

# **INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**

**Georgia Section Annual Report**

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## Board of Directors

The Georgia Section's Board of Directors provided vision and leadership that helped the Section achieve its goals for 2009. Board members include:

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Clerks— Carrie McKinney and Alex Kennedy



Passing the Georgia Section ITE gavel from Carla to Scott and the 2009 Officers

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	Summer Seminar	John Karnowski	<a href="mailto:johnk@streetsmarts.us">johnk@streetsmarts.us</a>	770.813.0662
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	GDOT Driveway Manual Review (Special)	Randall Parker	<a href="mailto:randallp@streetsmarts.us">randallp@streetsmarts.us</a>	770.813.0882
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# Committees and Roles

## Member Services Committees

**Ambassador Committee** - Welcomes members at ITE monthly meetings and annual meeting. Assists secretary treasurer in providing meeting registration and name tags.

**Annual Report** - Prepares a report detailing the ITE Georgia Section activities for the year in the format suitable for submission to the ITE Southern District. The goal of the committee is to document the year's activities to provide the best possible chance to win the ITE Southern District outstanding section award.

**Awards** - Selects winners for section award categories as determined by the committee. Award categories include: Georgia Section Best Technical Paper, Idea Sharing Award, Georgia Section Agency Award, The John D. Edwards, Jr. Individual Achievement Award, and Transportation Professional of the Year, The Karl Bevins Distinguished Service Award, and Award of Special Recognition.

**Audio/Visual** - Coordinates with Vice President and Annual Meeting Committee Chair to determine audio/visual needs for monthly and annual meetings. Arranges for delivery, setup and take down of audio/visual equipment for each event.

**Career Guidance** - Encourages elementary, middle and high school students to choose engineering as a profession and highlights the transportation engineering profession. Participate in the "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" program as a part of the Georgia Engineering Alliance's February Engineering Week activities. Meet with middle school girls and their parents to share their experiences as engineers and ITE members. Participate in the "Exploring Engineering Academy". This program is an engineering camp sponsored by the Georgia Engineering Foundation and the Learning for Life Division of the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The weeklong camp is held at Georgia Tech, which enables the participants to experience college life through living in the dormitories and eating at the dining hall. The camp is designed for about 20 students to come and explore the different engineering disciplines through various field trips, hands on activities, presentations, and demonstrations.

**Finance** - Provides long-term financial oversight for the Georgia Section. The committee consists of three Past Presidents, each serving rotating 3-year terms. One purpose of the Committee is to conduct an annual audit of the Treasurer's records and the Summer Seminar records.

**Historian** - Responsible for the maintenance and safe keeping of the history of the Section. The historian updates the History of the Section through the current year. Recruits "official" photographer(s) for Section. Specifically, the Historian shall collect and file in the permanent files of the Section at least one copy for each of those designated.

**Life Membership** - Identifies international ITE members who are eligible for life membership.

**Mentoring Program (NEW)** – Establishes new mentoring program. Purpose of program is for older members to mentor young members through a six month mentoring program. Anticipate mimicking WTS' mentoring program. Chairperson will work with President to develop program guidelines, estimate budget, find mentors and protégés, and plan and conduct mentor/protégé events. Goal is to conduct first program in 2009.

**Membership** - Recruits new members to the section, district and international ITE. Works to retain existing members. Recruits agency memberships. Works closely with the Affiliate Director to process new Affiliate Memberships. A goal of the membership committee is to make all new members feel welcome and encourage their involvement in Georgia Section Committees.

**Nominations** - Nominates candidates for section offices. Will solicit nominations from the membership for 60 days beginning in mid-July.

**Past Presidents** - Organize the annual meeting of the Georgia Section ITE Past Presidents. The primary objectives of the meeting are to raise money for the scholarship fund and to advise the Board of Directors on issues related to the Section. After the meeting, prepare a summary of the issues discussed.

**Clerk** - Assists the Secretary-Treasurer in taking minutes of the Board Meetings and Teleconferences, Committee Chair Meetings, and all Section Business Meetings.

**Website** - Provides routine web site information updates and setup of website. Posts current information including the online newsletter for viewing or download.

**Young Members/Activities** - Develops and sponsors activities that are directed at the social and professional development of the Section's young members (under 35 years of age). Typical activities could include social outings, professional mentoring program, and community outreach activities. Have at least one event per quarter. Work with the Traffic Bowl Team to prepare them for competition.

## Meeting Coordination Committees

**Annual Meeting** - Makes arrangements for the Georgia Section Annual Business Meeting, held in December and the Annual Dinner held the following January.

**Engineers Week** - Assists in organization of the Georgia Engineering Alliance “Engineers Week” Activities. Serves as a liaison regarding schedule for submission of applications for awards and participation in events.

**Summer Seminar** - Organizes and hosts a three day technical seminar program that showcases current and future technology and enhances the exchange of information. This year’s summer seminar will return to the King and Prince resort on St. Simons Island.

**2014 SDITE Annual Mtg.** - Organizes and hosts the Southern District Annual Meeting, which is a three day seminar including technical sessions, exhibit hall, traffic bowl, and awards banquet.

**WTS/ITE Golf Tournament** – Coordinates with the Atlanta Chapter of Women in Transportation (WTS) to organize and host a joint golf tournament to raise scholarship funds.

## Technical and Safety Committees

**Safety** - Sponsors studies, develops reports or training sessions concerning various safety issues that relate to the Traffic Engineering field.

**Technical** - Develops technical reports through sub-committee studies and provides the technical resources for the Board and other committee chairs and members. The Technical Committee is comprised of sub-committees that share a common interest and form for a specific purpose. The goal of the Technical Committee is to contribute to presentations, papers, or seminars for the edification of the membership.

**GDOT Driveway Manual Review (Special)** – Special committee appointed by the President in 2009 to assist the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) by reviewing and providing feedback on the Department’s updates to the Driveway Manual.

## Outreach Committees

**Georgia Engineer Magazine** - This Liaison is a part of the editorial board for the Georgia Engineer Magazine, in which the ITE Georgia Section participates as a Georgia Engineering Alliance member. The editorial board identifies topics and solicits articles for inclusion in the Georgia Engineering Magazine.

**GPTQ Consultant Relations Committee** – This Liaison participates on the GPTQ Consultant Relations Committee and communicates activities and suggest taking actions to the GATITE Board and membership.

**Marketing** - Promotes the Georgia Section ITE and the transportation profession in general through coordination of marketing efforts.

**Newsletter** - Prepares a quarterly newsletter to address news and activities within the ITE Georgia Section. In addition to the monthly announcements of the meeting and items in the Georgia Engineer, the newsletter provides a link between the various member categories: state, local, consultant, vendors, students and educational institutions

**Scholarship** - Awards annual scholarship to a deserving transportation engineering student. Works to permanently endow the scholarship fund. The scholarship committee chairman also takes an active role in soliciting items for the Summer Section scholarship auction.

## Outreach Liaisons

**Georgia Conservancy** - Maintains contact with Georgia Conservancy and attends their meetings. Briefs ITE Georgia Section on activities and issues that could be addressed by ITE.

**ITE International Liaison** - Acts as the Liaison between the Georgia Section and ITE International and other ITE Sections.

**Legislative** - Provides updated information to the Section on pending legislation relevant to transportation. Coordinates with Georgia Engineering Alliance to determine legislation of potential interest to members and participates in annual legislative reception (held in February).

**Student Chapter (Georgia Tech and Southern Polytechnical) Liaisons** - Coordinates with the student chapters regarding their ITE activities. Encourages students to pursue transportation engineering careers and assists with integrating student members into the ITE Georgia Section activities. This includes an annual luncheon on each campus. An important event for this year will be the organization of a student team to represent Georgia in the ITE Southern District Traffic Bowl scholarship competition.

# Membership Information

Membership numbers and dues:

	<b>Membership Grade</b>	<b>Section Dues</b>	<b>#Members</b>
<b>International Members</b>	Esteemed Colleague/Honorary	\$0	8
	Fellow	\$25.00	36
	Member	\$25.00	256
	Institute Affiliate	\$25.00	4
	Student Member	\$25.00	56
	<b>Total International Members</b>		<b>360</b>
<b>Section Affiliates</b>	<b>Total Affiliate Members</b>	\$25.00	96
	<b>Total All Members</b>		<b>456</b>

# Financial Information

Does your section have a Federal Employer Identification Number?

