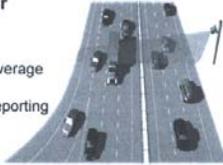




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Letter from the President

Greetings to the Michigan Section!

A new year brings changes to your Michigan Section as new board members come on board, and new faces step forward to volunteer time for the Section.

A BIG welcome to Sheryl Soderholm Siddall and John Abraham, both have joined the Michigan Section Board. Sheryl stepped in late last year to assume Eric Tripi's board position when he took a position out of state. Sheryl assumes the Secretaries position for 2004. John was elected Director this past December.



Shirley A. Wollner
Michigan Section President

John has come forward with a Technical Project for the Michigan Section this year and has also volunteered to chair that effort. Some of you may remember years ago, when the last Michigan Section technical project was providing an updated version of OHSP's "Speed Control in Residential Areas" brochure. The Traffic Engineering counsel has requested our help with another update of that brochure, as well as a second brochure. Due to changes in State law, the "Setting Realistic Speed Limits" brochure also needs revision. This is a great way for our members to use their skills & knowledge in a way that provides a positive impact for the public as well as good publicity for our industry. These brochures are available in locations such as Secretary of State Offices. The better educated the public is the easier our job becomes (at least, that's how it's supposed to work!) So please consider assisting John with this effort.

Another change coming to our Section is the new faces that will be taking over the coordination of the Spring Educational Fund Golf Outing. A year after Vicky's notice of her desire to stop down from chairing this event, 2 individuals have stepped forward as co-chairs. Aimee Giacherio and Hattie Pennala have agreed to serve as hosts for this event and are working closely with Vicky this year to learn the ropes. This in an important and successful event for our Section. Vicky deserves our thanks for all the time and effort she and the golf committee have expended to make the Spring Golf Outing the success it is. Hattie and Aimee have assisted Tim Haagsma with the Fall Golf Outing the last couple of years, as well as volunteering at the Spring Outing, so their faces are already familiar to many of you who participate in the golf outings. Please assist them in any way you can as Vicky transitions out. Volunteers are always needed at the Spring Outing. If

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Section Fund Balance.....	\$24,621.89
Section Regular Fund Balance	\$22,677.55
Education Fund Balance	\$859.90
Technical Projects Fund Balance	\$1,084.44
ACTIVITIES for January 1 through April 30, 2004	
Income - Section Regular Fund.....	\$10,191.50
Dues	\$3,431.50
Technical Sessions	\$3,530.00
Michiganite Ads	\$3,230.00
Expense-Section Regular Fund.....	\$4,800.11
Postage & Supplies	\$489.48
Michiganite	\$992.73
Technical Sessions	\$3,317.90
Income - Section Education Fund.....	\$1,241.00
Member Contributions	\$1,241.00
Expense - Section Education Fund.....	\$3,848.00
Golf Outing Postage	\$148.00
Student Trip Subsidy	\$500.00
Golfer Gift Deposit	\$3,200.00

Michigan Section's E-mail Address

The Michigan Section of ITE has established an e-mail address that will allow us to contact all of our members with no cost activity notices and announcements, last minute scheduling changes, meeting reminders, a quicker way to make address changes and share general ITE news. This will not replace our standard mailing of meeting and dues notices but be used to supplement those. The first step is to build a database of our e-mail addresses. If you are interested in being part of this just send an e-mail to: Michite@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement and you will also be automatically added to the database error free and untouched by human hands. What a deal!

Michiganite News

Some changes have been developing over the past few months. As Shirley stated in the president's column, I have volunteered to take over the coordination of the Spring Educational Fund Golf Outing and am stepping down as Editor of the Michiganite to devote my efforts to the golf outing. Colleen Hill of Hubbell, Roth, & Clark has agreed to serve as editor in addition to serving as our webmaster. I have already given everything over to Colleen and brought her up to speed. She is ready to go and will be publishing three more newsletters yet this year.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me with the newsletter over the past four years from submitting articles to proofreading. I have really enjoyed being the editor and look forward to hosting the Spring Educational Fund Golf Outing.

As always, we are always looking for technical articles to include in our newsletters so if you have some information or insight that you are willing to share please contact Colleen at (248) 454-6571 or email her at: chill@hrc-engr.com. In order for this newsletter to be high quality, we need the help of the Michigan Section members. We need you to submit articles for publication. We also welcome any articles that you may see in other publications that you feel would be worthy of reprinting in the Michiganite. The publication will only be as good as the materials submitted by the members.

~Aimée Giachero

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you are a non-golfer, it is a great way to participate in a fun day. Give Vicky or Aimee a call if you can help out.

