Capital Area Section
of
Texas District (9)
Institute of Transportation Engineers

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A Message from CAS-ITE’s 2015 President

In 2015, the Capital Area Section of the Texas District (CAS-ITE) moved in new directions to continue the momentum and success generated in 2014. Our leadership committee was not afraid to try new things, get new input, or involve new groups. As the 2015 Section President, I am very proud of the choices our team made and the headings that they will choose for us the next several years. I am confident that the Capital Area Section will continue its upward trend as a direct result of the leadership of its officers and the strength of its membership.

This past year our Section hosted two Complete Streets events; the first was a presentation by Katherine Gregor and Scott Gross from the City of Austin during our regular April meeting highlighting the City’s new policies. The second event was the first of hopefully many more partnerships with the local professional society community to create a happy hour event as part of the City hosting the NACTO conference, sort of a “Drink and Learn”.

Last summer, we continued our tradition of co-hosting a Joint Meeting with the South Texas Section (STITE). We enjoyed a barbecue lunch and discussed autonomous and connected vehicles. Our August meeting, which attracted over 40 attendees, featured State Representative Celia Israel. She provided an update on transportation related bills from the most recent legislative session. Additionally, our section professionals showed up to support and prepare our local University of Texas Student Chapter’s Traffic Bowl team, who again won the TexITE Traffic Bowl. Although they were unable to repeat as National Champions in 2015, plans are underway to continue supporting our local student chapter as they prepare for the upcoming District Meeting in Galveston.

This year, rather than repeat the same skeet-shoot fundraiser activity, we asked for member input so that the event would be more about their participation rather than just how much money we could generate. Their direction led to a Bowling Tournament at a local area favorite, Dart Bowl. Together our members and sponsors added $1,100 to our Scholarship Fund, which enabled us to distribute $3,000 to three (3) deserving students from the University of Texas Student Chapter this year.

All of these milestones could not have been accomplished without the support of our local professionals and CAS-ITE corporate sponsors, of which we had a record 13 for 2015. I send a sincere “Thank You” to all of them for making our 2015 successes possible.
Executive Summary

CAS-ITE had an active and successful year in 2015. Our Section sustained membership participation by continuing to provide great technical meetings and engaging social activities. We have also increased our engagement with our local student chapter through social events, financial support of the first annual TexITE Student Leadership Summit, sponsorship for attendance of the ITE Annual Meeting, and scholarship awards.

Membership

The Capital Area Section currently has the following statistical membership grades as of December 31, 2015:

- 100 International ITE Members
- 41 Student Members
- 14 Fellow Members
- 4 Institute Affiliates
- 13 Section Affiliates

Our dues remain unchanged from the previous calendar year. CAS-ITE has the following dues structure:

- Active Professional Members - $15
- Retired Professional Members - $5
- Students, Life & Honorary Members - $0

Section Activities

- Our Section held four (4) Section meetings and one (1) joint meeting with the South Texas Section covering a variety of topics.
- CAS-ITE hosted an informative lecture and happy-hour event called “Get Happy with Complete Streets” in partnership with four local professional societies. The event served as a kick-off to the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) conference held in Austin in October 2015.
- The Section held a Bowling Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser, which was made possible by 11 corporate sponsorships, generating $1,100 in revenue and allowing CAS-ITE to distribute $3,000 in scholarship awards.
- Overall, Section meetings and social events had a total of 208 attendees over the course of the year

Section Committees

- The Section formed a Communications Committee, led by 2015 Vice President Rob Belarmino, responsible for the development of our semi-annual newsletter. The newsletter includes articles about Section meetings, including local member and chapter participation at District, and International events. It also featured
members that are on the move and insight into some of the area’s key local projects.

- The Scholarship Committee revised our scholarship application, collecting and reviewing completed scholarship applications, and selecting our 2015 winner and runners-up.
- The Nominating Committee identified candidates, collecting candidate information, coordinated with TexITE to setup the online election, and counted the on-site ballots for our annual elections.

Section Student Chapter
- CAS-ITE and the UT Student Chapter hosted one social event to provide support for the students’ quest to become International Collegiate Traffic Bowl Champions.
- CAS-ITE donated $400 to help subsidize the UT Student Chapter’s trip to Hollywood, Florida to attend the ITE Annual Meeting and participate in the Traffic Bowl.
- CAS-ITE also donated $100 in support of the first annual TexITE Student Leadership Summit during the Fall 2015 District Meeting in San Antonio. Four (4) of the twelve (12) professional volunteers were CAS-ITE members who participated in the “speed interview” segment of the event.

Awards/Honors
CAS-ITE presented service award plaques and certificates to the following members:

- Vivek Deshpande - for providing 3 years of service on the CAS-ITE Board (2012-2014)
- Chad Wood - for providing 3 years of service on the CAS-ITE Board (2013-2015)
- Federico Mendoza - for providing 2 years of service as a Section Representative (2014-2015)
- CAS-ITE awarded $3,000 in student scholarships in 2015:
  - One (1) $1,500 Student Scholarship to the CAS-ITE Scholarship Winner: Venktesh Pandey
  - Two (2) $750 Student Scholarships to the CAS-ITE Scholarship Runners-Up: Rachel James and Zhe Han.

Finance and Budget

- The CAS-ITE balance forward to carry into 2016 is $1,605.17.
- Retained earnings from 2014 into 2015 was $1,913.78.
- Our Section earned $7,853.57 in total revenue including $1,300 from our corporate sponsors, $1,465 in revenue from special meetings, $1,050 in Section Dues, and nearly $2,400 in gross revenue from our scholarship fundraiser.
- Total expenses for 2015 was $8,188.18, the majority of which were directed at support of our UT Student Chapter (including scholarships) in excess of $3,500, fundraising costs of $1,300, and Section activities exceeding $2,500.
Introduction

The Capital Area Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (CAS-ITE) was originally founded as a chapter of the Texas District of ITE (also known as District 9 of ITE or TexITE) in 1998. CAS-ITE was granted a Section Charter by TexITE effective August 1, 2002. The Capital Area Section (CAS-ITE) is one of six (6) Sections within the TexITE District representing TexITE’s major urban centers.

CAS-ITE serves transportation professionals within Williamson County, Travis County, and Hays County. Our members are traffic and transportation engineers, transportation planners, designers, consultants, signal technicians, contractors, vendors, inventors, researchers, professors, students, and policy makers who work to maintain and improve surface transportation systems worldwide.

As a Section we strive to promote the professional development of our members, increase public awareness of our profession, and provide opportunities for the exchange of technical and policy information. In addition, we serve as a conduit to providing information regarding the benefits of becoming an ITE member at various levels of membership and participation. Affiliation with a Section or Chapter affords individuals an opportunity for local involvement with their peers and to explore the benefits of becoming a member of the Institute and TexITE.

Elected Leadership

The CASITE Executive Board consists of the following five (5) elected members:

- President
- Vice President/President Elect
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Section Representative (2 year Term)
- Past President

The Section’s annual election is held during the Year-End Banquet, which is typically held in December.
Our 2015 Board Elected Members are as follows:

**President**
Chad Wood, P.E., PTOE
Brown & Gay Engineers
Email: cwood@browngay.com

**Vice-President/President Elect**
Rob Belarmino, P.E.
HNTB Corporation
Email: rbelarmino@hntb.com

**Secretary-Treasurer**
Valerie Kaiser, P.E.
RS&H, Inc.
Email: valerie.kaiser@rsandh.com

**Section Representative**
Federico Mendoza, P.E., PTOE
Brown & Gay Engineers
Email: fmendoza@browngay.com

**Past President**
Vivek Deshpande, P.E., PTOE
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Email: vivek.deshpande@kimley-horn.com
Our election was held on December 4, 2015 which resulted in the following 2016 elected officers, who also took the oath of office on this same date:

**President**

Rob Belarmino, P.E.
HNTB Corporation
Email: rbelarmino@hntb.com

**Vice-President/President Elect**

Valerie Kaiser, P.E.
RS&H, Inc.
Email: valerie.kaiser@rsandh.com

**Secretary - Treasurer**

Tom Gerrity, P.E., PTOE
Lockwood, Andrews, & Newman, Inc.
Email: tjgerrity@lan-inc.com

**Section Representative**

Alex Reyna, P.E., PTOE
Reyna, Inc.
Email: alex@reynainc.com

**Past President**

Chad Wood, P.E., PTOE
Brown & Gay Engineers
Email: cwood@browngay.com
Past Capital Area Section Presidents

1998 - Ginger Daniels  
1999 - Brian VanDeWalle  
2000 - Steve Venglar  
2001 - Rafael Cruz  
2002 - David Carey  
2003 - Michael Heath  
2004 - Roy Mynier  
2005 - Sharon Barta  
2006 - James Kratz  
2007 - Rene Garza  
2008 - Doug Skowronek  
2009 - Gordon Derr  
2010 - Alex Reyna  
2011 - Alan Hughes  
2012 - Anna Martin  
2013 - Eric Bollich  
2014 – Vivek Deshpande

Evaluation of 2015 Goals

Below is a list of the goals identified in last year’s Annual Section Report and our evaluation of our performance of those goals.