No     Yes If yes, what is the number? 20-5885507

## Checking account (Wachovia)

**Beginning balance on 1/1/2009 =** **\$19,843.78**

### Income

Annual dinner	\$3,330.00
Affiliate dues	\$2,564.00
International dues	\$6,574.00
Miscellaneous income	\$13.00
Refund of coupons	\$594.00
Monthly meetings	\$7,909.64
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$20,984.64</b>

### Expenses

Annual dinner	\$5,652.11
Awards	\$113.94
Bank charges	\$76.92
Board meetings	\$873.02
Business license	\$110.00
Communications	\$814.10
GEA office expenses	\$6,270.16
GEA magazine subscription	\$1,047.80
Marketing	\$762.60
Mentoring program	\$967.49
Monthly meetings	\$9,004.46
Past President's luncheon	\$540.00
Presidents discretionary fund	\$142.39
Sponsorship	\$5,504.76
Supplies	\$166.70
Tax return preparation	\$1,131.79
Travel	\$1,600.00
Workshops & Seminars	\$2,020.54
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$36,798.78</b>
<b>Net income (expense)</b>	<b>\$(15,814.14)</b>

**Ending balance on 12/31/2009 =** **\$4,029.64**

**CD account (Bank of America)**

Beginning balance on 1/1/2009 =	\$10,276.24
Interest earned	\$289.19
Withdrawal on 8/24/09	\$(10,565.43)
Ending balance on 12/31/2009 =	\$ -

**Money Market Account (Wachovia)**

Beginning balance on 1/1/2009 =	\$28,505.28
Deposit from BOA CD on 8/24/09	\$10,565.43
Transfer from Sum Sem acct on 8/28/09	\$11,333.98
Interest earned	\$198.12
Ending balance on 12/31/2009 =	\$50,602.81

**Summer Seminar Account (Wachovia)**

Beginning balance on 1/1/2009 =	\$5,792.19
Summer Seminar deposits	\$51,952.76
Summer Seminar expenses	\$(46,249.47)
Additional deposits	\$338.50
Transfer to Money Mkt acct on 8/28/09	\$(11,333.98)
Ending balance on 12/31/2009 =	\$500.00

**Scholarship Account (ITE International)**

Beginning balance on 1/1/2009 =	\$59,949.30
Income	\$10,760.10
Expenditures	\$(7,613.40)
Ending balance on 12/31/2009 =	\$63,096.00

**Ending balance of all funds = \$118,228.45**

Was there a change in the Section Bylaws during this reporting period? (If yes, please attach a copy of the new bylaws.)

[ ] Yes [ X ] No

# Technical Activities

Jonathan Reid and Sujith Racha

On September 25, the Georgia ITE Section held a "Technical Exchange" meeting in Augusta, Georgia as part of the Technical Committee goal of providing networking and technical information sharing with its members in areas outside of metro Atlanta area. The event was co-sponsored by the South Carolina ITE Section, joining the two organizations that received "Sections of the Year Awards" for Southern District ITE. The meeting was hosted by W R Tool Engineers, Inc. who generously donated the use of their conference room and facilities for the day. Seven presentations were given centered around the theme of Intersection Innovation. Over fifty people attended representing state and government agencies and consultant firms. Attendees were from Charleston and Columbia (South Carolina), and Augusta, Atlanta, Savannah, and Rome (Georgia).

The presenters and topics included:

## **Roundabout Projects in Roswell Ga.**



Andrew Antweiler, Transportation Planner from the City of Roswell, Georgia, provided a summary of roundabout projects in the City of Roswell. He also talked about the GDOT Analysis Tool (Version 1.1) for evaluating roundabout capacity.



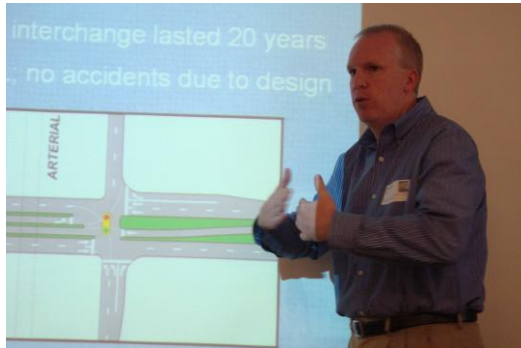
## **Unconventional Arterial Intersection Operation, Management and Design**

Jonathan Reid (PB) discussed the constraints of conventional intersection design and the need for unconventional arterial intersection design with new innovative approaches. He also talked about the unconventional arterial intersection design tool developed for Maryland State Highway that encourages "out-of-the-box" thinking in project development.

**Planning for Local Special Events Traffic** Steve Cassell, Traffic Engineer for the City of Augusta, Georgia, discussed the challenges and the problems in handling special event traffic in a highly developed urban environment. Augusta should have a good handle on this considering it hosts the Masters Golf Tournament every year. This presentation illustrated

how the best “thought-out” special event traffic control plans need fine-tuning during and after implementation. The conflicts between pedestrian and vehicular traffic demand unique and innovative solutions.

**Arterial ITS Applications** Bayne Smith(URS) provided an overview of how to provide congestion-free smart corridors, using as examples the Minnesota Urban Partnership Agreement Transit Technology Project and the San Mateo County Smart Corridors Program completed by URS.



### **Improving Corridor Operations with Superstreets**

Lori Mahany, Traffic Engineer with the North Charleston, South Carolina office of Stantec Consulting Services, discussed improving corridor operations with superstreets. The presentation focused on managing congestion on urban arterials safely and efficiently using superstreets: a type of intersection in which minor cross-street traffic is prohibited from going through or left at a divided

highway intersection and is instead allowed to make a right turn to access a U-turn to proceed in the desired direction.

### **Traffic Safety Evaluation**

Koushik Arunachalam, Senior Traffic Engineer with ARCADIS gave a presentation titled “Traffic Safety Evaluation.” The presentation focused on the limitations of conventional safety analyses and methodologies to predict safety performance using state-of-the-art microscopic simulation tools and the Surrogate Safety Assessment Model (SSAM), an FHWA-developed post processor to microscopic simulation.

### **Access Management Practice (Driveways are intersections too!)**

Carl Gosline, Transportation Planner for Richland County, South Carolina, discussed access management practices (and that driveways are intersections too!). He expressed concern regarding deficiencies in the codes and the importance of access points on rural roads.



In addition to the technical presentations, Mike Holt and Rick Day provided updates on their respective Section activities. The event was well received and attendees liked that the range of technical information the Technical Exchange covered. They especially liked the 4.5 professional development hours obtained at a low cost for this one-day event. During the debriefing discussions with the Section Committee, it was decided to make the Technical Exchange an annual fall event, with the

possibility of adding a spring venue that could “partner” with other border state sections for locations that may not have access to the regular ITE Section meetings (A Columbus/Phoenix City event with the Alabama Section was mentioned as a possibility.)

## 2009 Summer Seminar (as a Technical Activity)

The Georgia Section ITE Annual Summer Seminar, chaired by John Karnowski, was again held at the King & Prince Beach Resort on St. Simons Island from Sunday, July 20th through Wednesday, July 23rd. The theme of this year's meeting was "Getting There" and it



fulfilled its promise to bring excellent presentations and speakers to get on track for "What's Next" in transportation. In spite of the poor economic conditions and the possible loss of attendees, the meeting was a great success for delegates, guests and their families. The meeting was attended by over 300 people with a decline of only 40 or so attendees compared to last year. A wide variety of social events, athletic contests, and 16 technical sessions were held during the three day event.

Mr. Gerald Ross, P.E., Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer of Georgia DOT kicked off the

meeting as our Keynote Speaker. Mr. Ross gave an excellent enthusiastic speech that energized the audience and set the stage for a successful meeting. He described the programs of the department and some of the funding issues the department is encountering for transportation improvements in Georgia. Mr. Ross stressed that additional funding for transportation was needed for all modes. He complimented those groups that had brought the transportation funding issue "to the forefront" in the 2009 Session. He encouraged everyone to contact their representatives to support 2010 efforts, and he was optimistic that the 2010 Legislature would address the shortfall in transportation funding. He also encouraged the audience, consisting of primarily traffic engineers, to seek cost effective and innovative solutions to our transportation challenges.



Todd Long, a Georgia Section ITE Board Member, also participated in the Summer Seminar. Todd gave an overview on Senate Bill 200, which recently passed the Georgia General Assembly. The Governor signed the bill in May 2009, and the bill establishes a Director of Planning position to which the Governor appointed Todd Long. Todd was confirmed by the House of Representatives Transportation Committee on August 19. Todd explained that the Director of Planning is tasked with working with the Department of Transportation to deliver a program that is realistic. His duties will broadly include the

development of a Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. There are also many other duties required to carry out the provisions set forth in SB 200.

Michael Robertson, of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority gave an interesting overview of the efforts of the TIME Task Force and TRIP Towing Program. These programs are some of the most successful efforts by Georgia DOT to reduce congestion and delay on the Atlanta Freeway system. In 2007 GDOT measured an average 269 minute clearance time for incidents expected to be TRIP. The TRIP program began in January 2008 where the average TRIP incident took 106 minutes to clear. So far in 2009 the average TRIP Incident is just 93 minutes. The TRIP program has been very successful with an average time value savings of \$360,000 per incident.



Chad Hartley of the Georgia DOT provided a presentation on the evolution of GDOT's planning and implementation of hurricane evacuation of coastal Georgia. Steve Cassell, Traffic Engineer for the City of Augusta, discussed the challenges and the problems in handling Special Event Traffic in a highly developed urban environment. Augusta should have a good handle on this since they host the Masters Golf Tournament every year. This presentation illustrated how the best "thought-out" special event traffic control plans need fine tuning

during and after implementation. The conflicts between pedestrian and vehicular traffic demand unique and innovative solutions.

