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President's Column
FROM THE DESK OF...
Sam Lawson

Thanks for your Support
The ITE-Michigan Section is alive and well. The Section is financially sound and growing in membership. Membership increased last year about 10%. The Vendor’s Show in Southfield was last year’s education/scholarship fundraiser and well attended. Member voluntary contributions to this fund is strong. The ITE-Michigan Section continues to co-sponsor Incident Management in Southeast Michigan. Richard Beaubien, Transportation Director of Hubbell Roth & Clark, gave a talk on the status of this project at our recent technical session in East Lansing. The executive board welcomes your comments. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please pass them on to chairpersons and board members identified later in this newsletter.

This is the final year of the present International Director District 3 year term. The present director is John C. Neirnhaus, P.E. John is Director of Transportation Engineering, Pfum-Klausmeier and Gehrmann Consultants. He is also an adjunct associate professor of Civil Engineering, University of Cincinnati. Our own William Savage is a nominee for the 1994-1996 District III Director.

The Michigan Section will host the 1994 District III Annual Meeting. The 1994 District III treasurer will likely come from Michigan as well. The Ohio and Indiana sections have expressed keen interest in what the Michigan Section is doing in supporting students interested in the transportation profession. We were pleased to pass on information to them.

Full funding for transit and federal-aid highway programs authorized by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act (ISTEA) of 1991 appears doubtful for fiscal year 1994. Federal budget constraints held fiscal year 1993 funding for highways and transit to 85% of that authorized in 1991. As concerns over the federal deficit, and just how to deal with it continue, chances for full ISTEA funding in FY1994 seem slim.

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Announcement and Call for Papers
Abstracts due August 15, 1993

Abstracts should be no more than one page in length, and may be on any topic relevant to the conference. You will be informed by October as to whether your abstract has been accepted as a basis for presentation. Questions about the conference or abstracts should be directed to: Mark Norman at ITE International Headquarters (202)554-8050, ext. 126, or Jane Wet at ext. 115.

The 1993 ITE Executive Board: Victoria Holland, Director; Samuel Lawson, President; David Alyn, Treasurer; William Hartwig, Secretary; Joseph Mezaros, Vice President

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULED ON CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Workshops for volunteers, medical providers, health care workers and other interested people on child safety seat availability. Michigan’s child passenger safety law, special needs safety seats, child safety seat distribution to target audiences, and child safety seat loaner programs will be held at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing on October 5-6, 1993. The conference is sponsored by Michigan State Safety Commission, Michigan State Medical Society, AAA of Michigan, Michigan Hospital Association, and the Traffic Safety Association of Michigan. Registration information is available by calling Office of Traffic Safety, Michigan Department of State, 208 N. Capital Ave., Lansing, MI 48919-2222 or by calling (517) 373-7600.

MICHIGAN SECTION VOLUNTARY FUND

Donors as of March, 1993

The ITE Michigan Section Voluntary Fund was created by the Section Board for the purposes of:

• Providing free attendance at Section meetings for student members.
• Providing awards for student paper competition.
• Providing assistance for defraying student costs to attend ITE or TRB national meetings; and
• Providing a student scholarship fund.

The following members have contributed for 1993 to date: Harold Abbott, Karen Aljun, Dave Allyn, Leo L. Arends, Rodney L. Arroyo, Michelle Barnes, Donald Barry, Ross Bremer, Robert Briere, Larry Brown, Katherine Buehler, Stephen Condon, Leon Davis, Susan Dickenson, Jude Doyle, Robert Durgin, Najid Ershtun, St. John Fady, Louis Gensley, Michael Gorty, William Hartwig, Robert Hicks, Richard Hodges, Victoria Holland, Gerald Holmberg, Dwight Hornbeck, Sunny Jacob, Harold Jenzen, Brett Kach, Robert King, Karl Kielaski, Michael Kobran, Dr. Lida Kostyniak, Samuel Lawson, Jr., Stanley Lingeman, Tom Mallock, Robert Mancell, Joseph Manzer, don Mercier, David Merchand, Joseph Mestas, James Neve, Kenneth O’Beirne, Rise Rasch, Dr. Thomas Reel, Bradley Strader, Gregory Walk

What we give of ourselves to those who follow us in our profession is a recognition of the assistance that we received and a commitment to our profession's future.
FLINT TECHNICAL SESSION, FEBRUARY 4, 1993

