



**TENNESSEE SECTION ITE REPORT  
for the  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
2002 YEAR-END MEETING  
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**TENNESSEE SECTION ITE ACTIVITIES - 2002**

The Tennessee Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (TSITE) had a very good year in 2002. TSITE made a big push this year for partnerships in hosting/sponsoring events. As a result TSITE has made some very successful connections that should continue in the future. Listed below are accomplishments of the TSITE for 2002.

**Membership**

The year 2001 ended with 252 members and 26 affiliates. The year 2002 ended with 255 members and 15 affiliates. The TSITE membership is stable.

**Bring a Guest Contest**

This year as another way to attempt to reach out to individuals active in the transportation profession, TSITE sponsored a contest at each of its quarterly meetings. The rules were listed in our newsletter, on our web site and on our first quarter meeting notice. The idea was simply for a member to bring someone who might benefit from participation in an organization like ours. The prize was free registration for both the member and his/her guest. One of the winners is now a member of TSITE.

**New Student Chapter**

On February 13, 2002 TSITE welcomed the Tennessee Technological University (TTU) Student Chapter. TTU received its charter at the luncheon banquet that was held on its campus. The event was well attended by TTU students and faculty. In addition, John Van Winkle, President of SDITE and member of TSITE, was there as well as Cindy Pionke, President of TSITE, Craig Hanchey, Past President of TSITE, Dawn Foster, Chairperson of the Career Development Committee for TSITE and Amber Pemberton, the TTU student chapter liaison for TSITE. TSITE donated approximately \$170 to help pay for the banquet costs.

**TSPE Engineers Banquet**

As part of Engineers Week in February, the Knoxville Chapter of TSPE asked for TSITE's participation and sponsorship of the Engineers Banquet. The banquet was a joint effort of the Knoxville Chapters of TSPE, ASME,

SWE, and TSITE. Seventy-three engineers and their spouses attended. TSITE helped to plan the event and provided the STOP signs that were placed at each dinner setting. The STOP signs were a hit.

### Roundabout Design Course

In April the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and TSITE teamed together to hold a course on Roundabout Design that FHWA was teaching. The class lasted one day and two sessions were held. The first class was held in Nashville at TDOT's offices and had 35 attendees. The next day it was held in Cleveland, Tennessee for 30 attendees. Attendance was sold out for both days.

### Scholarship Fund

TSITE has been holding an auction once per year usually at its Summer Meeting. The event was held at Fall Creek Falls this year and drew more members than have attended the auction in the past. As a result, TSITE raised \$3800 – the most ever at our auction. Shirts with the TSITE logo are being sold this year with profits designated for the Scholarship fund.

### 2002 Joint Annual Conference TCAPWA, SWANA, TWQMA, TSITE

The 2002 Joint Annual Conference of TCAPWA, SWANA, TWQMA, and TSITE was held October 19 – 22 in Knoxville, Tennessee. This was TSITE's 5th year of cosponsoring the conference. This meeting was one of three joint meetings that TSITE cosponsored this year.

### Operations Manual Update

Last year, Craig Hanchey as President of TSITE, appointed a committee to look at updating our operations manual. The committee, headed by Hollis Loveday, began rewriting and reorganizing the manual to make it easier to use, current with today's practices, and added a substantial amount of support information in a format that is easily referenced. The manual was distributed to the new officers at our Fall Meeting in both hard copy and CD format.

### Bylaws Changes

The update of the Operations Manual led to a revision of the bylaws to reflect changes of how TSITE operates. Both the Bylaws and the Operations Manual had not been revised since 1989.

### **TSITE WEB SITE**

TSITE has spent a great deal of time on its web page and we believe that it has more information than most Section web sites. 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, current news, upcoming quarterly meeting notice, and the minutes from the previous quarterly meeting. We even conduct surveys through our web site. Visit our web site at [www.tsite.org](http://www.tsite.org).

### **TSITE NEWSLETTER**

TSITE produces three (3) newsletters per year. It is also available on our web site.

## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

Established as a ITE National and District goal, career development in the Section involved the distribution of the CD-ROM and video entitled *Careers in Transportation*. The Careers Development committee has corresponded with UT Chattanooga, Tennessee State University, and MTSU to promote a career in transportation. The committee has also challenged members associated with Vanderbilt and Memphis to encourage the engineering students to become active with ITE. The committee has aggressively promoted both the TSITE Scholarship and the Student Paper Competition. The Student Paper Competition received seven papers which were judged by the Section and submitted to the District for its awards.

## **MONTHLY TSITE MEETINGS**

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 range from 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.

