

CAPITAL AREA SECTION ITE NEWSLETTER

2021 Year in Review, *written by Stephen Hanuscin and Anamaria Torres*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2021 brought continued challenges for in-person gatherings and networking opportunities, but I am very thankful for the effort of our CAS-ITE officers and committee teams for providing virtual platforms and experiences to our members. CAS-ITE has allowed me to meet remarkable people and expand my professional development since moving to the region 3 years ago, and I am excited for the future of our organization. With over \$30 billion in upcoming regional transportation and roadway technology projects, there is no better time (or group) to engage, collaborate, innovate, and grow so that we deliver the safest and most efficient mobility experience to our system users. We are fortunate to have great passion and strong leadership in our CAS-ITE Officers moving forward on this journey. Thank You Anamaria, Stephen, Cody, and Vivek for a successful 2021!!

- Adam Kaliszewski

HOWDY CAS-ITE

It's been an interesting year as we navigated the SARS-CoV2 pandemic. Thank you all for continuing to be a part of CAS-ITE as we forged ahead with virtual operations and slowly began coming back in person. Despite being remote for most of the year, we hosted a number of great virtual presentations and a well-attended November social event and banquet in December. We look forward to an even more successful (and interactive) 2022!

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership increased by 12% this year, growing from 165 members in 2020 to 185 members in 2021! We are proud to see the growth as we begin returning to pre-pandemic membership numbers, and we look forward to expanding membership even more throughout 2022.

2021 COMMITTEES

Sponsorship and Membership

- Samit Deo, Stephen Hanuscin, Adam Kaliszewski, Anamaria Torres

Social

- Rachel Cook, Sabrina Hossain, Will Lisska

Newsletter

- Kelley Burkett, Stephen Hanuscin, Cody Stone

Student/STEM/Scholarship

- Amit Kumar Singh, Samit Deo, Anamaria Torres

Website

- Amit Kumar Singh

Fundraiser

- Samit Deo, Randel Lenz, Claire McKinney, James Schwerdtfeger

Technical (Speakers)

- Lance Ballard, Gonzalo Camacho, Stephen Ratke, Anamaria Torres

Marketing

- Gregory Go, Cody Stone, Anamaria Torres

2021 EVENTS

January 29, 2021 Meeting – Ethics

As we have done historically, our first meeting was an ethics seminar provided by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (TBPELS). But this time, as with most meetings this year, Mr. Rick Strong, P.E., Director of Licensing and Registration for TBPPE, delivered his presentation in a virtual setting. This allowed our members to meet their Professional Development Hour (PDH) requirement in ethics to maintain their Texas licensure while still practicing social distancing. This meeting was attended by 43 members.



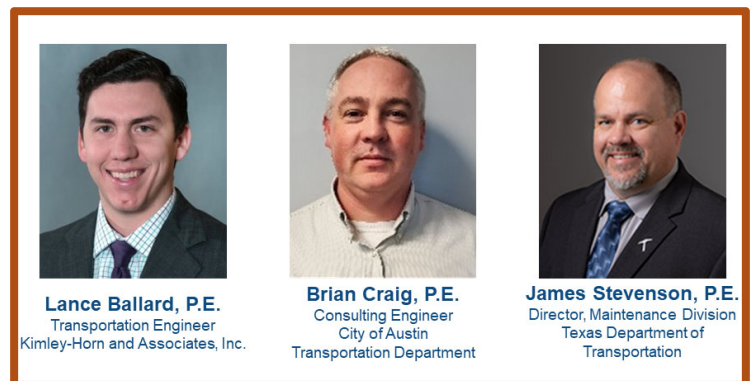
April 26, 2021 Meeting – Vision Zero

Our April virtual meeting featured Lewis Leff, Transportation Safety Officer from the City of Austin Transportation Department, who gave a great presentation on the City's Vision Zero initiatives. Lewis highlighted efforts to create a highly accurate crash database, develop a new citywide speed management approach, and to implement proven low-cost safety treatments. This meeting was attended by 55 members.



July 14, 2021 – CAS-ITE / STITE Joint Meeting

The Capital Area and South Texas sections held their annual joint meeting online this year, with 71 attendees logged in to listen to some outstanding presentations. The meeting theme was Winter Storm Perspectives and featured presentations from Lance Ballard (Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.), Brian Craig (City of Austin), and James Stevenson (Texas Department of Transportation).



August 27, 2021 – TexITE/CAS-ITE Joint Meeting

In lieu of an in-person Spring Meeting, TexITE partnered with Texas sections to host a webinar series. Each webinar was co-hosted by a different section, giving the co-host an opportunity share section news and highlights from the past and upcoming year. Topics ranged from Safety and Operations to Connected/Autonomous Vehicles. CAS-ITE co-hosted the August webinar on ITS, TSMO, and Big Data, which was attended by 96 member.



October 29, 2021 Meeting – Q2 Stadium Transportation Planning

In this well-attended virtual meeting, Bobak Tehrani, founder and president of BOE Consulting Services, LLC, gave an informative presentation on the cooperative planning that went into the multi-modal transportation plan for Austin FC's Q2 Soccer Stadium. He highlighted lessons learned and how the plan continues to be adapted to changing conditions. This virtual meeting was attended by 36 members.



November 3-5, 2021 – TexITE / ITS Texas Joint Meeting

Following in the footsteps of a successful meeting in 2018, the second triennial joint meeting of TexITE and ITS Texas took place this year with over 600 transportation professionals in attendance to network and exchange ideas related to transportation engineering and technology. CAS-ITE highlights included Anamaria Torres receiving the TexITE Younger Member of the Year award. CAS-ITE Past President, Cody Stone, serves as the TexITE Younger Member Chair, and with the help of the Younger Member Committee, hosted two great



events at the Joint Meeting: a leadership panel with members from TexITE, ITS Texas, and ITE International and a social networking event. Thank you to all the CAS-ITE members who acted as presenters, moderators, and volunteers for a successful conference!

November 17, 2021 – Brewtorium Happy Hour

In our first in-person event since the Covid-19 pandemic began, 15 CAS-ITE members gathered at the Brewtorium in Austin for an evening of socializing, networking, and catching up.



December 17, 2021 – End of the Year Banquet

Over 30 CAS-ITE members came out to enjoy our end of the year banquet at Stiles Switch BBQ. We gathered to wrap up 2021 and announce CAS-ITE officer election results, while enjoying some of Austin's best BBQ. Gregory Go was elected to serve Secretary-Treasurer, Stephen Hanuscin was elected to serve as Vice President/President-Elect, and Darren Ujano was elected to serve as Section Representative. Anamaria Torres was also sworn in as 2022 President. 2021 CAS-ITE President, Adam Kaliszewski was awarded a plaque for his dedicated service. Congratulations to everyone!



POSTPONED EVENTS

In order to promote the health and safety of all members, many of the events that CAS-ITE members look forward to annually had to be postponed until further notice, including our Keep Austin Beautiful Adopt-A-Street cleanup, scholarship fundraiser, and Traffic Bowl scrimmage. We eagerly anticipate resuming these events in the near future, and we thank you for your continued patience and support as navigate these unprecedented times.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 SPONSORS!

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