



NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott E. Nodes, PE, PTOE



Dear AZITE Members,

Thank you for helping us have an excellent start to the 2004 – 2005 ITE year! Since we started our new year, we've had many activities for our members including two luncheon meetings in Phoenix, one luncheon meeting in Tucson (joint meeting with the ITE Southern Arizona Chapter),

several Active Member Group Meetings, a review course for the Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) exam, and the PTOE exam was offered at ASU for our members. I would like to thank Paul Basha for teaching an excellent PTOE exam review course for our members in October!

On December 15th, we had a Holiday Party with the Arizona Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the University Club in Phoenix. I would like to thank our sponsors for this event, including ITE Engineers & Constructors, Siemens ITS, Lee Engineering, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Wood, Patel & Associates, Kirkham Michael, Phoenix Highway Products, 3M, Econo-lite, URS, CK Engineering and Transportation CADD Services. Thanks for making this event a success.

We have numerous ITE activities in January, February, and March. On January 19th and 22nd, our members will be judging Future Cities Competition models prepared by 7th and 8th grade students. ITE will give an award for the Best Multi-Modal Transportation Systems Award; please contact me if you would like to help me judge the models. On January 27th, we will have our monthly luncheon meeting. From February 20th to 26th, Engineers Week is scheduled. On February 26th, the ITE Arizona Section will have an exhibit at the Arizona Science Center; please contact me if you would like to assist me with the exhibit. On February 24th, we will have our monthly luncheon meeting. From March 8th through March 10th, we will have our annual Spring Conference with the International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA). On March

8th, we will have a golf tournament and a tennis tournament. On March 9th and 10th, we will have technical sessions and exhibits as part of our Spring Conference.

There are several legislative activities that affect most of our members. First, in Maricopa County, Proposition 400 (Regional Transportation Funding) was successful in November. Proposition 400 was discussed at several of our recent luncheon meetings and it was a topic of lively discussion by our members. On the national level, the Transportation Reauthorization Bill will be discussed during the winter and spring in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. I encourage all of our members to become familiar with this bill and provide input to your Senators and Representatives.

I have taken a new position as the City Traffic Engineer for the City of Goodyear. I have been extremely busy since I started my new position. I will be involved in all traffic engineering activities for the City including those involving traffic signals, intelligent transportation systems, traffic safety, bicycle transportation, traffic calming, transportation planning, pedestrian issues, street lights, traffic impact analysis, and school traffic issues. If you are ever in Goodyear or need an excuse to come to the west side of the Phoenix Metropolitan area, please contact me and we can get together!

I hope you all have a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

ACTIVE MEMBERS GROUP

The Arizona Active Members Group has made significant strides since its inception. Below is a brief update on the groups activities and achievements by Christine Warren, PE, AMG Past President. This article is also being published in the next issue of the ITE Westernite.

"Two years ago the Arizona Section began an experimental committee called the Active Member Group (AMG). The AMG was to be a forum for ITE members to become more involved in networking, their community, and also to become

more knowledgeable about our profession. Each year the group has planned or been involved with a variety of events, including sporting events, technical tours, social hours, family events, a charity golf tournament and other charity activities. Events have included:

- ITE Future Cities Judging Team
- ITE Future Cities Golf Tournament (Benefiting the Phoenix Future Cities Competition)
- Collecting Items for a Domestic Violence Shelter
- Spring Training Baseball Games
- Bowling Night
- Technical Tour of the Coyotes Arena

The AMG receives funding from the Arizona Section and also holds fundraising events in hopes of one day becoming self-reliant. The group's most recent fundraising event was a competition for a new Arizona Section logo. The winning logo was embroidered on polo shirts that were sold at the section meetings.

Sarath Joshua, Past President AZITE, says that "Over the span of two short years, through their various projects and activities, AMG has made significant contributions to the community, the Arizona Section of ITE and our profession."

The majority of the AMGs are young professionals; however, there is no age restriction. The AMG meets once per month, separately from the Arizona ITE monthly meeting/luncheon, to plan events and to network with each other. The group has now grown to over 20 members. If you would like further information about AMG, please contact Chris Williams at CWilliams@taskeng.net or (602) 277-4224."

AZITE HOLIDAY PARTY

ITE and ASPE held a joint Holiday Party on December 15 at the University Club of Phoenix. The party was a huge success, thanks to sponsorship from various firms in the valley. AZITE would like to say "Thank You" and extend special recognition to the following firms for making this event fun and successful.

