



**APRIL 2005 NEWSLETTER**

**WELCOME!** Happy Spring!

**INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL FIND:**

- **June 15<sup>th</sup> Woodrow Wilson Boat Tour Announcement**
- **Important info regarding the status of the WDCSITE and a request to break out into separate sections. *We need your input!***
- **Awards ceremony pictures**

As you are aware, our February 24th Awards dinner was cancelled due to inclement weather, therefore, the rescheduled annual Awards Dinner honoring the contributions and achievements of local members in the transportation profession was held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in College Park. Following the awards was our first Technical Meeting of 2005. We had the opportunity to hear a presentation by Mr. Wesley Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is the Maryland State Highway Administration's Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering Project Manager for the ICC. Mr. Mitchell presented an update of the planning efforts for the ICC, and provided an opportunity for questions from the ITE membership. We relayed that the inter-agency coordination meetings were a key to the success of streamlining the process into having "no surprises". A lot of questions were raised regarding the managed toll procedures. A similar managed toll facility exists in California for SR-91 and is well received. Roxane Mukai, MdTA, Phil Shapiro, BMI and Dan Hardy, M-NCPPC all were in attendance with another 50 members to answers questions, as well.



*Wesley Mitchell*

The 2005 WDCSITE Board met prior to the meeting to discuss section activities for the year. The next scheduled technical meeting for the Section will be September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 in Falls Church. That does not go without saying the following events are between now and then:

- Woodrow Wilson Bridge Tour - June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Orioles Game – TBA
- Traffic Bowl - TBA
- DC Nationals Game – TBA
- Lunch Time Topic in Alexandria VA – TBA
- District 2 Annual meeting in DE - May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2006 Planning Committee forming - TBA



Washington  
DC Section  
of ITE  
Younger  
Member  
Woodrow

**Wilson Bridge Tour  
Aboard the Miss Christian  
Wednesday June 15, 2005**

Participants must be on board by 9:15 AM. The tour lasts one hour. It leaves by 9:30 and returns at 10:30.

Click on the following link for a map:

<http://www.potomacriverboatco.com/contact/direction-alex.html>

Directions from Baltimore – take 95 south to US Route 1 North (1<sup>st</sup> exit in Virginia)  
Right on Duke Street (Virginia Route 236)  
Left on Strand Street  
Parking is ½ block on the right (Dandy Parking Lot)  
Walk one block north to dock.

Guests will be touring on the Miss Christian, which is behind the Torpedo Factory (105 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22134)

Please RSVP to Paul Silberman at [psilberman@sabra-wang.com](mailto:psilberman@sabra-wang.com) or 410-737-6564  
***SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 25 THAT SIGN UP!!!***

**What's a Traffic Bowl?**

Have you asked yourself the formula for the length of a taper for a 30 mph speed limit lately or the CLV volume for a LOS 'E', are you ready to be the next Ken Jennings of Transportation? Send us your transportation related questions from previous events so we can get to a finalist or final team. Ask Elizabeth Sall, Cambridge Systems [esall@camsys.com](mailto:esall@camsys.com) or Emil Wolanin, MC-DPW&T [emil.wolanin@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:emil.wolanin@montgomerycountymd.gov) for more information.

**\$\$\$ Scholarship \$\$\$**

With the Section in good financial health, we have decided to explore outreach to student sections and processes for providing scholarships. Josh Smith, G&O [JDSmith@G-and-O.com](mailto:JDSmith@G-and-O.com) and Matt Crane, JMT [mcrane@jmt.com](mailto:mcrane@jmt.com) have volunteered as membership and scholarship chairs respectively so please show them your support. If you are a graduate of University of MD or Morgan State please let us know if the transportation engineering departments have or had representatives that wanted to be more active in WDCSITE. We will continue the meeting fees for members at \$25. Bring a guest to the section and your fee will be \$20. We would also like to encourage members to bring students to the Section meetings or members that have not previously attended Section meetings. Students are FREE.

**2005 TECHNICAL MEETINGS**

- Thursday September 22, 2005 – Virginia Tech. (Falls Church)  
(The time format for this event will be from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with a light dinner)
- Thursday December 1, 2005, Market Inn, Washington, D.C. (Tentative)

**2006 District 2 Annual Meeting in Frederick, MD**

Be on the Planning Committee EARLY participating in a few meetings early rather than a lot of meetings later is all the more reason to sign up EARLY. Pat Timbrook, Streetsmarts [patt@streetsmarts.us](mailto:patt@streetsmarts.us) is the Chair of the 2006 District 2 Meeting. Pat is looking for volunteers for a number of on-site activities as well as planning activities. Please contact her to volunteer for arranging speakers, programs, registration, moderating, social outings, vendors, meeting rooms etc.