### **Short Form Session**

This year at the Summer Seminar, a new type of session was introduced to maximize the opportunity for more members to present technical materials. The Short Form Session utilized a "panel of speakers", each of who gave a five minute presentation on a topic of their choice.

The speakers and their topics were:

Elise Barrella, Sustainable Transportation

Dwayne Henclewood, Real-Time Simulation of Performance Measures

Alec Pochowsky, Life-Cycle Costs of Roundabouts

Tom Wall, The Effects of Streetcar Integration on Corridor Capacity

Nick Wood, Demographic Profiles and Congestion Pricing for Interstate I-85 Commuters

Eli Veith, Implementation of Red-Red Flash

Bicycle and Pedestrian session coordinator Lisa Randall served as the moderator for a session on Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues. Speakers included:

- Charlie Denney, Alta Planning + Design - Bicycling Infrastructure Innovations
- Lorraine Vance, Cobb County DOT – Cobb County Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Initiatives
- Ed McBrayer, PATH Foundation on PATH 2009 – the Latest Techniques for Building Multi-Use Trails
- Rebecca Serna & Amy Goodwin, Atlanta Bicycle Coalition - State of Bicycle Transportation in Atlanta

## **Legislative Activities**

Through the efforts of the Legislative Committee and the Sections involvement in the Georgia Legislative Coalition, the Section kept our members informed about critical transportation legislation in the state. Once again, of primary concern was the issue of a shortage of money to fund the growing transportation needs in the state. As a Board, we agreed to help sponsor the Building Georgia Legislative Reception. The Building Georgia Legislative Reception was hosted by ACEC/G, AGC and AIA Georgia Chapters. Affiliate sponsors included ITE, ASCE, GAWP, and the National Brownfield Association. The event drew approximately 350 attendees, including engineers, architects, contractors, and over 30 legislators, as well as several government agency employees. The event was preceded by a state of the industry presentation by the AIA, followed by a presentation by Tom Leslie on the status of the industry and infrastructure legislation. In addition, the Section helped sponsor the 2009 Transportation Summit held November 5, 2009 at the World Congress Center. (See Meeting section for details)

## Meetings held in 2009

The Georgia Section hosted numerous meetings throughout the year. Summaries of these meetings are below.

Meetings	Number of Meetings	PDH Hours	Total
Annual Awards	1	0	0
Monthly Luncheon	9	0.5	4.5
Summer Seminar	11	1.5	16
Tech Exchange	1	6	6
Mentor/Protégé	6	1.5	9
Leadership Dev	2	9	18
Annual Business	1	0	0
		Total	53.5

### Annual Awards Dinner/Social

On January 17, 2009, the Annual Dinner and Fun Night was hosted by the Georgia Section at the Maggiano's at Cumberland Mall. The attendees were treated to a great reception and dinner. The evening was capped off by a Mystery Theater Production and the 2008 awards for the Georgia Section. The entertainment during the Awards Dinner was provided by the Murder Mystery Players. They reenacted a murder with the purpose of allowing a table of attendees to use clues presented during the presentation to "solve the mystery". The "gist" of the story is a group of actors who are vying for the leading role of a play and the resulting murder of the supposed leading candidate for the role.



Annual Dinner at Maggianos

### **Monthly Luncheon Meetings**

The Georgia Section held regular monthly meetings throughout the year to keep our members abreast of the latest developments in transportation engineering and planning, and to provide them with valuable networking and professional development opportunities. The following table summarizes these monthly luncheons, which had record attendance this year. In order to make attendance less of a financial burden, the Section offered discounted registration fees for public sector, student and unemployed members. At each Luncheon meeting, we tried to have an Agency Spotlite that highlights one of our participating agencies. This is an effort to get more government employees to attend the meetings.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker/Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
January 17, 2009	<b>Scott Mohler, GA ITE President Annual Awards Dinner</b>	Maggiano's
February 12, 2009	<b>Tom Leslie, Georgia Engineering Alliance</b> "State Legislation for Transportation Funding" Agency Spot <i>ITE</i> : City of Roswell DOT	Mary Mac's
March 12, 2009	<b>Richard Anderson, GRTA Executive Director</b> "IT3: Governor Perdue's Statewide Transportation partnership IT3, Investing in Tomorrow's Transportation Today." Agency Spot <i>ITE</i> : Georgia Regional Transportation Authority	Mary Mac's
April 9, 2009	<b>George Schoener, Executive Director of the I-95 Coalition</b> "Multi-state Transportation Corridor Management: The I-95 Corridor Coalition as a Model of Future Transportation Operations Strategy" ITE GA Tech Student Chapter <i>The Georgia Tech ITE Student Chapter Members introduced themselves, told what research they were working on and provided their contact information.</i>	GA Tech
May 1, 2009	<b>Joint Monthly Meeting with ASCE</b> <b>Russell McMurry, GDOT District 1 District Engineer</b> "I-85 / SR 316 Interchange" Agency Spot <i>ITE</i> : City of Alpharetta DOT	Mary Mac's
June 11, 2009	<b>Shane Totten, Principal of Gerding Collaborative, Board of U.S. Green Bldgs. Council</b> "LEED, Alternative Commuting Transportation & Ways to Reduce Impact on Climate Change" <b>Steve Acenbrak &amp; David Low, City of Roswell DOT Director &amp; Deputy Director</b> "Transportation Strategies to Reduce Impact on Climate Change" <i>Named Summer Seminar Scholarship Auction after Dr. John Moskaluk, posthumously. President Scott Mohler presented plaque to John's wife Sandy to honor him</i>	Mary Mac's
July 19-22, 2009	<b>GA ITE Summer Seminar</b>	King & Prince St. Simons, GA

August 13, 2009	<p><b>Carolyn Rader</b>, Atlanta Regional Commission</p> <p>“ARC’s Lifelong Communities Initiative &amp; Transportation for Aging Americans”</p>	Mary Mac's
September 10, 2009	<p><b>Scott Zehngraff &amp; Paul Denard</b>,          GDOT Office of Traffic Operations</p> <p>“Modern Roundabouts in Georgia”</p> <p>featuring a national overview of roundabouts; website; GDOT’s new roundabout policy; analysis tool; photos of example roundabouts in Georgia</p>	Mary Mac’s
October 8, 2009	<p><b>Ben Buchan</b> (Southern Tech Alumnus),          Georgia DOT State Urban Design Engineer</p> <p>“Context Sensitive Design”</p> <p>ITE SPSU Student Chapter</p>	Southern Polytechnic State University
November 12, 2009	<p><b>Mario Candia-Martinez, Kittelson &amp; Associates</b></p> <p>“Highway Safety Manual”</p>	Mary Mac's
December 10, 2009	<p><b>Annual Business Meeting</b></p> <p>Scott Mohler, <b>President Georgia ITE, Presiding</b></p> <p>State of the Section report, recognition of 2009 committees, induction of 2010 officers, and a statement from the 2010 Section President</p>	Mary Mac's

**2009 Meeting Attendance Summary**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Non-Members/ Private Sector Members</u>	<u>Public Sector Members</u>	<u>Students/ Unemployed Members</u>	<u>Spouse/ Guest</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>
1/17/2009	Maggianos	50	14		42	106
2/12/2009	Mary Macs	59	16	10		85
3/12/2009	Mary Macs	58	17	3		78
4/9/2009	Georgia Tech	43	9	5		57
5/1/2009	Holiday Inn-Select (joint meeting w/ASCE)	31	6	1		38
6/11/2009	Mary Macs	56	6	2		64
7/19- 22/2009	King & Prince Resort	85	33	8	71	197*
8/13/2009	Mary Macs	53	15	7		75
9/10/2009	Mary Macs	66	15	4		85
10/8/2009	Southern Tech	30	10	8		48
11/12/2009	Mary Macs	48	12	8		68
12/10/2009	Mary Macs	30	3	6		39
<b>Total annual attendance =</b>		<b>578</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>940</b>

\*Children not included in number. Potentially, over 300 people attended.

### **Southern District ITE Annual Meeting in Birmingham**

The Southern District held their annual meeting at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort near Birmingham Alabama from April 19 to 22, 2009. The meeting was well-attended with a total registration of 369 persons. There were sixteen Technical Sessions over two days; two Professional Development Sessions, a Field Technical Tour; the Traffic Bowl (four sessions); the Opening Session and, of course, an interesting social program. In addition there were two days of exhibits of technical hardware and software by the Associated Business Division. Georgia was well-represented at the meeting with 28 members and guests present. There were 14 Georgia speakers in technical or professional development presentations and two technical sessions were moderated by Georgia members. Perhaps the most significant professional development from Georgia's standpoint was the approval by the Southern District Board to support the proposed Georgia Section Training Program with a matching grant of \$1,000 to develop and test the program. Vice President did a good job of presenting the scope and budget for the program.



