

INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

OREGON SECTION



Annual Report

April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

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1. OFFICERS



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2. MEMBERSHIP

The following table provides a summary of the Oregon Section’s membership, including grade and section dues.

Membership Grade	Number of People	Section Annual Dues
Fellow	12	\$25
Member	132	\$25
Institute Affiliate	3	\$25
Student Member	31	\$0*
Esteemed Colleague	6	\$0
TOTAL	184	

*Note: Students also receive a substantial discount on meeting registration fees.

It should be noted that the decline in membership numbers from the previous year is a result of the creation of the Greater Oregon ITE (GO ITE) section this year. GO ITE’s bylaws have defined their membership base as encompassing all counties outside of the greater Portland Metro area, which has resulted in a loss of 70 members.

From our discussions with GO ITE members prior to the formal ratification of their bylaws, it was our understanding that the intent of GO ITE was to serve those in parts of Oregon that were generally outside of the reasonable drive time to Portland. To our knowledge, there was never a discussion of boundaries with the Oregon ITE board, and were quite surprised to find this language in the charter recently approved by Western District. Another concern of our Executive Board is that members in Salem (state capital) would now technically be a member of another section, and could lose contact with their Portland colleagues. We have spoken with several members in Salem that are affected by the change, and they would prefer to continue to be a member of the original Oregon Section (and attend GO ITE meetings if they are able).

We are also concerned that members that are not within Multnomah, Clackamas, or Washington County may need to pay for membership in two sections, depending on how active they would like to be. For example, a candidate for next year’s secretary/treasurer may be recruited from outside the three counties. That person is now technically a member of GO ITE, and to be on the Oregon Board, they would need to purchase a second membership. The same dilemma is present for voting. For our section meetings, we typically charge more for non-members because we don’t get the annual membership revenue that helps cover the cost of the lunch and the venue. Some long-time Oregon ITE members will be faced with paying more to attend functions in Portland.

We are currently working with the Executive Board of GO ITE in efforts to come to a reasonable consensus how best to resolve these unintended issues. The Oregon ITE section continues to be supportive of active membership throughout the state of Oregon.

Membership Committee:

The membership committee continued its organizational captain membership program over the past year. The program aims to identify specific individuals within public and private organizations who might be interested in joining ITE or attending ITE functions. The captains also assist with advertising meetings, recruiting new members, and promoting ITE.



3. FINANCES

The Oregon Section maintained and enhanced the solid financial position that had been developed over the past several years. The Oregon Section continues to use on-line banking and uses a check card for most routine expenditures. Payments and account inquiries are processed faster and the overall number of reimbursement checks are reduced significantly.

Most monthly functions for the 2008-09 fiscal year have either broken even or in the case of the January Technical Workshop have had a net income due to better than average attendance. This can be attributed to interesting topics, user-friendly and informative web site as well as the hard work of Section officers and volunteers. The remainder of this page summarizes the Section's 2008-2009 finances.

Does your section have a Federal Employer Identification Number?

34-3400920

Balance of Funds on hand at the Beginning of the Reporting Period:

As of April 1, 2008: \$26,515.21

INCOME FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009):

Membership Dues: \$4,956.00

Gross Income from Meetings: \$8,270.00

Investment Income: \$ 0.00

Advertising Income: \$0.00 (None reported)

Other Sources of Income: \$1,750.00 (Corporate sponsorship at Traffic Bowl)

Golf Tournament: \$5,735.00 (Corporate sponsorship \$1,575.00 + \$4,160.00 members)

Total Income: \$ 20,711.00

EXPENDITURE FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009):

Oregon ITE Meetings and Workshops: \$8,868.28

Donations: \$1,350 (Including Traffic Bowl prizes to student chapters)

Internet Expenses: \$234.00

Laptop Computer and Website Graphics Software: \$1,778.75

Other Expenditures: \$726.12 (Board Meetings and Holiday Dinner)

Golf Tournament: \$4,672.00

Miscellaneous: \$380.71 (PO Box, election costs, Past President plaques, etc.)

Total Expenditures: \$18,009.86

Balance of Funds on hand at the End of the Reporting Period (March 31, 2009):

\$29,216.35 (\$29,095.75 in Bank Account + \$120.60 in Petty Cash)

Was there a change in the Section Bylaws during this reporting period?

No

4. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

The 75th Oregon Legislative Assembly convened January 12, 2009 and with transportation funding front and center this Legislative Session there has been a flurry of activity on transportation-related Bills. Some of the Bills currently being debated in the Legislature include increased funding from the State Highway Fund for Oregon's nationally recognized bicycle and pedestrian improvement programs, a new lottery-backed bonding program aimed at infrastructure improvements for non-motorized transportation (more bike and pedestrian improvements), and proposals to allow Multnomah County to establish and collect tolls on the Willamette River bridges connecting the east and west sides of Portland. Could this be the start of congestion pricing in the City of Portland? We'll have to wait and see how all of this pans out.