- 3M**
- CK Engineering Inc.**
- Econolite**
- ITE Engineers & Constructors**
- Kimley-Horn & Associates**
- Kirkham Michael**
- Lee Engineering**
- Parsons Brinckerhoff**
- Phoenix Highway Products**
- Siemens ITS**
- Transportation CADD Services**
- URS**
- Wood, Patel & Associates**



This Space Available!

(The Vendor's Corner highlights a different vendor in our industry in each issue.)

Sorry, no Vendor's Corner this issue. Contact the newsletter editor, Amara Ibeji @ aibeji@ckengr.com to use this space



FUTURE CITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT...

The Future Cities Golf Tournament will be held on February 5, 2005 at the beautiful Estrella Mountain Ranch Golf Club. The Future Cities is a national event sponsored by the engineering community to promote and challenge middle school students technologically. It helps create interest in math, science and engineering application in young students. Sponsors are greatly needed, see attached flyer for sponsorship opportunities or contact Andrew Smigielski, (602) 684-0676 for more information.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

ITE/IMSA/MAG Spring Conference, March '05

Do you have an interesting topic or project that you would like to present at the 2005 ITE/IMSA Spring Conference in Phoenix? Please contact Jennifer Kroening, Program Committee Chairperson at kroening@cox.net for more information.

ENGINEERS WEEK 2005

Engineers week for the Greater Phoenix Area is slated for February 20th—26th 2005. See attached flyer for more information on this exciting and innovative event.

MEMBER NEWS

This space is free and open for all AZITE members to share any special or exciting news with fellow ITE members. Please feel free to send thoughts, comments or articles to Scott Nodes or Amara Ibeji for inclusion in the newsletter.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Once again, the year has run its course and it's the season to get together with friends, family and loved ones and celebrate the close of another great year. 2004 has definitely had its fair share of exciting events, worldwide, national and local. As we enjoy the season and contemplate the events of the year and make decisions for the coming year, let's keep on striving to uphold our mantles as civil engineers to serve the public to the best of our abilities in fairness and sincerity. Let's also support and keep in mind those serving the country in far off lands and places in whatever way we can. All in all, it's been a great year and I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to greater things in 2005!!

ENGINEERS WEEK 2005

Greater Phoenix Area

February 20th to 26th 2005



Engineer's Week is an exciting time for engineers and scientists across the country. Engineers get involved with their communities via national, regional and local programs, carrying on a tradition that began in 1952.

This year, in an effort to make this a valley-wide event, Engineers Week – Greater Phoenix Area will be organized by a committee of various professional engineering and science organizations throughout the area. We are planning exciting events for E-Week 2005.

- Outreach. Engineers visit schools and community organizations. Hands on experiments and demonstrations illustrate basic scientific and engineering principles and promote careers in the industry.
- “Engineer’s Day” at the Arizona Science Center. The Center in downtown Phoenix is the perfect venue for engineering societies, university students and industry representatives to set up events, which excite all the visitors. Past events have attracted large attendances. The date is Saturday February 26th 2005 from 10 am to 4 pm.
- Engineer’s Week Awards. In order to recognize engineers, students, educators and projects that have made outstanding contributions to the profession a number of awards will be presented for 2004.
- E-Week Banquet. This event is scheduled for Thursday February 24th and has become an integral part of E week. The evening, which includes the presentation of the awards, will also feature a dynamic guest speaker.

For information for all these events and how to sign up please visit www.eweek-phx.org. Also visit Engineers Week at the national website, www.eweek.org.

Thank you to all of the 2004 sponsors for making last year such a success. We look forward to your continued support this year.

Sincerely, Alex McLaren, P.E. Chair, E-Week Committee.
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4th Annual Design the Future Golf Classic

Benefiting the Phoenix Region Future City Competition



TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

**Saturday February 5, 2005
Estrella Mountain Ranch Golf Club
11800 S. Golf Club Drive
Estrella Mountain Rd, South of I-10**

**7:00 AM
Registration**

**8:00 AM
Shotgun Start**

**Four-Person Teams
18-hole Modified Scramble**

**\$150 per player
(Includes cart, fees, lunch &
2 Mulligan's per player)**

WIN GREAT PRIZES!!!

Hole-In-One

Vegas Hole
(featuring Rock Bottom Brewery)

PLUS:

Closest to Pins

Longest Putts

Longest Drives



The Phoenix Region Future City Competition is open to 7th and 8th graders across the state. Additional information can be found at www.futurecityphoenix.org. For further information on the golf tournament, contact Andrew Smigielski at Southwest Traffic Engineering 602.684.0676 or smig@swte.us.

