



Oregon ITE

Board Meeting Notes – March 2011

Location: Kittelson & Associates, 610 SW Alder, Suite 700, Portland

Date: 03/10/11 – 4:00 pm

Attendees

Board Members:

Present	Bikram Raghubansh, Past-President
Present	Chris Tiesler, President
Present	Evan Dust, Vice-President
Present (delayed)	Peter Koonce, Secretary-Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Excused	Scholarship: Pam O'Brien
Present	Membership: Lani Radtke
Present (telephone)	Scribe: Jeremy Jackson
Present (telephone)	Technical: Smith Siromaskul
Present	Student Chapters: Diego Arguea
Present (delayed)	Traffic Control Devices: Charles Radosta
Excused	Legislative: Kevin Haas
Present (delayed)	Webmaster: Michael Tomasini

Others in Attendance: Alison Tanaka (possible new Student Chapters Committee chairperson)

Notes by: Jeremy Jackson and Evan Dust

Agenda (as confirmed):

1. Confirmation of Agenda (Chris)
2. Confirmation / Corrections to Prior Meeting Notes (Chris)
3. GOITE Follow-up (Chris)
 - (a) New Developments with District 6
 - (b) How do we continue to interact with GOITE
4. Nominations Committee Update (Bikram)
5. Volunteer: Jennifer Danziger (DEA) – role?
6. Official Hand Off of “Power”
7. Other Items?

Discussion

1. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed with no other additions.

Chris introduced Alison Tanaka, a recent addition to Kittelson & Associates, who has expressed interested in a position with Oregon ITE. One possible position would be the Student Chapters Chairperson to replace Diego Arguea, assuming Diego's election to a position with the Executive Board.

2. Confirmation/Corrections to Prior Meeting Notes

This agenda item was deferred with past notes to be confirmed by Chris via e-mail.

3. GOITE Follow-up

(a) New Developments with District 6

Chris recapped the status of the situation. There is clearly a conflict between the charter and bylaws of the two ITE groups (Oregon Section and Greater Oregon Section). The issue is most pressing for members who reside in the bordering counties (such as Marion). Salem members have their section dues paid to GOITE but may be more active in the Oregon Section. Chris noted that they have trying to negotiate a solution with GOITE but response has been sporadic at best.

Chris noted that the most significant change has been the most recent response from District 6. Chris noted that he had spent one half-hour in conversation with Zaki Mustafa (who is a candidate for International Vice-President of ITE). Zaki is willing to visit and try to facilitate the resolution to the issue.

(b) How do we continue to interact with GOITE

This issue was left in the hands of the existing Oregon Section Executive Board (given that this would be the last meeting that Chris could attend in person). A successful resolution would be to redraw both Section boundaries to provide a reasonable split. The NW Oregon section would include Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Clackamas, Benton, Multnomah, Washington, and Hood River County.

4. Nominations Committee Update (Bikram)

Bikram noted that Rick Nys is interested in the Secretary-Treasurer position and that Diego is also interested in running for an open position. If Diego were to run for an open position then a new Student Chapters committee chair would need to be appointed by the new President.

It was also discussed that Ed Fischer has expressed interest in an ITE Board Member position but that he doesn't want to take away a position from anyone that is actively pursuing a position with the Board. Ed is officially retired from ODOT and living in the Portland area. Bikram will

contact Ed to discuss Board Member nominations and inform him that there will likely be an open position.

Diego informed the Board that Todd Mobley has expressed interest in rejoining as well but that it is unclear whether or not he will actively pursue an open position.

ACTION

Bikram: To contact Ed Fischer to discuss nominations and open positions within the Board.

5. Volunteer: Jennifer Danziger (DEA)

Jennifer Danziger with DEA has continued to express interest in helping Oregon ITE but feels she is too busy and is unsure if she can commit to anything right now. The Board understands that the time commitment can be problematic for some and discussed ideas for possible roles in which Jennifer could help on a limited basis.

- a. One possible idea is to have Jennifer help review scholarship applications as this would not be a huge time commitment on her part. Jennifer will be advised to speak with Pam concerning scholarship applications.
- b. Another potential idea is to have Jennifer help with the Traffic Bowl or other ITE events.

6. Official Hand Off of “Power”

Chris officially resigns as the ITE Oregon Section President at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 11th. At this time, his powers as President will be handed over to Peter Koonce. Chris “unofficially” handed over power to Peter during the meeting. Evan informed the Board that he will not be running for President given his current employment situation and lack of an Oregon address.

7. Other Items

- a. Evan discussed with the Board his intentions to finish out his current term with Oregon ITE and then transfer to a Washington address. Once he has a Washington address and is no longer on the Oregon ITE Board, he would like to solicit Washington to form a SW Washington section that will work cooperatively with Oregon ITE. This would enable ITE members in SW Washington to participate in our lunch meetings rather than having to drive up to the Seattle area. Oregon ITE members could also attend lunch meetings or other SW Washington activities in Vancouver.
- b. Chris closed the meeting by asking who amongst the group is attending the upcoming Quad Conference in Washington. The Quad Conference will be well represented by multiple committee chairs and board members.