As one might expect not all transportation legislation being considered during the 2009 Legislative Session is focused on funding. There are several Bills focused on changing speed zoning criteria and speed limits on various types of highways. Other Bills focus on human behavior by proposing complete bans on the use of cell phones and texting devices while driving without some type of hands-free device. Another set of Bills is focused on continuing Oregon's reputation as a "green" State by outlawing certain types of outdoor illumination and mandating the use of low energy modules in all traffic signals statewide by 2017. To date, none of these Bills have passed both chambers of the Oregon Legislative Assembly. Details on the bills are provided to the Oregon Section membership at <http://www.oregonite.org/legs/legs2.php>.

5. MEETINGS

The Oregon Section conducted seven (7) general meetings and the summer golf tournament over the past year. The general meetings included luncheons with speakers, joint-meetings with other professional societies, the annual traffic bowl, and a technical workshop. The table below summarizes the general meetings conducted over the past year and those scheduled for the remainder of 2009.

OREGON SECTION MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Subject	Location	Attendees
4-2-08	Happy Hour	Social gathering of the members and guests.	Rogue Brewing, Portland	~35
4-8-08	April - Joint meeting with WTS	Speakers: Gail Achterman, Chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission, and Richard Ford, Chair of the Washington State Transportation Commission	University Place, Portland, OR	89
5-9-08	Joint meeting with Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee (OTCDC)	This end of the year meeting included the announcement of the newly elected Oregon Section officers and a presentation on the TriMet Commuter Rail called WES (Westside Express Services) scheduled for completion in fall 2008.	Hayden's Grill, Tualatin, OR	54
9-13-08	2008 Golf Tournament	Due to the success of last year's golf tournament timing, this year's golf tournament was again held in late summer. We had good turn out and good corporate sponsorship donations.	Oregon Golf Association (OGA) Golf Course, Woodburn, OR	64
9-30-08	September Meeting	Ian Cannon (Multnomah County) gave a presentation on the reconstruction of the Sauvie Island Bridge in Portland, Oregon.	Bridgeport Brewing Portland, OR	45
10-21-08	October Meeting	Bob Hastings (TriMet) presented on the new Portland Light Rail project – the Green Line. This new line will provide service between downtown Portland and Clackamas County.	Bridgeport Brewing Portland, OR	61
10-29-08	Happy Hour	Social gathering of the members and guests.	Laurelwood Pizza Company	~20
11-20-08	2008 Student Traffic Bowl	Oregon ITE 17 th Annual Student Traffic Bowl competition featured six universities from around the northwest. This year we had a repeat champion (1 st place prize went to University of Portland), while University of Washington and Portland State University came in 2 nd and 3 rd place, respectively.	McMenamins Edgefield Troutdale, OR	94 (Including 47 students)
1-27-09	January Technical Workshop	The Section sponsored a workshop on upcoming planned changes to the MUTCD with featured speakers Kevin Hass (ODOT & Oregon ITE Legislative Chair), Tom Lancaster (Lancaster Engineering), Jim Ellison (Pierce County, WA), Ed Fischer (ODOT), Ida van Schalkwyk (Oregon State University), and Lee Rodegerdts (Kittelson and Associates, Inc.).	ODOT Region 1 Portland, OR	67
2-19-09	Happy Hour	Social gathering of the members and guests.	Lucky Lab Brew Pub, Portland	~20

Date	Meeting	Subject	Location	Attendees
3-3-09	March Meeting	Ted Leybold of Metro gave a presentation on the federal economic stimulus package and how this could affect project selection and transportation funding in the Portland metro area.	Bridgeport Brewing Portland, OR	51
4-07-09	April - Joint meeting with WTS	Speakers scheduled: James Witty, manager of Oregon Department of Transportation's Office of Innovative Partnerships and Alternative Funding. He will present the results of Oregon's mileage fee program as a means for replacing the gas tax, including next phases of development for mileage charges and the prospects for political acceptance in the United States.	Governor Hotel, Portland, OR	TBD
4-22-09	Happy Hour	Social gathering of the members and guests.	Rogue Brewing Company, Portland OR	TBD
5-7-09	Joint meeting with Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee (OTCDC) & Greater Oregon ITE Section	This end of the year meeting will include announcement of the newly elected Oregon Section officers and is likely to include a presentation on transportation funding from someone from the Oregon Legislature.	Keizer Renaissance Inn, Salem, OR	TBD

6. TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES:

Technical Committee:

The Section sponsored the annual January Technical Workshop on anticipated changes to the next Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) with featured speakers Kevin Hass (ODOT & Oregon ITE Legislative Chair), Tom Lancaster (Lancaster Engineering), Jim Ellison (Pierce County, WA), Ed Fischer (ODOT), Ida van Schalkwyk (Oregon State University), and Lee Rodegerdts (Kittelsohn and Associates, Inc.). This workshop was well attended as with years past, despite some unusual snowy/icy road conditions in the Portland metro area.

7. STUDENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Student Liaison Committee had another successful year in attracting schools from the Pacific Northwest to compete in the Oregon Section's annual Traffic Bowl Competition. The Traffic Bowl is a Jeopardy-based trivia contest where students must answer questions on a variety of traffic and transportation trivia. This year the competition was held on November 20, 2008 at McMenemy's Edgefield just east of Portland, Oregon.

This year we had 47 students from six universities attending the event. Participating schools were:

- Portland State University
- University of Idaho
- University of Portland
- Oregon State University
- University of Washington
- Oregon Institute of Technology

University of Portland once again took home the grand prize of bragging rights (doubly so as repeat champions!), a trophy and a \$400 scholarship award. University of Washington came in second place (\$300), and Portland State University received \$200 for third place. The remaining three participating schools received a \$150 participation award. All of the student attendees received a free dinner at this event. In order to offset the cost of the student meals and scholarships, several local companies donated funds to support student attendance. Donations were received from: CH2M Hill, David Evans & Associates, DKS Associates, Group Mackenzie, Kittelson & Associates, Inc., Lancaster Engineering, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Quality Counts, Safetran/Econolite, and Western Systems. The Oregon Section has already secured the room for Traffic Bowl 2009 (November, 2009) at McMenemy's Edgefield.

This year, students continued to enjoy substantial discounts at Oregon ITE Section meetings ranging from free (Traffic Bowl) to \$10 (Section Meetings) depending on the actual cost of the event and level of corporate sponsorship.

8. **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Webmaster Report:

This year the Oregon Section retained the domain name, www.oregonite.org. The website remained very dynamic and was modified significantly to reflect the changing needs of the Section. The web page includes information about meetings, activities, officer contact information, upcoming conferences, available jobs, and section news. The site always has the current and upcoming meeting information posted, and on-line registration for Section meetings continued to be both popular and successful. In addition, electronic download of the registration information were used to produce the registration list, name badges and written receipts for any specific event. This form of registration has proven to be very effective and user friendly for members. Furthermore, the website has several changes in store for the upcoming year, including the incorporation of flash animation and a photo archive from section meetings and other events.



Annual Golf Tournament:

The Oregon Section hosted its 19th annual ITE Golf Tournament at the Oregon Golf Association (OGA) golf course on September 12, 2008. The tournament drew 64 transportation professionals from across the state. Lancaster Engineering, David Evans & Associates, DKS Associates, Quality Counts, Parsons Brinkerhoff, Inc., Kittelson & Associates, Inc., CH2M HILL, All Traffic Data Services, and Western Systems sponsored the event.

Speaker Appreciation Gifts:

It is the Oregon Section's tradition to recognize the speaker at the Monthly Section Meetings and various other guests of the Section by presenting them with a token gift. USB thumb drives printed with an Oregon ITE logo were presented as speaker gifts this year, as were handmade coffee mugs with the Oregon ITE logo and a keychain.



9. **AWARDS**

The Oregon Section recognized several groups and individuals during 2008-09. The Section provided \$1,350 in awards to various ITE Student Sections throughout the greater Northwest. The awards granted over the past year are summarized below.

*Award Name: **Traffic Bowl - First Place Award***

Recipient's Name: University of Portland

Purpose of Award: To Encourage Student Participation in Oregon Section ITE

Form of Award: \$400 to Student Chapter

*Award Name: **Traffic Bowl – Second Place Award***

Recipient's Name: University of Washington

Purpose of Award: To Encourage Student Participation in Oregon Section ITE

Form of Award: \$300 to Student Chapter

*Award Name: **Traffic Bowl - Third Place Award***

Recipient's Name: Portland State University

Purpose of Award: To Encourage Student Participation in Oregon Section ITE

Form of Award: \$200 to Student Chapter

*Award Name: **Traffic Bowl – Participation Award***

Recipient's Name: Oregon State University, University of Idaho, Oregon Institute of Technology

Purpose of Award: To Encourage Student Participation in Oregon Section ITE

Form of Award: \$150 to each Student Chapter

PENDING ACTIVITY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2009

In addition, the section is currently reviewing scholarship applications and plans to award two \$1,000 scholarships at our May section meeting.

*Award Name: **Oregon ITE Scholarship Award - Undergraduate***

Recipient's Name: TBD

Purpose of Award: To recognize outstanding achievement by an undergraduate student in the field
of transportation

Form of Award: \$1,000 scholarship

*Award Name: **Oregon ITE Scholarship Award - Graduate***

Recipient's Name: TBD

Purpose of Award: To recognize outstanding achievement by a graduate student in the field
of transportation

Form of Award: \$1,000 scholarship