2006 ANNUAL REPORT
for the
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION OF ITE

April 2, 2007
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Karen Aspelin
ITE District 6 Section Activities Coordinator
Parsons Brinckerhoff
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Albuquerque, NM 87109

RE: 2006 Northern California Section Annual Report

Dear Ms. Aspelin:

Attached is the 2006 Annual Section Report for the Northern California Section of ITE. This year we hosted special events, conducted joint meetings with other organizations, had a variety of speakers at our regularly scheduled monthly meetings, and donated funds to charities. One of the specialty events that we hosted was the 33rd Annual Vendors Night, which provided an opportunity for vendors to display their products to section members. Our Section also held its annual holiday benefit for the homeless, which we co-hosted along with ASCE and the Women’s Transportation Seminar. We were proud to again offer an opportunity for a student to attend the 2005 District 6 Annual Meeting all expenses paid. We also are proud to say that we made donations in the amount of $1,175 to local ITE Student Chapters.

We hold our informative luncheon meetings the third Thursday of each month and have an average attendance of about 50 members. As we have done in the past we selected program topics this year by requesting input from our members. This increases the success of our meetings and we noticed that last year our average attendance once again continued the steady increase which was experienced the previous year.

In summary, our Section has had a successful year during which we hosted technical activities, increased student involvement, and improved interaction among our members.

Sincerely,
The Northern California Section of ITE

Larry Wymer, P.E., T.E.
Section Vice President
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2006 TO DECEMBER 31, 2006
FOR THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION
OF THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

CURRENT ELECTED OFFICERS (BOARD OF DIRECTION)

- President Matthew Darrow, P.E., T.E., P.T.O.E.
- Vice-President Larry Wymer, P.E., T.E.
- Secretary David Tokarski
- Treasurer Jason Pack
- Past President Katherine Binning, P.E.

All officers are international members of ITE.

CURRENT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Web Page Chair Francis Odunlami
- Membership Chair Larry Wymer
- Legislative Chair Gary Tsutsumi
- P.E. Registration Committee Representative Steve Hetland
- Golf Tournament Chair Billy Park
- Scribe Katherine Binning
- Student Chapter Coordinator Robert Grandy, Binu Abraham
- Career Guidance Chair Robert Grandy
- Vendors Night Chair Bob Thomsen
# MEMBERSHIP

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# AGENCY MEMBERSHIPS

Agency Memberships include:

- City of Stockton
- City of Sacramento
- City of Folsom
- City of Modesto
- County of El Dorado
- County of Sacramento – Transportation Division
- County of San Joaquin Department of Public Works
- Caltrans Headquarters
- Caltrans District 3
FINANCIAL

Does your Section have a Federal Employer Identification Number?
[X] Yes [ ] No
If yes, what is the number? 52-1794550

Balance of funds on hand at the beginning of the reporting period (January 1, 2006): $11,678.50

INCOME FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

- Membership Dues – 10/2/06 $3,457
- Membership Dues Reimbursable – 10/2/06 $4,017
- Gross Income from Section Meetings, Vendor’s Nights, & Golf $22,303
  - 2006 Vendors Night Revenue ($10,817)
  - 2006 Golf ($3,600)
  - Lunches ($7,886) – Excluding $3,610 for December meeting deposited 1/07.

Total Income: $29,777

EXPENDITURES FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

- Section Lunches $10,395
- Vendors Night 2006 – 3/27/06 $7,611
- Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center Donations $1,470
  - 2005 Joint Holiday Luncheon deposited 1/2006 ($400)
  - 2006 Joint Holiday Luncheon deposited 12/2006 ($1,170)
- 2006 Golf – 5/16/06 $2,843
- 2007 Golf Deposit – 11/10/06 $260
- Section Projector and Screen – 9/17/06 $1,357
- 2006 Annual Student Award Expenses – 7/17/06 $1,387
- Sacramento State Student Chapter Donations – 6/30/06 & 10/19/06 $575
- Chico State Student Chapter Donation – 6/30/06 $300
- UC Davis Student Chapter Donation – 6/30/06 $300
  This check remains uncashed
- President Section Meeting Attendance – 7/17/06 $1,687
- Other Miscellaneous Expenses (Plaques, Meeting Prizes, Board Lunches, postage, ITE pens, etc.) - $1,346
- Insurance – 9/29/06 $750

Total Expenditures: $30,381

Net Income: -$604

Balance of funds on hand at the end of the reporting period (12/31/2006): $11,073.76
(Plus $300 from uncashed UCD check).
WAS THERE A CHANGE IN THE SECTION BYLAWS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD?

[X] Yes  [] No

The Section’s bylaws were amended by majority vote of Section members to raise annual dues for members and affiliates by $5 to a total of $25 per year. The purpose of the increase was to help defray operational costs (i.e., required insurance) and monthly meeting expenses.

TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

List Projects Underway by Title and, if available, provide expected date of completion:

- **Vendors Night Annual Meeting.** Our 33rd Annual Vendors Night Meeting was held in Lodi, California in March 2006. This event provided an opportunity for vendors to display their new and existing products to ITE members. The event drew a crowd of nearly 165 professionals.

- **Information Sharing Session.** On October 31, 2006, the City of Sacramento hosted a special workshop at their offices which provided an overview of the City’s Matrix program, which was attended by various ITE members.

- **Student Participation.** Our Section continues to assist three Student Chapters in Northern California: (1) California State University, Sacramento, (2) California State University, Chico, and (3) University of California, Davis. Our Section members are featured speakers at student meetings. Students are welcome to attend our monthly Section meetings with the cost of their meal being funded by the Section. The Section continues to sponsor sending one or two students to the District 6 Annual Meeting to encourage student participation in ITE activities.


MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD

**January 19, 2006.** Lunch meeting held at the Rusty Duck Restaurant in Sacramento. John Steele, Design Coordinator for Caltrans Division of Design was the keynote speaker with a presentation relating to his expertise in Caltrans procedures and policies relating to design standards and geometrics. Attendance: 57.

**February 16, 2006.** Lunch meeting held at Caltrans’ Regional Transportation Management Center in Sacramento. Markus Heiman, Chief of Caltrans’ Transportation Management Center, was the keynote speaker and provided both an overview presentation, and guided tour, of the facility. Attendance: 41.
**March 10, 2006.** 33rd Annual Vendors Night. This is our annual vendor display and Section member dinner event held at Hutchins Street Square in Lodi, California. Attendance: 165.

**April 20, 2006.** Lunch meeting at the Rusty Duck Restaurant in Sacramento. David Shabazian, Senior Planner & ITS Project Manager with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) was the keynote speaker with a presentation titled “Intelligent Transportation Systems Planning & Deployment in the Sacramento Region”. Mr. Shabazian provided an overview of SACOG's Strategic Deployment Plan and STARNET, including highlighting the benefit of ITS in the implementation of the plans “Blueprint”. Attendance: 63.

**June 8, 2006.** Lunch meeting held at Luau Garden in Sacramento. John Jewell & David Whitesel, Crash Test Engineers with Caltrans’ Division of Research and Innovation, were the keynote speakers with a presentation titled “Crash Test Engineering & Highway Safety”. Mr. Jewell and Mr. Whitesel described their involvement with full-scale crash tests to evaluate roadside safety devices for use on State Highways, which included low motion crash test video demonstrations. This meeting was also the fifth Annual Section Award Lunch meeting in which Kevan Shafizadeh, Professor of Transportation at CSU-Sacramento, and ITE Student Chapter Faculty Advisor, received this year’s “Distinguished Service Award”. Attendance: 38.

**September 21, 2006.** Luncheon meeting held at the Rusty Duck Restaurant in Sacramento. Ms. Julie Townsend, Principal with KdAnderson Transportation Engineers, and current ITE District 6 International Director, swore in the new Section officers. Tom Zlotkowski, Director of Sacramento County DOT, was the keynote speaker with a presentation titled “Highway 50 Mobility Partnership”. Mr. Zlotkowski discussed the public-private partnership that is currently looking at the future of mobility in and around eastern Sacramento County, which includes the Cities of Folsom and Rancho Cordova and the Counties of western El Dorado and eastern Sacramento. Attendance: 63.

**October 19, 2006.** Luncheon meeting held at the Rusty Duck Restaurant in Sacramento. David Stanek with Fehr and Peers Associates was the keynote speaker with a presentation on “Roundabout Intersection Analysis”. Mr. Stanek described roundabout capacity analysis methodologies and associated software programs, and how they were applied to a case study of Highway 32 in the City of Chico, California. Attendance: 61.

**November 16, 2006.** Luncheon meeting held at the Rusty Duck Restaurant in Sacramento. Cyrus Abhar, Public Works Director and City Engineer for the City of Rancho Cordova, was the keynote speaker with a presentation titled “Things You Wanted to Know About Becoming a City, But Were Afraid To Ask”. Mr. Abhar discussed the struggles encountered by the recently incorporated city. Attendance: 34.

**December 11, 2006.** Annual holiday benefit luncheon for the Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center (SAEHC) held at the Dante Club Restaurant in Sacramento. This annual meeting has historically been a joint meeting between ITE and Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS), but this year ITE and WTS welcomed the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Sacramento Section as a third co-host. Ms. Stacey Mortensen with the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission was the keynote speaker with a presentation titled "Altamont Commuter Express Train". Ms. Mortensen discussed the train which provides service between Stockton and San Jose, and the possibility of future service extensions to Modesto and Sacramento. $1,170 was raised for SAEHC. Attendance: 122.
STUDENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

- **Student Membership.** Our Section promotes student membership by waiving the local dues for students.

