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President's Message



I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays... the food, the family, a reflection on what is important and resolutions for the coming year.

What a good segue into my first President's Message... because your "family" of 2005 and 2006 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs met in

October, 2005 over food, and reflected on what we felt was important to you as NCSITE members and what we could do to improve services... kind of like resolutions for the new year.

Some of the initiatives identified included:

- ⇒ A Survey of Members or a portion of members to gain a member's perspective of the organization
- ⇒ Explore multi-day mid-year meeting that could attract families
- ⇒ Update printed material for brochures

- ⇒ Get more members involved in Section Activities
- ⇒ Explore joint conference with another Section in 2006
- ⇒ Create a web based picture album
- ⇒ Explore a NCSITE or Transportation Forum type event in conjunction with opening of Charlotte Light Rail Transit Line in 2007.
- ⇒ Enhance NCSITE/NCDOT partnership
- ⇒ Resolve whether NCSITE services require a paid staff to accomplish
- ⇒ Tie strategic initiatives to our Vision, Mission and Values and regularly assess progress
- ⇒ Improve Council Programs

I am excited about the coming year, and I know the Board is as well. We will be meeting on January 19 to affirm strategic initiatives for 2006 and work plans for each Council and Committee. As your president, I will try and keep you informed of Board actions during the year. I'll also be asking for your opinion and help on matters important to you and NCSITE. In that regard, I welcome any comments. Just send them to jhumphrey@ci.charlotte.nc.us

Jim Humphrey
NCSITE, President

NC Awarded 2012 Southern District Meeting

Our District Representatives have reported that North Carolina will host the 2012 SDITE Annual Meeting. This will be a great opportunity to showcase what we are doing in North Carolina, learn from our peers across the southeast and meet at a location convenient to NCSITE members. The meeting typically occurs in April and is a multi-day conference.

The NCSITE Board is beginning the process to learn what cities are interested in hosting the event. If your city is interested in hosting, please contact Jim Westmoreland at jim.westmoreland@greensboro-nc.gov or Fred Burchett at fred.burchett@kimley-horn.com. If selected, you will be expected to designate a Local Arrangements Chairperson and work extensively with the Southern District to identify hotel and meeting space, a site for an associated golf tournament, and solicit vendors and program topics. The NCSITE Board is expected to nominate a North Carolina city at a March or April Board meeting

About Your President...Written by Your President

A previous boss of mine said that we need to relate to people on as many levels as possible and that the more we know about people, the easier it is to work with them on work related subjects. I subscribe to that notion, and thought I would share with you a little of my background... outside of NCSITE.

First, as you will see from my writing style, I am pretty much an informal guy... I like to have fun and feel you can have fun and get the work done as long as you are willing to abide by deadlines. I don't really think I am a great engineer... but I am good at listening and surrounding myself with good advisors.

I have a wonderful wife of 31 years who is a CPA and works for a bankruptcy attorney. Our one child, a son named Chris, is 20 and a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill (Don't hassle me...I am just happy he is in college and at a state supported school!!!).

I graduated from NCSU in 1974 with a BS in Civil Engineering and immediately began work as an entry level engineer with the City of Charlotte working primarily in the drainage and development regulation areas. I moved to the Planning Division in late 70's and became Planning Engineer. There, I performed a lot of feasibility and cost studies for roads, parks and buildings. I worked closely with a lot of neighborhoods, city departments and the NCDOT on a number of projects.

In 1985, I became Assistant City Engineer responsible for Planning, Regulatory, Drainage, Real Estate, Human Resources, IT and Budgeting matters in the Engineering Department. In 1993, the City underwent a "Rightsizing", and several new Divisions were added under my charge including Landscape Management and Building Services.

In 1995, I was promoted to the Transportation Key Business Executive (one of 8 KBEs) position reporting to the City Manager. Key Business Executive is a term that reflects we have a business orientation in the running of our Key Businesses. (We also have Support Businesses, but I won't go into that). I was selected because I was a good "Generalist". At the time we pretty much did everything in transportation (roads, transit, bike and pedestrian), but after the passage of the transit tax, transit was moved to another Key Business in 1999. We do roads maintenance, signal design, installation and repair, signs, pavement markings, ROW use, development review, transportation planning including staffing the MUMPO, transportation modeling, safety and administer a number of neighborhood programs like traffic calming, parking permit and street lighting. We also administer the On-Street Parking and Safelight Programs.

Outside of work, I enjoy sports and woodworking. I have won state and regional championships in Softball and Racquetball. I play golf about once a week and ride crazy contraptions behind a boat on Lake Tillery (near Albemarle, NC) at a cabin we are still fixing up. If you see me, say "hello"... I would appreciate it.

Hold These Dates

January 12th

Traffic Engineering Council Meeting
Triangle Regional Transportation Management Center
Raleigh, NC
6-8 p.m.



February 16th

Traffic Engineering Council Meeting
Triangle Regional Transportation Management Center
Raleigh, NC
6-8 p.m.

March 16th

Traffic Engineering Council Meeting
Triangle Regional Transportation Management Center
Raleigh, NC
6-8 p.m.

For more information about upcoming meetings, please visit our web site at <http://www.ncsite.org/meetings.html> and/or be on the lookout for email announcements.

Welcome New Members

Bill Eagan, City of Durham

Tammy Spivey, Town of Cary

Liz Workman, Rummel, Klepper and Kahl, LLP



2005 NCSITE Award Recipients

The North Carolina Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers Awards Committee requested nominations from the membership for deserving candidates for any of the prestigious NCSITE awards presented annually. Keith Lewis, recipient of the Robert Dodge Professional Image Award, received his award at his Stantec office in Raleigh at a surprise presentation. Doug Galyon, recipient of the Contribution to Transportation Award, was presented his award at the December Board Meeting in Raleigh. All of the remaining 2005 winners were presented with their award and a plaque at the Annual 2005 meeting held on November 17th 2005 at the NCSU McKimmon Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. The following listing outlines award criteria and recipient's contributions to NCSITE that justify the award.



Robert J. Dodge Professional Image Award –Keith Lewis

Recipient must be a member of International ITE; possess demonstrated technical competence and excellent people skills; must have a demonstrated record of service to the profession, the organization, and his/her community; who by personal demeanor and example projects the best image of what a transportation professional should be.

Keith has tirelessly served as Treasurer for the NCSITE membership since 2001. His continued membership on the NCSITE Board provides continuity with financial decisions and excellent guidance to the President and Vice-President as financial decisions are made. His commitment to the Section is exemplary. His knowledge of the budget and financial issues for NCSITE is excellent.

Keith always presents himself in a very professional manner, exhibits a strong work ethic, and is an excellent role model for our young engineers and planners entering the transportation profession.

Congratulations to Keith Lewis of Stantec for winning this award!

2005 Annual Meeting Successful

I would like to thank the over 300 attendees, presenters, moderators, volunteers, and Local Arrangements Committee members for making the meeting a success. Be sure to thank the LAC Members listed below for their countless hours of hard work.

<i>Jo Ann Oerter, co-chair</i>	<i>David Jones, vendor expo</i>
<i>Lisa Moon, silent auction</i>	<i>Stacie Phillips</i>
<i>Jeffery Dale</i>	<i>Pete Nicholas</i>
<i>Peter Trencansky</i>	<i>Todd Brooks</i>
<i>Andrew Good</i>	<i>Amanda Smith</i>
<i>Jody Lewis</i>	<i>Christa Greene</i>
<i>Sasha Brannum</i>	<i>Charlene Phillips</i>
<i>Dick Ives</i>	<i>Terry Snow</i>

All Annual Meeting attendees received a Membership Directory and a t-shirt. There are a few extra, so please contact me if you did not receive yours. We also raised almost \$2600 for the Scholarship Fund with the proceeds from the Silent Auction

We are already planning for next year, so if you have any comments or constructive criticism, please feel free to contact me and let me know so the 2006 Annual Meeting can be even better than 2005!

Stephanie Privette, Annual Meeting Chair

RV Moss Award –Ed Johnson

Recipient must have been a Member or an Affiliate Member for at least 15 years; should possess demonstrated technical confidence; should have made significant contributions to the profession and ITE through participation in committees, workshops, speakers' bureaus, seminars, fundraising, meetings, and local arrangement committees; and through elected office at the Section level or higher.

Edison H. Johnson, Jr., P.E. has been a tireless public servant for over 30 years. His career started with NCDOT and he has been with the City of Raleigh for over 15 years. His public service career has offered him the opportunity to be involved and contribute to the advancement of both statewide and regionally significant projects while exemplifying technical confidence.

Ed's involvement in NCSITE started almost 25 years ago and during this time he has been and continues to be involved in many of the appointed committees. He was NCSITE President in 1995 and due to Ed's leadership, the Section was recognized with the District 5 Outstanding Section Award. Also, in 1995, due to Ed's vision, the NCSITE Home Page was initiated.

The much deserving RV Moss Award was present to Mr. Edison H. Johnson Jr., P.E. during the Annual Meeting. Present to make the award was Mr. R.V. Moss (President 1969) for whom the award is named. Ed's wife, Michelle was also present during the award presentation.

Congratulations once again to Ed of the Capital Area MPO –City of Raleigh for winning this award!

Jay Quinn Technical Excellence Award – Christine Kuchta

Recipient must be a non-engineer Affiliate Member of the North Carolina Section who has been active in programs and activities of the Section and has made a significant contribution to the Section.

Christine has worked tirelessly setting up monthly publications of the NCSITE Newsletter "The Involver". She handled all the tasks involved with monthly distribution of the newsletter through soliciting articles from the membership, handling the advertising and payments, and updating the newsletter format. She dedicated numerous hours to what has continued to be a critical source of information for all members and affiliates.



Congratulations to Christine Kuchta of Wilbur-Smith for winning this award!

Contribution to Transportation Award – Doug Galyon

Recipient is an individual not affiliated with NCSITE in any capacity who has contributed significantly to transportation through professional and/or political activities.

J. Douglas (Doug) Galyon is a long time resident of Greensboro where he has and continues to enjoy a very active business and civic service life. His business career has been with textile related companies and currently he is employed by Guilford Mills, Inc. His extensive civic involvement is highlighted by service both in private and public organizations. He is currently a member of the Greensboro Metropolitan Planning Organization, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, and North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Doug was appointed to the North Carolina Board of Transportation in 1993 and has served as the Chairman of the 19 member Board since 2001. During his tenure on the Board he has been a champion for local, regional and statewide transportation needs. He has also represented North Carolina transportation issues nationally. He was instrumental in the implementation of the SB 1005 and Moving Ahead initiatives as well as the adoption of the Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan.

The much deserved award was presented during the monthly NC Board of Transportation Meeting held in Raleigh on November 30th, 2005. President Martin and President-Elect Humphrey presented the award to a surprised Chairman of the NC Board of Transportation before the full Board of Transportation, Secretary of Transportation Tippet, Senior NCDOT staff and other transportation professionals.



Congratulations once again to Doug Galyon of the North Carolina Board of Transportation and Guilford Mills for winning this award!

Paul D. Cribbins Cup - NCSU

Awarded to the outstanding student chapter within the Section (currently three student chapters are eligible: NCSU, NCA&T, and UNC-Charlotte)

Young Professional Award – Russell Dalton

Awarded to a Member or Affiliate, under the age of 35 years, who, over their young professional career, has contributed to the advancement of the transportation profession and the North Carolina Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Recipients should exhibit such personal traits as integrity, honesty, professionalism, and leadership. Individual professional accomplishments such as transportation innovations, technical research, paper writing, and NCSITE organizational work, including meeting participation and committee work, can be considered.

Russell Dalton served as Chair for the Transportation Planning Council for two years while staying active with the Transportation Engineering Council. That dedication to both councils brought a lot of consistency and teamwork approach between the two councils due to his direct involvement and leadership. Russell assisted in organizing the 2005 mid-year meeting in Winston-Salem, and has supported the local meetings in Charlotte on a regular basis. Russell has agreed to serve as the Council Director for 2006 and 2007.

Russell was very active in Annual Meeting agenda planning committees over the years. He also represents himself very professionally and has exhibited excellent leadership skills in his various roles with NCSITE.

Congratulations to Russell Dalton of the Town of Apex for winning this award!

NCSITE New Member Award – Pete Nicholas

Since our newer younger members are doing so much of the work in our Councils and Committees, NCSITE Awards Committee felt compelled to recognize the very best contributor through the newly established New Member Award. The membership confirmed the need for the award through recommendations of ten nominations for this Award.

Awarded to a New Member or Affiliate of our North Carolina Section, who has contributed substantially to the advancement of the Section through any of the following responsibilities, and not limited to: Council involvement, committee involvement, special projects, conference planning, meeting participation, presentations at NCSITE sponsored meetings. A New Member would have less than five years of professional membership with our Section to qualify, and would represent the future leadership of NCSITE. Recipients should exhibit a teamwork approach to their NCSITE responsibilities, excellent leadership and professionalism skills, integrity, a willingness to learn, and an excitement for NCSITE activities and growth potential.



Pete Nicholas served as Operations Committee Chair for NCSITE for the past two years and attended Traffic Engineering Council Meetings. He suggested and led several of the recent new changes to the website which includes purchasing the www.ncsite.org domain.

“Recognizing hard work by members such as Pete would not only be a great recognition but also a great encouragement for other members to get involved in the NCSITE activities.”

Congratulations to Pete Nicholas of the City of Durham for winning this award!

2005 NCSITE Scholarship Recipients

- ⇒ Cyrus Painter Memorial Scholarship—
Donald Katz, NCSU
- ⇒ Roy D. Williams Memorial Scholarship—
Daniel Findley, NCSU
- ⇒ Allen L. Williford Memorial Scholarship—
Beth Visintine, NCSU
- ⇒ Herman J. Hoose Memorial Scholarship—
Carolina Kone, UNC-Charlotte
- ⇒ Don Blackburn Memorial Scholarship—
Matthew Bell, UNC-Charlotte
- ⇒ D. Brent McKinney Honorary Scholarship—
Leslie Marie Tracey, NC A&T



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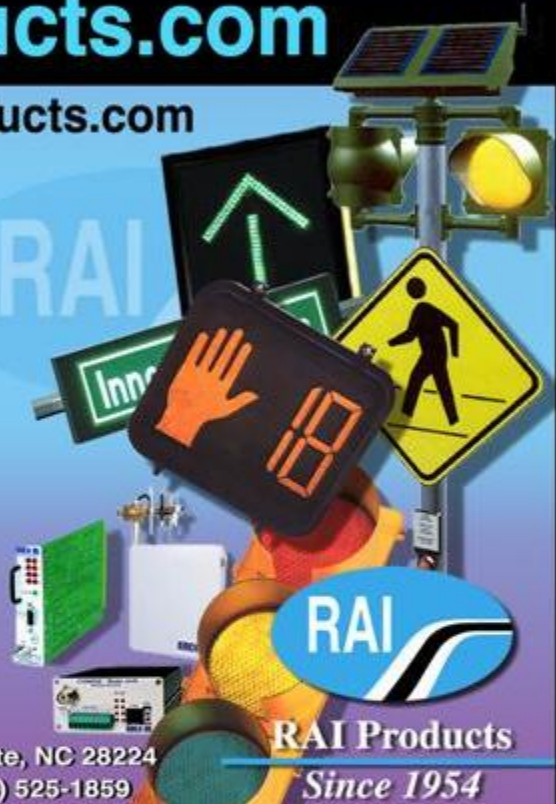
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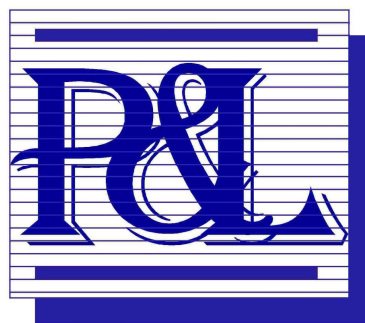


Traffic Engineer/Planner
Raleigh/Charlotte, NC; Columbia, SC - United States

THE LPA GROUP INCORPORATED, a growing and nationally recognized ENR Top 50 transportation design consulting firm seeks a Traffic Engineer/Planner. Candidate should have at least 3-7 years of experience in the preparation of traffic planning studies, traffic analysis, traffic signal design/system timing, and transportation modeling. Experience using analysis, planning and CAD software, such as HCS, Synchro, TransCad and Microstation is required. Civil Engineering or related degree. Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills to assist in report and proposal preparation and presentation. We are an employee-oriented firm providing competitive salaries and excellent professional growth opportunities. Great benefits including medical, vision, and dental insurance, 401(k), and ESOP. Reference #SC0605TE and email resume to HR@LPAGroup.com. EOE

Greensboro law firm seeks former NCDOT supervisory transportation engineer to provide consultation/testimony regarding roadside tree hazards.

Please reply to Puryear and Lingle, (336) 218-0227, admin@puryearandlingle.com.



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ROADWAY DESIGN INTERN with 0-4 yrs experience in roadway design for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate will have a BSCE and have passed FE/EIT exam and ready to take PE exam. Microstation/Geopak experience and knowledge of NCDOT requirements helpful. AutoCAD experience a plus.

SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER with 8+ yrs experience in traffic engineering/transportation studies for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate will have a BSCE and PE registration. PTOE certification a plus. Excellent written/oral communication skills, ability to work with private/public sectors. Public speaking and project management experience is essential.

TRAFFIC INTERN with 0-4 yrs experience in traffic engineering/transportation studies for both public and private sector projects. Ideal candidate will have a BSCE, registered FE/EIT or PE, good communication skills, and knowledge of traffic engineering concepts and analysis software. Raleigh, Winston-Salem, or Richmond, VA possible location.

For more information on any of these positions, please visit:

<http://www.ncsite.org/employment.html>

Listserv Information

Information regarding the two Listserv's (official and optional) is available on the NCSITE website at: <http://www.ncsite.org/memberlistserv.html>

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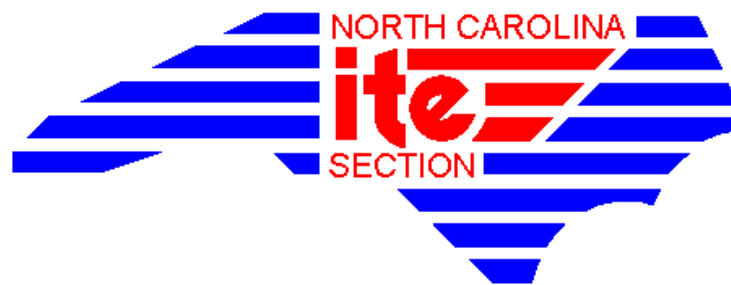
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This Space for Rent

It's the beginning of another great year with NCSITE and we are looking for companies that would like to participate in our Involver and web page advertisements. If you decide to participate in 2006, your ad would appear in two issues of the Involver (on a rotating basis). Your company logo and a link to your website would also appear on the NCSITE website (www.ncsite.org).

If you are interested in advertising in the Involver, please contact Stacie Phillips for more information at stacie.phillips@kimley-horn.com.

We're on the Web!
<http://www.ncsite.org>



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The NCSITE membership includes a broad range of transportation personnel--engineers, planners, educators, administrators, and technicians. Many modes of transportation are represented in the organization's membership.

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