

**Charter**  
for the  
**Younger Members Committee**  
of the  
**Dallas Section**  
of the  
**Institute of Transportation Engineers**

Under the direction of the President of the Section, the Younger Members Committee is tasked with identifying and promoting social, community service, and outreach opportunities targeted for young (and young at heart) engineers in the Dallas Section of TexITE. This includes promoting the profession, recruiting new members, and coordinating the resources necessary to provide social opportunities to the membership.

The future of the profession relies on active recruitment of new engineers, providing support and growth opportunities beyond traditional professional development for young engineers, and providing a positive public perception of the profession in our community. The Younger Members Committee will provide venues for social interaction, both inside and outside, within the profession to improve public perception, and the enjoyment of interaction with our peers.

The Younger Members Committee will work with any local Student Chapters at Dallas area universities, the District Younger Members Committee, and the membership to identify potential social activities and gauge member interest in these opportunities. The Committee will organize the resources to see that activities with popular interest are planned within the Section. The Committee will coordinate with Section members and their employers to promote and advertise these activities to increase the attendance at the events.

Committee organized offerings should not conflict or compete with Section or District activities.

A secondary goal of the Committee will be to provide a greater range of service opportunities within the organization for members outside of elected Section office. The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two alternates, all of whom must be below the age of 35. The continuing members on the Committee shall assist the President in identifying and recruiting each new appointed member, as needed. The Committee may include as many non-appointed members as show interest in assisting with the goals and purpose of the Committee.

The Committee will maintain contact, nurture, and provide support for any local Student Chapter on behalf of the Section. Committee members should contact the newly elected officers at the start of each school term and open up lines of communication. The Committee shall assist the Student Chapters in finding speakers for meetings, and in providing suggestions for tours or other student led activities.

The Committee will try to conduct at least three activities per year. These can include community service projects, social events in coordination with Student Chapters, or general social events for the Section membership. The Committee will solicit Section members and their employers for the resources to provide these activities. This can include the donation of an appropriate facility, sponsorship for refreshments, or other incidental costs. Most activities should be funded by the participants themselves through an attendance fee. Any agency or firms helping to fund a particular activity should be recognized and prominently thanked during the activity. If sufficient funds are not available, the Committee may apply to the elected leadership to fund an offering from Section finances.

The Committee will be responsible for the Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Golf Tournament. A representative of the Younger Members Committee will also serve on the Scholarship Committee, and have an equal vote in awarding the Scholarship for Studies in Traffic and Transportation Engineering.