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Outgoing President's Report

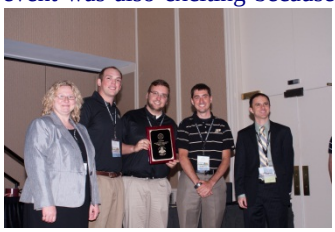
Dear Member of Indiana ITE,

First and foremost, I want to thank all of you for what I consider a very successful year for Indiana ITE. In the face of economic uncertainty, we have maintained very healthy attendance numbers and participation from our membership. Even more importantly, we have continued to be successful in raising money for our annual awarding of the Edward J. Cox memorial scholarships. This success is largely due to the commitment of both our members and the agencies and companies who employ them. I am proud to be involved with an organization comprised of so many that are willing to offer their time and resources, even when that is not easy.

I would like to share a few highlights from my perspective this year, where Indiana ITE has grown and broadened its horizons.



This year the Indiana ITE Board, for the first time in recent memory, sent all of its members to the joint Great Lakes District/Southern District meeting in Lexington, KY. Indiana was well represented at this event, including our INDOT Commissioner Mike Cline presenting at the opening session of the conference. Not only was this a good event for technical training and networking, but it also was a great way for our Board to cultivate a vision for Indiana ITE by hearing ideas and successes from other ITE Sections across the country. This event was also exciting because Indiana ITE sponsored our Purdue student chapter as they competed in the Traffic Bowl. In addition to forging strong relationships with our Purdue student chapter, we were able to see them achieve their goal of winning the District Traffic Bowl title and advance on to the International Finals.



Another encouraging step for Indiana ITE this year was the decision to join with LTAP in our Summer Transportation Seminar. Our hope was to breathe some life into this event and get a broader representation of the transportation field in our attendance. Both goals were accomplished in that we saw a doubling of recent year's attendance and saw much more representation from the public sector, particularly local public agencies.

A final highlight from this year involves exciting news on the student chapter front. We have for some time hoped to establish a new student chapter in Indiana as currently the only existing chapter is at Purdue University. We are excited to announce that Trine University is going through the process of establishing a new student chapter. Professor Ryan Overton, who was very involved in ITE during his collegiate career, has been working with our District Board and ITE National to finalize the paperwork, and we will soon double our student chapter presence in Indiana. We are tentatively planning to have an event next year at Trine University, and I am looking forward to what the future holds in Angola.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our volunteers this year for their work. I also want to thank those that I have leaned on for help, counsel, and support during my term on the Board. It has truly been a privilege to be a part of the Indiana Section Board.

Have a wonderful holiday season,
Will Tolbert, PE
Indiana Section President 2012

Upcoming Events

February 2013
February Tech Lunch

March 5 - 7, 2013
99th Road School
Purdue University

April 15-16, 2013
Great Lakes District Meeting
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Having Fun at SDITE / GLDITE Joint Annual Meeting



98th Annual Purdue Road School

This year our Section had a strong presence at the 98th Annual Purdue Road School. The Board worked with the Road School committee to develop what became known as the Super Bowl Track. Inside this track the following topics were discussed and presented:

- Traffic Management for the Super Bowl from the State Perspective
- Georgia Street – A Super Bowl Village
- Transit/Airport Ground Transportation
- Local Traffic and Parking



Normally all these presentations may be routine ITE topics, but for this year's Road School they were specialty topics with a specific objective in mind. The objective was to show how we, as traffic engineers, when we get good at our designs, can bring unique solutions to a mass event like a Super Bowl and make things seem seamless to the attendees of this signature event. It was an afternoon filled with learning. The Indiana Section can be proud that it made the largest Purdue Road School a success! As dinner time approached, the Section reconvened at the Dauch Alumni Center for dinner, scholarship awards and a keynote by the head of marketing for the Super Bowl. Our Section is proud to boast, again, that we will be assisting three students through their academic careers to help launch them into transportation. The Section is already in full planning mode for the 2013 Purdue Road School and looks forward to gathering the membership together for idea exchanges, fellowship, and scholarship awards. We will see you March 5-7, 2013 in West Lafayette.

2012 Edward J. Cox Memorial Scholarship Update

The Edward J. Cox Memorial Transportation Scholarship Award is presented annually by the Indiana Section of ITE to best and brightest future leaders in the Indiana transportation industry. The main purpose of the award is to encourage students to consider Transportation Engineering/Planning in their studies and career aspirations, and to provide partial financial support for tuition and fees to students who have demonstrated and interest and are likely to work in the transportation field.



In March 2012, we were pleased to award four scholarships, totaling $6,000 to deserving students. Congratulations to Mismark Agbelie, a PhD candidate at Purdue University, Eleni Bardaka, a Masters candidate at Purdue University, Harkrishan Sahi, a senior at Purdue University! They are commended for their academic success and contributions to the transportation field.

