



# TBITE Quarterly

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## President's Message

Rosana Correa, P.E., PTOE  
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What an honor! Four years ago, when I decided to move to Tampa, I never imagined that I would be here today in front of my peers as TBITE president. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the founders of the TBITE: Jackie Toledo, Husham Al-Kaisy, Sandra Gorman, Matt Wey, and Keith Crawford, for establishing this chapter back in 2002. You've been very successful and I hope that I can continue the legacy of excellence that we've all grown accustomed to. There are still a few tasks that the TBITE board would like to complete like finishing the website that thanks to Sachin and Sadiq is a reality today. We are always open to new ideas for the Chapter and now for the website. Feel free to contact any of the board members if you have any suggestions.

Our first quarterly meeting was held on February 28, 2006 at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant in Tampa. Our special guest for that meeting was Mr. Gary Thompson, P.E., FDOT D7 Traffic Operations Engineer.

This year we have planned a couple of new things that we hope TBITE members would enjoy. TBITE values the participation of its members and looks forward to your continuous support this year. We look forward to seeing all of you at the next TBITE meeting.

## Upcoming Events!

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**Next TBITE Quarterly Meeting**  
May 9, 2006 (Tentatively); 11:30am  
(details of location to follow)

**FSITE Summer Meeting**  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
June 14-16, 2006 For more information go to:  
<http://www.floridasectionite.org>

## Special Announcement!!

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This year, for our Annual Banquet on December 12, 2006 at the Doubletree Hotel on Cypress Street in Tampa, we have been given a tentative confirmation that her Honor, the **Mayor of Tampa, Mrs. Pam Iorio**, will be attending and will be our featured speaker! TBITE is very excited to have such a distinguished speaker grace us with her attendance. We wanted to give all of you as much advanced notice as possible so that you can mark your calendars and begin preparing your thoughts and questions for Mayor Iorio. We will keep all of you posted with any changes or updates with regards to the Annual Banquet.

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## **FSITE Meeting in Jacksonville**

Rosana Correa, P.E., PTOE

Florida Section ITE Spring Meeting was held at the Sea Turtle Inn hotel in Jacksonville from March 8-10, 2006. The theme of the meeting was "A Potpourri of Transportation, Something for Everyone", and there were several good sessions. Ed Kant started the meeting with the ITE Trip Generation Workshop, while others went to a golf outing at the Queen's Harbor Yacht & Country Club.

On Thursday morning, in the Better Plan for Jacksonville session, Tom Jury, from Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) presented the lessons learned by JTA during the Super Bowl week on 2005 and how they were able to maintain the bus service while serving the thousands of people visiting the city for the Super Bowl. Peter Vega, from FDOT, presented the ITS plans for I-95 and the plans for the new traffic management center. During lunch time, the ITE International Vice-Presidential Candidates Alf Guebert (below)



and Rod Kelly (next page) shared their visions and goals if they are elected as International ITE Vice-President. If you are a member of International ITE, take your time and vote for your favorite candidate when the ballots come out next June. You can find more information about the candidates on the ITE website ([www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org)). **Continued on page 3...**

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## FSITE Meeting (continued)



*Vice-Presidential Candidate Rod Kelly*

In the planning session in the afternoon, Bob Wallace, CUTR's Karen Seggerman and Bill Oliver presented a session on the updates on SB 360 and Impact Fees. To end the day on Thursday evening, CUTR's Larry Hagen (below) did a very interesting (and funny) presentation on U-ITS (Unintelligent Transportation Systems).



On Friday morning a Panel discussion was presented on the new Federal Transportation Act, SAFETEA-LU, and what does it mean for Florida. More information on SAFETEA-LU can be found at [www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/safetealu](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/safetealu)

## USF ITE Students have Strong Showings at TRB

Isidro Delgado

*ITE Student Chapter at USF President*

ITE Student Chapter at USF had a great turnout in terms of the number of students attending the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting this past January. More remarkably, almost half of the group was attending TRB for the first time! A total of 12 students were able to attend from early Sunday until late Wednesday and participated in many of the presentations, sessions and events of the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board.



This high level of participation has been a hallmark of the team effort that runs in the organization. The cost of sending 12 students to TRB is roughly \$6000. There are about 50 members in the Student Chapter with an almost even split between undergraduate and graduate students. Early on, the students received the message that all members should go and that with everybody's help it would be possible. Early in the Fall, the Student Chapter was given the opportunity to work on a data entry project for the National Smart Transportation Archive Researcher (NSTAR) conducted by Ms. Sara Hendricks of CUTR.

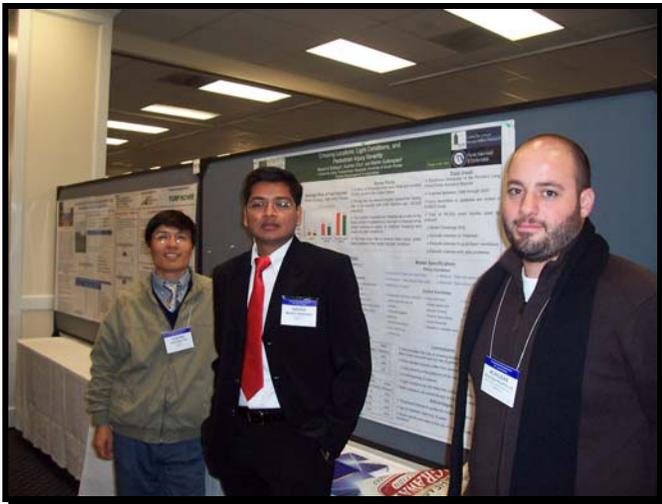
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### **USF Students (cont. from page 3)**

Flyers were made and posted to alert all members. A total of 17 students volunteered their time and the Chapter was able to earn \$1200 by supporting this project.

Meanwhile, several ITE student members went on to reach a diverse group of organizations that could share their enthusiasm and provide financial support. While pursuing these contacts, these members had the opportunity to share the Chapter's mission and to bring attention to USF's key role in providing excellent research opportunities and learning environments for the future transportation engineers that our society needs. The response was encouraging: USF Engineering Alumni Society and the Graduate and Professional Student Council each contributed \$350. The Southern Transportation Center (STC) Consortium supported 3 students and USF's Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) supported two others. One student also received a grant from the International Road Federation (IRF). The remaining balance was covered from USF Transportation Faculty: Dr. Elaine Chang, Dr. Jian "John" Lu, and Dr. Ram Pendyala.



Four of USF's TRB presentations were co-authored by members of the Student Chapter.

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### USF Students (cont. from page 4)

It is a great pride to share with the readers that the names of four of the Chapter's members will soon be included in the upcoming 2006 Transportation Research Record publications: Pan Liu, Oliver Page, Fatih Pirinccioglu, and Naved Siddiqui.

The trip was also an excellent opportunity for networking and socializing. One of the highlights was the Reception offered by ITE International to all ITE Student Members attending TRB. The venue was ITE headquarters. There were quite a large number of Student Chapters represented in this event. Here, members of the Chapter had the opportunity to exchange ideas with Richard Romer, Earl Newman, and Timothy Harpst of the International Board of Direction, as well as with Alfred Guebert and Rodney Kelly, the two candidates running for ITE International Vice-President position. The group also met ITE Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Brahms, and other staff members. Again, this was an excellent opportunity to present the group's pride in being USF students.

"We thank all our supporters and we are certain that with the help from all of you next year's participation will be even better!!!"



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### 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 \$75 per 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.

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