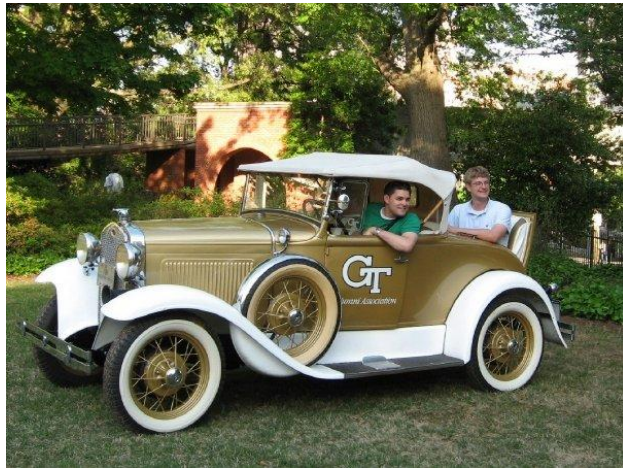
Georgia Section Members in Birmingham

Several presentations were made by Georgia Section members: Kenny Voorhies on ITS, Dwayne Tedder on Road Diets; Ben Glover on Newly Designed Traffic Signals; Peggy Allen on ITS Technology To Improve Pedestrian Safety; Dwayne Henclewood on Real Time Simulation of Arterials; Peng Yue on Traffic Simulation; David Kall on High Occupancy Toll Lanes; Betsy Williams and Travis White on Population Growth and Adaptive Signal Control; Yanzhi Xu on Mileage-Based Value Pricing; Scott Mohler on Lessons in Incident Management; Jay Bockish and Nithin Gomez on Innovative Intersection Improvements at US 78 / SR 124 intersection and Marsha Bomar on Ethics-Is Your Personality Your Friend or Foe?

### **2009 Transportation Summit**

On Thursday, November 5, 2009, the Georgia Engineering Alliance hosted its annual Transportation Summit at the Georgia World Congress Center. Georgia ITE is an active member of the Alliance. The meeting was a well-attended event from all sides of the engineering industry, including representatives from private sector firms, state and local governments and local community organizations. The General Session was broken up into three separate discussions. The first opened with a panel to discuss the status of transportation funding legislation. Georgia Trend Magazine's Neely Young moderated the discussion between Mike Kenn from Georgians for Better Transportation, Metro Atlanta Chamber President Sam Williams, MARTA Chairman Michael Walls, and the ARC Transportation and Air Quality Committee Chair, Tad Leithhead. The discussion focused on how to avoid recent failures in the legislature and what might be possible this next session. At present it appears that disagreement continues in the Capitol between regional versus statewide needs, between one percent and one-half percent tax rates and on where the money will be spent. GDOT Planning Director and **ITE Board member, Todd Long** then led a discussion on the statewide planning process and how it will affect project delivery in the future. It is anticipated that a more efficient process will lead to a more predictable and accurate statewide plan in the future. This was the intention of the legislature when they passed SB 200 during the 2009 Legislative Session. The final session of the morning was led by David Doss who discussed the need for the state to get High Speed Rail back on track in Georgia. Earlier this year USDOT Secretary Ray LaHood criticized Georgia for its lack of attention and focus on intermodal activities as compared to neighboring states. The lunch and afternoon sessions served as this year's Georgia Partnership for Transportation Quality meeting. Normally held in Athens during early December, GPTQ serves as a great opportunity for the public and private sectors in engineering and construction industry to come together and discuss the latest and greatest in transportation. At the Summit, a total of nine presentations were given in the areas of Project Management, Planning, and Environment and Design. The Summit was a great event for the several hundred participants. There was no shortage of education and networking to be had.

# Student Chapter Activities



## Georgia Tech

2009 was a busy year for the Georgia Tech ITE student chapter and the transportation department. The chapter officers and advisors for **2009-10** are:

- **President:** Alek Pochowski
- **Vice-President of Finance:** Tom Wall
- **Vice-President of Outreach:** Brent Weigel
- **Events Chair:** Matt Kittelson
- **Secretary:** Stacey Mumbower
- **Immediate Past President:** Dwayne Henclewood
- **Membership Chair:** Carlos Campo
- **Webmaster:** Brittany Luken
- **Community Service Chair:** Yi Lin Pei
- **Intramural Chair:** John O'Har
- **Advisor:** Dr. Michael Hunter
- **Georgia Section Liaison:** Mr. Dwayne Tedder

The chapter's membership includes both graduate and undergraduate students from both the Transportation program within Civil and Environment Engineering and the City & Regional Planning Department in the College of Architecture. One of the Chapter's goals is to educate members about the many employment opportunities in the transportation engineering field. Furthermore, being a student organization, the Chapter aims to promote social events where the students can meet each other and get together to discuss their research. Below is a list of activities that the student chapter sponsored in 2009:

- 2009 Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Competed in Traffic Bowl at the Southern District ITE meeting in Birmingham, Alabama
- Participated in the Georgia ITE Summer Seminar in St. Simon's Island, Georgia

Our first spring 2009 business meeting was held on **February 17, 2009** and was designed as an internship talk since many students expressed interest in gaining transportation work experience. Student members shared their summer internship experiences at a variety of firms and agencies, and offered advice on how to obtain one. ITE officers also covered plans for upcoming meetings, intramural softball, and service activities.

On **March 12, 2009**, Dwayne Tedder, Group Manager at PBS&J and GT ITE liaison to GA ITE joined us to discuss his professional experiences, and project challenges.



Our annual joint ITE cookout meeting, with GA ITE was held on **April 9, 2009**. Our keynote speaker was Mr. George Schoener, Executive Director of the I-95 Coalition who talked about: “the role of a multi-state corridor coalition in addressing coordinated incident management, real-time traffic information, and intermodal passenger and freight transportation systems within the context of a long term vision for the I-95 corridor”

The **Summer Seminar** was attended by Alek Pochowski, Dwayne Henclewood, Tom Wall, Elise Barrella, and Nick Wood.

On **August 25, 2009**, GA ITE held their first meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year. The purpose and goals of ITE, and ITE at Georgia Tech were discussed.

On **September 17, 2009**, Taylor Stukes from Iteris, Inc. spoke to us about the Georgia Section of ITE 2009 Transportation Engineering Scholarship, the triple option, a few interesting projects he has worked on, and some career advice he has picked up over his many years in the profession.

On **October 13, 2009**, Dwayne Tedder from PBS&J spoke to us about his role as liaison between ITE at Georgia Tech and Georgia ITE, PBS&J, interviewing tips, and a reversible HOT lane project called the Northwest Corridor.

On **November 19, 2009**, Jody Peace and his colleagues from Arcadis spoke to us about Arcadis, career advice, and safety analysis.

On **November 24, 2009**, Dr. Meyer talked about the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (TRB).

On, **December 3, 2009**, Ariel Hart from the AJC spoke about transportation in Georgia, and her experience covering transportation for the AJC. This was a joint meeting between the Student Planning Association (SPA), WTS, GA ITE and Students for Progressive Transit.



Tech ITE Students at 2009 TRB



Tech ITE and WTS members TEAM Buzz Day of Service

## Southern Polytechnic State University

Southern **Polytechnic** State University

The Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) ITE Student Chapter had a late start for the 2009 calendar year. They lost the leadership of their ITE chapter president early in the year and elected a new chapter body in mid September. The goal of attending at least four of the student chapter meetings was not met; however SPSU did host a meeting with the Georgia Section ITE in October.

On October 8, 2009 the SPSU Student Chapter hosted a joint meeting with the Georgia Section ITE at the SPSU campus. The guest speaker was Mr. Ben Buchan, Georgia Department of Transportation. The newly elected SPSU officers were introduced. All proceeds from the meeting benefited the SPSU ITE Student Chapter.

SPSU ITE Student Chapter and other transportation students at Southern Poly participated in the Southern District Education and Student Chapter Committee survey in 2009. This initiative is part of an effort to increase the student chapter activity and encourage other students to participate in ITE.



Student Chapter ITE President Clayton Smith (right) receiving check from ITE GA Chapter Vice President.



**Guest speaker and Graduate, Ben Buchan, at joint ITE student chapter meeting**

## Awards Presented

The following awards were presented at the Georgia Section's Annual Awards Dinner, held on January 17, 2009. Keith Strickland, Chairman of the Awards Committee presented the awards. The awards specified in the Georgia Section Procedures Manual are as follows:



### The Transportation Professional of the Year

The Transportation Professional of the Year is presented to a transportation professional who has contributed substantially to the safe and efficient movement of people or goods in Georgia. This year's award was presented to Randy Hulsey, Director of Transportation for Douglas County's Department of Transportation.

### Georgia Section Agency Award

The Georgia Section Agency Award is presented to an agency which has distinguished itself through improvements in the field of transportation. The intent of this award is to recognize governmental or quasi-governmental agencies which have made significant transportation improvements in their area of jurisdiction. This year this award was presented to the Evermore Community Improvement District for assistance providing GDOT during the US 78 Median Construction Project.



### The John D. Edwards, Jr. Individual Achievement Award

The John D. Edwards, Jr. Individual Achievement Award is presented to a Georgia Section Member/Affiliate who has unselfishly given his/her time and talents to the advancement of the Georgia Section during the previous twelve months. The intent of this award is to recognize those Members/Affiliates of the Section who have given of themselves toward achieving the goals of the Section. In 1999, this award was named in honor of John D. Edwards, Jr., first President of the Georgia Division and ITE International President in 1985. This award was presented to John Karnowski, P.E for his outstanding efforts leading the 2007 Technical Committee and the 2008 Summer Seminar Technical program.



