

2016 Annual Report



Greater Dallas Section
District 9 (TexITE)
Institute of Transportation Engineers

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1.0 Leadership

Elected Leadership

President: Cameron Williams, Binkley & Barfield, Inc.

Vice-President: Jignesh Thakkar, Othon, Inc.

Secretary-Treasurer: Josh Smith, Lee Engineering

Section Representative: John Denholm III, Lee Engineering

Past President: Gary Graham, City of McKinney

Appointed Positions

Younger Members Committee Chair: Chad Ostrander, BGE

Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee Chair: Sofia Ramirez, Kimley-Horn

Scholarship Award Selection Committee Chair: Elizabeth Crowe, Walter P Moore

Professional Development Committee Chair: Curtis Jarecki, City of Frisco

Webmaster: Rajesh Janarthanan, AECOM

2.0 Membership

Membership Grade	Year 2016	Year 2015
Section Member ¹	78	87
Life Member	24	23
Agency Member ²	44	30
Student	1	4
Local Section Members ³	37	20
Total	184	164

¹Section Member Count includes only international members who have full voting privileges

²Agency Memberships through ITE; Section dues are paid by ITE at 80% of the standard dues rate

³Local Section Members are non-voting section affiliates

Two of the Greater Dallas Section’s long time members – Floyd T. Watson, Jr. (Kimley-Horn) and Mark G. Goode, III (Kimley-Horn) were awarded the Life Membership in the year 2016.

(Section President- Cameron Williams presenting Life Member certificates to Floyd T. Watson, Jr. and Mark G. Goode, III)



3.0 Finances

Federal Tax ID Number: 74-2848619

2016 Annual Section Dues: \$10.00

2016 General Operating Budget:

Balance as of 12/31/2016: **\$4,125.96**

2016 Income

Section Dues	\$1,368.50
Monthly Luncheon Fees	\$13,035.00
Half Day Joint Meeting	\$4,355.00
Professional Development Mtgs/Sponsorships	\$860.00
Total Income	\$19,618.50

2016 Expenses

Monthly Luncheon Catering	\$13,376.83
Pay Pal Credit Card Processing	\$310.87
Constant Contact Event Management	\$652.05
Half Day Joint Meeting	\$4,079.73
Annual Meeting Door Prizes	\$245.00
Contribution to Future City Competition	\$250.00
Supplies	\$35.06
Joint Meeting Share to Fort Worth Section	\$421.55
P.O. Box Rental	\$102.00

Total Expenses **\$19,473.09**

2016 Net Income **(\$145.41)**

2016 Section Scholarship Budget:

Balance as of 12/31/2016: **\$ 5,163.18**

2016 Income

Golf Tournament Revenue	\$11,801.37
Total Revenue	\$11,801.37

2016 Expenses

Golf Tournament Expenses	\$6,200.27
2015 Golf Course Deposit	\$0.00
Scholarships Awarded	\$5,500.00

Total Expenses **\$11,700.27**

2016 Scholarship Account Net Income **\$101.10**

4.0 Activity

4.1 General Technical

The Greater Dallas Section holds a regular monthly meeting typically on the second Friday of each month. The Section usually does not hold a meeting during the same month as a District 9 meeting. The Section also holds a joint meeting with the Fort Worth Section one month of the year, resulting in a total of 10 monthly meetings. During each Section meeting, general Section business is discussed and a technical presentation is given. The dates, topics, speakers, and attendance of each meeting or technical event are shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Monthly Meetings

Date	Topic	Speaker	Attendance
1/8	Logistics and the Economy: Implications for Texas Transportation	Dr. Terence Pohlen <i>University of North Texas</i>	67
2/12	Unsignalized Intersection Improvement Guide	Yung Koprowski, <i>Lee Engineering</i>	77
3/11	Intersection Control Evaluations and Peer Reviews	Jay VonAhsen <i>GHD</i>	56
3/30 4/1	TexITE Spring Meeting Galveston, Texas	n/a	-
4/15	Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Golf Tournament	n/a	-
5/12	Adventures in Forensic Engineering	Gary Thomas <i>Armstrong Forensic Engineers</i>	67
6/10	Intelligent Transportation—How Mature is it Really?	Mike McNair <i>University of Texas at Arlington</i>	89
7/15	High Speed Rail in Texas (Keynote) + Various Other Presentations & Training	Doug Jones <i>Texas Central Partners (Keynote) & Various</i>	142
8/12	“There’s no two ways about it” – McKinney and Cole can be converted back to Two-Way Operation	Tyler Wacker <i>Kimley-Horn</i>	83
9/21 9/23	TexITE Fall Meeting Fort Worth, Texas	n/a	-
10/14	LBJ/North Tarrant Express Managed Lanes and the ITS that brings it together	Marques Allen <i>HDR</i>	76
11/11	Improving Traffic Safety - A Multidimensional Approach	Srinivas Geedipally <i>Texas Transportation Institute</i>	41
12/8	3rd Annual TexITE Greater Dallas Section Traffic Bowl	Dallas TexITE Membership	69