- Provide more engaging professional development opportunities.
  - Our two best-attended meetings for 2015 were our Ethics Seminar and our Legislative Update meeting with State Representative Celia Israel, each attracting over 40 attendees. Going forward, our Section will seek to balance technical and policy discussions such that our meetings have broad appeal and meet the needs of our membership.

- Continue to increase membership by providing outreach to our governmental professionals and younger members.
  - While younger member involvement has increased locally due to the encouragement by our corporate sponsors and enhanced leadership opportunities through our Communications and Scholarship Committees we have not been as successful in reaching our public sector professionals. In 2016, we will take specific steps to enhance public sector participation.

- Advance our outreach to the UT-Austin Student Chapter through joint meetings and support of their goals
  - We held one joint event (Traffic Bowl Scrimmage) and increased direct officer-to-officer communications to help meet the UT Student Chapter’s financial (event support, scholarships) and volunteer needs (Student Leadership Summit). Student participation in CAS-ITE meetings ranged from 1-5 students per meeting. We will continue to develop this goal in 2016.

- Expand our annual scholarship program.
  - In 2015 we distributed $3,000 in scholarships among three (3) applicants. We would like increase the number of applicants and participation for the scholarship and sustain $3,000 in distributions to eligible students.

- Increase regular attendance by younger members and recruit potential members.
  - Younger member participation has increased thanks to the support of our corporate sponsors’ encouragement of their involvement. Several younger...
members have taken on committee positions which will help our Section cultivate future Section leaders.

- Develop additional Section Committees to further increase our membership participation
  - The Communications Committee was re-established this year with a total of seven (7) members.
- Develop a Section Newsletter
  - The first task of the Communications Committee was to develop a Semi Annual Newsletter. This goal was a success; two (2) newsletters were distributed in June and December of 2015 and were well received by the members.

Goals for 2016
Our Section will continue to meet the goals in our charter as well as the following:

- Increase public sector participation particularly at the county and city levels.
  - Verify email addresses in our MailChimp email list and consider issuing five (5) personal invitations per meeting. Request volunteer support on a committee.
- Advance our outreach to the UT-Austin Student Chapter through joint meetings and the establishment of a Student Liaison or Student Outreach Committee.
  - Have at least one (1) Traffic Bowl Scrimmage before the TexITE Spring Meeting.
  - Identify Student Liaison/Student Outreach Committee Chair in January 2016.
- Maintain CAS-ITE scholarship program at $3,000 in annual distributions.
- Maintain the Communications Committee and semi-annual newsletter
  - Continue June/December publication targets.
  - Increase outreach to members for “Member Spotlight” articles
- Establish a Fundraising Committee to assist the Secretary-Treasurer in planning the Scholarship Fundraiser and other minor fundraising events.
  - Historically the planning an execution of the Scholarship Fundraiser has fallen on one individual. Establishing a Fundraising Committee will help distribute the work that our Annual Fundraiser requires while engaging our wider membership.
  - Determine if smaller fundraising events (i.e. happy hour events or raffles at regular meetings) are feasible.
- Obtain 501(c)3 Status.
  - Engage with TexITE to follow up and provide additional information/support when needed.
- Increase awareness of our organization through volunteerism and strategic partnerships.
  - Participate in at least one (1) established volunteer activity related to engineering, such as UT-Austin’s Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day or MathCounts, or;
  - Partner with the UT-Student Chapter in a volunteer event, such as an Adopt-a-Street Cleanup.
Membership

The Capital Area Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers currently provides the following membership grades:

- **Section Members** - Any TexITE (ITE District 9) Member or Affiliate who resides or works within the area designated for the Section, and who is in good standing with TexITE, shall be eligible to become a Section Member and shall become a Section Member upon payment of Section dues. Any member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) may become a member of the Section, without residing or working in the Section area, upon approval of the Section members.

- **Section Affiliates** - Any other interested individual who is not a student and who resides or works within the Section boundaries may, at the discretion of the Section, become a Section Affiliate upon payment of Section dues. CAS-ITE had 13 Section Affiliates in 2015.

Our Section also welcomes both Student Members who are enrolled in a recognized transportation related program at an engineering or planning school and resides within the designated boundaries of the Section.

The Capital Area Section currently has 159 International Members as listed by the ITE website (www.ite.org). Table 1 provides a breakdown of the membership grade of these International Members.

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<td>Institute Affiliate</td>
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<td>Student</td>
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<td>Fellow</td>
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<td><strong>Total Members</strong></td>
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Section Activities

Section Meetings
The Capital Area Section held regular meetings throughout the year, which included four (4) Section meetings and one (1) joint meeting with the South Texas Section (STITE). The topics covered both technical subjects and policy. As we have done historically, our first meeting was an ethics seminar provided by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers which allows for our members to meet their Professional Development Hour (PDH) requirement in ethics to maintain their Texas licensure. All of the meetings were well attended by affiliate and non-affiliate members with three (3) of the meetings having over 40 attendees. Table 2 shows the summary of the meetings held throughout the year:

Ms. Val Olfers provides insight on the latest changes to TBPE rules and Ethics.
Table 2 - 2015 Section Meeting Summary

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<td>February 20</td>
<td>Professional Ethics</td>
<td>Valarica Olfers &amp; Debbie Trevino from TBPE</td>
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<td>April 3</td>
<td>City of Austin – Complete Streets</td>
<td>Katherine Gregor and Scott Gross from City of Austin</td>
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<td>June 26</td>
<td>Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (joint meeting with STITE)</td>
<td>Jason JonMichael from HNTB</td>
<td>54 (23 CAS-ITE)</td>
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<td>Steve Dellenback from the Southwest Research Institute</td>
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<td>August 21</td>
<td>Legislative Updates in Transportation</td>
<td>State Representative Celia Israel</td>
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<td>October 23</td>
<td>Mobility Authority Update</td>
<td>Sean Beal, P.E. from Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority</td>
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In an effort to attract a broad segment of our membership, the Capital Area Section always makes its best effort to provide both policy information and technical information at its meetings.

After our traditional February ethics meeting, our April meeting featured information on the City of Austin’s new Complete Streets policy and how it might impact design practices for the Austin Area.
One of our most popular events of the year is our annual Joint Meeting with the South Texas Section of ITE. This meeting takes place in San Marcos, Texas and features a barbecue lunch. This tradition is a great opportunity to meet and exchange ideas outside of annual TexITE meetings. This year Jason JohnMichael (HNTB) and Steve Dellenback (Southwest Research Institute or SwRI) made presentations to our group about ongoing research and efforts in the areas of autonomous and connected vehicles. Their presentations featured overviews of the terminology associated with the topic and attendees were also able to get a taste of the projects our presenters been a part of through informative and entertaining video of automated vehicles in roadway maintenance scenarios as well as within the defense sector.

Our August meeting had a focus on Texas Policy and attracted one of our best turnouts of the year. We had the honor of welcoming State Representative Celia Israel (State House District 50) to our meeting. As a member of the State House Transportation Committee and the Transportation Subcommittee on Long Term Infrastructure and Planning, she offered our attendees a unique perspective on transportation policy and funding in the State of Texas and its impact to the Capital Area.

