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**TENNESSEE SECTION ITE
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TENNESSEE SECTION ITE ACTIVITIES - 2000

The Tennessee Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (TSITE) experienced an exceptional year in 2000. The highlight of the year was Nashville hosting the 2000 International ITE Annual Meeting. TSITE members filled all of the key local roles for that conference. Many TSITE members also volunteered to help during the conference itself.

Several unique events in 2000 enlarged the TSITE Scholarship Fund by over \$7,000.00. Not only did TSITE make a large contribution to its Scholarship Fund, but also sound financial management allowed the section to contribute to the International ITE Millennium Fund and to the International ITE Annual Meeting in Nashville.

To better serve TSITE members, a website was created. The website is used to provide information on meeting activities, member surveys, scholarship information, committees, section history, etc. The address is www.tsite.org.

Four very successful meetings were held in 2000. Each meeting included a business session and technical presentations. In October, a very successful joint meeting with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association was held in Memphis. Also, in the large metropolitan areas, monthly meetings were held.

Summaries of key events and accomplishments from 2000 are presented below.

2000 International ITE Annual Meeting

Nashville and its TSITE members had the privilege of hosting the 2000 International ITE Annual Meeting. By all possible criteria, it was extremely successful with attendance being the third best ever in the history of the Institute. Total attendance was approximately 2,150 people. Two TSITE members, Bob Murphy and Bob Stammer, were co-chairman of the LAC and many other members chaired committees and volunteered for service. Craig Hanchey was chairman of the Technical Tours Committee and Marshall Elizer was chairman of the Technical Program for the meeting. Many other TSITE members were actively involved in the planning and production of the meeting. The LAC was responsible for providing staffing for each of the 66 technical sessions that were held. In addition, one of the primary responsibilities of the LAC was to organize and staff the technical and accompanying guest tours for the

meeting. The LAC developed a total of seven technical tours that were interesting, fun and very well attended. Also, there were five very successful accompanying guests tours, most of which were sold out. The final event of the meeting was the “Rollin’ Down the Music Highway Party”, which capped off two hard years of work by the Nashville locals and other TSITE members.

In addition to the LAC and its many volunteers, numerous TSITE members participated in the technical sessions at the Annual Meeting by presiding or presenting a topic. These participants included:

- Allan Cantrell
- Diane Davidson
- Devin Doyle
- Marshall Elizer
- Preston Elliott
- John Gould
- Martin Lipinski
- Hollis Loveday
- Charles Miller
- Robert Murphy
- Linda Mosch
- Darcy Sullivan
- James Yarbrough

2000 Tennessee Section Awards

The Tennessee Section ITE has two awards that can be presented to members for outstanding service to the Section and to the profession. The Tennessee Section Award is presented to a member who demonstrates outstanding service to the Section or the profession over the past year. The Volunteer Award is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Section or the profession over time. TSITE also has a student scholarship that can be given out each summer and the Section requests papers for a student paper contest each year.

The 2000 TSITE award winners were announced at the Fall Meeting in Memphis. Craig Hanchey was awarded the Tennessee Section Award for 2000 because of his efforts in the technical program at the International ITE Annual Meeting. Bob Murphy and Bob Stammer were presented the Section’s Volunteer Award because of their lifetime dedication to the traffic engineering profession, their ongoing dedication to the Tennessee Section, and their organization and planning for the International Meeting. Sharon M. Schultz, a graduate student at Vanderbilt University, received this year’s student scholarship (\$1,000). Karen Headlee, a graduate student at UT, won 1st prize (\$250) for the 2000 student paper contest and Elizabeth Haun won the 2nd prize (\$100).

2000 Meetings

The Tennessee Section ITE held four meetings in 2000. The meeting dates, locations, and technical programs were:

WINTER MEETING – MARCH 6TH, JOHNSON CITY

The technical program consisted of 3 presentations. These presentations were

1. "MeadowView Development – I-181/J.B. Dennis Parkway Corridor Access Study – Kingsport, Tennessee" by John Gould, Wilbur Smith and Associates and Bill Albright, Kingsport MPO
2. "Johnson City Advanced Traffic Management System" by Anthony Todd, Johnson City Public Works and David Roberts, Temple Inc.
3. "Tennessee ITS Initiatives" by Rodney Chester, Gresham Smith and Partners.

SPRING MEETING – JUNE 2ND AND 3RD, PIGEON FORGE

On Friday night the auction was held and a record \$2,868 was raised for the scholarship fund. On Saturday, a technical session was held with two presentations. These presentations were:

1. "Traffic Calming Practices in Johnson City" by Anthony Todd and Allan Cantrell, Johnson City Public Works.
2. Karen Headlee, the winner of the Student Paper Award presented her paper on "The Impact of an Aging Driver Population."