### The Karl Bevins Distinguished Service Award

The Karl Bevins Distinguished Service Award is presented to a person who has demonstrated the qualities of competence, professionalism and dedication exemplified by Karl Bevins as the first Traffic Operations Engineer in Georgia. The intent of this award is to recognize highly competent and professional engineers who practiced in the field of traffic and/or transportation over a number of years. The recipient must be an

active member of the International ITE and the Georgia Section. This year this award was presented to Charles Bopp, Jr. P.E. for dedicated, lifelong service to the Georgia Section.

**Special Recognition Award** Bayne Smith, Jr., P.E. was awarded for exceptional service in preparation of 2007 Georgia Section Annual Report that won 2008 Southern District Best Section Award.

**Special Recognition Award** Kristin Turner was awarded for her faithful and patient service to the Georgia Section Board during their lengthy meetings in 2008 as 2007/2008 Section Clerk and as the 2007 Chair of Ambassador Committee.

Recognition of Carla Holmes service as President and a certificate of appreciation was made by President Scott Mohler to Carla W. Holmes for her originality, ingenuity and outstanding service as the 2008 President. During the ceremony Scott held up the sample T-shirt which had the image of a member wearing a T-shirt with the inscription "Be an ITE MEmber". What originality!



During the presentation of SDITE Awards for the year 2008, the Georgia Section won the 2008 SDITE Outstanding Section Award.



Scott Mohler accepting Best Section Award

The Georgia Section also received the Best Section Activities Award from International ITE. The award is given annually and “recognizes the overall quality of section activities, be they technical or non technical in nature, and may include meetings, committees, technical reports, seminars, career guidance, public relations and training programs.” The Georgia Section previously received this award in 1997. John Edwards accepted the award from ITE President Ken Voigt at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio. John’s acceptance speech follows:

*“In 1962 a young traffic engineer from Cincinnati, Ohio moved to Atlanta, Georgia and with Karl Bevins, Atlanta’s City Traffic Engineer and Bill Derrick, the State Traffic Engineer formed a local organization of traffic engineers-the Atlanta Association of Traffic Engineers - which subsequently became the Georgia Division ITE and then the Georgia Section ITE. From 10 founding members in 1963 the organization grew to 333 members in 2009. On behalf of the Georgia Section Board, President Scott Mohler, Past President Carla Holmes and the entire Section membership, I accept this award. We are honored and are appreciative of the selection by International ITE.”*

Other honoree dinner attendees from Georgia included Betsy Williams and Bob Rausch from TransCore, Kenny Voorhies from Cambridge Systematics, Art Haynes (retired), and John Funny from Grice and Associates.

**Marsha Anderson Bomar** has received the **Jane F. Garvey Transportation Leadership Award** from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst ITE Student Chapter. The award is presented to a woman in recognition of her outstanding leadership affecting women in transportation and remarkable contributions to the field.” Jane Garvey was the first female FAA Administrator and was appointed to the position by President Bill Clinton.

## **New Life Members**

The Georgia Section announced the following four new Life Members at the August Meeting:



- John Bennett, City Manager, Rome
- Karl Alf, Retired, Georgia DOT
- Arthur Haynes, TransCore
- Bob Alexander, Retired, City of Albany Traffic Engineer

# Section Accomplishments

## **New Southern District Leadership Development Program**

Are you interested in improving your management skills? Are you interested in advancing your career? Are you “totally involved” in the transportation profession as a career? Then this Leadership program is for you. The Southern District Board approved the development of a Leadership Development Program in 2007 for use by the District and Sections in training current members who are managers in their respective positions. At the Spring Board meeting the Board approved the expenditure of \$2000 on a matching basis with the Georgia Section ITE for the development and implementation of the first training session. The first sessions were held in Georgia on September 11 and 12 in Atlanta and the second session was held November 6 and 7, 2009 with an attendance of 20-25 persons. The development of the program content has been done by Richard Atkins, P.E. with the help of an “Oversight Team” of five persons representing various Sections of the District. The members of the “Oversight Team” and their affiliation are:



- Jim Westmoreland N.C. Section, Chairman (SDITE Vice President)
- Brent McKinney, N.C. Section
- John Edwards, Georgia Section
- Bill Seymour, Tennessee Section
- Dan Turner, Alabama Section



The presentations were done in a series of seven modules titled Core Management Practices including conducting meetings, developing relationships with political leaders, effective communications, developing vision and action plans, engaging stakeholders, evaluating leadership effectiveness, and mentoring and coaching employees. In addition to the modules outlined above there was a general session on Key Leadership characteristics. All of the modules outlined above was presented in a Power Point Format with plenty of time for interaction and discussion

between the moderators and the attendees. A leadership handbook composed of the Power Point presentations was given to each of the participating members of the leadership sessions. After this series in Georgia, the Oversight Team and the participants provided feedback and modification of the presentations based on what is learned. The revised presentations will now be available to other Sections and Districts as needed.

The evaluation of the session by the attendees received very high marks and the Oversight Team was pleased with the results. The attendees were very complimentary of the sessions

on Building Relationships With Elected Officials by Kay Love, City Manager of Roswell; Developing Leaders by Dan Turner of the University of Alabama and Creating Vision and Action Plans by Bill Seymour of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Another two-day session was held on November 13th and 14th. At this session topics included: Building Relationships With Fellow Professionals by John Edwards; Mentoring and Coaching by Todd Long of Georgia DOT and Marsha Bomar of Street Smarts and Creating Positive Change by Richard Atkins of Triad Transportation. Upon completion of the Georgia sessions, Jim Westmoreland, V.P. of SDITE and the Oversight Committee evaluated the results and recommended further actions.

Their recommendations were presented to the District Board at their December Meeting in Louisiana. One of the interesting aspects of the Leadership Development Program is that several persons are contributing a tremendous amount of time to provide the training program. The District Oversight Team consisting of Richard Atkins, Jim Westmoreland, Dan Turner, Brent McKinney, Bill Seymour and John Edwards



have contributed hours and hours of uncompensated time, to make this happen. Richard Atkins was the real “Champion” of the program in providing research, write-ups of the various topics and Power Point presentations for each of the program modules. David Low also deserves credit for arranging the meeting location and space, as well as working on the organization and budget, reproducing session notes and generally making sure the presenters and attendees have everything they need. A special thanks from the Georgia Section goes to everyone who helped make this program happen.

#### Leadership Training participants:

- Scott Mohler, URS
- David Low, City of Roswell
- Mike Holt, World Fiber
- Carla Holmes, Gresham Smith & Partners
- Keith Strickland, HNTB
- Jonathan Reid, Parsons Brinckerhoff
- Eric Graves, City of Alpharetta
- Naveed Jaffar, Florence & Hutcheson
- Steve Acenbrak, City of Roswell (Session 1 only)
- Todd Barker, Ecological Solutions
- Adolfo Guzman, Clark Patterson Lee
- Jonathan Byrd, City of Anniston, AL (Session 2 only)

Oversight Team/Instructors:

- Richard Atkins, Triad Transportation Partnerships
- John Edwards
- Bill Seymour, HDR
- Dan Turner, University of Alabama
- Jim Westmoreland, North Carolina DOT
- Brent McKinney

Other Instructors:

- Kay Love, City of Roswell, City Administrator – Dealing with Elected Officials
- Marsha Anderson Bomar, Street Smarts, President – Mentoring Employees
- Todd Long, Georgia DOT, Director of Planning – Mentoring Employees

## Mentoring Program



The Georgia Section ITE created its first ever Mentoring Program in 2009. With the leadership of the ITE Board of Directors, a team of individuals headed by Todd Long and Marsha Anderson Bomar has been developing this program since January 2009. Our Mentoring Program is similar to an extremely successful program developed by Women in Transportation (WTS) with which some of you may be familiar. Our program is open to both International ITE Members and GA ITE Affiliate Members. GA ITE's Mentoring Program is designed to provide current leaders in the transportation profession (mentors) an opportunity to share experiences, resources, philosophies, and lessons learned with younger ITE members (protégés) who have demonstrated potential for leadership roles. The goal is for our mentors to transfer knowledge from one generation to the next. Protégés are typically transportation engineers/planners with at least two years of experience who have demonstrated a potential and desire for future promotions to leadership positions within their organizations; they are highly motivated individuals with a willingness to learn. The program accommodated six mentors and six protégés, and took place over a six-month period beginning in August 2009 and ending in January 2010. The program included recognition at the GA ITE Annual Awards Dinner. There was one formal session per month with all the mentors and protégés. These meetings lasted approximately two hours and took place over a meal.