Our final regular meeting was held in October had an engineering focus with our guest, Sean Beal, P.E. of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA). Mr. Beal provided the group an overview of recently completed, ongoing, and upcoming projects for CTRMA.
Social Activities

In addition to the regular Section Meetings, the Capital Area Section held social events throughout the year. These included outreach efforts to support the UT Student Chapter by participating in a Traffic Bowl Scrimmage, fundraising events such as our Bowling Tournament, and broader networking events such as our Complete Streets Happy Hour hosted during the NACTO conference. Table 3 shows the summary of the social events held by the section.

Table 3 - Social Events Summary

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<td>June 25</td>
<td>We’re Going to Hollywood! Traffic Bowl Scrimmage with UT Student Members</td>
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<td>October 27</td>
<td>Get Happy with Complete Streets Happy Hour</td>
<td>45 (15 CAS-ITE)</td>
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<td>November 13</td>
<td>Annual Scholarship Fundraiser and Bowling Tournament</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>December 4</td>
<td>Year-End Banquet And Election</td>
<td>41</td>
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Our first social event of the year was held for our University of Texas Student Chapter and featured a Traffic Bowl Scrimmage where our professionals and student members challenged the 2015 Traffic Bowl Team to several rounds. Students and professionals alike enjoyed food, laughs, and the challenging fun that is a game of Traffic Bowl. More information and photos for this event are addressed in our Student Chapter section of this report.

Our next social event reflected our Section’s desire to reach out to the wider transportation and engineering community. With the City of Austin hosting the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) conference and promoting a “Better Streets Week” for the week preceding the conference, our group was presented a unique opportunity to get involved. CAS-ITE was the co-sponsor of a lecture and happy-hour event called “Get Happy with Complete Streets” in partnership with the Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) Heart of Texas Chapter, the Younger Member Forum of the Austin Chapter of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT), and the local Chapter of the Texas
Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE). Our organization saw this as an opportunity to partner with other like-minded organizations, attract new members, and provide support to our City of Austin public sector members. The event attracted over 45 attendees, 15 of whom were CAS-ITE members. The event served as a kick-off to the NACTO conference held in Austin, Texas in October 2015.

The Capital Area Section brought back its Scholarship program in 2012 and starting in 2014 the Section began creating a single major fundraising event to support this scholarship. While the 2014 Skeet Shoot was successful in attracting a large amount of funds and had increased the popularity of skeet replacing golf as a social event at TexITE meetings, the officers decided to issue a survey of what fundraising events the members wanted to attend and when. The results were close, but a majority determined that our 2015 fundraiser would be a bowling tournament. We offered multiple levels of sponsorship so companies could create teams – and most did. The event provided three hours of bowling with food and drink to compete for a place among the top two teams and the top individual. For the bowling-challenged, we also offered the Gutterball Master award. We attracted 36 bowlers, multiple spectators to watch the fun, and raised over $1,100 for the scholarship.

Our final event was the Year-End Banquet. Barbecue is popular with CAS-ITE, so we decided to treat ourselves to some brisket, turkey, and sausage while electing our incoming officers, honoring our past board members, and awarding $3,000 in scholarships to three (3) deserving students. More details on this event are outlined in the Section Committees and Awards sections of this report.

Section Committees

Capital Area Section Communications Committee
The Capital Area Section Communications Committee, chaired by Rob Belarmino, was responsible for the return of our Section newsletter, released on a semi-annual basis. The first newsletter’s release was in June and the second was released in December of 2015. The newsletter highlights our members and their projects in the “Members on the Move” segment, summarizes our past and upcoming meetings and social events, and provides a services directory featuring our sponsors. Refer to Appendix A for copies of the newsletter.

In addition to our newsletter, the website remains one of our primary ways of reaching out to existing and potential members; it is regularly updated by the Secretary-Treasurer with the latest Section information including officers, membership forms, Section meeting attendance records for PDHs, and upcoming meetings/events. It is expected that the website will undergo some minor redesign in 2016.
The Communications Committee has continued its regular use of the MailChimp email marketing service provider, managed by the Secretary-Treasurer, to send out Section information and notices of upcoming meetings and events.

Our Website can be found on the following link: [http://texitecapitalarea.weebly.com/](http://texitecapitalarea.weebly.com/)

**Capital Area Section Scholarship Committee**
The 2015 Capital Area Section Scholarship Committee was chaired by Tom Gerrity and Cody Stone. It was announced via e-blast on September 11, 2015 that the Scholarship Application was posted to the website and Valerie Kaiser worked closely with UT Student Chapter President Kristie Chin to advertise the scholarship, which was due November 2, 2015.

The Committee held a bowling tournament scholarship fundraiser based on an activity interest survey issued to the membership via our website, with the help of Valerie Kaiser on November 13. This fundraiser received the strong support of our corporate sponsors, with eight (8) firms acting as sponsors of this event. This made it possible for the Section to award $3,000 in scholarship funds. The Scholarship Committee received three (3) applications and awarded scholarships to the winner and to the two (2) runners up. Details about the Scholarship Award winners are in the Awards section of this report.

**Capital Area Section Nominations/Elections Committee**
The 2015 Capital Area Section Nominations/Elections Committee was chaired by James Kratz and Brian VanDeWalle. The CAS-ITE Executive Board elections are held in December of each year with the results announced at the Annual Year-End Banquet. The Section Officers began solicitation for the 2015 Section Officer Election at the August 21 meeting and via e-blasts to our members for the positions of Secretary-Treasurer and Section Representative. The Election Committee received the following two (2) nominations for the Secretary-Treasurer position:

- Tom Gerrity, P.E., PTOE
  Lockwood, Andrews, & Newman, Inc.
- Jake Gutekunst, EIT
  Kimley-Horn
The Nominations/Elections Committee received the following nomination for Section Representative:

Alex Reyna, P.E., PTOE
Reyna, Inc.

The Nominations/Elections Committee administered the election online with the assistance of Gary Thomas, TexITE Webmaster, and collected paper ballots during the December 4th Year-End Banquet to be included in the final polling results. James Kratz tallied the results and announced that Tom Gerrity won the election and will serve as the new Secretary-Treasurer for 2016 and Alex Reyna will serve as Section Representative in 2016. All 2016 Officers and Members took the oath of office on December 4, 2015.

Student Chapter

CAS-ITE has engaged with and provided financial support to the University of Texas Student Chapter throughout the year. The Section and students held one (1) social event, the Traffic Bowl Scrimmage. In addition, CAS-ITE engaged the students in its financial sponsorship of and participation in the Student Leadership Summit. One of the events where CAS-ITE had the opportunity to directly engage with the students was by helping conduct the “speed interviews”; four (4) of the twelve (12) professionals conducting the interviews were CAS-ITE members. The Section has seen an increase in student participation at the regular Section meetings and would like to continue this trend into 2016.

The Section also supported the UT Student Chapter Traffic Bowl Team. With the help of their coach Meredith Cebelak, P.E., the UT Student Traffic Bowl Team won the District Championship during the 2015 TexITE Spring Meeting. In advance of the
International Traffic Bowl in Hollywood, Florida, CAS-ITE supported the team by having a Traffic Bowl Scrimmage with the students on June 25, 2015. Moreover, the Capital Area Section donated $400 to help offset some of the costs for the team’s trip to Hollywood, Florida to attend the Annual Meeting and participate in the Traffic Bowl.

For the period of March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, the University of Texas Student Chapter Officers are listed below:

Kevin Savage - President
Manar Hasan - VP of Publicity & Outreach
Swati Agarwal - VP of Membership
John Helsel - Secretary
Patrick Jordan – Treasurer

For the period of March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, the University of Texas Student Chapter Officers are listed below:

Kristie Chin - President
Venktesh Pandley - VP of Social Activities
Chris Sassine - VP of Membership
Rachel James – VP of Technical Activities
Solomon Nyanhongo - Secretary
Ben Wallach – Treasurer
Matt Reiter – Professional Relations

Awards/Honors

CASITE presented service award plaques, certificates and scholarship awards to the following members:

Vivek Deshpande
for providing 3 years of service on the Capital Area Section Board

Chad Wood
for providing 3 years of service on the Capital Area Section Board
Federico Mendoza
for providing 2 years of service as Section-Representative

Venktesh Pandey was awarded $1,500 as the 2015 CAS-ITE Scholarship Award Winner. He is pursuing a MS at UT Austin and his work focuses on dynamic pricing for managed lanes using real time data collection with his advisor Dr. Stephen Boyles. During his undergrad at India Institute of Technology – Bombay, he won the Potential Professor Competition at Aakaar and helped organize the first Social Festival at IIT – Bombay, which attracted over 5000 participants from 80 colleges in India. Since coming to UT Austin, he is involved both inside and outside the classroom – serving as Vice President for the ITE Student Chapter and volunteering for the local Association of India’s Development. Additionally, he competed on UT’s 2015 Traffic Bowl team which participated in the international competition at the 2015 ITE Annual Meeting.

