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President's Message

Sandra Gorman, PE
Kimley-Horn & Associates

2004 has been a roller-coaster of a year, with our country at war, abroad and during this year's elections as well as our state surviving beating after beating during the hurricane season. Throughout it all, TBITE has had a great, albeit busy year! We've had several very informative chapter meetings, two Florida section meetings in our backyard in Clearwater and Sarasota, as well as the International Meeting in Orlando. With your help, TBITE was even able to donate money to the hurricane relief fund as well as provide an opportunity to the student chapter to travel to TRB in January.

We've had a wonderful team that worked toward a successful Transportation Supersession, but there were others behind the scenes that helped make this year to be a successful one. I'd like to recognize our student and corporate sponsors: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Grimail Crawford and Gray-Calhoun and Associates. Thank you for providing us the support we needed to get things off the ground!

I would like to also recognize our committee representatives, who without them, most of this wouldn't have even happened: Kavita Jarecha, Sadiq Pirani, Abi Kamson, and Rick Reiff. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our out-going Past President, Jackie Vallejo-Toledo.

And finally, I would like to take a moment to recognize the amazing work of the rest of this year's executive board: Matt Wey, Rosana Correa, and Stacy Burgess.



Part of the group that participated in the 2004 TBITE Awards Banquet at the Hilton Airport Hotel

TBITE 2004

Rosana Correa, PE
URS Corporation

TBITE will be offering a four-hour video-based course entitled, "Laws and Rules", to fulfill the continuing education requirement for PE renewal on January 14, 2005 at CUTR on the USF campus (more information on page 3).

This year was a great one for TBITE and we are looking towards a better year in 2005. We want to thank our members for supporting us in each one of our activities and our employers for allowing members to be part of the activities.

The 2005 TBITE Board will be:

President: Matthew Wey – Carter & Burgess

Vice-President: Rosana Correa – URS Corporation

Treasurer: Stacy Burgess – Grimail Crawford

Secretary: Drew Roark – Reynolds, Smith & Hills

Past President: Sandra Gorman – Kimley-Horn

Hope every one of you has a Happy New Year and we hope to see you again in TBITE activities during 2005.

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Florida Section and District 10 ITE Awards

Sandra Gorman and Rosana Correa

TBITE would like to acknowledge a few of our members who have been granted high distinction by the Florida Section and District 10 this year for their outstanding contributions to the transportation profession.

BILL MCGRATH SCHOLARSHIP: MR. OLIVER PAGE, USF – The Bill McGrath Scholarship is awarded by the Section every year to an outstanding engineering student. We are fortunate that this year the winner is a doctoral student of the University of South Florida. Mr. Oliver Page is the president of the USF Student Chapter of ITE and has been a very active participant in TBITE this year. In addition to receiving the Bill McGrath Scholarship, Mr. Page was also recognized by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) as the 2004 Georgia Brosch Memorial Transportation Scholarship recipient.

FSITE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: Ms. SANDRA GORMAN, KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES – The FSITE Young Transportation Professional of the Year Award was established to recognize outstanding contributions to the Florida Section and to the transportation profession by members under the age of 35. The recipient of this year's award has been an active transportation professional serving as a local ITE Chapter Officer and President. Her professional activities have been focused in the area of transportation engineering and access management.

EDWARD A. MUELLER DISTRICT 10 TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER OF THE YEAR: MR. JERRY DABKOWSKI, VOLKERT & ASSOCIATES – The Edward A. Mueller District 10 Transportation Engineer of the Year Award was established in 1980 to recognize outstanding contributions to the Florida Section and to the transportation profession during a given year. The recipient of this year's award has been an active transportation engineer for many years. This year, he contributed significantly to developing the Section's Spring Meeting technical program and arranged the technical tour. Mr. Dabkowski is a Past President of the Florida Section of ITE, a Past District 10 International Director, and chaired FSITE's first Traffic Calming Technical Subcommittee.

Tampa Bay ITE 2004 Awards

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: TAMPA BAY 511 TRAVELER INFORMATION SERVICE, MOBILITY, FDOT AND USDOT – Many of us who travel during rush hour experience first hand how traffic congestion in many areas of the county affects our daily commute. Now, thanks to the 511 system, with just the touch of your cell phone, you can determine the conditions on I-4, I-275, and I-75. With the ability to expand to county and city roadways, the 511 system is a giant step towards Tampa's ability to adjust to congestion in the future.

