



**Washington D.C. Section
Institute of Transportation Engineers**

WDCSITE

AUGUST 2003 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Hello and welcome back from summer vacation! As usual, the WDCSITE has had a quiet summer with one or two social outings. We are gearing up for a great Fall / Winter season with an exciting agenda of tours, technical meetings and social gatherings. Please contact your Area Directors, Matt Storck, Technical Meeting Coordinator or Stephanie Yanovitz, Younger Member Chairperson if you have ideas and suggestions or just want to get more involved.

On August 5 a small but enthusiastic group met for beverages and dinner prior to attending an Oriole game at Camden Yards. Stephanie's daughter (and her parents) attended the game along with several hundred midshipmen who sat right behind the WDCSITE group. The Orioles provided extra excitement with a solidly played 3-2 win against the Minnesota Twins. The impromptu format of this baseball outing was an experiment to see if more WDCSITE members would participate than have in years past. The Board will continue to organize activities that may interest the membership; all we ask is for your help, ideas and participation!

Please review the social event section of the newsletter for information on WDCSITE's next planned event a tour of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction site from the Potomac River. Your reservation for the tour is needed by Wednesday, August 27, 2003. Come on out and get a personal tour of the largest construction project in our area!!

The District 2 Nominating Committee has completed its task for developing a slate of nominations to serve District 2 for the 2004 calendar year. The current nominees are identified in the nominations letter on the last page of this newsletter. Any additional nominations must be received by August 29, 2003 as indicated in the nominations letter.

For those who haven't had a chance to investigate the WDCSITE website @ www.wdcsite.net , the job bank is open for business. If you are looking for that special someone to fill an open position or seeking a position with area firms the job bank is available to all members. Contact information and forms are posted on the web page or you may call any of the board members for further assistance.

Please note that efforts are underway to coordinate the daylong meeting normally hosted in September at Virginia Tech with a planned conference on Incident Management and Transportation Security. If the WDCSITE meeting is combined with the conference, the WDCSITE technical meeting currently scheduled for October 9th will be rescheduled to November. Please keep an eye on the monthly newsletters for further information.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Hosted by on-site construction managers please join the WDCSITE for the fall boat tour of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project on September 17th. A must see! Up-close views of how construction is progressing on the largest bridge projects on the east coast. Replacing the Woodrow Wilson Bridge has been a top regional and national transportation priority as the only Potomac River Crossing in the southern half of the Washington DC area.



Woodrow Wilson Bridge Tour
Aboard the Miss Christin
September 17, 2003

Participants must be on board by 9:15 a.m.

The tour lasts one hour. It leaves 9:30 and returns at 10:30 a.m.

On the map at <http://ci.alexandria.va.us/link/redir.pxe?www.funside.com/maps.asp#old> Miss Christin will be behind map location #23

Please confirm your attendance no later than August 27th by e-mail to s_vanovitz@gpinet.com. If you have any questions please call Stephanie Yanovitz, Washington Area Director, Younger Member Activity Chairperson at 1-301-513-7317.

2003 TECHNICAL MEETINGS

- Thursday, October 9th (Tentative) - Northern Virginia
- Thursday, December 4th (Tentative) - Washington, D.C.

NEWSBRIEFS

US DOT ITS Joint Program Office Unveils New "Technical Training By Telephone" (T3) Program

Link to ICDN Newsletter: <http://www.nawgits.com/icdn/t3.html>

Gridlock Guru - Driving in Manhattan at rush hour? You may have to pay for it.

Link to article in Governing: <http://www.governing.com/archive/2003/aug/players.txt>

Guidance For Developing & Deploying Real-Time Information Systems For Transit

Link to report from the Federal Transit Administration:

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/research/fleet/its/rtist/index.htm>

Strategies for Improved Traveler Information

Link to report from The Transportation Research Board:

http://gulliver.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=1704

Real-Time Bus Arrival Information Systems

Link to report from the Transportation Research Board:

http://gulliver.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=1709

Summary Of Accessible Pedestrian Signals: Synthesis And Guide To Best Practice

Link to report from the Transportation Research Board:

http://gulliver.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=1705

Evaluation of Traffic Signal Displays for Protected/Permissive Left-Turn Control

Link to report from the Transportation Research Board:

http://gulliver.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=1710

Invitation to the 2003 ITS MD Annual Meeting September 24 & 25

Register by September 5th and save.

Link to ITS MD:

<http://www.itsmd.org/pdfs/AnnMtng/2003/ITSMD%20Annual%20Mtg%20Program.pdf>

Guidelines For Selection And Application Of Warning Lights On Roadway-Operations Equipment

Link to Transportation Research Board:

<http://www4.trb.org/trb/crp.nsf/c9d0a412717cf3a68525672f00632fb5/822d7a18cda43efe85256d7f0054a537?OpenDocument>

What Would You Like to Gain from WDCSITE in 2003?

Is there a transportation-related project, issue, or topic that you'd like to see discussed at an upcoming WDCSITE meeting? Are there particular events or activities you'd like to see as part of a WDCSITE outing? Would you like to get involved in other WDCSITE activities such as producing newsletters, developing a WDCSITE directory, performing trip generation analyses, or planning events? Any other ideas for increasing the value of your WDCSITE membership? We are currently working on future programs for 2003 and would like to hear your ideas. Please contact Matt Storck, WDCSITE Technical Programs Coordinator, at 410-281-2935 or Storckmt@stvinc.com with any questions or comments.

Support your local ITE Section and bring a business associate/younger member.

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August 13, 2003

Dear District 2 ITE Voting Member:

The Nominating Committee has completed its task for developing a slate of nominations to serve District 2 for the 2004 calendar year. During this election cycle, the membership will also be choosing a District 2 representative to the International Board of Direction for a three-year term. The representative will be chosen from candidates in WDCSITE. The District 2 Board members will serve a one year term in their respective offices, and the Secretary/Treasurer position will be a competition between WDCSITE and MASITE. I am pleased to present the following excellent nominees:

International Director (3 yr term)	Edward Y. Papazian, P.E. Kimley-Horn and Associates Jim Schroll, P.E. Anne Arundel County, Maryland
District 2 President	Gene Donaldson Delaware DOT
District 2 Vice-President	Katherine W. Falk, P.E., PTOE Kimley-Horn and Associates
District 2 Secretary/ Treasurer	Sarah Navid, P.E. Montgomery County, Maryland Stephen Barber, P.E., PTOE Pennoni Associates, Inc.

Additional nominations for any office may be made by petition, signed by not less than ten members of the District and providing further that the petition must be signed by at least three members of each Section chartered by the District. Each such petition shall be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee to run for the office, for which that person is nominated, and must be received at the address above by August 29, 2003.

Ballots will be mailed to voting members at the beginning of September. Please help the District by returning your ballots promptly when you receive them. Enjoy the rest of the summer. I hope to see many of you in Seattle!

Sincerely,

Katherine W. Falk, P.E., PTOE
District 2 Secretary/Treasurer