Rachel James was awarded $750 as a 2015 CAS-ITE Scholarship Award Runner-up. She is pursuing her MS at UT Austin and researching active traffic and congestion using demand management techniques. Over the past year, she has co-authored three research papers with her advisor, Dr. Stephen Boyles. During her undergrad at West Virginia University, she held three officer positions with the Society of Women Engineers and one with the ITE student chapter. She was also honored with the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship as well as the Order of Augusta, which is awarded to the top 8 graduating students in the 2014 class at WVU. At UT, she is the WTS Heart of Texas Student Chapter Vice President and was a participant on UT’s Traffic Bowl team, which participated the international competition at the 2015 ITE Annual Meeting.

Zhe Han was awarded $750 as a 2015 CAS-ITE Scholarship Award Runner-up. He is a PhD student at UT Austin who is researching the relationship between crash risk and pavement skid resistance with his advisor, Dr. Zhanmin Zhang. Prior to coming to UT for his masters and doctorate work, he earned Bachelor degrees in Civil Engineering and Law at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. He has co-authored four journal publications and presented at several conference proceedings. At UT, his volunteer work includes Adopt-a-Highway cleanups and Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day activities. He also volunteered at the City of Austin’s Traffic Management Center to assist during Formula 1.
Finance and Budget

The current CAS-ITE bank account balance is $1,605.17. This balance includes both the PayPal account balance and the Section’s Compass Bank account. The 2015 fiscal year began with a balance of $1,913.78. The Section has maintained a strong retained earnings to carry into the next fiscal year thanks to our continued focus on providing more value for our sponsors. Our Section continues to have engaging technical meetings and fun social events but we have also added our semi-annual newsletter which includes a professional services directory advertising all of our corporate sponsors. With our continued strong sponsor support and our annual scholarship fundraising event, the Section was able to distribute $3,000 in Scholarships in 2015.

Table 4 - 2015 Budget Summary

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**Figure 2 - 2015 Operating Budget Distribution**

- **$8,192 Expenses, 45%**
- **$1,914 Prior Year Retained Earnings, 11%**
- **$7,884 Income, 44%**

**Figure 3 - 2015 Income Distribution**

- **$2,399 Scholarship Fundraiser, 24%**
- **$1,051 Section Dues, 11%**
- **$1,914 Retained Earnings 2014, 20%**
- **$1,045 Other Income, 11%**
- **$1,400 Annual Sponsorships, 14%**
- **$1,989 Meetings & Social Events, 20%**

**Figure 4 - 2015 Expense Distribution**

- **$3,532 UT Student Support, 43%**
- **$2,501 Section Activities, 31%**
- **$1,321 Fundraising Activities, 16%**
- **$90 Admin, 1%**
- **$749 Community Support (NACTO), 9%**
- **$90 Admin, 1%**
Summary
The Capital Area Section of ITE has had a successful 2015. Our Member participation remains high and our Section was honored by its receipt of the TexITE Section Activities Award last year. For the first time, we requested input from our members to determine the nature of our annual fundraiser. A close vote determined we would have a Bowling Tournament, which ended attracting eight (8) corporate sponsors, 36 bowlers and multiple spectators.

We exceeded our 2014 record of 11 corporate sponsors and now have 13 corporate sponsors. With our e-blasts, website, and semi-annual newsletter serving as advertising opportunities, our sponsors see such a value that one sponsor has already pre-paid for 2016. This commitment from our corporate sponsors has allowed us to maintain our scholarship program and expand our financial support of the UT Student Chapter’s endeavors, such as participating in Traffic Bowl at the ITE Annual Meeting and taking on a leadership role for the first annual TexITE Student Leadership Summit. Our corporate support also provides the incoming Section leadership a strong level of retained earnings in 2016.

Our Section has positioned itself to have challenging goals in 2016. It is our priority to leverage our recent successes to provide greater outreach to and participation from our public sector members. It is also our priority to become more visible and relevant to the local transportation engineering and planning community through outreach and volunteer opportunities that we hope will attract new members and continue to engage existing members. We anticipate an exciting 2016 full of thoughtful technical meetings, fun social events that allow our members to make meaningful professional connections, and continued support of our member’s goals and those of our local students.
APPENDICES
APPENDIX A: CAS-ITE SEMI ANNUAL NEWSLETTER, VOL13, ISSUES 1 & 2
Welcome to the first issue of the 2015 Capital Area Section Newsletter! I am honored to have been elected to serve as the 2015 Capital Area Section (CAS-ITE) President. I want to start with a heartfelt thank you to the past several presidents – Vivek Deshpande, Eric Bollich, and Anna Martin – their outstanding leadership put us on a path for new and continued growth. I hope to continue leading us on that path.

2014 was a very successful year by any measure. Our section membership increased by 29%, member participation at our bi-monthly meetings continued to increase, and our scholarship awards were raised to previously unimagined levels. We’ve surely set the bar high but with your help and the help of my fellow CAS-ITE officers I believe that 2015 will be another banner year.

I am happy to report that our section has been very busy over the past five-months. We had two successful, well-attended meetings in February and in April. Our section was well represented at the TexITE Spring Meeting in Bryan/College Station, where the UT Student Chapter cemented their legacy by winning the District Traffic Bowl for a second consecutive year. As they prepare to represent TexITE at the ITE Annual Meeting, our Section will be scheduling scrimmages/happy-hours over the summer. Your invitations will be coming soon.

In another first, we were selected as the winner of the 2015 TexITE Section Activity Award based on our 2014 Annual Report. Our report has been submitted for International level competition and we will be presented with a plaque and $1000 at the TexITE Business Meeting in San Antonio this fall. Special thanks go to Rob Belarmino for putting an outstanding document together.

Of course our core goal is to arrange great meetings with relevant topics, providing professional development hours and networking opportunities for our members. To that end, our next meeting will be a Joint Section Meeting with the South Texas Section in San Marcos on June 26. This meeting will highlight topics on “Connected and Autonomous Vehicles”.

Finally, I would like to thank Valerie Kaiser for monitoring our finances, getting our meeting invitations out, and following-up with potential section sponsors. We should all thank our 2015 sponsors; their support keeps our section going strong. As always, our section welcomes sponsorships from Public and Private Organizations.

Lastly, I want to challenge you to be more involved in your section. We are always looking for members interested in leading our Section. We are a relatively small section and your involvement is important. Please contact any officer if you are interested. I look forward to seeing you at the next section meeting!
February 20 Section Meeting 2015 Kick–Off & TBPE Ethics

By Rob Belarmino, PE

CAS–ITE kicked–off the year with a Section Meeting on February 20, 2015. The meeting was held at One Texas Center in the City of Austin. The meeting was well attended by 44 affiliate and non–affiliate members. 2015 Vice President–Elect Rob Belarmino, HNTB, started the meeting with a roll–call and Section Business. Rob passed around a copy of the 2014 Annual Section Report and provided a brief summary of the record breaking year and thanked all of the 2014 advertisement and scholarship sponsors. He also congratulated the UT–Student Chapter for winning the 2014 International ITE Traffic Bowl and encouraged the members to support the 2015 team by participating in this year’s upcoming CAS–ITE/UT scrimmage and happy hour event. Rob also provided insight to the Section’s operations, income and expenses. He reported a total year–end account balance of $1,913.78 for both PayPal and Compass Bank. Finally, Rob added that this year’s annual report is in contention to win the TexITE’s 2015 Section Activities Award.

2015 Secretary–Treasurer–Elect Valerie Kaiser, RS&H, thanked everyone in the Section for electing her to serve as this year’s Secretary–Treasurer. She discussed the membership fee increase to $15 per year, and reminded everyone that CAS–ITE is actively seeking advertisement sponsors for at a cost of $100 per year. Valerie also encouraged each section member to actively participate in section activities by joining or leading a committee. Finally, she reminded everyone that the next TexITE Spring Meeting is March 11–13, 2015 in Bryan/College Station, TX.

