing deposits and debits since the Winter 2013 Meeting: The previous financial report showed a balance of \$16,299.29 (as of 1/31/13). Since that time, TSITE had deposits totaling \$12,814.46 and debits totaling \$12,141.15, for a balance of \$16,972.60 (as of 4/30/13). As of 3/31/13, the scholarship fund had a balance of \$49,915.76. Mike noted that section dues were received from International ITE in the amount of \$4,520, which is an increase of roughly \$2,000 over previous years since dues were raised from \$15 to \$25.

Section Representatives: Section Representative Kevin Cole stated that the SDITE Annual Meeting held in Charlotte last month was very good and he encouraged attendance at future meetings and for attendees to stay in the conference hotel. He stated that regarding the drive to increase membership that it was important for us to promote ITE as an organization with a purpose, which is to be a source of professionalism and important information. He asked for assistance in identifying any organizations or groups that we are not currently reaching for potential membership. He noted that one incentive for increasing membership was the reimbursements for membership dues for young members that are being offered. ITE has a dues reduction plan for student ITE members that graduate and enter the workforce in transportation engineering. This is an incentive to encourage employers to encourage participation and membership in ITE.

Affiliate Director: No Report



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Jason Carder stated that there were no representatives from the Audit Committee today but that he had heard from them that the financial records were in order.

Awards: Steve Bryan first stated that he was appreciative of the vendors and that he had gotten good feedback from them on today's format and that they especially liked the card that was used for the attendees to visit all the booths in order to be eligible for door prizes.

In terms of awards, Steve stated that TSITE basically took over the SDITE awards this year with TSITE members winning the Government Employee Award (Cindy Pionke), the Outstanding Individual Activity Award (Jeff Hammond), the Distinguished Service Award (John Van Winkle) and the Outstanding Young Member Award which will be presented to the recipient later in today's meeting. In addition to the member awards Steve noted that Hollis Loveday was announced as the winner of the SDITE Secretary/Treasurer election which means that his term as President will coincide with the 2016 SDITE Annual Meeting being in Nashville in 2016. Steve stated that the TSITE Awards Committee would be reconvening between now and the Summer Meeting and they will be selecting the TSITE award winners.

Scholarship: Steve Bryan announced the scholarship winners for 2013 for which we are giving out \$10,000 this year since a fifth scholarship award was added. The scholarship recipients are: William L. Moore, Jr. TSITE Scholarship – Amber Woodburn, UTK, T. Darcy Sullivan TSITE Scholarship – Stephanie Hargrove, UTK, TSITE Undergraduate Scholarship – Peter Kozey, VU, TSITE Section Scholarship – Virginia Wise, UM, John R. Harper Memorial Scholarship – Taekwan Yoon, UTK.

Nominations: Steve Bryan announced that the following candidates were being nominated for the 2014 TSITE officers – President – John Hunter, Vice President – Mike Conger, Secretary-Treasurer – Brandon Baxter and Ben Ledsinger, Section Representative (two chosen) – Amy Burch, Luke Dixon, Tyler King and Brad Waldschmidt, Affiliate Director – Tim Britt and Greg Sheehan.

Career Development: Brian Haas thanked the evaluators of the student paper award submittals for their assistance and he announced the 2013 award winners as First Place - Hongtai Yang, UTK, Second Place – Virginia Wise, UM and Third Place – Jun Liu, UTK. He stated that they would be announcing the Outstanding Student Chapter at the Summer Meeting. Brian also mentioned that students from UTK and UM won first and second place for Best Graduate Student Paper at SDITE.

Legislative: Brad Waldschmidt stated that a few people attended Engineers Day on the Hill with him recently but there was nothing really new to report on as far as any noteworthy legislative matters.

Section Relations: Mike Conger stated that a new TSITE newsletter format was still under development but that a first newsletter should be going out shortly. He stated that in terms of getting a better handle on the meeting registration process that it may make sense to look at charging an increased fee for walk-up registrants in order to encourage pre-registration which helps with meeting planning purposes. Brad Waldschmidt stated that in Georgia they offered a discount of \$5 for pre-registration. Mike replied that a discount might be preferable and this would be considered further by the Board.

Technical: Brandon Baxter stated that the Technical Committee has made arrangements for members to view an upcoming ITE Webinar on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at four locations around the state. Brandon also mentioned that the committee was working on a full update of the TSITE History records that would be completed soon.

Traffic Bowl: Greg Judy stated that the UTK team won the SDITE Traffic Bowl Competition and would next compete at the August ITE Annual Meeting in Boston. He thanked everyone for their support.



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## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Planning Status Update for the 2016 SDITE Annual Meeting in Nashville – Jeff Hammond provided an update on the 2016 SDITE Annual Meeting in Nashville. He stated that a contract had been signed with the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Nashville and the meeting dates would be April 9 – 13, 2016. He noted that they would be looking for volunteers to assist with a number of activities prior to the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Presentation of SDITE Award – On behalf of the Southern District, Craig Hanchey presented the Joseph M. Thomas Outstanding Young Member Award to Kimberly King who could not attend the SDITE Annual Meeting.
- Steve Allen stated that the John Harper Memorial Golf Tournament would be held the following Tuesday and he was expecting another great turnout. He noted that proceeds from the tournament go towards scholarships for both TSITE as well as ASHE.

With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM by President Jason Carder.