We also have a new editor for the Michigan ITE. Aimee has served as editor for the past 4 years and is stepping down to devote her efforts to the golf outing. Colleen Hill has agreed to serve as editor in addition to serving as our webmaster. Aimee and Colleen will jointly work on the MichiganITE until Colleen is ready to take over.

I would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to Joe Marson. Joe has kept track of our membership for more years than I think he wishes to remember. The Board has decided that this role will be taken over by our Treasurer. Now we just need to find something else for Joe to do with all that free time!!

One other note on our Sections activities. Because of our success with our scholarship fund program, International ITE has asked us to submit an article for the ITE Journal on our Scholarship Program. For those of you who are new to the Section, our Spring Golf Outing raises, on average, \$10,000 a year for our Scholarship Program and it is by far one of the most active and successful scholarship programs in ITE. This is something our Section can be very proud of. Look for an article later this year in the ITE Journal.

If this column sounds like I am excited about where the Michigan Section is headed – believe me – I AM! This is a great Section and we have a lot of wonderful people who help out in numerous ways. Change is good and I am looking forward to the positive impacts these changes will have on the Michigan Section as we move through 2004.

With your help, we can only get better & better!!

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ITE District 3 International Director Report

By Tim Haagsma

The joint annual meeting with our friends from the Southern District is now history. If you missed the meeting you missed a great time. The Southern District really knows how to throw a party. At the meeting members were able to meet with both International Vice-Presidential candidates - **Tom Clausen** (<http://www.ite.org/weekly/Clausen.pdf>) and **Rich Romer** (<http://www.ite.org/weekly/Romer.pdf>). I encourage all members to take time to read the candidates statements and vote. This year for the first time voting can be done on-line. Watch the ITE journal for details.

The District 3 award winners were also announced at the meeting. The Student Paper award went to **Yu Liu** from Michigan State University and the runner-up award went to **Xinguo Jiang** also from Michigan State University. The Student Chapter Activities award was won by the **Purdue University Chapter**. The **Michigan Section** won the Section Activities award. The three winners will go on to represent District 3 at the International level.

Next year's District 3 Annual meeting will be hosted by the Ohio Section. Watch for more details to follow.

In news from the ITE International Board the first three Professional Development Fund modules are now available. The cost is \$75 for each course, plus a shipping and handling fee. The course package will consist of a CD-ROM with a Microsoft PowerPoint slide set, instructor notes and a student syllabus. The courses have been developed to be approximately one hour in length by a course instructor knowledgeable on the subject matter. It is anticipated that chapters, sections and districts will use these materials to conduct professional development courses in conjunction with scheduled meetings. One Professional Development Hour may be earned for each course taken. Employers may wish to use these course materials to conduct in-house training.

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August 1-4, 2004	Orlando, FL	Annual National ITE Meeting	National ITE
September 16, 2004	Lowell	Fall Golf Outing	Tim Haagsma (616) 242-6923 Aimee Giacherio & Hattie Pennala (616)-363-8181
October 14, 2004	Augusta Yarrow Golf & Conference Center	Technical Session	Max Phares (269) 966-3338
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The ITE International Board of Direction approved submitting to the membership for ballot three constitutional amendments. They will be on the agenda for the Sunday, August 1, 2004 Annual Business Meeting in Lake Buena Vista, FL, USA and will be submitted, as amended, to the membership for balloting by September 1, 2004. Visit www.ite.org/aboutite/2004Con_Amendments.pdf for the proposed amendments.

Below is a synopsis of the three proposed amendments.

Amendment 1

To nominate candidates for international office no later than November 30th of the year preceding the election year; to provide more time for candidates to acquaint themselves with members; to amend petition requirements; to complete the ballot prior to the Annual Business Meeting; and to notify the candidates in advance.

Amendment 2

To establish a forum for businesses and associations within ITE that recognizes the value of input from these entities.

Amendment 3

To seek membership and foster exchange and collaboration with transportation professionals from around the world and through all entities of ITE.

ITE has also upgraded their web site and software. Members are now able to make address changes to their membership records on-line. Soon ITE bookstore purchases and conference registration will be able to be made on-line. Check out the ITE website at www.ite.org.

The 2004 ITE International Annual meeting will be held August 1-4, 2004 at the *Disney's Coronado Springs* Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida and the 2005 ITE International Annual meeting will be August 7-10, 2005 at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. The ITE Consultants Council is sponsoring a scholarship program for young professionals in the transportation industry. Winners of this scholarship will be provided \$1500 in travel assistance to attend the 2005 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Melbourne, Australia.