The Section business was then followed by an engaging presentation from Ms. Valarica (Val) Olfers and Ms. Debbie Trevino from the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE). Val provided a brief history on TBPE and discussed responsibility, professionalism, and ethics. She also provided a summary of changes to the Texas Engineering Practice Act and Board Rules (i.e. Criminal History Background Checks, Fingerprinting, Penalty/Fine). She then engaged the Section by discussing different cases and scenarios for Continuing Education, PE designation, Sealing Rules, Professional Services Procurement Act, and Engineering work review. This provided an opportunity to discuss and interpret the board rules. She also informed the Section that TBPE is tracking and reviewing the bills before the 84th Legislature that may affect engineering practice.

Ms. Val Olfers & Ms. Debbie Trevino discuss current TBPE board rule changes and insight to legislative updates.

“PEs are required to know the Act, Board Rules, applicable state laws and local codes.”

Please see ETHICS on page 3
March 11–13
2015 TexITE Spring Meeting

By Rob Belarmino, PE

CAS–ITE was well represented at the TexITE Spring Meeting. Several of our local section members actively participated by attending technical sessions, making presentations, moderating the meetings, participating in plenary sessions, student poster sessions, social and networking events. Some of the members that attended the spring meeting include: Federico Mendoza, Brown and Gay Engineers, Inc., Ronnie Bell, City of Austin, Stephen Ratke, Federal Highway Administration and eight members from the University of Texas–Austin Student Chapter.

Kristie Chin, University of Texas–Austin, received this year’s Outstanding Student of the Year Award for her demonstrated academic and leadership excellence.

April 3 Section Meeting
COA Complete Streets

By Jake Gutekunst, EIT

The second CAS–ITE Section Meeting was held on April 3, 2015. The meeting was held at Waller Creek Center in the City of Austin. The meeting was well attended by 28 affiliate and non-affiliate members.

2015 Vice President–Elect Rob Belarmino, HNTB, started the meeting by passing out a sign–in sheet and addressing Section Business. The newly elected 2015 officers were sworn in at the beginning of the meeting by 2014 Past President Vivek Desphande, Kimley–Horn, as per the Section by–laws.

Please see COA on page 4
Following the Section Business, newly sworn in 2015 President Chad Wood, City of Round Rock, welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the speakers, Mrs. Katherine Gregor and Mr. Scott Gross, from the City of Austin (CoA) Transportation Department. They gave a very informative presentation on the upcoming revisions to the Austin Design Criteria Manual and policy changes to reflect a move towards “Complete Streets” or “Green Streets”. The main theme of the presentation centered on revising Transportation and Right-of-Way (ROW) design for a compact and connected city, utilizing context sensitive design per ITE recommended practice. It was exciting to see the use of ITE’s publications as a basis for public policy, with jurisdiction and specific code revisions, such as striking the “fee in lieu of sidewalks” option for private developments. Many members raised questions regarding impacts to design manuals in other jurisdictions in Central Texas that defer to the CoA design criteria, and others raised questions regarding the Green Streets Rating System and future design requirements due to the new policy.

Chad Wood concluded the meeting with announcements regarding future meetings for the Section. A call for topics and speakers at future events was made, with many good suggestions. Additionally, the next Section meeting, to be held on June 26th, will be in San Marcos for the annual joint meeting with the South Texas Section.

Mrs. Gregor emphasizing a desire to engage and work together with local professionals within our Section for updates to CoA policies. Mrs. Gregor discussed the 8 principles of complete streets and what guides the decision making process for future policy. Mr. Gross followed with a discussion of the implementation timeline and specific examples of projects that reflect what type of design will be expected in future projects within the City’s
Members On the Move
By Virginia Sapkota, Ph.D, AICP, LEED AP BD+C

Anna Martin, PE, PTOE has recently joined the City of Austin Transportation Department as South Area Engineer in the Traffic Division. In this position, Ms. Martin will be responsible for handling City Council requests, citizen concerns, planning for future transportation and development projects, and mitigating the numerous existing problem areas in the City. Prior to this position, Ms. Martin served as project manager at HDR Engineering for over 12 years. During her time with HDR, Ms. Martin has worked on all types of traffic engineering projects for TxDOT, various municipalities, and private developments on projects of varying scope including large corridor studies for I–35 through Austin and San Antonio, FM 1431, RM 620, and US 79 for which she developed recommendations for short-term fixes and long-term planning-level solutions. Ms. Martin had previously worked for the City of Austin Transportation Department’s Traffic Signal Division as her first position after graduating from college. She is excited to be back in a different and more challenging role.

Stephen Hanuscin, PE has recently joined the City of Cedar Park’s Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance Department as senior engineer. Mr. Hanuscin will be responsible for supervising the City’s traffic management center and signal maintenance staff in addition to managing engineered systems involving traffic signals, street lighting, and traffic control devices and addressing signal related requests from citizens. Prior to this position, Mr. Hanuscin served as traffic engineer for Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc. where he provided engineering and design services for public sector projects throughout the State of Texas. He has conducted optimization of corridor–wide signal timings in the Austin and Houston areas, developed field timings for innovative and complex intersection designs including “crossover left” and diverging diamond interchanges. He is experienced in developing plans for traffic signal, highway illumination, and roundabout construction. In addition, Mr. Hanuscin has performed various engineering studies, including roundabout feasibility, signal warrant, speed zone, and traffic impact analysis. Stephen has over 10 years of professional experience after receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Houston in 2006.

Section Award
By Rob Belarmino, PE

The Capital Area Section was selected as this year’s recipient of the 2015 TexITE Section Activity Award based on the 2014 Annual Report. We will be presented with a plaque and a check for $1000 at the TexITE Business Meeting in San Antonio, Texas on September 4, 2015. Our report was submitted to ITE International, and will represent the TexITE District for this level of the competition.

This recognition is a significant milestone for our Section since this is the first time that the TexITE District selected the Capital Area Section to receive this award. It represents the hard work, commitment, pride, and dedication that each member, committee chair, and leadership are willing to contribute to make the Section successful. The report outlines the progress made, milestones reached, and future plans of CAS-ITE. A copy of the report can be found in the Section website at http://texitecapitalarea.weebly.com/.
Member & Budget Status
By Valerie Kaiser, PE

I am pleased to report that the Capital Area Section of ITE membership is at a steady pace and our account balance is continuing to move in an upward trajectory. As of May 2015, we have a total of 155 ITE members as listed on the ITE website (www.ite.org). The membership grade breakdown is shown in Table 1. This was a slight decrease from the previously reported 159 ITE members at the end of 2014. This decrease is due to the slight reduction of student membership. We expect this to pick-up again when school resumes in August.

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The current CAS–ITE total balance is $2,957.73. Our current income to-date came from membership dues and annual sponsorships for a total of $1,138.53. We have collected $638.53 in Section Dues and $500 in annual sponsorships as of this month. We have also spent $49.58 on speaker lunches and paid $45 on bank account fees for a total of $94.58 in expenses. We are currently working with the BBVA Compass Bank to waive the monthly checking fee, which will allow us to maximize the utilization of our funds for Section Activities. Table 2 currently shows the CAS–ITE Balance Sheet to date.

Section Activities Award. This distinction includes an award of $1000, which we expect to receive in September.

Lastly, our section is continuing to work with ITE International Executive Director and their CPA regarding our application for a group exemption filing with the IRS. We originally, started this process in June 2013 and we were informed earlier this year that our application for Tax Exemption is currently under review by the IRS. We hope to receive a response from ITE Headquarters later this year to allow us to resume taking online payments (i.e. PayPal) for our major events.

The CAS–ITE Board is developing fun, interactive events and fascinating meeting topics to continue to increase member participation and attract sponsorship funding to our events. Current events on the table that are being discussed include Bowling Night Out, Skeetshoot, and Student Chapter Happy Hours.

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NOTE: * - CAS-ITE is working to remove the BBVA bank charges.