Welcome to our Section's New Members for 2012:

Michael Yacullo,
INDOT

Thomas Brennan,
Purdue University

Terry Stanoch,
iTronik, LLC

Jim Olson,
Jefferson County

Brian Diaz,
iTronik, LLC

Eric Arthur,
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INDOT

Jeff Ventre,
iTronik, LLC

Hanging Out at Road School



2012 Section Activities and Committees

A big THANK YOU to all of our members who have volunteered to be part of or chair a committee this year! We couldn't do it without you! Your contributions help to make the Indiana Section a success. The year's committees are:

Technical Committee:
- Jim Poturalski, Chair
- Members:
- Jay Wasson
- Bill Wiedelman
- Mike Cline
- Mike Holowaty
- Mark Newland
- Dave Henkel
- Jennifer Pyrz
- John Habermann
- Hardik Shah

Scholarship Committee:
- Rich Zielinski, Chair
- Members:
- Rafael Perez
- Zach Wolf
- Will Tolbert
- Hardik Shah
- Doug Valmore
- Sandra Jones

Transportation 2012 Committee:
- Peter Flynn, Co-Chair
- Laura Slusher, Co-Chair
- Members:
- Samantha Wager
- Hardik Shah
- John Habbermann

Membership/Social Committee:
- Paul Mykytka, Co-Chair
- Brian Fuller, Co-Chair

Audit Committee:
- Kimberly Mills, Chair

Website Committee:
- Ting Wei, Chair

Nomination Committee:
- Dave Henkel, Chair

Edward J. Cox Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing

The annual Scholarship Golf Outing fundraiser was held at Bearslide Golf Course on September 6, 2012. A total of $7,400 was raised at this outing to support future scholarships! This would not have been possible without the support of all our Sponsors.

In particular, we would like to recognize our **Platinum** Sponsors for their support this year:

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Know someone who would make a great addition to our Section?

Bring a friend to February's Tech Lunch and encourage him or her to join! A larger membership makes things much more interesting and enables us to provide you with even more informative, enjoyable events

A Message from the Incoming President

Dear ITE Indiana Section Members,



I am truly honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve as the President of ITE Indiana Section in 2013. It's amazing when I look back at my ITE journey that started at the Purdue Student chapter as a "Social Bird (aka – Social Coordinator)" and since then it has been fabulous 8+ years of making many friends in the industry, cherishing those friendships and being actively involved with the Indiana Section. I am very thankful to ITE for that.

It is not an unknown that past several years have been challenging for our industry with the economic downturn but we have really had things shaping in right direction for ITE Indiana Section and I look forward to carrying on the momentum that we have built up over these years. With support from my fellow board members, I have envisioned several goals for the section mainly to do things better and different in 2013 and beyond for the members. Here is a quick insight on these goals:

1. We have been very fortunate for the constant support year after year from several vendors and consulting firms to sponsor many of our section events. Our upcoming board is exploring a different sponsorship model to approach these sponsors only once a year instead of three or four times. It will save time and energy both for the sponsors and their staff as well as the board members / volunteers helping with these efforts.
2. Strengthen ties with the existing student chapter and help the faculty and students at Trine University with formation on their brand new student chapter. It has been an initiative I have been involved with for couple years now and we are finally seeing a positive movement.
3. With help and ideas from couple of our board members we are looking at ways that will make the operations of the organization more efficient for the board by capitalizing on the use of available technological resources.
4. Propose appropriate changes to the section by-laws for "Lifetime Membership Eligibility" that currently precludes several deserving section members who have been dedicated to ITE as well as the transportation industry in Indiana for many years from being eligible for the honor.

Finally, I would like to recognize Will Tolbert for his time and effort in leading the section in 2012. Additionally, I would like to congratulate our newest board member – Jeffrey Hill (Town of Fishers). He will serve as our section Director for 2013. Welcome aboard, Jeff.

I wish you all a very happy holiday season and together we will make 2013 another successful year with lots of learning and networking.

Hardik Shah, PE, PTOE
ITE Indiana Section President Elect 2013

Indiana Section Life Members

Each year, the Board reviews the Section's membership records and recommends persons for award of the Indiana Section Life Certificate. The Section Life Certificate may be awarded to any member or affiliate of the Section who has:

- Retired and is of age 65 or greater.
- Been a Member or Section Affiliate in good standing for fifteen or more years of any Section(s) of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.
- Contributed significantly to the Section and/or to the profession of transportation engineering.

Approval of such an award by the Section is celebrated at the annual holiday dinner each year. A member receiving such an award will have his/her annual dues to the section waived for life.

Our current Life Time Members include:

Mr. J. Edward Doyle, PE
Mr. Meredith W. Fry, PE
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