Below are links to the Scholarship Fact Sheet and application form.

http://www.ite.org/councils/2005Scholarship_Program.pdf

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Traffic signals are one of the most commonly used traffic control devices for traffic engineers. There are approximately 300,000 traffic signals across the country in jurisdictions of all sizes. Unfortunately, traffic signal systems are historically under funded and under staffed. They are one of the first areas to be cut in tight budget times. And yet, investment in traffic signal operations is one of the most cost effective means to improve transportation system operation. ITE in partnership with the National Transportation Operation Coalition (NTOC) and FHWA is introducing a traffic signal operation self-assessment as part of a national effort to bring more attention to the need for additional investment in traffic signal operations.

The traffic signal operation self-assessment has two purposes. The first is to give agencies a tool to help them understand opportunities for improvement of their own policies and practices. Secondly, for agencies that choose, the results of the self-assessments will be used (anonymously) in a national report card on traffic signal operations. The national results will become part of a national media event designed to focus attention on the need for more resources for traffic signal operations.

The self-assessment, which will be released in early summer 2004, is intended for any agency with responsibility for the ongoing operation and maintenance of traffic signals. The self-assessment was developed by representatives from several associations and includes traffic engineering practitioners. The self-assessment contains six sections:

- Management
- Coordinated systems
- Individual intersections
- Specialized operations
- Detection
- Maintenance

The self-assessment is designed to be self scored and completed in 1-2 hours with input from key staff responsible for traffic signal operations. No data collection is required. Completion of the self-assessment is completely voluntary. For agencies that would like to support the national report card, self-assessment results will be collected (anonymously) and rolled together into a national view of traffic signal operations.

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AWARD

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ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be 35 years old or younger
- Be a member of ITE
- Practice in a transportation related discipline relevant to ITE

SUBMITTAL

- Complete application form
- Submit a one-page essay on why the individual should be selected to receive the travel scholarship
- Attach a current resume
- All application materials are due no later than October 1, 2004 and can be submitted electronically

NOTIFICATION

- Winners will be notified no later than January 28, 2005
- Winners are responsible for their own travel arrangements, ITE meeting registration and all costs above \$1500
- Upon acceptance, scholarship recipients will be asked to submit a 1500 to 2000 word article about their experience attending the Annual Meeting. **This article is due no later than October 31, 2005.** It should be written for possible publication in the following: ITE Consultants Council Newsletter, ITE Web Site, and the *ITE Journal*.

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Below are web addresses to the Scholarship Fact Sheet and application form. The scholarship information has been included on page 11 of the Michiganite.

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The national report card results are targeted for release in 2005 possibly as part of the 2005 ITE technical conference. No agency's individual results will be discernible from the national report card. The objective of the national report card is to highlight the need for funding support for traffic signal operations, the performance challenges due to limited resources, and the cost effectiveness of increased investment for traffic signal operations. The release of the national report card results will be the topic of a national press event.

Agencies that complete the self-assessment and provide their results for the national report card will be encouraged to conduct their own local press event in coordination with the national press event. Information will be developed to aid local agencies to use their own results effectively with their local media. Ideally, local press events will be conducted in tandem with the national event for a coordinated "push" of information to the media and public.

If you believe that more investment is needed in traffic signal operations, here's what you can do and how you can participate.

- Watch for the self assessment,
- Complete the self assessment,
- Provide your results for the national report card, and
- Conduct your own press event in coordination with the national press event.

These steps will take place between summer 2004 and spring 2005. This is your opportunity to make a difference. Please join the effort and participate!

For additional information, watch the ITE Journal, ITE website, ITE Council newsletters, and your District newsletter. For questions, contact Shelley Row at ITE Headquarters: 202 289 0222 x134.

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FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

**Richard T. Romer, P.E., PTOE (F)**

Principal,
Orth-Rodgers & Associates, Inc.
Las Vegas, NV, USA

I am honored by this nomination and welcome **the continued opportunity to serve you, the member.** ITE must provide you with the tools you need to improve mobility and make transportation safer and accessible for all modes. This is critical to ensure improvement in our quality of life, the image of the profession and the recognition of ITE as the premier source of information. I would like to be part of the ITE team when 2005 heralds in its' 75th anniversary.

WHY ELECT RICH?