# !!! NEED YOUR INPUT !!! !!! NEED YOUR INPUT !!! !!! NEED YOUR INPUT !!!

## More ITE Meetings for N. Va.?

During the December 2004 WDCSITE Annual Business Meeting a discussion was held about the **lack** of networking opportunities in N. Va. for ITE members. When the WDCSITE was established years ago the urban area was smaller, there was less traffic, and it was easier for all members of the Section to travel to local meetings regardless of where they were held. But, times have changed, and with the majority of the meetings during the recent years being held in Maryland, N. Va. members of ITE have chosen not to attend. This has meant the ITE members who live or work in N. Va. are missing out on one of the most important professional opportunities, that of member networking.

**The WDCSITE is now considering how this problem can be corrected**, and the section is seeking **input** from the membership, especially those living and working in N. Va. Various options exist. For example, separate chapters within the WDCSITE could be established, say individual chapters for N. Va., Md, and D.C. Or informal subsections could be established. The Virginia Section of ITE has a subsection in the Hampton Roads area that has worked very well. Also Pennsylvania has several subsections.

## More ITE Meetings for N. Virginia (N. Va.)?

If you would like to participate in more ITE meetings in N. Va., you should consider the following:

1. Are you dissatisfied with the lack of ITE technical meetings available to you given the current WDCSITE structure?
2. Would you favor a separate chapter or subsection for N.Va. ITE members?
3. Would you attend more local section meetings if they were held in N. Va.?
4. Would you be willing to help organize and run a new structure that will sponsor more local meetings in N.Va.?

## More ITE Meetings for N. Baltimore (N. Ba)?

If you would like to participate in more ITE meetings in N. Ba., you should consider the following:

5. Are you dissatisfied with the lack of ITE technical meetings available to you given the current WDCSITE structure?
6. Would you favor a separate chapter or subsection for N.Ba. ITE members?
7. Would you attend more local section meetings if they were held in N. Ba.?
8. Would you be willing to help organize and run a new structure that will sponsor more local meetings in N.Ba.?

This is an **opportunity** for **all** of the WDCSITE membership and especially those who live in N. Va. to voice their opinion on how the section should be functioning today and in the future. If you want to be more active in local ITE activities, increase your professional networking opportunities, and support ITE and the needs of the public in terms of improved traffic engineering and highway safety, you need to answer the above questions and send them in an email to the:

Stephanie Yanovitz, WDCSITE President, [syanovitz@gpinet.com](mailto:syanovitz@gpinet.com) .

**Your email input is requested by May 1, 2005.**

*Thank you,  
Stephanie*

## 2004 AWARDS

### Morris J. Rothenberg Past President's Award - Daniel K. Hardy, P.E.

#### **Morris J. Rothenberg**

*Morris J. Rothenberg was one of the founders of JHK & Associates, a firm which played a major role in traffic engineering and transportation planning in the Washington area, from its founding in the early 1970s. Morey, as he was known, was very active in ITE, and encouraged his employees to do the same. Setting an example for his staff, he served as an officer of the WDC Section, and also served as General Chairman for the Annual Meeting, when that event was held in DC during the early 1990s. The Past President's Award was re-named in Morey's honor following his untimely death several years ago.*



**Daniel K. Hardy, P.E.**

*Morris J. Rothenberg Past Presidents' Award - Candidates should be: (1) a Section member in good standing; (2) a past or currently active member of Section committees; (3) an officer or former officer of ITE at the Section, District, or International level; and (4) one who has demonstrated continuing interest in Section activities.*

Dan is a Transportation Supervisor for the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning in the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Dan is responsible for preparing the transportation elements of Montgomery County's area master plans and sector plans and serves as an interagency liaison for project planning and facility planning studies in the county. Prior to joining M-NCPPC, Dan spent a decade with the consulting firm JHK & Associates where he managed a variety of public-sector planning and operations projects from Vermont to Florida.

Dan obtained both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University and is a registered Professional Engineer in Maryland and Virginia. He is a member of the Transportation Research Board and has been an associate member of ITE since 1988 and a student member since 1985. Dan served the section as Technical Program Committee Chair during the early 1990s and as the Section President in 2000. Recently, Dan joined the Executive Committee of the ITE Transportation Planning Council and is currently serving as the project manager for the update to ITE's Recommended Practice for Transportation Impact Analyses for Site Development.

