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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is the annual report of the ITE Manitoba Section for the period of January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008. The report:

- identifies the Section Executive;
- summarizes Section membership;
- indicates our current financial position;
- provides a summary of Section activities; and
- describes awards received by members of Section.

2.0 SECTION EXECUTIVE

The Executive members of the ITE Manitoba Section in 2008 were as follows:

- **President:** Glenn Cuthbertson, P.Eng.
- **Vice-President:** Kerra Mruss, P.Eng.
- **Secretary:** Cindy Desjardine, P.Eng.
- **Treasurer:** Jonathan Regehr, P.Eng.
- **Past-President:** Jeannette Montufar, Ph.D., P.Eng.

A new Executive was elected at our last meeting in 2008. Congratulations to Mr. Bjorn Radstrom, EIT, on his election as Treasurer. We wish to thank Jeannette Montufar, Ph.D., P.Eng. for her outstanding contribution and leadership to the ITE Manitoba Section over the years she has served on the Executive.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

According to the ITE International database, 81 individuals are listed as members of the ITE Manitoba Section. These individuals are categorized by membership grade as follows:

- **Members:** 35
- **Students:** 35

- **Institute Affiliates:** 0
- **Fellows:** 9
- **Esteemed Colleagues:** 2
- **Honorary:** 0

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

Our current balance, as at March 31, 2009 is approximately \$200. In 2008, expenditures included covering occasional shortfalls in luncheon meetings and providing student scholarships. Revenues were obtained from luncheon fees, luncheon sponsorships, and the CITE annual report rebate.

5.0 SECTION ACTIVITIES

The ITE Manitoba Section holds monthly lunch meetings for transportation professionals in the province. Each month, presentations are given by guest speakers on a variety of transportation engineering topics of interest to transportation professionals. These meetings provide an ideal opportunity to meet with fellow members of the profession and discuss current issues that are impacting transportation engineering in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and across Canada. Strong involvement in these meetings is encouraged, particularly from those students who are members of the University of Manitoba ITE Student Chapter. Some of the luncheons are sponsored by a local company/organization involved with ITE.

In 2008, there were eight lunch meetings:

- This year, the first luncheon meeting was held on January 10, 2008. Mr. John Falchetta of UMA AECOM Engineering was the guest speaker and gave a presentation on productivity issues in railway transportation. Twenty-seven people attended the meeting, including eight students.
- At our meeting on February 14, 2008, Mr. Jim Lukashenko, P.Eng. of MMM Group spoke about the reconstruction of railway bridges necessitated by the Manitoba Floodway Expansion Project. Twenty-six people attended the meeting, including seven students. MMM Group sponsored the luncheon.
- On March 13, 2008, Mr. Luis Escobar, P.Eng., PTOE, with the City of Winnipeg discussed Winnipeg's enhanced traffic signal management system. The luncheon, sponsored by Wardrop, was attended by 31 people, including seven students.

- Ms. Diane Robinson of 3M presented at our meeting on April 10, 2008. She described traffic safety technologies being developed by 3M. The luncheon was sponsored by 3M and was attended by 26 people, including six students.
- We held our last meeting prior to the summer break on May 8, 2008. Mr. Maury Steindel, EIT, of the University of Manitoba Transport Information Group presented his research about automated pedestrian detection technologies. Nineteen people attended the meeting, including seven students.
- On October 9, 2008, Jeannette Montufar, Ph.D., P.Eng., of the University of Manitoba presented her insights about transportation engineering issues in Costa Rica based on a recent trip to that country. The presentation was attended by 20 people, including six students.
- Mr. Kevin Nixon with the City of Winnipeg discussed active transportation in Winnipeg at our meeting on November 13, 2008. This meeting was attended by 34 people, including seven students.
- Our final meeting of the year was held on December 10, 2008. Mr. Glenn Cuthbertson, P.Eng., of Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation gave a presentation about establishing 110 km/h posted speed limits on selected provincial highways. About 30 people attended the meeting, including six students.

6.0 SECTION AWARDS

The ITE Manitoba Section presented two paper awards of \$150 each to two graduate students in transportation engineering at the University of Manitoba. The recipients were: Mr. Maury Steindel, EIT, for his work on automated pedestrian detection; and Mr. Jorge Arango, EIT, for his research on pedestrian walking speeds and accommodation at signalized intersections.

7.0 SUMMARY

The 2008 lunch meetings provided a wide variety of topics and were well attended by local transportation professionals and students. The ITE Manitoba Section continues to have a strong relationship with the University of Manitoba Student Chapter, with student members regularly attending and participating in the lunch meetings and guest speaker events. The ITE Manitoba Section is looking forward to another interesting and varied program in 2009.