- √ ITE Member for 28 years
- √ 14 yrs. elected officer at International/District/Section/Chapter levels
- √ Proven ability to provide leadership/build consensus/team player
- √ 33 years of experience in public/private sectors
- √ Knowledge/experience: Chair of LAC for 1999 International Annual Meeting held in Las Vegas, NV
- √ Knowledge/experience of ITE governance at all levels
- √ Understands ITE finances through Budget Committee service
- √ Supports ITE Strategic Plan Action Plans

OBJECTIVES/PRIORITIES

- We must continue to emphasize SAFETY, CONTINUING EDUCATION PUBLIC INFORMATION/AWARENESS AND PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
- **Members Services:** More web-based applications
 - **Control Costs:** Keep ITE affordable -E-learning/publishing
 - **Premier Source of Technical Information**
 - Expand FHWA/other professional society partnerships
 - Expand continuing education to local/international levels
 - Support TEA-21 reauthorization - Support Technical Councils
 - Utilize research potential of our universities/student chapters
 - **Membership Growth/Retention/Development/Diversity**
 - Expand initiatives to attract/retain members, faculty and students
 - Professional workforce development
 - Develop Leadership Training at local level

ITE EXPERIENCE — Elected Offices Held (14 Years)

- 3 years on International Board of Direction (2001-2003)
- District 6 Board, (President, 1997), 1995-1998
- Intermountain Section, 1993-1995
- Nevada Chapter (President, 1992), 1990-1993
- 15 ITE Committees, 11 Technical Councils

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

- MSCE, UNLV
- Satisfied BSCE, UNLV
- BS Management, UNLV
- Registered P.E. Nevada, Utah
- Certified PTOE
- Certification TSM, UCI

AWARDS

- James L. Pline Distinguished Service Award, 1998
- NV Chapter ITE Transportation Engineer of the Year, 2003
- NACE Achievement Awards, 1992-1996
- Public Technology, Inc. Achievement Awards, 1995-1996
- Safe Community Honors Engineering Award, 1997
- Best Section Technical Presentations, 1994, 1998

FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

**Thomas J. Clausen, P.E., PTOE (F)**

Transportation Engineering and Planning Consultant
Benicia, CA, USA
Extension instructor Institute of Transportation Engineers
University of California, Berkeley, USA

ITE is a great organization. As a member, officer and committee chair for 29 years, I have seen ITE grow in size and stature. I eagerly look forward to serving as International Vice President. I would appreciate your support.

VISION AND GOALS

My vision for ITE is an even better organization for all members. Four specific goals are:

- Improve traffic safety to reduce the number of deaths and injuries
- Attract and mentor students - initiate a program to introduce high school students to ITE and our profession
- Strengthen our impact by more meetings and studies with affiliated groups
- Increase and enhance membership to add more unique ideas and diverse perspectives

ITE ELECTED OFFICES

- International Director (1998-2000)
- District 6 Board (1992-1996)
- San Francisco Bay Area Section Board (1981-1985)
- SF Bay Area Section Past Presidents' Council Chair (2002-2003)

ITE COMMITTEES

- International Budget Committee (1998-2000)
- Transportation Achievement Award Committee Chair (1999)
- International Nominations Committee (1997)
- District 6 Advisory Committee (2003)
- District 6 Web Site Committee Chair (1998)
- District 6 Nominations Committee Chair (1997)
- District 6 Career Guidance Committee Chair (1991)
- SF Bay Area Section Nominations Committee (1985)
- SF Bay Area Career Guidance Committee Chair (1980)

ITE LEADERSHIP - 18 Years

- Elected officer, 12 years
- Committee chair, 6 years

OTHER ITE ACTIVITIES

- Traffic Engineering Council
- ITS Council
- Moderator at International and District 6 Conferences

EDUCATION

- AB, MS and Teaching Credentials, UC Berkeley
- MPA, CA State University Hayward

CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

- PTOE #001
- Registered Civil and Traffic Engineer in CA

AFFILIATIONS

- Subject Matter Expert for the CA Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
- APWA
- ASCE
- Past Chair, East Bay Traffic Engineers
- Past Chair, Contra Costa County/City Advisory Committee
- Chi Epsilon Honor Society, UC Berkeley

PUBLIC EXPERIENCE - 16 Years

- Department and Division Head at the City of Concord, CA
- Section Manager at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Oakland, CA
- Traffic Engineer at the City of San Leandro, CA
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), San Francisco, CA
- Contra Costa County, CA
- Cities of Berkeley and Walnut Creek, CA

PRIVATE EXPERIENCE - 14 Years

- Senior Associate at Fehr & Peers, Lafayette, CA
- Branch Manager at TJKM, Pleasant Hill, CA

PERSONAL

Married to Kathy for 33 years, with son Ben and daughter Diana