## **QUARTER TSITE MEETINGS FOR 2002**

The technical sessions at our quarterly meetings this year were well attended by the TSITE membership. This element of our meeting is important to our members and TSITE now issues Professional Development Hours (PDHs) certificates at the conclusion of our meetings. Please note that TSITE held two joint quarterly meetings this year. This year's technical presentations were as follows:

**February 26, 2002 – Winter Meeting.** Farragut, TN (64 in attendance).

### Technical Program:

- Updates to Part 6 Temporary Traffic Control of the MUTCD by David Martin, FHWA
- An Overview to the Updates on the AASHTO Green Book and TDOT's Perspective by Jeff Jones, TDOT
- Traffic Control Devices for Low Volume Roads by David Martin, FHWA

**April 7, 2002 – Spring Meeting.** Joint meeting with KYSITE. Goodlettsville, TN (58 in attendance).

### Technical Program:

- "Advanced Traffic Data analysis and management Software (ADAM)" by Steve Allen, TDOT
- "Public Involvement, One Size Doesn't Fit All" by Anne Morris, Wilbur Smith Associates
- "Very Low Volume Roads...The Way Home" by Norman Roush, West Virginia Division of Highways
- "Balancing Political Decision-Making and Engineering Judgement" by Steve Cummins, City of Lexington, KY

**July 19 and 20, 2002 – Summer Meeting.** Pikeville, Tennessee (approx. 30 in attendance). Meeting included a Friday night banquet (approx. 70 attendees) and auction for the student scholarship fund.

Technical Program:

- “Demographic and Socio-Economic Changes – Implication on Travel Patterns” by Igor Ferrer, University of Tennessee student paper winner
- “The Application of Geographic Information systems in Transportation Planning” by Zhongren Gu, University of Tennessee student paper winner
- “Nashville’s Strategic Plan for Sidewalk and Bikeways” by Bob Murphy, RPM & Associates

**October 28 – 30, 2002 – Fall Meeting.** Joint meeting with the Tennessee Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (TAMPO). Kingsport, Tennessee (118 in attendance)

Technical Program:

- “ITE’s Legislative Priorities 2003 Surface Transportation Reauthorization” by Larry Goode, WSA
- “State Funding in Tennessee” by Mike Shinn, TDOT
- Statewide Planning Update on Transit by Richard Page, Parsons Brinckerhoff
- Statewide Planning Update on Highways by Preston Elliott, TDOT
- “Knoxville Bicycle Plan” by Kelley Segars, Knoxville Regional TPO
- “Design Guidelines from Metro Nashville Study” by Bob Murphy, RPM & Associates
- Dealing with the Media – TV Reporter Perspective by Gene Patterson, WATE in Knoxville
- Dealing with the Media – Government Perspective by Mike Cohen, Knox County, TN
- “Safety and the Planning Process” by Dr. Fred Wegmann, University of Tennessee
- “AASHTO 2001 Greenbook and Safety Design Concepts” by Jeff Jones, TDOT
- “Grassroots Interdisciplinary/Intergovernmental Approach to Safety” by Larry Caldwell, VDOT
- “Update on State of Tennessee ITS” by Marshall Elizer, Gresham Smith
- “Design Considerations for the Knoxville Regional Transportation Management System” by John Benditz, Kimley-Horn
- “ITS Construction Process in Nashville” by Rodney Chester, Gresham Smith
- “Prioritizing Intersection Improvements Using FIXIT” by Cindy Pionke, Knox County, TN and John Sexton, WSA
- “Special Events Traffic Control for Bristol Motor Speedway” by David Metzger, Bristol, TN/VA
- “Twentieth Century Roads: The Built Environment and an Evolving Landscape” by Martha Carver, TDOT
- “Tennessee Energy Policy and Transportation: Linking Mobility, Air Quality & Energy Conservation” by Alan Jones, Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation
- “Air Quality” by Carter Gray, Memphis MPO

## **2002 TENNESSEE SECTION AWARDS**

The Tennessee Section ITE has in the past presented 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. Hollis Loveday, with the Wilbur Smith Associates, was this year's recipient.

The Volunteer Award is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Section or the profession over time. The recipient of this award for 2002 was Bill Moore with the TN Department of Transportation.

For 2002, a third award, the Jack B. Humphreys Young Member Award, was established. The first TSITE recipient of this award was Jeff Hammond with Neel-Shaffer, Inc.

TSITE has two \$1,000 student scholarships that are awarded during the Summer Meeting. The scholarship awards recipients were Jonathon Moore, attending the University of Tennessee, and Jason Carder, attending Tennessee Tech University.

Awards for Student Papers were presented to Igor Ferrer, First Place recipient (\$250) for the paper titled, *Demographic and Socio-economic Changes-Implication of Travel Patterns*, and Zhongren Gu, Second Place (\$100) recipient for the paper titled, *The Application of Geographic Information Systems in Transportation Planning*. These papers were presented during the Summer Meeting in Pikeville.

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