Design the Future Golf Tournament Entry Form

Name	Company	Phone/E-mail
1		
Address		
2		
Address		
3		
Address		
4		
Address		
<input type="checkbox"/> Please keep players 1-2-3-4 together <input type="checkbox"/> Please pair us with others <input type="checkbox"/> Sorry, I cannot attend, but please accept my contribution		_____ Players @ \$150 _____ Total

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Future City Competition. Please complete and return this entry form by January 28, 2005 to: Andrew Smigielski, Southwest Traffic Engineering, 5025 North Central Avenue, # 614, Phoenix, AZ 85012 (phone-602.684.0676, fax -602.798.9706).

Thank you for participating!

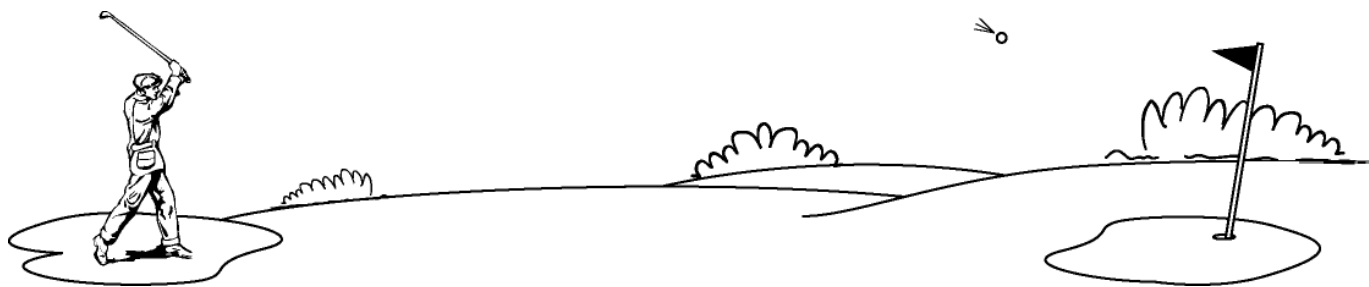
Sponsorships Available

Sponsorship is an opportunity to promote your organization while supporting the Phoenix Region Future City Competition. Sponsor websites will also be posted on the Future Cities website. This year we offer the following:

# Needed	Description	Cost
17	Contest Hole Sponsors Two closest to pin, three long putts, and one Vegas Hole. Name is published in sponsor list along with advertisement at the tee and given the opportunity to award the prize.	\$350
1	Hole-in-One Sponsor Name published in sponsor list, advertisement sign displayed with the prize.	\$500
1	Practice Range Sponsor Name published in sponsor list, advertisement sign displayed at the range.	\$200
1	Lunch Sponsor Name published in sponsor list, advertisement sign displayed at the lunch.	\$300
1	Beverage Cart Sponsor Name published in sponsor list, advertisement sign displayed on the cart.	\$350
3	Place Sponsors Name published in sponsors list.	\$300

Reserve early! Golf Tournament sponsorship is on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have questions about sponsorships or door prize donations, contact Andrew Smigielski at Southwest Traffic Engineering 602.684.0676 or smig@swte.us.



Design the Future Golf Classic Tournament - Sponsorship Entry Form

Name

Company Name

Phone

Address (including zip code)

Type of sponsorship

Amount enclosed

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS



JANUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Next Monthly Meeting of the Arizona Section of ITE will be held on January 27, 2005 at 11:55 A.M.

Location: TBD

Cost: \$20.00

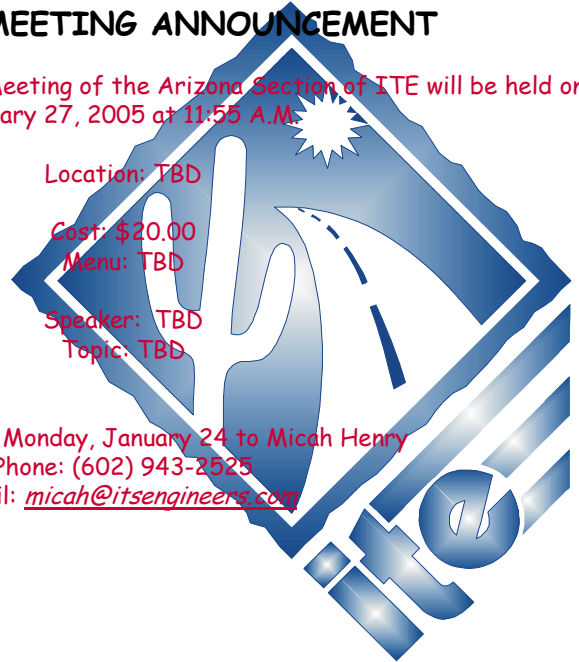
Menu: TBD

Speaker: TBD

Topic: TBD

RSVP by noon, Monday, January 24 to Micah Henry
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