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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is the annual report of the ITE Manitoba Section for the period of January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009. 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 the Section.

## 2.0 SECTION EXECUTIVE

The Executive members of the ITE Manitoba Section in 2009 were as follows:

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

## 3.0 MEMBERSHIP

According to the ITE International database, 93 individuals are listed as members of the ITE Manitoba Section. These individuals are categorized by membership grade as follows:

- **Members:** 34
- **Students:** 47
- **Institute Affiliates:** 0
- **Fellows:** 10
- **Esteemed Colleagues:** 2

- **Honorary:** 0

The Section does not receive dues from its members.

## 4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

**Balance of funds as at January 1, 2009:** **\$769.06**

**Income for 2009:**

Golf tournament profit: \$554.42

Monthly lunch profit (annual total): \$397.74

CITE support: \$500.00

Interest earned: \$0.01

**Total income:** **\$1452.17**

**Expenditures for 2009:**

Attendance at CITE planning meeting (Kerra Mruss): \$918.61

Student paper award (awarded to Maury Steindel in 2008): \$150.00

Student paper award (awarded to Jorge Arango in 2008): \$150.00

Student paper award (awarded to Greg Blatz in 2009): \$300.00

**Total expenditures:** **\$1518.61**

**Net income (expense):** **(\$66.44)**

**Balance of funds as at December 31, 2009:** **\$702.62**

## 5.0 SECTION ACTIVITIES

### 5.1 Monthly Lunch Meetings

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 2009, there were eight lunch meetings:

- This year, the first luncheon meeting was held on January 23, 2009. Mr. Chris Gauer, P.Eng., of MMM Group (Calgary Office) was the guest speaker and gave a presentation entitled “Road Safety on Alternative Delivery Projects”. Thirty people attended the meeting, including eight students. MMM Group sponsored the luncheon.
- At our meeting on February 12, 2009, Mr. Richard Gilbert spoke about guidelines being developed to promote child and youth friendly land use and transportation planning. Mr. Gilbert is a consultant on urban issues, focusing on transport, energy, waste management, and urban governance. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.
- On March 12, 2009, Mr. Bjorn Radstrom, EIT, of Winnipeg Transit discussed intelligent transportation systems initiatives at Winnipeg Transit. The luncheon, sponsored by Stantec, was attended by 21 people, including five students.
- Mr. Bruce Belmore, P.Eng., PTOE, MITE, of AECOM (Regina Office) presented at our meeting on April 2, 2009. He described a parking study undertaken by AECOM for the Regina General Hospital. The luncheon was attended by 22 people, including five students.
- We held our last meeting prior to the summer break on May 14, 2009. Mr. Greg Blatz, an undergraduate student in civil engineering at the University of Manitoba presented his research entitled “Using Google Earth as a Transportation Engineering and Planning Tool for Traffic Data Visualization”. Mr. Blatz was awarded the Section’s Student Paper Award for this research. The luncheon, sponsored by Dillon, was attended by 23 people, including eight students.
- On October 8, 2009, Mr. Jim Gough, M.A.Sc., P.Eng., of MMM Group discussed ongoing efforts to implement the “Canadian Capacity Guide for Signalized Intersections”. The presentation was attended by 24 people, including five students.
- Mr. James McCutcheon, P.Eng. with AECOM discussed presented at our meeting on November 19, 2009. His presentation described the engineering challenges and opportunities arising from the East Side Road Initiative in

Manitoba. This meeting was attended by 33 people, including seven students. The luncheon was sponsored by AECOM.

- Our final meeting of the year was held on December 10, 2009. Ms. Jan McKee of Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation gave a presentation about Manitoba's truck permitting program and its impacts on highway infrastructure. Twenty-five people attended the meeting, including ten students.

## 5.2 Golf Tournament

The 2009/2010 ITE Manitoba Section season kicked off in September with the First Annual ITE Manitoba Golf Tournament, which was organized jointly with the University of Manitoba ITE Student Chapter. The tournament was held on Thursday, September 10 at The Links at Quarry Oaks and included an afternoon of Texas Scramble Golf followed by dinner and a chance to win some prizes. The weather was fantastic and sponsorship and feedback for this inaugural event were very positive. We look forward to hosting the Second Annual ITE Manitoba Golf Tournament next year.



## 5.3 ITE Manitoba Section Website

On August 7, 2009, the ITE Manitoba Section officially launched its new website. The website address is: <http://itemanitoba.ca>. We gratefully acknowledge the hard work of Mr. Bjorn Radstrom, P.Eng., on developing this site.

## 6.0 SECTION AWARDS

The ITE Manitoba Section presented one paper award of \$300 to Mr. Greg Blatz, an undergraduate student in civil engineering at the University of Manitoba. Mr.

Blatz presented his paper on “Using Google Earth as a Transportation Engineering and Planning Tool for Traffic Data Visualization” at our May lunch meeting.

Two of our long-standing members—Mr. Ben Rogers, P.Eng. and Professor Alan Clayton, P.Eng.—were awarded Life Membership by ITE in 2009. As a Section, we recognized these accomplishments by presenting these individuals with certificates at our October lunch meeting. We are very appreciative of the ongoing support these individuals offer the Section.

## **7.0 SUMMARY**

As the ITE Manitoba Section Executive, we are pleased to report on our activities in 2009. Our regular lunch meetings provide good opportunities for peer exchanges and are generally well-attended—particularly by members of the University of Manitoba ITE Student Chapter. We successfully organized a fundraising golf tournament in cooperation with University of Manitoba ITE Student Chapter. We envision this to become an annual event. In addition, we are pleased to have launched a new ITE Manitoba Section website. We look forward to another interesting and varied program in 2010.