



INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT



Report from the District By Mike Schauer, Chair



I find myself echoing many of my predecessors. It is incomprehensible that I have served in this capacity for a year. Talk about time flying! It has been a busy, productive and fulfilling year. Here is a recap of some of this year's accomplishments.

We began the year by accepting the resignation of our previous District Administrator, Alan Gonseth, who had served in that capacity for nine years. Al was also a Past International President and had served in many other capacities throughout his years with ITE. We were very fortunate to find another extremely well qualified individual to take on this important position. Steve Gayle graciously accepted this new role. Steve is also a Past International President and has held other international as well as district and section positions.

We provided ITE International with feedback on the ramifications of creating additional professional certification categories. We pointed out that each new one created could have the unintended effect of undermining previous certifications. I am pleased to say that the Transportation Professional Certification Board is not currently pursuing any new certification categories and is re-evaluating the Traffic Operations Practitioner Specialist one. Steve Gayle was recently elected Vice-Chair of the TPC Board which provides a voice for the District.

We held an annual meeting that was extremely successful technically, socially, and financially. It was also held in a City that I am pleased to say has reemerged from the "ashes" of urban decay, Providence, RI. Also as part of this we memorialized one of our distinguished members Harvey Boutwell. Harvey was a Past District Chairman, International Director, as well as our first District Administrator.

In conjunction with our annual meeting we gave awards to the most active section (New England), best student paper (Heather Rothenberg), most active student chapter (UMASS at Amherst) as well as the Harvey Boutwell Distinguished Service award to Joseph Pecora.

We found two excellent candidates to run for the position of International Director and elected one to represent our District for the next three years. It is Lynn LaMunyon who is the Immediate Past Chair of District 1 as well as the Co-Chair for the 2008 District Annual meeting.

We approached ITE District 2 to join us in our next District annual meeting that will be held outside of our area. They accepted and the meeting is planned for May 28 to 30 in Atlantic City.

We found a new webmaster in Adam Allen and created a new website for the District. It is www.northeasternite.org. The intent is to include information about the District, Sections, and

student chapters as well as the transportation profession in general. So please submit your materials to Adam at AAllen@cmxengineering.com.

We revised both the District Bylaws as well as the Charter to reflect our current business process. The Bylaws were approved by the membership and the Charter was recently approved by the International Board of Direction.

We have provided financial support to the student chapters through the sections. This money can be used to host student meetings, subsidize attendance at professional conferences, or other purposes agreed to by the Section and Chapter.

We held our first ever Fall Executive Committee meeting as part of the New York Upstate Section's annual meeting and Transportation Symposium. This will be an annual meeting to be held in the Chair's home section.

We have just completed the process of electing a new District Secretary - Treasurer from the New York Upstate Section. Don Adams will begin a four year path of service to the Board including service as its Chair.

I would like to acknowledge the many other members who are not mentioned here. Without their efforts and dedication any organization, especially a professional volunteer one, could not exist. Please accept my thanks and that of the Executive Committee for a job well done.

To all the members of ITE District One (aka Northeastern District) I wish you Happy Holidays and thank-you for the opportunity to be able to serve you in this distinguished position. The state of the District as well as the profession is very good and with your continued interest and involvement it will stay that way.

Mike