Topics included:

*Politics and Relationships*

*Dealing with the Media*

*Basic Financial Management*

*Business Etiquette and Presentation Skills*

*Gender, Cultural and Age Issues Leadership Development*

Our 2009 mentors and protégés are:

*Scott Mohler - Andrew Antweiler*

*Marion Waters - Paul DeNard*

*Bayne Smith - Travis Hurt*

*John Hibbard - Alvin James Jr.*

*Patrece Keeter - Kristin Turner*

*Andy Phlegar - Scott Younker*



## **Committee Activities**

All of the 2009 Georgia Section Committees were active helping the Section reach its **2009** goals.

The following committees provide members opportunities for professional growth and advance the goals of the profession, while also assisting the Section in serving its members. Below are highlights from some of the 2009 Georgia Section Committees.

### **Ambassador** – Tim Brandsetter

This Committee welcomes members at ITE monthly meetings and annual meeting. This position also assists Secretary-Treasurer in providing meeting registration and name tags. We had great participation from this committee making our meetings flow smoothly.

### **Annual Report** - Todd Long

Preparation of the 2009 Annual Report typically falls on the shoulders of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Southern District Representative. During the course of the year, information about activities is gathered so that a report can be produce at the end of the year and turned into ITE International. Todd Long with the help of the officers and the Newsletter Committee prepared the Annual Report.

### **Career Guidance** - Scott Younker

The Career Guidance Committee is focused on outreach to students and connecting ITE members with the needs of established volunteer programs.

- Erin Brinton, & Scott Younker staffed a display table on February 14, 2009 on Introduce a Girl to Engineering day the Georgia Tech Campus.
- Scott Younker volunteered as a scorekeeper at the 2009 US First.org Peachtree Regional held at the Gwinnett Center on February 26-28, 2009.
- Several members served as mentors to sophomore & junior high school students during the Exploring Engineering Academy the week of June 7-12, 2009 based at the Georgia Tech Campus. Additionally, the following ITE members are actively involved on the 2009 camp steering committee with David Smith leading the Civil Engineering day, Julie Woo leading the ITE-Transportation day, and Alexandra Kennedy in charge of Mentors/Volunteers.
- Liang Zhou judged the Gwinnett Science Fair sponsored by the Notre Dame Academy at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center on February 21, 2009. The event included 23 judges and 120 students from 10 schools. Judge's responsibilities include talking with students about their projects, scoring projects, and collaborating with fellow judges to determine the top three entries.
- Steven Sheffield & Brendetta Walker coordinating volunteers to staff a display table at the February 13, 2010 "Introduce a Girl To Engineering" day at the Georgia Tech Convention Center.

Committee Members: Mallory Brewer, Erin Brinton, Travis Hurt, Keary Lord, Alexandra Kennedy, Kelly Rosenberger, Steven Sheffield, Lisa Slonus, David Smith, Brendetta Walker, Liang Zhou.

**Finance** - Martin Bretherton

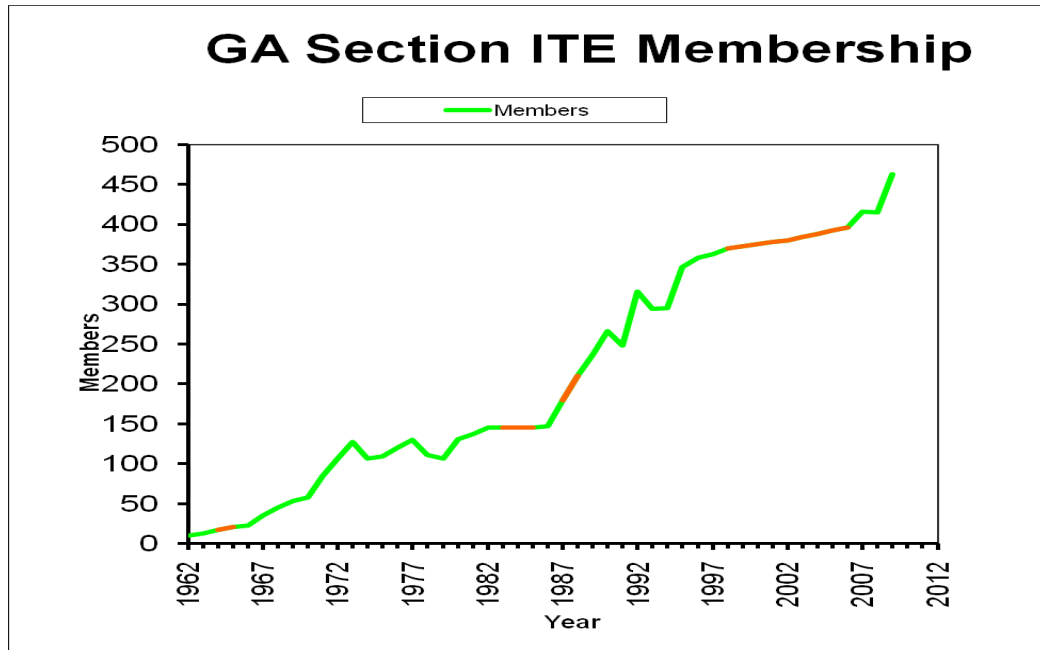
In 2009, the Finance Committee played a key role in ensuring the Section's financial viability, as well as in providing recommendations for improvement. Among this committee's activities in 2009 are:

- Approved the 2008 Audit of the Treasurer's and Summer Seminar financial records.
- The Committee developed a 2010 Pro-forma budget.
- Made recommendations to the Board on the following areas:
  - Improved training and transition between the 2009 and 2010 Secretary-Treasurers, and other improved accounting practices.
  - Provided report to Board on ways section can improve operations.

**Membership** - David Benevelli

The Membership Committee, led by David Benevelli, was formed in 2008 to focus on the Section's recruitment, retention, and reactivation efforts. Previously membership activities were performed by the Affiliate Director. The formation of this committee allowed both International and Affiliate membership issues to be effectively addressed. The Committee's activities for 2009 included:

- The committee chair prepared a newsletter article encouraging the section's membership to maintain and monitor their contact information in order to "keep in touch" with section activities.
- The committee conducted a membership renewal program for 64 current members.
- The committee is tracking meeting attendance and provided the Board a graphic showing the trend over the calendar year.
- The committee chair is working with the section's Board of Directors to prepare a plan focusing on increasing membership and participation of public sector professionals.
- The committee chair is working with the section's Secretary/Treasurer to resolve membership lists and sources in order to generate an accurate directory and membership records.



DATE	ACTIVITIES
March 5, 2009	Board Committee Chairs Meeting
March 6, 2009	Compared the 2007 section membership directory with the latest ITE International Roster and identified members with the same, revised, or new contact information. The separate lists will be combined for the next meeting.
June 5, 2009	The committee met to process the latest membership directory lists. Outdated information was found for approximately 150 members. An action item was undertaken to identify the source of the large discrepancy.
October 2, 2009	The committee met and coordinated activities for the membership renewal program. The committee members each spent the following week contacting members encouraging renewal.
October 16, 2009	Reviewed the results of the membership renewal program. Prepared a list of members that committed to renew. Transmitted the list to the section's Secretary/Treasurer for re-billing.
October 28, 2009	Board meeting to present and discuss the results of the renewal program.
November 5, 2009	Submitted section newsletter article encouraging the membership to "keep in touch" and maintaining their contact information.
December 23, 2009	Committee chair met with the Board to begin discussions for next year's program to address public sector participation and membership levels.

Committee Members: Names of all Committee Members who participated this year: Bhargava "Rama" Chilukuri, Sunita Nadella, Kimberly Mullins

**Mentoring Program** - Todd Long/Marsha Anderson-Bomar  
(See earlier narrative provided above)

**Past Presidents** - Keith Hogsed

It is a tradition that the Past Presidents of the Georgia Section meet annually with the Board to discuss the progress of the Section and to offer comments on current issues and operations. The meeting took place on September 23, 2009 at Maggianos in Buckhead.



**Meeting Attendees:** Scott Mohler (President), David Low (Vice President), Mike Holt (Secretary-Treasurer), Keith Hogsed (District Rep.), Todd Long (District Rep.), Brook Martin (Affiliate Director), Carla Holmes (Immediate Past President), Carrie Mussman (Clerk), Taylor Stukes (Scholarship Committee Chair), Marsha Bomar, Charles Bopp, Martin Bretherton, John Edwards, Richard Fangmann, Hallie Smith, Keith Strickland, Betsy Williams

Scott welcomed the group, reviewed an agenda, and the attendees provided self introductions. President Scott Mohler reviewed the section

activities for 2009, including the following: 2008 Annual Report, Summer Seminar , Mentoring Program, Leadership Training Program, Driveway Manual Committee, Joint Technical Exchange – a Georgia/South Carolina joint meeting, Joint Meetings with ASCE and WTS, Newsletter, student chapters and the 2014 SDITE Meeting.