YOUNG TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: MR. OLIVER RODRIGUES, PBS&J – The TBITE Young Transportation Professional of the Year award was created to recognize an individual who has been outstanding in his or her profession and has made contributions to TBITE. Mr. Rodrigues' contributions to TBITE and the Florida Section of ITE were exemplary this year. He served on the Local Arrangement Committee for the Florida Section's Spring Meeting in Clearwater and also in the 15th Annual Tampa Bay Transportation Supersession Committee. He is active in many other local professional organizations and is an asset to our Chapter.

TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: MR. BERNARDO GARCIA, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY – Mr. Garcia has been a strong supporter of our Chapter since it was founded in 2002. He has been a guest speaker at many of our functions. More notably, has been his work in establishing student chapters of ITE at several universities throughout Mexico. He also helped to create an international work-study program through Hillsborough County and USF for undergraduate civil engineering students. He was recently presented the International City/County Management Association's Award for his work through ITE. He is an outstanding member of our organization and a wonderful ambassador for the advancement of our profession.



OUT AND ABOUT

Transportation professionals are keeping busy with various events! Check it out!

TBAG MEETING - JANUARY 27, 2005

FDOT DISTRICT 7 OFFICES
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM (Auditorium Opens at 11:30 AM)
The Tampa Bay Applications Group will host a special meeting to cover the recent decision by the Florida Model Task Force to switch the software Engine running FSUTMS to Cube Voyager (replacing TRANPLAN and TransCAD). For more information, contact Christopher Hatton at 813-620-1460.

PE LAWS AND RULES COURSE - JANUARY 14, 2005

CUTR ROOM 102
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
TBITE will be offering the PE Laws and Rules course on Friday, January 14, 2005. The cost to attend this four-hour course is \$40.00, and includes lunch and refreshments. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Stacy Burgess at 813-387-0084 before January 7, 2005.

If your organization would like to advertise their upcoming events, please email the details to Rosana Correa (rosana_correa@urscorp.com).

CONGRATULATIONS

TO

DREW ROARK, PE PTOE

**NEW TBITE ELECTED
SECRETARY**

GET INVOLVED WITH TBITE!

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the various TBITE committees through out the year. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the chairperson of the committee or any of the board members.

Activities and Web Page Committee

Chairperson: **Kavita Jarecha, Reynolds, Smith & Hills**
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Fundraising Committee

Chairperson: **Rick Reiff, Kimley-Horn & Associates**
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Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: **Sadiq Pirani, Gray-Calhoun & Associates**
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We are currently looking for a new Annual Banquet/Awards Committee Chairperson. Please email TBITE President Matt Wey at
weymg@c-b.com

For more information!

We look forward to working with you!

2004 TBITE Executive Board

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2004 TBITE AWARDS BANQUET



Sandra Gorman and Drew Roark socialize before the event



2005 President Matt Wey, Past President Jackie Vallejo, and 2005 Secretary Drew Roark share a moment



Treasurer Stacy Burgess and Activities Chair Kavita Jarecha checking in members



Sandra Gorman shares a laugh with Abe Howard of Mobility Technologies



Bernardo Garcia speaks, Stacy Burgess listens closely



Oliver Page receives a \$552 gift from TBITE to support the USF students at TRB

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ADVERTISE IN TBITE NEWSLETTER

Advertise your business or job postings in TBITE Quarterly Newsletter. Advertising space is available at \$75 dollars per issue or \$200 for the year. The Newsletter is published the last week of March, June, September, and December of year. For more information please contact any of the board members.

TBITE STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

The University of South Florida has a very active student chapter of ITE. We'd like to invite them all to be part of the TBITE family as well, but we need your help. You or your firm can sponsor a student for \$90 dollars a year. This will cover the cost of student attendance at each TBITE meeting as well as the Annual Banquet. For more information please contact any of the board members.

Please contact Rosana Correa at (rosana_correa@urscorp.com), Sadiq Pirani at (spirani@graycalhoun.com), or Matt Wey at (weymg@c-b.com) with ideas or suggestions for the next TBITE Quarterly!