SUMMER MEETING --AUGUST 9TH, NASHVILLE

The Tennessee Section had its breakfast meeting in conjunction with the International Meeting and it was very well attended. The Tennessee Section was well represented at the entire International Meeting.

FALL MEETING – OCTOBER 28-31ST, MEMPHIS

A joint meeting of the Tennessee Section ITE and the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association was held in Memphis on October 28th through 31st. Technical sessions were held on the 29th and 30th with the Tennessee Section organizing the technical program for one of the four rooms where concurrent technical sessions were held. This arrangement resulted in much more involvement by TSITE in the entire program than the previous two years. Presentations by TSITE were:

1. "The Road with No End, Nashville's Franklin Corridor", by Bob Murphy
2. "Interchange Design in Urban Settings: I-40 and James White Parkway Experience", by Hollis Loveday
3. "TDOT HELP Program (Incidence Response)", by Frank Horne
4. "I-69 and Transportation in West Tennessee", by Chuck Boyd
5. "Accident Database of a Small City: an Essential Tool", by John Gould
6. "Automating Crash Record Systems", by Greg Judy

Awards were presented at the annual Banquet on the 30th and officers were sworn in at the business meeting on the 31st.

One of the most successful TSITE programs is the monthly or quarterly meetings in the four major metropolitan areas of Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville. Memphis has quarterly meetings and the other cities have monthly meetings. Attendance for these breakfast or lunch meetings usually approximates 10 to 15 members but at times has reached 25. These informal meetings offer members the chance to discuss hot regional topics and upcoming ITE events.

Scholarship Fund

Several unique opportunities in 2000 allowed TSITE to substantially increase its Scholarship Fund by over \$7,000 up to a total of almost \$24,000. The Section's goal is to build the Scholarship Fund and continue to increase the amount awarded annually. In 1999, the awarded amount was \$500 and it was increased to \$1,000 in 2000. Three events in 2000 resulted in significant increases in the scholarship fund. These events, as discussed below, were an International Conference shirt sale, the annual auction, and receipt of compensation for teaching a training course.

Shirt Sale – TSITE sold all of the shirts that were made up for the ITE International Annual Meeting. The section received a gross income of \$2,708 and a net income of \$915.06 from the shirt sales.

Auction – Each year TSITE members give items to the Section to auction with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund. To attract members to this annual event, this year auction items were photographed and put on the website. The auction raised \$2,868 for the Scholarship Fund.

TTAP Training Course – The Tennessee Transportation Assistance Program (TTAP), sponsored by the University of Tennessee, develops courses each year that are taught by professors and transportation professionals throughout the State of Tennessee. This year TTAP contracted with TSITE to teach a two-day geometric design course in Nashville. Thirty-six students attended. Two TSITE members, Alan Childers and Richard Riggins, shared responsibilities for developing and teaching this course. They volunteered their time, which allowed TSITE to realize a net income of \$3,314.38, all of which was designated for the Scholarship Fund.

Contributions to ITE International Annual Meeting & Millennium Fund

The LAC asks the TSITE Executive Board for a contribution to help offset operating expenses of the International Meeting in Nashville. Unanimously the Board voted to make a \$1,000 contribution towards this cause. At that same Board meeting, members voted to make a \$500 contribution to the ITE International Millennium Fund.

TSITE Website

The year 2000 marked the initiation of TSITE's existence on the World Wide Web at www.tsite.org. The site has a wealth of information including meeting dates, scholarship applications, the president's message, significant links, section history, scholarship selection criteria, committee members, past presidents, and current news. Just recently, a questionnaire was sent to all members and posted on the web site so that members could fill it out online. Also, for the International ITE Annual Meeting a sign-up sheet for volunteers was created on the website. This proved to be a very effective way to sign up volunteers from across the state.

TENNESSEE SECTION ITE ACTIVITIES – 2001

The Tennessee Section ITE Board met in Knoxville in December to plan activities for the year. The Section will continue its recent practice of holding several meetings in conjunction with meetings of other organizations where possible. The goal is to reach out to these organizations and become involved in issues of mutual importance. The Tennessee Section History was made available on the website along with existing information on meeting activities, scholarship information, committees, etc. at www.tsite.org. Over \$3,000 was raised in 2000 for the scholarship fund by providing instructors to the

Tennessee Technical Assistance Program. This partnership is expected to be renewed in 2001 to benefit the scholarship fund.

Meetings in 2001

Four meetings are scheduled. The Fall meeting in Chattanooga will be a joint meeting with the Alabama Section. The meeting dates and locations are:

Winter Meeting	March 20, 2001	Nashville, TN
Spring Meeting	May 31, 2001	Johnson City, TN
Summer Meeting	July 20-21, 2001	Townsend, TN
Fall Meeting	November 1-2, 2001	Chattanooga, TN

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