- **Monthly Meetings.** Our Section encourages student attendance at Section meetings by paying for student meals.

- **Monthly Meeting Sponsorships.** In September, 2006, our Section initiated Monthly Meeting Sponsorships for the purpose of subsidizing student lunches and other student initiatives, and providing a door prize. In return for a donation of $200, the sponsoring firm or agency’s logo (and website link) is prominently displayed on that month’s meeting notice, they are acknowledged by the presiding officer at the meeting and given a few minutes to address those in attendance, and provided the opportunity to place literature at the registration table.

- **Student Initiative.** The section once again sponsored the sending of a student to the District 6 Annual Meeting, which was held in Honolulu, Hawaii this year. The Section’s award went to Britt Fugitt from CSU, Sacramento. The President of our section, Matt Darrow, served as a chaperone/mentor for the students at the meeting.

- **Existing Student Chapters.** Our Section continues to work with the three northern California ITE Student Chapters with the help of Mr. Robert Grandy and Ms. Binu Abraham. (Career Student Guidance Chair and Student Chapter Coordinator) and Ms. Binu Abraham.

  1) The California State University, Sacramento (CSU-Sacramento) Student Chapter has become very active under the guidance of ITE Student Chapter Faculty Advisor Kevan Shafizadeh. Our Section assisted the Student Chapter with their meetings, and made two donations to the Student Chapter totaling $575 in 2006 to assist with their activities, purchase of books, etc. Ms. Binu Abraham serves as our Section’s Student Chapter Coordinator for CSU-Sacramento.

  2) The California State University, Chico (CSU-Chico) continues to flourish under the guidance of ITE Student Chapter Faculty Advisor Thomas Ferrara. Our Section donated $300 to the CSU, Chico ITE Student Chapter in 2006. Ms. Binu Abraham serves as our Section’s Student Chapter Coordinator for CSU-Chico.

  3) UC-Davis also continues to remain active in our Section. Our Section donated $300 to the UC-Davis ITE Student Chapter in 2006. Mr. Robert Grandy serves as our Section’s Student Chapter Coordinator for UC-Davis.
AWARDS

- **Award Name:** Appreciation of Service  
  **Recipient's Name:** Ms. Kate Binning  
  **Purpose of the Award:** Recognition of service to the Northern California ITE Section as President  
  **Form of Award:** Plaque

- **Award Name:** Appreciation of Service  
  **Recipient's Name:** Mr. Bob Thomsen  
  **Purpose of the Award:** Recognition for organizing Vendors Night Meeting and acting as master of ceremony for the event  
  **Form of Award:** Gift Certificate

- **Award Name:** Student Award  
  **Recipient's Name:** Britt Fugitt, (CSU, Sacramento)  
  **Purpose of the Award:** To encourage the involvement of students in ITE and reward top transportation students for their accomplishments  
  **Form of Award:** All-expenses paid trip to the District 6 Annual Meeting

- **Award Name:** Distinguished Service Award  
  **Recipient's Name:** Kevan Shafizadeh, Professor of Transportation at CSU-Sacramento, and ITE Student Chapter Faculty Advisor  
  **Purpose of the Award:** Recognition of dedication and service to the profession and the community  
  **Form of Award:** Plaque
MONETARY DONATIONS

Donation Name: SAEHC Donation
Recipient's Name: Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center
Purpose of the Award: To aid the homeless
Form of Award: $1,170 Donation

Donation Name: CSUS ITE Student Chapter Donation
Recipient's Name: CSU, Sacramento ITE Student Chapter
Purpose of the Award: Contribution to Student Chapter
Form of Award: $575 Donation to the Fund

Donation Name: CSUC ITE Student Chapter Donation
Recipient's Name: CSU, Chico ITE Student Chapter
Purpose of the Award: Contribution to Student Chapter
Form of Award: $300 Donation to the Fund

Donation Name: CSUC ITE Student Chapter Donation
Recipient's Name: UC Davis ITE Student Chapter
Purpose of the Award: Contribution to Student Chapter
Form of Award: $300 Donation to the Fund

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Annual Golf Tournament. Every year, our Section hosts a golf tournament, which was held this year at the Teal Bend Golf Club in Sacramento on May 20, 2006. This year's event saw 40 participants in the event. We again offered the opportunity for firms to sponsor holes, with proceeds going towards prizes, as well as the annual student award and the Section’s general fund.

Section Newsletters. In September 2002, our Section began producing a monthly newsletter to keep our members informed of upcoming meetings and events. The newsletter is distributed to the Section members and other interest parties via e-mail. Copies of our 2006 newsletters are attached.

PTOE Review Materials. Our section made available PTOE refresher course materials for interested members.

Section Website. Thanks to Section member Francis Odunlami for his continued service as webmaster of our section's website at: www.westernite.org/Sections/northernca/.