CAS–ITE was also selected to receive the 2015 TexITE

Upcoming Events

1. STITE and CAS–ITE Joint Meeting – Jun 26
2. Traffic Bowl Scrimmage with UT Student Chapter – Jul/TBD
4. CAS–ITE Regular Section Meeting – Aug 15
5. TexITE 2015 Annual Fall District Meeting in San Antonio, TX – Sep 2–4
6. CAS–ITE Regular Section Meeting – Oct 23
7. Scholarship Fundraiser – Nov/TBD
8. 2015 Holiday Banquet and Election – Dec 5
Announcements

By City of Austin

Interested in Serving as an Urban Transportation Commissioner?

Austin Transportation Department encourages interested community members to participate in local government by serving on the City's Urban Transportation Commission (UTC).

The City of Austin has established a set of boards and commissions that enable citizens to participate in Austin's government processes. Their activities help shape and influence public policy, because they lend a more diverse viewpoint for the City Council to consider. Appointments are made by the Mayor and Council. To submit an application, visit the online Boards and Commissions Information Center. Interested applicants also should contact the office of their Council Member, other Council Members with open UTC appointments, or of the Mayor.

Below are Austin Transportation Department’s responses to questions we have received.

Where can I find requirements for service?
Please see the City Code 2-1-185 – Urban Transportation Commission.

What kind of background would be helpful to serve as an effective transportation commissioner?

Austin is a big city, in a metro area approaching 2 million people, and we are grappling with complex big-city transportation issues. The challenge for our city is “total mobility” – providing people with a range of travel choices – as we build a sustainable transportation system to connect us all. An Urban Transportation Commissioner thus will find it helpful to understand the issues, trade-offs, options and solutions employed by both our local and regional transportation organizations and other big cities like Austin.

An applicable background could include:

- Experience with both Austin and peer-city transportation systems and issues.
- Experience addressing transportation–related public safety concerns.
- Knowledge of the full range of mobility solutions being utilized in the 20 largest cities in the U.S. (Austin is #11).
- Direct professional experience with (or expertise in) the planning, design, operation and/or evaluation of large urban multimodal transportation systems.
- A depth of understanding of the interplay of land use and transportation issues, and a commitment to implementing the related goals and policies adopted within the City’s Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.
- Ability to advise Council and the City Manager about how the transportation network impacts Austin’s current and long–term economy, development patterns, energy consumption and sustainability, neighborhood concerns, and environmental issues.
• Experience safeguarding the public welfare. Transportation Commissioners are charged with ensuring that people of all ages, abilities, income levels and backgrounds are provided with safe, affordable transportation options.

**What kinds of issues come before the Commission?**

The [bylaws for the Urban Transportation Commission](#) describe the issues on which its citizen members advise the City of Austin. These include:

• Safety – reducing traffic injuries and fatalities – and mobility – including reducing congestion.
• Sustainable transportation (e.g. measures to reduce the energy consumption, carbon footprint, and costs to households of Austin’s transportation sector and system).
• Public investments – review of projects included in the City’s Capital Improvements Program, and the regional/federal budget of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.
• The City’s street network – its design, condition, and use, including a Complete Streets approach to meeting the needs of people of all ages and abilities, traveling by all modes. Commissioners also may address issues related to the State roadways and State/Federal highways that pass through our city.
• Providing reliable travel times, and a range of convenient mobility choices, to Austin travelers.
• Providing people with equitable access to homes in diverse neighborhoods, jobs in employment centers, schools and job training, health care, parks and natural spaces, and other amenities and destinations.
• Issues of concern to people as they use each mode of travel – drive, ride-share, take transit, bike, walk, or as pedestrians – and the planning and design of our transportation system to accommodate everyone, including children, seniors, and the disabled.
• Integrating land use and transportation planning and urban design for our city and region.

**What are the duties of a commissioner?** *(From the Boards and Commissions Information Center)*

It takes time and work to be a good board or commission member. You will be expected to read and study materials in advance of meetings. You will have to listen to hours of discussion and testimony at public meetings from your colleagues and the people of Austin. You will make recommendations that impact Austin’s residents, including your friends and neighbors.

Sometimes City Council decisions will directly incorporate your recommendations into their decisions, while at other times your input will be only one of many factors that must be weighed by the Council in its final decision. Your job is to support the democratic process by considering the broadest set of perspectives on issues. You will no longer just consider your own perspective, but must consider the perspectives of all the stakeholders involved in any particular issue. Ethical behavior, good judgment, dignity and respect are required.

Do your job well and you can help City Council do its job and shape the future of Austin.
2015 CAS–ITE Officers

Please contact any of the following officers, if you have questions about the Capital Area Section, TexITE, or ITE.

- Chad Wood, PE, PTOE – President
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- Rob Belarmino, PE – Vice President
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- Valerie Kaiser, PE – Secretary–Treasurer
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- Federico Mendoza, PE, PTOE – Representative
  fmendoza@browngay.com
- Vivek Deshpande, PE, PTOE – Past President
  vivek.deshpande@kimley-horn.com

ITE Website Addresses

If you are interested in the latest developments at ITE or TexITE, please check out the following websites:

- ITE – www.ite.org
- TexITE – www.texite.org

You can find section meeting information at this website: http://texitecapitalarea.weebly.com/

Thanks to Valerie Kaiser for continuing to maintain the Capital Area Section website. Please contact her if you would like to join the website committee.

Communications Committee

Please contact any of the following committee members if you have questions about the Capital Area Section Newsletter:

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  vsapkota@walterpmoore.com
- Jake Gutekunst, EIT – Member
  jake.gutekunst@kimley-horn.com
- Santiago Araque, EIT (GA) – Member
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The Communications Team is always looking for article contributions, upcoming events, employment opportunities, or legislative updates. Please contact any of the members of the Communications Committee if you would like your submittal or story to be included in the next newsletter issue.

UT Student Chapter

If you would like to speak at one of the Student Chapter meetings, please contact their officers at utexsitesite@gmail.com.

Membership Information

Interested in becoming a CAS–ITE member? Please send a completed form below to Valerie Kaiser, 8140 North MoPac Expy, Bldg. 2 Ste. 100, Austin, TX 78759 with $15.00 annual dues payment, or bring both to the next section meeting. Section membership can also be paid with your annual TexITE and/or ITE dues.

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2015 Section Business Sponsors:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP!

If your firm/organization is interested in sponsoring CAS–ITE, please contact Valerie Kaiser at valerie.kaiser@rsandh.com. The cost of sponsorship is $100 annually per firm/agency and your logo will be featured on two newsletters, e–blast and on the CAS–ITE website for a 12–month period.
President's Message

By Chad Wood, PE, PTOE

Hello TexiITE neighbor. I sincerely hope that this has been another wonderful year for each of you. I know that it has certainly blown by for me, what with a new baby and returning to the “Dark Side of the Force” and all that goes into that. But every new challenge should be approached as an opportunity to improve, whether it is something we've done a hundred times or a new task that is completely foreign to us. I am confident we, as a Section, will continue facing our challenges in that manner because that is the attitude that has enabled our successes in the past. So again, I want to thank our past presidents for their leadership and each of you for your commitment to and enthusiasm for this organization.

“But Chad, what are these challenges?”, you ask. Well, a big hurdle has been following up on a great 2014. Continuing that momentum and finding new ways to grow was a challenge in and of itself. The Section’s leadership has strived to provide relevant and exciting learning and networking opportunities this year. Hopefully you were able to attend the April meeting on the City of Austin’s new Complete Streets program and policies or the June meeting with two local autonomous & connected vehicle experts. If not, maybe you were one of over 40 members that heard State Representative Celia Israel tell us about the transportation issues she has been working to solve during the past couple of legislative sessions. Additionally, building on the scholarship program awards was challenging. This year, rather than repeat the same skeet-shoot activity over again, we asked for your input so that the fundraising event would be more about our members’ participation than just how much outside money we could generate...not that there’s anything wrong with outside money. I hope you had fun at Dart Bowl and got some of the best enchiladas in Austin, so I’m told. I know, at a bowling alley? Who’d a thunk it, right?