Last year (2015) a new meeting activity was created called the “International Minute”. During this portion of our monthly meetings a member would provide a brief presentation highlighting intriguing, interesting, and fun transportation experiences from their international travels. This activity was continued in 2016 as well. Summarized in **Table 2** are the “International Minute” segments from our 2016 meetings.

Table 2: International Minute

Date	Topic	Speaker
2/12	London, UK	Hiron Fernando, <i>Kimley-Horn</i>
6/10	Singapore, Malaysia	Jonathan Marchese, <i>Criado & Associates</i>
8/14	Jamaica	Sean Merrell, <i>BGE</i>
11/11	Hyderabad, India (Metro Rail Project)	Nanditha Togar

This year a new segment was introduced which was named “Tech Byte”. In this segment a short video/presentation highlighting a new or upcoming technology in transportation was shared with the members. This activity was presented alternatively with International Minute.

Table 3: Tech Byte

Date	Topic	Speaker
3/11	Hyperloop is Real	Jignesh Thakkar, <i>Othon</i>
5/13	Safety Truck	Jignesh Thakkar, <i>Othon</i>
10/14	Floating Tunnels	Chad Ostrander, <i>BGE</i>

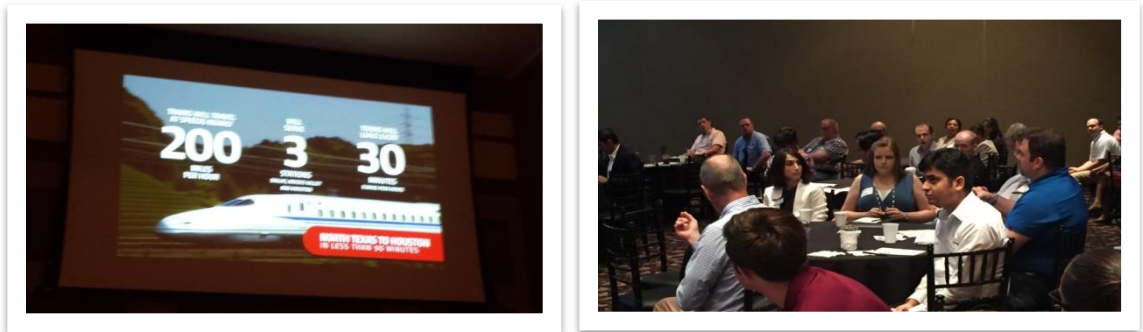
A few pictures from this year’s monthly meetings and the Dallas Fort Worth joint meeting are included here.



(Tyler Wacker presenting on McKinney & Cole Avenue Two-Way Conversion)



(Sean Merrell presenting “International Minute” on Transportation in Jamaica)



(Dallas & Fort Worth Section Joint Meeting attendees listening to the keynote speech on High Speed Rail in Texas)

4.2 Committees

The **Younger Members Committee** was chaired by Chad Ostrander (BGE). The Younger Members Committee was responsible for publicizing the Greater Dallas Section Scholarship and helping host the scholarship golf tournament.

The **Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee** was chaired by Sofia Ramirez (Kimley-Horn). The Committee planned a successful scholarship golf tournament held on April 15, 2016 to raise money for transportation engineering scholarships.

The **Scholarship Selection Committee** reviewed applications and made a recommendation of the students most worthy of receiving a Greater Dallas Section Scholarship. This Committee was chaired by Elizabeth Crowe (Walter P Moore) with the Greater Dallas Section President - Cameron Williams (Binkley & Barfield), Fort Worth Section President - Ed Pultorak (Jacobs), Younger Members Committee Chair - Chad Ostrander (BGE), and a volunteer from the Younger Members - Sarang Vasishth (Othon) serving as the other members.