1. Idea Sharing

- a. Younger member involvement – Kristin Turner has been leading the Young Member Committee, but there has been minimal involvement. The YM committee went whitewater rafting in August, but it took encouraging phone calls and participation by older members to drum up participation (21 attendees). The following suggestions were offered for consideration:
  - i. Host a luncheon for younger members to gain input on what they are looking for in ITE and how they want to get involved.
  - ii. Consider GAITE joining Facebook or Twitter.
  - iii. Challenge senior members of the section to bring a younger person with them to a monthly meeting.
  - iv. Strongly encourage (or require) mentoring program graduates to join a committee upon graduation.
2. Schedule for Annual Meetings and Past Presidents Luncheons – a discussion ensued about how to schedule these meetings and incorporate the annual awards presentation and mentoring program graduation into one of these meetings. At the September Board Meeting, the following decisions were made:
  - a. February 11, 2010 – 2009 Awards, Mentoring Graduation, and Monthly Meeting
  - b. December 9, 2010 – 2010 Awards, Mentoring Graduation, and Annual Meeting
  - c. Both meetings will be scheduled at Maggianos, if available.
  - d. Past Presidents Meeting will remain a mid-year meeting intended to receive input from past presidents. Next board will consider inviting younger members (maybe current or past protégés) to attend this meeting to share the younger members perspective.
3. 2010 Ideas – David Low developed a list of his ideas to possibly implement in 2010, but unfortunately we didn't have time to hear and discuss his ideas. Instead, David's list was distributed by email to all attendees and non-attending past president's for their input.

### **Website** - Joe Gillis

The major activities of the 2009 Website Committee included moving website to new host provider—Blue Host. The committee also added Shawn Pope on the committee who will help give the website a new look. The website also now includes ITE Board meeting minutes and luncheon speaker notes when available. The website is to have a new look by 2010 and this committee will continue to provide training on the survey console to elections, reservations, etc.

### **Young Members** - Kristin Turner

The ITE Young Members Committee escaped rainy Atlanta on Sunday, Aug. 30th to head for the misty mountains of Tennessee for whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River in Ducktown, Tennessee. This outdoor adventure event is one of the highlights each year for the committee. Participating GAITE members came from both the private and public sector agencies and as well as Georgia Tech ITE student chapter. A few family members also actively participated in the rafting trip. While the day started out to be cold and rainy, that could not deter the participants from having a great time. Twenty young (and not-so-young) members and guests boarded four rafts as we conquered the middle Ocoee River.

### **Annual Meeting** - Dan Dobry

The committee made all of the arrangements and held the Annual Meeting on Saturday evening January 17, 2009 at Maggiano's Restaurant. Not only did spouses and guests enjoy the meal, fellowship, and see the presentation of the Annual Awards but everyone enjoyed the Murder Mystery Theater performance.

At the direction of the Board in acknowledgement of the challenging economic times, the next Annual Meeting is returning to the afternoon luncheon format. In addition to presenting Annual Awards, the graduates of the Mentoring Program will be acknowledged.

### **Engineer's Week** - Steven Sheffield

The Georgia Section was a sponsor of 2009 Georgia Engineers Week and provides additional support in the way of having a representative on the Georgia Engineering Alliance (GEA) E-Week Committee. Below are the committee's accomplishments:

1. Served as principal liaison to Georgia ITE and ITS Georgia for the coordination of volunteers and/or nominations for the following upcoming *Engineering Week* student events:
  - Introduce A Girl (IAG)
  - Bridge Building
  - Future City – event to be held at the Southern Polytechnic State University.
2. Served as principal liaison to Georgia ITE and ITS Georgia for the coordination of volunteers and/or nominations for the following upcoming *Engineering Week* professional events:
  - 2009 Georgia Engineers Week Award Banquet – held in February 2009 at the Georgia Tech Hotel Conference Center.
  - 2009 Engineer of the Year Award – to be awarded in the following categories:

- Engineer of the Year
  - Lifetime Achievement in Engineering
  - Engineer of the Year in Industry
  - Engineer of the Year in Education
  - Engineer of the Year in Government
  - Engineer of the Year in Construction
  - Engineer of the Year in Private Practice
  - Young Engineer of the Year
  - Student Engineer of the Year
  - Engineering Technology Student of the Year
  - 2009 Engineering Excellence Award
3. Regularly provided announcements to representatives of Georgia ITE and ITS Georgia to be distributed to members and affiliates regarding opportunities and schedules of events.

**Summer Seminar** (See earlier part of Annual Report under Technical Activities)

**2014 SDITE Annual Meeting** - Keith Strickland and Todd Long

Preparations are being made for the 2014 SDITE Annual Meeting. Keith and Todd interviewed staff at Jekyll Island and Callaway Gardens for potential sites. Todd gave a report at the 2009 SDITE Business meeting on preparations.

**WTS/ITE Golf Tournament** - Tom Udell

The Atlanta Chapter of the Women's Transportation Society partnered with the Georgia Section to host the first Annual WTS/ITE golf tournament at the North Fulton Golf Course on October 1, 2009. The tournament was a very popular event with 60 participants from both organizations participating. Players enjoyed a wonderful round of golf with fellow transportation professionals from a host of public and private sector. The weather was beautiful—a fine fall day—and the participants had a great time. The proceeds from the tournament went to the WTS Scholarship Fund. The first place team consisted of Erick Fry—URS Corporation, Bryan Ricks—Cobb County DOT, Ron Osterloh and Teresa Edwards—Pond and Company, too first place.



**Technical** - Jonathan Reid

(See Technical Activities section of the report)

**Driveway Manual** - Randall Parker

The GDOT requested GA ITE to provide review and input on proposed changes to the Regulations for Driveway & Encroachment Control (Driveway Manual) originally issued in May 2004 and periodically revised. A committee of interested engineers volunteered to help. Among these were Todd Long, Shaun Green, Chris Barrow, Michael Roberson

(GRTA), Keith Golden, Scott Zehngraft, Kathy Bailey, Daphne Cautela, Sharmelda Barrow (GDOT), Abdul Amer (A&R), Marion Waters, Kent Black (GSP), John Walker, Robert Ross (KHA), Harry Graham (LAI), and Randall Parker (Street Smarts) chairing. The committee members received the draft of the Manual after the District Traffic and Access Management Engineers had reviewed the proposed changes and suggested additional improvements and corrections for review. The committee then met twice at the TMC on May 6 & 20, 2009 to review the Manual. Fifteen engineers participated at both meetings, representing GDOT, GRTA, and five (5) consulting firms. Most, if not all, were ITE members.

**GA Engineer Magazine** - Dan Dobry

Dan participated in the bimonthly GEC editorial board meetings for the Georgia Engineer Magazine. As a representative of the GA ITE Section, had an article published in the April-May issue on SPLOST programs in the *Georgia Engineer*. Dan also solicited and coordinated publication of an article in the Dec- Jan issue by ARC on Federal funding legislation. Lastly, Dan coordinated submission of the Section President's letter for printing in the bi-monthly magazine.

### **Newsletter** - John Edwards

The Georgia Section Newsletter Committee produced four issues of the newsletter in 2009 with publication dates of February, May, September and December. A total of 40 pages of multi-color text and pictures were included in the quarterly issues. In addition to the placement on the Section's website, hard copies were printed and mailed to the Life Members that had requested copies and to the persons featured under the "Pioneer Profile" series. The September and December issues were also provided to the Section Board in a printed format for their convenience and use.

The articles in the newsletter ranged from research topics from universities and the FHWA to "personals" relating to individual members. We also tried to include articles and announcements from International ITE-especially reports from the Southern District Director.



From a committee viewpoint, we now have four persons serving on the committee, each with an assigned task in the production of the newsletter. We had four meetings of the committee- typically about six weeks prior to the production date of a particular issue; for instance, we met in January for the February issue. The members of our committee are: John D. Edwards, Editor, Amy Diaz, Sujith "Rama" Chilukuri, Sujith Racha and Joe Gillis. Amy is a reviewer of the newsletter. Rama does the layout of the final project and writes some of the text. Racha is new on board but is interested in writing articles and did the article on the Georgia/South Carolina joint technical seminar in the fall. Joe Gillis is an "unofficial" member of the committee, but we rely on him to get the newsletter up on the website.

We are still looking for members and wish to expand the mailing list-especially to political leaders involved with transportation issues.

- ◆ Published several presentations on "Spotl*ITE*" to encourage greater public agency participation.
- ◆ Published several items from International ITE including the vice presidential platforms and the candidates pictures.
- ◆ Continued the "Pioneer Profile" that was started in 2008. This is a brief summary of the original founding members of the Section and how they contributed to the profession.

### **Scholarship** - Taylor Stukes

The 2009 Scholarship Committee members were as follows: Philip Allen (URS Corporation), Ron Sherwood (Atlanta International Airport), Kristin Turner, PE (ARCADIS), and Paul Giles (Cobb County)

For each of the past five years, the Georgia Section has provided at least \$6,000 in scholarships to engineering students who have significant academic achievement, financial need, a commitment to the profession and to ITE, and a desire to practice in Georgia. We also provide funds each year for the Exploring Engineering Academy program of Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a program for high school students interested in pursuing an engineering education.

All our funds come from two annual events: the Scholarship Auction at our summer Seminar meeting and the Past President's Luncheon.

The Scholarship Auction is supported through the donation of items (such as "retired" traffic signal equipment, children's toys, a week stay at a mountain cabin or beach house, and other unusual items) and the outstanding generosity of our membership, which has always been happy to purchase every single item offered for sale. The 2009 Scholarship Auction raised almost \$6,250 during the worst economic conditions in the committee's existence.