Another challenge our section continues to encounter is how we can continue to expand our membership ranks, especially with public sector transportation professionals and our student chapter at The University of Texas at Austin. While, the municipal folks have been fairly well represented, the large number of state transportation officials is a local resource our section has not yet tapped into successfully. I, for one, think our Section is missing out on their involvement and their perspectives. Greater involvement with the UT student chapter is another area where I feel our Section membership could be enriched. I would like to see our section make a concerted effort to better engage these two groups, and I am asking for your help. As I am moving out of the President position I’d like to restart our membership committee and focus it on those two goals. Please let me know if you will help with this work, if there’s one thing I’ve learned the past three years on this board it’s that no one does anything by themselves.

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June 26 Joint Meeting
Autonomous & Connected Vehicles

By Jake Gutekunst, EIT

CAS–ITE and STITE gathered together in San Marcos, TX to hear presentations on Autonomous and Connected Vehicles on June 26th, 2015 at City Hall. The meeting was well attended by 21 members of the Capital Area Section. President Chad Wood, Brown & Gay, opened the meeting by introducing himself and welcoming attendees, as well as thanking Justin Clarke and fellow South Texas section officers for their help in setting up the event. The South Texas section followed with announcements for their section. The Capital area section made mention of the newsletter program reboot, and the NACTO conference on October 28th–30th in Austin. Secretary/Treasurer Valerie Kaiser, RS&H, disclosed a record sponsors for the Capital Area Section this year and passed a sign-in sheet around for attendees of CAS–ITE. Chad Wood, followed announcements by introducing the speakers, Jason JonMichael of HNTB and Dr. Steve Dellenback of the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI).

Jason JonMichael gave an informative talk on the importance of connected vehicles (CV), with a special interest in federal regulations and safety improvements offered by the technology. The final rule on vehicle to vehicle communications is expected in 2016 and will likely drive key decisions about investment in the technology going forward. Many safety examples were covered, including train to car, transit to personal car, and pedestrian awareness situations. Many challenges for public agencies were discussed related to funding shortfalls, data use, and private sector impacts that may be unavoidable. The key to success in this process is to plan for national interoperability standards, similar to the efforts by WiFi alliance.

Dr. Steve Dellenback gave a riveting presentation on the myths and realities of autonomous vehicles (AV). The basic purpose, like CV technology, is to improve safety. The background of AV is rooted in funding by the defense sector and many high profile tech firms like Google and Apple, which have gained much attention from the media. Although these are high profile endeavors, many of the vehicles are not practical due to mapped environment needs and expensive equipment for fully autonomous vehicles. However, semi-autonomous driving is available today and many features are already working their way into mainstream production vehicles like parking and braking features. Military experiments were explored by Steve at SwRI are pushing the envelope, but he also stressed that these AV technologies are far out and depend on CV becoming deployed for it to become reality.
August 21
Legislative Update
By Neil Going, EIT

The August Regular Section Meeting was held at Mimi’s Café in Austin, TX with special guest, State Representative Celia Israel (House District 50).

State Representative Celia Israel (House District 50) discusses the results of the Transportation Legislation following the 84th Legislative Session and some of her Transportation Agenda.

Rep. Israel, who is a member of both the House Transportation Committee and the Transportation Subcommittee on Long-term Infrastructure Planning, provided a very informative update on the status of transportation and transportation funding legislation, following the 84th Legislative Session that ended this past June.

Some of the discussion included: Dedicating general and motor vehicle sales tax to the State Highway Fund, Ensuring gas tax revenue meant for transportation is spent on transportation, and Reviewing state policies on toll roads. She also provided insight and discussed some of her Transportation Agenda for reducing congestion through telecommuting, requiring DMV to keep track of electric and hybrid vehicles, Hard Shoulder Running, and incentivizing large trucks to use the toll roads for by-passing Central Austin.

Following the update, Rep. Israel opened up the floor to Q&A from meeting attendees. The meeting was well attended by 42 affiliate and non-affiliate members.

September 2–4
2015 TEXITE Fall Meeting & Inaugural Student Summit
By Kristi Chin, EIT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
CAS–ITE was well represented at the TexITE Fall Meeting. Several of our local section members actively participated in technical sessions, presentations, student poster sessions, social and networking events. Some of the members that attended the Fall meeting include: Federico Mendoza, Brown and Gay Engineers, Inc., Stephen Hanuscin, City of Cedar Park, Jim Dale, City of Austin and Sabas Avila, City of San Marcos.

In addition, the UT Austin ITE Student Chapter in collaboration with TAMU, TSU, UTSA, and UTA co–founded the inaugural TexITE Student Leadership Summit. Fifty students and twenty professionals, including several CAS–ITE members, came together to network, collaborate, and compete in an event designed to prepare students in becoming the next generation of leadership.

The Summit kicked off the TexITE Fall District

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October Meeting/Events

Mobility Authority's Program & NACTO Happy Hour Event

By Jake Gutekunst, EIT

October was a busy month for CAS–ITE. The section held a regular meeting on October 23 at the Waller Creek Center and had the privilege of hearing an overview from Mr. Sean Beal of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority about the Mobility Authority’s Program and recent projects. Some of the projects that were discussed included: US183A, US290/Manor Expressway, MoPac Express Lanes, and SH71 Express. In addition, Mr. Beal also provided insight to some of the mobility solutions beyond pavement, including the Carma app, MoPac Phone app, and HERO Service Patrol Program. This meeting was attended by 21 affiliate and non-affiliate members in attendance.

Following the October regular meeting, CAS–ITE joined with Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE), Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT), American Society of Civil Engineers – Younger Members Forum (ASCE YMF), and Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) to host a happy hour event during Better Streets Week, a series of social events related to the NACTO Conference held in Austin October 28–30. The happy hour was held at Ten Oak Bar and

Katherine Gregor, City of Austin, discusses Complete Streets Policy and promotes other Better Streets Week Events.

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The 2015 scholarship fundraiser was another success and CAS–SITE could not have done it without the support from this year’s sponsors. This event was also special since this was the first time that the CAS–ITE board had section members vote on the fundraiser activity. The members voted for a bowling tournament at Dart Bowl, and the Board sold thirty-six (36) bowler tickets and received eight (8) sponsors.

In addition, CAS–ITE also held a raffle and gave away cool door prizes, including Starbucks Gift Cards, Restaurant Tickets, Holiday Banquet pass, and a Yeti Cooler. Everyone had a great time and the scholarship event generated $1100 in scholarship funds.

Stephen Stansbery of Kimley–Horn followed with an interesting discussion of complete streets and how they impact design practice for transportation professionals.

Approximately 45 people were in attendance at the event, including members of the aforementioned organizations (including CAS–ITE) and employees of the City of Austin, TxDOT, and Travis County. Rob Spillar, Director of the Austin Transportation Department, also made some comments about Complete Streets Policy for the attendees. Many were able to converse about how Complete Streets design will impact development and design practice as well as enjoy an evening of mingling with those from other transportation organizations over food and drink.

2015 Scholarship Fundraiser

By Rob Belarmino, P.E.

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Member & Budget Status

By Valerie Kaiser, PE

Since my last report in the May edition of this newsletter, our Capital Area Section has gained one new member due to relocation, for a total of 160 members. Membership is steady but we would like to continue to grow. I encourage you to bring a friend or colleague to one of our events.

I am happy to report that CAS-ITE is ending the year with a healthy balance sheet. We began the year with a balance of $1913.78 and we are ending the year with a balance of $1579.17.

Figure 1: CAS-ITE 2015 Expenditures

As an organization, we truly reached out to support both the UT Student Section through the Traffic Bowl Scrimmage, providing financial support to attend the Annual Meeting for Traffic Bowl, acting as a sponsor for the first annual TexITE Student Leadership Summit, and providing $3,000 dollars in scholarships. Engagement with the UT Student Section accounted for 43% of our budget this year and we consider it an investment in the future TexITE and CAS-ITE.

The second biggest portion of our budget is our Section Activities, this includes our annual joint meeting with the South Texas Section, lunches for our excellent guest speakers who volunteer their time, awards for past officers, and our year-end banquet. If there is ever an event you would like to do, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me or one of the other officers. This is your organization and we want it to continue to reflect your interests and values.

This year, our organization reached beyond TexITE to the larger civil/transportation community. We partnered with WTS, TSPE, ASCE's YMF, and YPT to create a fun event that kicked off the NACTO conference in Austin. I would like to thank Jake Gutekunst for spearheading the event. I hope that engaging with the larger transportation community remains a priority for years to come.