### Young Engineer of the Year - Paul Silberman, P.E., P.T.O.E.



**Paul Silberman**

*Young Engineer of the Year - Candidates should be: (1) less than 35 years of age; (2) a current member of the Section in good standing; and (3) a Section officer or active committee member.*

Paul has been active in the transportation planning and traffic engineering field for 8 years. Paul graduated from University of Maryland in 1996 with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, and returned for his Master's Degree and thesis in 2000, with a concentration in Urban Planning. In his academic days, Paul was active with ASCE, Chi Epsilon Engineering Society and a teaching fellow for Introduction to Engineering.

Paul started his career in the Transportation Department at KCI Technologies in 1997, and moved to Sabra, Wang & Associates, Inc. in 2000, where he is currently a Project Manager involved in transportation planning, traffic data collection, traffic operations studies, traffic modeling, traffic impact, safety analysis and maintenance of traffic design. Paul has completed on-site support with the Maryland State Highway Administration District 3 Office of Traffic in 1999 and 2000, and also served as the acting Traffic Engineer for the City of Frederick in 2003. He received his Professional Engineering License in 2001 and his Professional Traffic Operations Certification in 2004.

Paul is active in several community projects, including the on-going Maryland Quality Initiative engineering outreach program to local area middle and high schools, Federal Hill Main Street, the Locust Point Civic Association, the Young Leadership Council of the ASSOCIATED Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore and is entering his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as the Younger Member Coordinator for the Washington DC Section of ITE.

When not at the office or out in the community, Paul can be found tailgating for a Raven's game, Maryland Terps game or taking in a ballgame at Camden Yards.

## Appreciation Award - Barbara Hoage, P.E., P.T.O.E.



*Appreciation Award - Nominees should: (1) have been a Section member in good standing for at least ten years; (2) be an active or past member of Section committees; (3) have a history of regular attendance at Section meetings; (4) participate in Section activities other than formal committees or elected offices; and (5) be otherwise unrecognized for his or her contributions to the Section.*

### Barbara Hoage

#### Education:

- Graduated from University of Delaware in 1986 (BSCE)
- Worked for KCI from 1986 to 1989
- Worked for RK&K from 1989 to present
- Member of ITE since 1986
- Have PE and PTOE licenses

#### Experience:

- Associate at RK&K that manages the Traffic Engineering department. When she started at RK&K she was the only one in Traffic. She has grown the traffic department to over 30 people since she has been there.

#### Assignments:

Woodrow Wilson Bridge, ICC, I-270, Capital Beltway, Ravens Stadium Traffic, Transportation Bid for the 2012 Olympics, East Baltimore Biotech Park, Delaware Turnpike, Johns Hopkins Hospital Traffic Master Plan

## Community Transportation Service Award - Ernest David Levi Huckaby (FHWA)



*Community Transportation Award - The purpose of this award is to recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to transportation systems in the area. Nominees: (1) may be either a member or non-member of ITE; (2) must have made a significant contribution to transportation in the Section area through long term work with a public agency or private company involved in traffic operations; or (3) must have made a significant contribution to transportation in the Section area through a single unusual or outstanding act.*

### Ernest David Levi Huckaby

#### Education:

University of Connecticut BSCE 1965

Military Service: US Air Force 1965-70 B-52 Navigator

US Navy Reserves Civil Engineer Corps (Retired Commander 6/94) Present

#### Position:

Retired from the FHWA Office of Transportation Operations where he was the Team Leader on The Manual On Traffic Control Devices Team. This involves extensive involvement in interpreting the MUTCD to the general public, changing the MUTCD, temporary traffic control and other MUTCD related matters.

#### Experience:

FHWA Highway Engineer Training Program 1970-72 Assistant Area Engineer New York Division - Buffalo & New York City 1972-75 Area Engineer

New Jersey Division - Northern New Jersey 1975-80

Construction Engineer - Northeast Corridor Improvement Project-1980- 84 -

Railroad Construction & Contracting For Mainline Roadbed, Track, Bridges, Maintenance Yards, Maintenance Buildings And Railroad Station Rehabilitation (Baltimore, MD.; Philadelphia, PA.; Wilmington, DE; Providence R.I.)

#### FHWA Headquarters Assignments:

Federal- Aid Division - Program Coordinator / Value Engineer Coordinator 1984-86

Construction and Maintenance Division - C&M Program Coordinator for the Western U.S.