The **Professional Development Committee** was made up of Curtis Jarecki (City of Frisco) and Wes McClure (BGE).

The **Nominating Committee** nominated candidates to run in the 2016 election for Section Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President. The nominating committee was chaired this year by Wes McClure (BGE) with David Halloin (Kimley-Horn) and Jessica Shutt (City of Richardson) serving as members.

The **Tellers Committee** confirmed tabulation of the online and paper ballot voting in order to determine winners of the 2016 election. This committee was made up of Wes McClure and Jessica Shutt.

4.3 Professional Development Activity

The Greater Dallas Section Professional Development Committee has a goal of providing additional training and learning opportunities outside of our monthly meetings. The Committee works to find local firms and agencies to sponsor and host an event. They are also expanding the scope of their efforts to include identifying professional development opportunities available in the Region (outside of ITE) and sharing these with our membership. This includes opportunities that may be available through such organizations such as NCTCOG, ASCE, ITS Texas, ITS America, TxDOT, CEC, TSPE, and others. No additional events hosted by the professional development committee this year.

4.4 Social Activities

The Younger Members Committee held social events to encourage networking among members as well as providing events to relax outside of the workplace. Some of the events held included happy hours at local brew houses and a summer event at Free Play Arcade. Attendance ranged from 8 to 15 members at these events.

4.5 Future City Competition

Similar to last year, the Greater Dallas Section teamed up with the Greater Fort Worth Section to sponsor a "Special Award Category" at the North Texas Future City Competition. The Future City competition is a project-based educational program for sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students that engages and challenges them to develop their vision of a livable city of the future. In partnership with the Fort Worth Section we sponsor the **"Excellence in Transportation Integration"** award. This year the award went to **Middle City - Village Tech Schools**, Cedar Hill.



Greater Dallas Section Secretary-Treasurer, Josh Smith participated in 2016 North Texas Future City competition as an engineering mentor for the Common Ground Homeschoolers' entry in the competition. Pictured are his daughter Paige Smith (left), son Evan Smith (right), and their friend Sammy Flanagan (center), who together designed and built Green Haven, Hawaii as a model for future environmentally-friendly infrastructure. The city included hexagonal pod residential,

commercial, and industrial areas with wide rooftop sidewalks and bikepaths, along with a working gondola system between central pod buildings for transporting people, freight, recycling and waste.

4.6 Scholarship Golf Tournament



The Greater Dallas Section hosted our fifth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on April 15, 2016. The golf tournament serves as the Dallas Section's only fundraiser for the traffic and transportation engineering scholarships. The younger members and volunteers involved in the

planning of the golf tournament dedicated many hours and exchanged hundreds of emails related to the event. Ultimately, the Greater Dallas Section Scholarships raised a grand total of **\$5,601.10**.

Greater Dallas Section Scholarship Award

Due to the success of the Golf Tournament, we awarded a total of **\$5,500** in scholarships to the following students in August 2016:

- Marianna Borrego - University of Texas El Paso
- Ana R. Cervantes - University of Texas Arlington
- Savannah Washlesky - University of Notre Dame
- Michael Hardie Parham - Southern Methodist University

Each of these students was awarded the scholarship based on their application and demonstration of financial hardship while pursuing a degree in civil engineering. A few of the recipients are pictured below.



5.0 Other Business

5.1 Officer Elections and Appointments

For the 2017 term, the nominating committee selected candidates for the offices of Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-President. Joseph Marchione (City of Dallas) and Matthew Tilke (City of Plano) were selected by the Nominating Committee to run for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Josh Smith (Lee Engineering) was nominated for Vice President. John Denholm (Lee Engineering) continued as the Section Representative on his 2nd year of his two-year term for this position. The results of the election were presented at the December 9, 2016 Section Annual Business Meeting and the new officers were sworn in for their 2017 terms. Josh Smith was elected to the position of Vice President, Matthew Tilke was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer, and John Denholm continued as Section Representative.

5.2 Changes to Section Bylaws

No changes were made to the Section Bylaws in 2016.

5.3 Resolutions Passed by the Section

No new resolutions were passed by the Section in 2016.