The February, 1993 technical session of the Michigan Section of ITE was held at the Holiday Inn at I-75 and Hill Road just outside of Flint where those members in attendance heard some timely and provocative presentations. They are summarized below for those who did not attend:

Access Management Policy in Ingham County

Dave Sonnenberg, Director of Traffic and Safety for the Ingham County Road Commission did the presentation. He was assisted by Mike Labadie, Principal Associate and Michigan Office Manager for Barton-Ashman Associates. Dave is a graduate of Michigan State in Civil Engineering and has a masters degree from Wayne State in Public Works Administration. Before he joined the road commission, he was with the city of East Lansing and Farmington Hills. Mike is a graduate of Wayne State for both his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering. Before joining Barton-Ashman, he worked for the Oakland County Road Commission, Professional Engineering Associates, Goodell Grivas, and Lawrence Technological University.

The old access standards of the Ingham County Road Commission went back to 1970 and it was therefore no surprise when the Board of Commissioners asked Dave Sonnenberg to update those standards. Ingham County has seen a lot of growth since 1970 especially in Meridian and Delta Townships in the Lansing urban area. In the old standards, for example, there were no lane standards for ingress or egress.

The new standards cover traffic signals, approval procedures, and impact studies. Barton-Ashman Associates, Inc. of Michigan was asked to prepare them for the Road Commission. According to Labadie, the objectives were as follows:

- incorporate many of the current practices and standards;
- incorporate practices not currently used but may be useful or necessary given the current direction of development;
- assist the road commission in managing access;

Mike also described the various tasks in completing the project for Ingham County.

Dave Sonnenberg stated that there were some hard questions that the board had to tackle before they could adopt the new standards which they still had not done as of the meeting. Some of these were whether to restrict rural residential driveways because of the sight distance liability and how to communicate with developers and township planning commissions.

Travel Behavior Issues in the 90's

Camille Palombo, Director of Transportation Programs for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has his degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit and has worked at SEMCOG for 17 years. Camille did a presentation comparing travel behavior issues from the 1980 and 1990 censuses. He pointed out the following sobering facts:

- single-occupant vehicles increased from 64% to 73%,
- there was a 15% decline in carpooling,
- there was a 3.5% decline in transit as a travel mode.

Carmine indicated that there were now two predominant travel movements evident. One is the expected downtown-suburban movement. The other is the growing suburb-suburb movement. He said that the transportation profession would have to come to grips with their expectations versus the desires of the travelling public. Carmine also distributed copies of New Perspectives in Commuting based on early data from the 1990 census and published by the Office of Highway Information Management, Federal Highway Information.

1993 Accident Form: Its Impact on Engineering and Law Enforcement

Shawn Sible of the Office of Highway Safety Planning gave a status report on the recent revision to UD-10, the State Traffic Crash report. Shawn graduated with a BS in Business Administration from Central Michigan University where he studied information systems. He currently is the traffic records system coordinator for CHSP, who was charged in the Spring of 1991 to change the report for the following reasons:

- changes in roadway environment;
- changes in vehicle types;
- Federal guidelines;
- a 7-8 month delay in the database;
- getting accurate data from the investigating officer;
- truck crashes.

The process involved contacting engineers, insurers, police agencies.

Michigan Section - Institute of Transportation Engineers

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IN MEMORIAM

LEIGH CHIZEK

1942-1993

Leigh Chizek, Vice President of McNamee, Porter and Seeley. Ann Arbor, former Ann Arbor City Engineer and Assistant City Administrator, and a Federal-Aid Engineer in the Local Government Division of the Michigan Department of Transportation in Lansing, died April 10, 1993 of a heart ailment. The funeral was held April 14, 1993.

Leigh was a familiar person to many ITE members and was a member of the International ITE. He was a registered professional engineer in Michigan. While at McNamee, Porter and Seeley, he worked on the Brighton-I-96 interchange design, the south Lyon downtown bypass, and City of Wixom road work. He is survived by his wife Mary, two sons and a daughter, as well as his parents, three brothers, four sisters and a grandson.

The Michigan Section of ITE extends its condolences to the family of Leigh Chizek, who was a credit to our profession.
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SAVAGE NOMINATED FOR DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR

William Savage of Lansing, a Michigan Section member and head of William F. Savage PE, Traffic Engineering Consultants, has been nominated to be the Director of ITE District 3, replacing John C. Niehaus of Ohio whose term expires at the end of 1993. Nominations closed May 15, 1993, and all International ITE members residing in district 3 (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia) are entitled to vote.

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