Work Zone Traffic Control Reviews - 1986-90 Office of Information and Management Services

Occupational Safety and Health Officer for FHWA -1990 -94

Office of Highway Safety - Traffic Control Device Team Leader (MUTCD Coordinator) June 1994 - February 1999

Office of Transportation Operations - Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Team (MUTCD) Team Leader February 1999- Present

### Professional Organizations:

Institute of Transportation Engineers  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
Motorist Information & Services Association  
Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

### Transportation Service Award - John Erdman

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at this time.

*Transportation Service Award - This award is intended to honor those members of the Section who have made outstanding contributions to the profession. Candidates must: (1) be a current active member in good standing; (2) have made a significant contribution to the transportation or traffic engineering profession through active service over a ten-year period with a public agency, private company, or college/university in the Section area; or (3) have made a significant contribution to the transportation or traffic profession through a single unusual or outstanding act to advance the traffic, transportation, or educational programs within the Section area.*

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## INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### A Note from Ed:



By Ed Papazian

Here is a summary of the International Board of Direction meeting held on February 26, 2005 in Las Vegas.

1. The Institute's finances are strong. After projecting a deficit for last year, the Institute ended with a healthy surplus. This was the result of increased publication sales at the end of the year, delinquent membership renewals, and some staff and expense cutbacks.
2. The Transportation Professionals Certification Board is beginning to develop a certification process for signal technicians and young engineers. This will be called Traffic Operations Practitioner specialists (TOPS). This is intended for super technicians. The Certification Board is also looking at a transportation planning certification. However, this is further down the road. The TOPS is more immediate.
3. There was continuing discussion of workforce development. The Education Council role in this effort will be developed. There will also be a realignment of ITE HQ staff resources to focus on the various aspects of workforce development. There are many, and a business plan to address this is to be developed.
4. An important item of discussion was the crediting of professional development hours (PDH). This is especially important for states that require PDH credit for PE license renewal. Many of these states are now requiring certification of those hours. (A mini-crisis occurred this past January and February when Florida renewals suddenly required proof of hours.) ITE HQ had a process in place to show proof for attending the mid-year conference in Las Vegas. They still need to develop a process for certifying credit for participation at Section and District meetings. This is part of the realignment of staff resources described in item 3 above.
5. The Board approved a change in the dues structure to permit membership in one technical council to be rolled into the yearly dues. This is not intended to be a backdoor way to increase dues, but is intended to encourage greater exposure and interest in the technical councils.
6. ITE, together with the FHWA, will release a national traffic signal report card on April 20. This report card will be similar to the ASCE infrastructure report card released this past month. The Board was given an update on the results and the roll-out process.
7. The mid-year conference in Las Vegas was very successful. There was a great deal of representation by the WDCSITE and by District 2. Several of our section and district members were part of the technical program.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything associated with ITE, please feel free to contact me.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### 2005 DISTRICT 2 ANNUAL MEETING May. 5-6th:

Don't miss out on a multitude of speakers from our area.

Log onto our website <http://www.wdcsite.net/> for Registration Information.

Deadline April 25<sup>th</sup>!

Please contact Rachel T. McGuire, E.I.T., 2005 District 2 Annual Meeting Chair at [RTMcGuire@mccormicktaylor.com](mailto:RTMcGuire@mccormicktaylor.com) for more information.

### UMD

View the upcoming courses at <http://www.ence.umd.edu/mdt2center/calendar.htm>

### Visit these publications:

#### TRB

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The New AASHTO Publications Catalog will mail April 7, but why wait?

You can download a PDF of the catalog today at:

<http://cl.exct.net/?ffcd16-fe4d15767c6206747d1d-fe161d797c67077a701375>

### ITE

Several resources are available to you as a result of the ITE Technical Conference in Las Vegas. They are as follows:

- \* Three new professional development CDs (flyer attached). They are: Managing High Technology Projects, Introduction to Systems Engineering, and Road Weather Management.
- \* The Action Kit for Transportation Systems Management and Operation which was distributed at the conference is now available on the ITE web site. Look under "Technical Information", then "Management and Operation" and you'll see the image of the cover on the right side of the page. Hard copies will be available through the ITE bookstore shortly.
- \* The four white papers developed for the conference and FHWA Administrator Mary Peter's remarks are also available on the ITE web site. You can link to them from the ITE home page - just underneath the icon for the 2005 Annual Meeting.

For your easy reference, the ITE web site is: [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org)

### ITE Traffic Signal Report Card

<http://www.ite.org/reportcard/>

## What Would You Like to Gain from WDCSITE in 2005?

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 2005 and would like to hear your ideas. Please contact Matt Allen, WDCSITE Technical Programs Coordinator ([M.Allen@WallaceMontgomery.com](mailto:M.Allen@WallaceMontgomery.com)) with any questions or comments.

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

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