The Past President's Luncheon is an opportunity to meet with chapter Past Presidents, report on the Committee's activities, and receive donations and suggestions about other activities which would benefit our scholarship program. This year's Luncheon raised over \$1,100.

For 2009, we received 15 applications representing students from both engineering schools in Georgia, and awarded four scholarships of \$1,500 each at our December monthly meeting. We will award \$1,600 – four half-scholarships – to the Exploring Engineering Academy during the spring of 2010.

### **Georgia Conservancy** - Shaun Green

Founded in 1967, the Georgia Conservancy collaborates, advocates and educates to protect Georgia's natural environment. *Blueprints for Successful Communities* is a unique growth management program of the Georgia Conservancy that places emphasis on the protection of natural resources, brings a diverse and inclusive array of stakeholders to the table in a stakeholder-driven community planning process, provides educational training on public engagement and quality growth concepts and policies, and maintains active interdisciplinary partnerships to bring a broad range of expertise to the table. The Georgia Conservancy works with communities to develop an action plan to make the most of their assets and face their growth challenges head on. The *Blueprints* report – available to the public – is the community's implementation plan and their guide to achieving their vision.

In 2009, GAITE Georgia Conservancy Committee continued to provide opinions, expertise and support to the Blueprints effort. Through this committee, GAITE was actively engaged in coordination meetings with other Blueprint Partner entities (e.g. American Institute of Architects, Green Building Council, American Society of Landscape Architects, Georgia

Planning Association, Georgia Tech College of Architecture, etc.) where ideas, directions and policy considerations were vetted for effectiveness and unintended consequences. In addition to these Blueprint Partners Meetings, which is basically a steering committee meeting for the Blueprints Program, GAITE representatives also were an integral part of the weekend and evening Blueprint Workshops, where community members go through planning exercises to document a vision and action plan for their community. Having GAITE present provided instant feedback to questions of costs, feasibility, outcomes, context and trade-offs. Again in 2008, GAITE's Georgia Conservancy Committee provided significant value to communities in Georgia through the Georgia Conservancy and their now decade-old *Blueprints for Successful Communities* program.

Blueprints Partners Meetings, held at Georgia Conservancy offices in Atlanta... (January 30, March 20, June 26, September 25)

Blueprints Newton County Meetings, held in Covington, GA... (February 11, March 11, April 18)

Blueprints Pinpoint Meeting, held in Chatham County, GA... (November 6)

Good Urbanism 101 was an educational outreach program sponsored by the Georgia Conservancy and organized through the Blueprints Partners. This 6-class course focused on quality urban design, with an emphasis on walkability, integration of alternative transportation options, sustainability, and the relationship between urban infrastructure and the urban experience. These classes ran Tuesdays and Thursdays from October 27 through November 12 in Atlanta. In other news, Pierre Howard was named President of the Georgia Conservancy and Katherine Moore was hired to be the Growth Management/Blueprints Program Manager. Committee members included Taylor Stukes, Kent Black and Shaun Green.

The 2009 Blueprints Partners assisted with a time of transition in the Georgia Conservancy. As a new President was named and a new Blueprints Program Manager hired, the Blueprints Partners ensured continuity of focus and quality of service to communities for whom the Georgia Conservancy had already undertaken community planning assistance. Newton County, the Pinpoint community (located near Savannah), and the Lindbergh LaVista corridor in metro Atlanta were all communities that were receiving technical planning assistance through the Blueprints Program in 2009. Due in large part to the technical guidance provided by the Blueprints Partners, these communities' projects were successfully completed. The Lindbergh LaVista corridor Blueprints report was adopted by DeKalb County in December 2009 and will be incorporated in the "Supplemental Plans" section of the County Comprehensive Plan. The Newton County Conservation Plan is currently being utilized by government and business leadership to guide financial and infrastructure investments by County leadership. Lastly, the Pinpoint Blueprints report is being formally presented to the community this month and is anticipated to become part of a Gullah-Geechee corridor plan, in conjunction with a Blueprints plan already performed for

the Sandfly community and an upcoming 2010 Blueprints project for the Hog Hummock community.

**ITE International Liaison** - John Edwards

This committee was responsible for monitoring all newsletters and other material put out by ITE International. That information was then included in the Georgia Section newsletter. A review of the ITE international meeting is also included in the Section newsletter. John also maintains contact with International newsletter coordinator. In addition, John also posted material for candidates for International office. John attends International meetings as he is available. This year he attended the International meeting in San Antonio, TX.

**Legislative** - Peter Hortman

Through the efforts of the Legislative Committee and the Sections involvement in the Georgia Legislative Coalition, the Section kept our members informed about critical transportation legislation in the state. Once again, of primary concern was the issue of a shortage of money to fund the growing transportation needs in the state. As a Board, we agreed to help sponsor the Building Georgia Legislative reception. The Building Georgia Legislative Reception was hosted by ACEC/G, AGC and AIA Georgia Chapters. Affiliate Sponsors included ITE, ASCE, GAWP, and the National Brownfield Association. The event drew approximately 350 attendees, including engineers, architects, contractors, and over 30 legislators, as well as several government agency employees. The event was preceded by a state of the industry presentation by the AIA, followed by a presentation by Tom Leslie on the status of the industry and infrastructure legislation. In addition, the Section helped sponsor the 2009 Transportation Summit held November 5, 2009 at the World Congress Center. (See Meeting section for details)

**Georgia Tech and Southern Poly Liaisons** - Dwayne Tedder and Jim Tolson

*(See Student Activities portion of document)*

*Note: We were not able to start a new Student Section at Georgia Southern University this year. We made contact but the school did not meet minimum requirements to become a student section.*

## President's Final Words



2009 Georgia Section Board Meeting

### **2009 WAS A GREAT YEAR!**

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as the Georgia Section ITE President in 2009! It's been an amazing, rewarding, enriching, growing, and inspiring experience. I have been truly inspired by the selfless volunteerism of many of our members, whose volunteer efforts are genuinely focused on helping others, not themselves. The passion and devotion of our members is what makes ITE great, and it has certainly been a GREAT year! The following are my favorite highlights of the year and there were many:

#### *Best Section Activities Award*

At the international ITE Annual Meeting held in San Antonio, Texas in August, the Georgia Section won the Best Section Activities Award. This is a huge honor as it is only awarded to one ITE section in the world.

#### *A Successful Summer Seminar Again!*

The Georgia Section ITE Annual Summer Seminar was again a huge success, even during these difficult financial times. The meeting was attended by over 300 people with a decline of only 40 or so attendees compared to last year.

#### *The Mentoring and Leadership Development Programs*

With an obvious passion to develop our young members and leaders alike, three of our veteran members stepped up this year to take the lead in creating our new Mentoring and Leadership Development Programs. Todd Long and Marsha Bomar took the reins of the

mentoring program, devised a plan, and made it happen with our first mentoring event in August 2009 and our first Mentoring graduation ceremony scheduled for February 2010. Plans are being made to make this an annual program.

David Low not only planned all of our monthly meeting speakers this year, he also instigated and organized our new Leadership Development Program. David learned about the Southern District ITE's interest in developing a leadership program, and he jumped at the opportunity, leveraging \$2,000 from the District to use towards our new leadership program. David worked closely with Richard Atkins to develop two 24-hour leadership retreats at the Simpsonwood Retreat Center in Norcross, Georgia. The attendees found the program well worth their investment of time and money, and our goal now is to make this an annual event.

#### *Our First Joint South Carolina/Georgia Technical Exchange*

On September 25, 2009, the Georgia and South Carolina ITE Sections jointly held a Technical Exchange meeting in Augusta, Georgia as part of the Technical Committee's goal of providing networking and technical information sharing with our members in areas outside of metro Atlanta. Over 50 people attended from public agencies and consultant firms, and the attendees were thrilled to earn 4.5 PDHs (professional development hours) for just a \$15/20 (public/private) fee. Because of the success of the seminar, it was decided to make the Technical Exchange an annual fall event, with the possibility of also adding a spring event partnering with another bordering state's ITE section.

In addition to the mentoring, leadership development, and technical committees discussed above, the following activities also occurred in 2009:

- GDOT Driveway Manual Review
- WTS/ITE Golf Tournament
- Young Members Committee Rafting Trip
- Career Guidance Committee
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Georgia Engineer Magazine articles

In closing, I'd like to mention one of our long time Georgia Section members, Martin Bretherton, who we're very proud of for his active ITE participation at the Section and International level. For the Section, Martin has led our Finance Committee for many years, and Internationally Martin is currently a member of both the ITE Traffic Engineering Council Executive Committee and the ITE Safety Council Executive Committee. He also serves as Peer Reviewer for the ITE Journal and chaired the SDITE Technical Knowledge Committee the past four years. Martin is currently running for the Secretary-Treasurer posting in SDITE.

I'd also like to mention that the Georgia Section is proud to have been selected as the host of the 2012 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit. The meeting will be held on August 12 – 15, 2012 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta.