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Dear DSITE,

The joint meeting with Alabama was fantastic, as always. The Beach Club and the Alabama Section are very hospitable and have a great tradition for the joint Summer meeting with DSITE. The meeting included a round of Traffic Bowl with teams from Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. Louisiana soundly defeated Mississippi and Alabama, primarily because of a category based exclusively on the 1975 hit song "Convoy" that Steve Strength knew line-for-line. The game was a lot of fun and the technical sessions and speakers made for a great meeting. The scholarship auction was a great hit that raised \$1,835 for DSITE. If you didn't get a chance to go, we will plan to have our joint Summer meeting with ALSITE again in 2014, with a trip back to Biloxi in the Summer of 2013.

Our Fall meeting is planned for October 11-12, 2012, in Vicksburg, MS. I hope that you can plan to join us. We are trying to arrange for a technical tour of the Corps of Engineers Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) in Vicksburg as part of the technical portion of the program.

We plan to continue the Leadership series at the Winter meeting in New Orleans. The Leadership series would start on January 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Winter meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>- February 1, 2013. We have planned for this meeting to start earlier than prior years, as we do not want to interfere or conflict with Mardi Gras.

Thank you to all of the speakers, organizers, and attendees. Special thanks to Gaby and Suzanne for their hard work in preparing and facilitating the meetings. We will plan to continue with the very successful **Doug Robert Scholarship Raffle**. The raffle continues to be a success at the meetings. Thank you for everyone that supports the raffle at the meetings.

We will get ballots out to members in August for election of new officers for 2013. We will be presenting the results of the election and the annual awards at the Fall meeting. Please mark your calendars for the Fall meeting in Vicksburg October 11-12<sup>th</sup>. There is also an upcoming meeting this Fall for the Gulf Region ITS (GRITS) September 16-19 in Biloxi, as mentioned by Acey Roberts.

Thank you for your membership, your service and your participation in this great organization. If you want to be a speaker or help with the upcoming meetings, or have comments or suggestions to help advance our organization, please contact me at (601) 948-3071.

Thank you,

Jonathan A. Kiser, P.E., PTOE, PTP, FITE  
President, Deep South Section  
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### CALENDAR

ITE Annual Meeting—Atlanta, GA, August 12-15, 2012

National Rural ITS Conference— Biloxi, MS, September 16-19, 2012

Mississippi Transportation Institute Annual Conference—  
Jackson, MS, October 9—10, 2012

DSITE Fall Meeting—Vicksburg, MS, October 11-12, 2012

19th ITS World Congress—Vienna, Austria, October 22-26, 2012

DSITE Winter Meeting / Leadership Series 2013—January 30—  
February 1, 2013

### DSITE SHIRTS



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### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### *Winter Meeting 2012*

The winter Deep South ITE Meeting was held February 29—March 2 at the Louisiana Transportation Research Center in Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting was well attended with 126 members total in attendance. On Wednesday, the first of the three Southern District ITE Leadership Series sessions was held. Many members attending the meeting were also able to participate in the leadership series.

A raffle was held for a Kindle E-Reader. The raffle was a great success in raising funds for the Deep South ITE Scholarship Program. On Thursday, a wide and informative range of technical sessions were held.

Following the technical sessions, the Traffic Bowl was held in the LTRC. In the first round, ULL competed with LSU; ULL advanced to the finals. Second, MSU competed with JSU, with MSU advancing to the final round. The final round resulted in ULL taking the championship for the section, with both MSU and ULL advancing to the District competition.

Following the Traffic Bowl, the evening social was held at Walk-On's Bistreaux near LSU's campus.

The business meeting was held on Friday morning, also at the LTRC. After the meeting was called to order, President Jonathan Kiser noted that the Ole Miss student chapter was not able to participate in the Traffic Bowl due to a scheduling conflict. After some discussion on possible meeting locations, Hattiesburg, MS was mentioned as a possible future meeting location. Starkville will also be discussed as a possible location for the Spring 2013 Deep South Meeting.

Gaby commented that the scholarship raffle was very successful in raising money for the scholarship fund. Secretary Treasurer Suzanne Dees reported a total meeting attendance of 126 members, a net profit of \$530 from the scholarship raffle, and a total income of \$4500 from registration.

Section Representative Scott Boyle encouraged members to attend the 2012 Southern District Meeting in Lexington, KY. For the ABD report, Affiliate Director Jeff Smith thanked everyone who helped with the meeting, and encouraged members to get to know new ABD participants.

A motion was made and approved to Deep South to budget \$250 for each student chapter to go towards purchasing Traffic Related reference materials. Deep South will purchase the materials and the distribute them to the schools. This was approved as a one-time allotment for the schools.

Jonathan commented and others agreed that the leadership series was a great opportunity for those who attended. Steve Strength and Becky White were commended for the great job they did organizing the training.

Brian Fulton and Jeff Smith mentioned the 2015 Southern District Meeting. They are working on a contract draft with the Beau Rivage as a possible meeting location.

Following the business meeting, some members went on a tour of LSU's ITS Research facilities, including the Traffic Simulator.

#### *DSITE/ALSITE Joint Summer Meeting 2012*

The Deep South 2012 Summer Meeting was held at The Beach Club in Gulf Shores, Alabama, in conjunction with the Alabama Section of ITE. The meeting began on Wednesday June 6th with Part Two of the Deep South ITE Leadership Series. The leadership session was titled *Creative Thinking and Problem Solving* and was conducted by Nick Verret and Marie Walsh. Following the leadership series, many members attended *Fast Eddie's Shrimp Boil* at the home of Jim Morris.

On Thursday June 7th, the following Technical Sessions were held with Deep South President Jonathan Kiser and ALSITE Vice-President Becky Malenke presiding:

*Multi-Modal Microscopic Traffic Simulation and 3D Visualization for Transportation Projects*, Akhil Chauhan, PE, PTOE, PTP, PMP (ARCADIS)

*Comparing Software, Are We Making the Right Decisions?*, Alison Catarella-Michel, PE, PTOE (Urban Systems) & Brin Ferlito, PE, PTOE (Neel-Schaffer, Inc.)

*Transportation's Future Funding—How Can We Help?*, Rex F. Bush, PE, PLS (ALDOT)

*Low Cost Safety Countermeasures*, Linda Guin, PE (FHWA, Alabama Division)

*The City of Mobile's LED Street Light Project*, Jennifer White, PE (City of Mobile)

*New Traffic Communications Network in New Orleans*, Karl Rothermel, PE, PTOE (AECOM)

*The Delimma: All That I Have Forgotten About Traffic Signal Timing*, Bob Mabry, PE, PTOE (B. L. Mabry and Associates)

*Recent Updates in the 2009 MUTCD on Roadway Marking*, John McCarthy, PE (City of Montgomery)

When the Technical Sessions concluded, most members spent the afternoon enjoying Gulf Shores with their friends and family before attending the Scholarship Banquet and Auction that evening. At the Scholarship Banquet, Deep South brought in a total of \$2835.00 for the scholarship fund with \$1835.00 brought in from auction items and a generous individual donation of \$1000.00 contributed by Slade Exley.

The summer business meeting was held Friday morning. Members set the Deep South Fall meeting to be held October 11—12, 2012 in Vicksburg, MS. Deep South officers will begin organizing the meeting and selecting speakers. The Deep South Winter 2013 Meeting and Leadership Training will be held January 30—February 1, 2013 in New Orleans, LA.

Deep South has provided expense reimbursements to MSU and ULL student chapters for expenses the chapters incurred while attending the 2012 Southern District Traffic Bowl in Lexington, KY. Southern District will send a partial reimbursement to Deep South for the reimbursement amounts. Jonathan Kiser and Alison Michel attended the 2012 SDITE Meeting in Lexington, KY. While at the meeting they observed a presentation and walking tour of a Diverging Diamond Interchange in Lexington.

Members discussed the 2015 Summer Meeting in Biloxi, MS. Brian Fulton announced that, as a result of is change in employers, he will step down from his position as Meeting Committee Co-Chair. Shane Bergin agreed to step in and assist in Brian's place. However, Shane may eventually relocate to Alabama and seek a Deep South member living in the Gulf Coast area to fill his position.

## NEXT MEETING

The next Deep South meeting will be the 2012 Fall Meeting to be held October 11—12 in Vicksburg, MS. The meeting venue and agenda are in the process of being finalized. Anyone who wishes to speak at the meeting should contact a Deep South officer. The 2013 Election results will be announced at this meeting, with on-line voting taking place prior to the meeting. Members should keep in mind the Mississippi Transportation Institute Annual Conference that will be held October 9—10, 2012 in Jackson, MS.

## STUDENT CHAPTERS

### Louisiana State University

2012-2013 Student Chapter Officers:  
Jacob Trowbridge—President  
Sydney Jenkins—Vice President  
Dillon Braud—Secretary  
Mary Bratton—Treasurer

The LSU Student Chapter participated in the Section Traffic Bowl held at the Deep South Winter Meeting. Traffic bowl team members included Sydney Jenkins, Dillon Braud, Scott Parr,

and Aditya Mokkaapati. On March 26, the LSU Student Chapter held its spring meeting. Thomas Montz, Murat Korkut, and Akhil Chauhan from ARCADIS gave a presentation on a New Orleans corridor project currently in the environmental stage of development. The presentation demonstrated how traffic simulation can aid in determining the most feasible design alternative. Thomas also spoke about the benefits of obtaining a Master’s degree.



*Dr. Ishak and LSU Students at the 2012 Section Traffic Bowl*

## The University of Mississippi

2012-2013 Student Chapter Officers:

Kyle Grantham—President [bkgrant@olemiss.edu](mailto:bkgrant@olemiss.edu)  
 John Richard Patterson—Vice President [Jrpattel@olemiss.edu](mailto:Jrpattel@olemiss.edu)  
 Phillip Olivi—Treasurer [pnolivi@olemiss.edu](mailto:pnolivi@olemiss.edu)  
 Courtney Cunningham—Secretary [cicunnin@olemiss.edu](mailto:cicunnin@olemiss.edu)

## Mississippi State University

The MSU ITE student chapter participated in the DSITE traffic bowl in March and won the battle between the schools in Mississippi for the 6<sup>th</sup> time in a row. The competitors were Case Fulcher, Drew McReynolds, and Michael Kennedy.

2012-2013 MSU Student Chapter Officers:

Case Fulcher—President  
 April Rollins—Vice President  
 Drew McReynolds—Secretary  
 Gracey Morgan—Treasurer



*MSU Students at the Section Traffic Bowl  
 1st Row Left to Right: April Rollins, Dr. Xiaopeng Li, Drew McReynolds, Dr. Li Zhang, Case Fulcher, Michael Kennedy, Jonathan Love 2nd Row: Chris Partee and Trey Triplett*

The MSU student chapter also participated in the District Traffic Bowl in Lexington, KY.



*MSU Students at the District Traffic Bowl  
 From Left to Right: Bob Mabry, Case Fulcher, Trey Triplett, and April Rollins at the 2012 Southern District Traffic Bowl*

## CERTIFICATION

Congratulations to all of the certified individuals in our two states. The recent examination held in Baton Rouge substantially increased the numbers on these lists.

**PTOE**

**Louisiana**

Charles Adams	David Backstedt
Peter Allain	Chris Morvant
Ingolf Partenheimer	Dean Tekell
Tom Swanson	Nick Ferlito
Tony Tramel	Lauren Picou
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Steve Glascock	Cynthia Pennington
Scott Boyle	Alison Michel
Guangxiang Cheng	Steve Jiles
Byron Becnel	Dane Coke
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Jonathan Fox	Nicholas Fruge
Ronald Gallien	Lucy Kimbeng
Laurance Lambert	Steve Strength
Karl Rothermel	Brin Ferlito
Rebecca Lala	Herbert Moore
Akhil Chauhan	Dan Rosenquist
Kimberly McDaniel	Sarah Edel
Scott Gros	Elmer Darwin
Christopher Ewing	Gaby Tassin
Pratap Bhonsle	Alben Cooper
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**Mississippi**

Mark Bailey	Bob Mabry
Jim Epps	Brian Fulton
Tim Bryan	Jonathan Kiser
Mary Bergin	Shane Bergin
Stephen Mosher	Bradley Williams
Daniel Helms	Tait Karlson
Karl Hector	Mark Sorrell
Ariane May	

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**Louisiana**

Akhilendra Chauhan  
 Denis Finigan  
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 Raju Porandla

**Mississippi**

Jonathan Kiser

**TOPS**

**Louisiana**

Eugene Babb

The results of the election for 2013 SDITE Officers were announced at the Annual Business Meeting in Lexington on April 17th. The results were as follows:

President – Martin Bretherton (Georgia)  
 Vice President – Kirsten Tynch (Virginia)  
 Secretary/Treasurer – Bill Seymour (Kentucky)

**NATIONAL ITE**

2013 Candidates for International Office:

For International Vice-President  
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 President  
 Neel-Schaffer, Inc.  
 Jackson, MS

For International Vice President  
 Zaki Mustafa, P.E., FITE  
 Executive Officer, Project Delivery  
 City of Los Angeles, CA

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