I have summarized our balance sheet below. As always, if you have questions please don’t hesitate to ask me or incoming Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Gerrity.

Table 1: CAS-ITE 2015 Balance Sheet

Total 2014 Balance Forward 1913.78

Income
Section Dues Disbursements (ITE International) 855.7
Section Dues CAS-ITE 195
Annual Sponsorships 1300
Reversed Bank Charges 45
Joint Meeting Payments 440
Section Activities Award 1000
Reimbursements (NACTO Event) 524
Scholarship Fundraiser 2898.87
Year-End Banquet 595
Advance Payment - 2016 Sponsorship 100

Total Income 7853.57

Expenses
Bank Charges* 75
Guest Speaker Lunches 134.31
General - Office Supplies (Raffle Tix) 10.81
Joint Meeting - Expenses 662.03
NACTO Event 759.12
Scholarship Fundraiser 1320.09
Year End Banquet 1587.5
Past Officer Awards 176.12
UT- Student Section Traffic Bowl Support 432
UT - Student Section - Student Leadership Summit 100
Scholarships 3000

Total Expenses 8188.18

Balance Forward Year End 2015* 1579.17

* Reflects Cash Basis and does not include:
1) Estimated $100 in receivables for sponsorship
2) Estimated $50 in Year-End Banquet Receivables
Year–End Banquet/Election

By Rob Belarmino, P.E.

The 2015 CAS–ITE Year–End Banquet/Election was another awesome success! The event was held at Stiles Switch BBQ and was attended by over 35 members. 2015 President Chad Wood opened the meeting with a roll call, and thanked all the members and the sponsors for making this another successful and record breaking year for CAS–ITE. He summarized the key events that have taken place this year including the successes of the recent NACTO Happy hour event and the scholarship fundraiser. He also reminded everyone about the upcoming 2016 TexITE Spring Meeting and the current request for presentation topics and speakers. This event will be held in Galveston, TX and the sporting clay shoot–out will be replaced by a Fishing Tournament.

Following the reminders, Vice President Rob Belarmino and Secretary–Treasurer Valerie Kaiser awarded appreciation plaques to Vivek Deshpande for serving as 2014 President/Past President, Federico Mendoza for serving as Section–Representative, and Chad Wood for three years of service on the CAS–ITE Board. Chad then called up Tom Gerrity to award $3000 dollars in student scholarships to Venktesh Pandey, Rachel James, and Zhe Han.

After the award ceremony, the election votes were tallied and the new 2016 officers – Rob Belarmino, Valerie Kaiser, Tom Gerrity, and Alex Reyna – were announced and sworn into office by James Kratz. Everyone then enjoyed an awesome Central Texas BBQ meal!

2016 CAS–ITE Elected Board Members, (left to right) Tom Gerrity, Valerie Kaiser, Alex Reyna, and Rob Belarmino.

Upcoming Events

1. Section Ethics Presentation – Feb/TBD
2. TexITE 2016 Spring Meeting – Mar 30–Apr 1
3. Regular Section Meeting – Apr/TBD
4. CAS–ITE/STITE Joint Meeting – June/TBD
2016 CAS–ITE Officers

Please contact any of the following officers, if you have questions about the Capital Area Section, TexITE, or ITE.

- **Rob Belarmino, PE** – President
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- **Valerie Kaiser, PE** – Vice President
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- **Tom Gerrity, P.E., PTOE** – Secretary–Treasurer
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- **Alex Reyna, PE, PTOE** – Section Representative
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- **Chad Wood, PE, PTOE** – Past President
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ITE Website Addresses

If you are interested in the latest developments at ITE or TexITE, please check out the following websites:

- ITE – [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org)
- TexITE – [www.texite.org](http://www.texite.org)

You can find section meeting information on the CAS–ITE website: [http://texitecapitalarea.weebly.com/](http://texitecapitalarea.weebly.com/)

Thanks to Valerie Kaiser for continuing to maintain the Capital Area Section website. Please contact her if you would like to join the website committee.

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The Communications Team is always looking for article contributions, upcoming events, employment opportunities, or legislative updates. Please contact any of the members of the Communications Committee if you would like your submittal or story to be included in the next newsletter issue.

**UT Student Chapter**

If you would like to speak at one of the Student Chapter meetings, please contact their officers at utexasite@gmail.com.

Membership Information

Interested in becoming a CAS–ITE member? Please send a completed form below to **Tom Gerrity, 8911 N. Capital of Texas Hwy. Bldg. 2, Suite 2300, Austin, TX with $15.00 annual dues payment**, or bring both to the next section meeting. Section membership can also be paid with your annual TexITE and/or ITE dues.

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### General Information

Name (full name plus professional designation; i.e. PE, AICP, EIT, M.S., etc.):

Job Title and Employer:

Business Mailing Address:

Daytime Phone:

Daytime Fax:

E-mail Address:

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### ITE Membership Information

Please mark all that apply:

- I am a member of ITE
- I am a member of TexITE, the Texas Section of ITE
- I would like information on ITE membership
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APPENDIX B: DISTRICT AND SECTION BY-LAWS AND CHARTER

Capital Area Section Charter and By-Laws can be found through the following links:


Texas District (District 9) Charter and By-Laws can be found thru the following links:

APPENDIX C: 2015 SECTION ANNUAL REPORT FORM
Institute of Transportation Engineers

SECTION ANNUAL REPORT FORM

for the period 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015 (mm/dd/yyyy)

for the Capital Area Section

Officers:
ITE Headquarters will contact you with a “New Officers Sheet” for your completion directly following your district’s elections.

Membership:

Number of Section Affiliates: 13 Section Affiliates, 159 Members
Section Annual Dues Rate: $15.00 Professionals, $5.00 for Retired, $0 for Students, Life & Honorary Members

Section Affiliates [List Each Type]:
- 12 Section Affiliates
- 93 International Members
- 4 Institute Affiliates
- 48 Student Members
- 14 Fellows

Financial:

For U.S. entities, does your district have a Federal Employer Identification Number?
[ ] Yes [x] No However, records indicate we have TIN 74-2864993.

If yes, what is the number?_________
If no, do you have a group tax exemption? (If yes, please send a copy to ITE Headquarters, Peter Frentz, pfrentz@ite.org)
[ ] Yes [x] No Pending. Would appreciate any additional information on status.

Balance of Funds on hand at the Beginning of the Reporting Period: $1913.78.
I. Income for the Reporting Period:

- District Dues $1050.70
- Income from Meetings $1465
- Investment Income
- Advertising Income $1400
- Contributions
- Other Principal Sources of Income
  - Fundraiser $2398.87
  - Section Activities Award $1000
  - Reimbursements $569
  - ____________________________ $__________

Total Income: $7883.57

II. Expenditures for the Reporting Period:

- a. Newsletter Production and Distribution $__________
- b. Travel $__________
- c. Meetings $2324.44
- d. Special Projects (NACTO Event) $749.12
- e. Awards $176.12
- f. Honorariums $__________
- Other Expenditures:
  - Scholarships $3000
  - Fundraiser $1320.69
  - Other Student Support $532
  - Admin Costs (Bank & supplies) $89.81

Total Expenditures: 8192.18

Do you reimburse committee chairs for travel and expenses?
[ ] Yes [X] No Reimbursements are only for items purchased on behalf of the Section.

If yes, which committees? Please list below.
________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________

Was there a change in the District Bylaws during this reporting period? (If yes, please send a copy of the new bylaws to ITE Headquarters, Courtney Day, cday@ite.org )
[ ] Yes [X] No

Technical Activities: (during this reporting period)

List Projects underway by title and, if available, provide expected date of completion:
List Projects by title which were completed during this reporting period and, if available, attach a copy of the report:
NACTO "Get Happy with Complete Streets" Lecture and Happy Hour Event
2015 Annual Scholarship Fundraiser and Bowling Tournament
refer to the 2015 Annual Report for more information.

Legislative and Advocacy Activities: (during this reporting period)
No legislative or advocacy activities with the exception of hosting guest speaker State Rep. Celia Israel to a regular meeting. Refer to our 2015 Report regarding regular meetings for more information.

Student Member Activities: (during this reporting period)
Traffic Bowl Scrimmage, Student Leadership Summit Sponsorship, Scholarship Activities - refer to Student Chapter Section of Annual Report.

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