

**INSTITUTE OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
ENGINEERS**

***OREGON SECTION***



**Annual Report**

*April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010*

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**1. OFFICERS**



President  
Bikram Raghubansh



Vice President  
Chris Tiesler



Secretary/Treasurer  
Evan Dust



Past President  
Todd Mobley

**Officers and Committee Chairs**

**OFFICERS**

President  
Vice President  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Past President

**2008-2009**

Todd Mobley  
Bikram Raghubansh  
Chris Tiesler  
Pamela O'Brien

**2009-2010**

Bikram Raghubansh  
Chris Tiesler  
Evan Dust  
Todd Mobley

**CHAIRS**

Technical Committee  
Membership & Publicity Committee  
Membership Committee  
Traffic Control Devices Committee  
Student Chapter Committee  
Legislative Committee  
Newsletter Editor  
Scribe  
Webmaster  
Scholarship

Dick Raub  
Lani Tribbett  
Not applicable  
Charles Radosta  
Diego Arguea  
Kevin Haas  
Vacant  
River Hwang  
Michael Tomasini  
See note

Dick Raub  
See note  
Lani (Tribbett) Radtke  
Charles Radosta  
Diego Arguea  
Kevin Haas  
See note  
Matt Bell  
Michael Tomasini  
Pamela O'Brien

**Note:**

The Newsletter for the Section has not been published in the past two years. The position of "Newsletter Editor" has been effectively dissolved by lack of a volunteer. Since Committees are struck at the pleasure of the President, it is likely that the President will advise the board that the Oregon Section Newsletter Committee will be dissolved at his direction.

The Board of Direction for the Oregon Section in its September 2009 meeting advised the President regarding the committees in effect and proposed for 2009-2010. The President took formal action to:

1. Dissolve the "Publicity and Special Events Committee"
2. Created the "Scholarship Committee" and appointed Pamela O'Brien as its chairperson.
3. Recognized the position of "Scribe" as a Chairperson of the "Scribe" Committee with that committee having only a single member – that of the Chairperson.

**2. MEMBERSHIP**

The Oregon Section’s membership consists of 107 members who have paid the \$25.00 Section Annual Dues and 64 student members who are not charged the section dues and receive a substantial discount on meeting registration fees.

As noted in the 2008-2009 Annual Report, the Oregon Section of ITE lost a substantial portion of its membership through 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. The Board has embarked on developing an alternative proposal for the structure of ITE within the State of Oregon that, in the opinion of the Board, would better serve all members of ITE within Oregon. The Oregon ITE section continues to be supportive of active membership throughout the state of Oregon.

**Membership Committee:**

The membership committee focused on improving communications to existing members and those interested in the monthly activities of the section. In 2010, the Oregon Section switched from the use of a member's corporate e-mail account to the use of an e-mail list service (“Constant Contact”). The provider was selected based on the positive experience members receiving e-mail messages from both Western District of ITE (District 6) and National ITE using the same e-mail list service provider. It is expected that the increased efficacy of this electronic communication method will provide better service to existing members and prompt greater interest in the Section and National ITE membership.

**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 2009-10 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, 2009: \$29,216.35***

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

**INCOME FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD** (April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010):

Category of Income	Amount Received
Membership Dues (see note "a")	\$250.00
Gross Income from Meetings	\$6,865.00
Investment Income (none reported)	\$0.00
Advertising Income (none reported)	\$0.00
Other Sources of Income: Corporate sponsorships at major events (Golf Tournament, Traffic Bowl)	\$3,325.00
Other Sources of Income: Golf Tournament Registrations	\$3,770.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,210.00</b>
<p><b>Note:</b> (a) The first portion of the 2009 Section dues (\$2,173.00) were received prior to the start of this fiscal year. The amount reported for Section membership dues is the balance of the 2009 dues received in November 2009.</p>	

**EXPENDITURE FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD** (April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010):

Category of Expense	Amount Expended
Monthly meeting expenses	\$9,109.03
Traffic Bowl Award expenses (see note (a))	\$1,200.00
Golf tournament expenses	\$5,317.17
Operating expenses (see note (b))	\$2,591.94
Scholarship payments	\$2,000.00
Transfer to OR ITE Scholarship Fund (see note (c))	\$3,000.00
Capital expenditures	\$101.29
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,218.14</b>
<p><b>Note:</b> (a) This category captures the costs of awards made to the student organizations participating and winning ranking positions at the William C. Kloos Traffic Bowl, November 2009 (b) Operating expenses include the costs of Board meeting refreshments, service fees for the web site and e-mail communications to members, postage, printing costs (c) The Board authorized the establishment of a formal scholarship fund held by ITE National in an interest-bearing account. This expense is the transfer of funds to establish the fund.</p>	

*Balance of Funds on hand at the End of the Reporting Period (March 31, 2010):*

\$25,208.21

*(\$25,088.21 in Bank Account + \$120.00 in Petty Cash)*

*Reconciliation of Fund Balance:*

<b>Balance at Start of Reporting Period</b>	<b>\$29,216.35</b>
Income	\$14,210.00
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,218.14</b>
<b>Balance at End of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$25,208.21</b>

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

**No. The Board is planning to present an amendment to allow electronic voting to the section membership in the annual election of the Board of Direction (May 2010).**

4. **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

The Oregon Section tracked several transportation-related Bills during two separate legislative sessions from January 2009 through February 2010. The regularly scheduled session of the 75th Oregon Legislative Assembly convened January 12, 2009 and adjourned on June 29, 2009. For the first time in several years transportation funding took center stage with the Legislature looking to jump start a slumping economy by addressing a backlog transportation infrastructure improvements. House Bill 2001 was the landmark transportation bill passed during the 2009 Legislative Session increasing transportation funding at a level close to \$300 million annually over current levels.

A separate short 25-day special legislative session convened February 1, 2010 and adjourned on February 25, 2010. The special session was a second test run for what lawmakers hope will be annual sessions. Lawmakers sent a ballot measure to voters that will be decided on November 2, 2010 whether or not to make annual sessions permanent, with limits of 160 days in odd-numbered years and 35 days in even-numbered years. Oregon is one of five states where lawmakers still meet every-other-year, and there is no limit on the session length. Recent every-other-year sessions have averaged six months, although the 2003 and 2005 sessions ran into August and were the two longest in state history.

Even though the 2010 Special Legislative Session only lasted 25 days, there were a few Bills and Resolutions related to transportation that were passed including an overhaul of some access management standards on the Oregon State Highway System.

Details on the Bills tracked by the Oregon Section are provided to the membership at <http://www.oregonite.org/legs/legs2.php>.

**5. MEETINGS**

The Oregon Section conducted six (6) 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 following table summarizes the general meetings conducted over the past year and those scheduled for the remainder of 2010 (future events are shown in shaded table lines).

**OREGON SECTION MEETINGS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
04/07/2009	April - Joint meeting with WTS	James Witty, manager of Oregon Department of Transportation's Office of Innovative Partnerships and Alternative Funding. His presentation addressed 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	
04/22/2009	Happy Hour	Social gathering of the members and guests. Presentation of scholarships to student recipients was made at this gathering.	Rogue Brewing Company, Portland OR	
05/07/2009	May – Joint meeting with OTCDC and Greater Oregon ITE Section	The end of the 2008-2009 program year meeting included the announcement of the newly elected Oregon Section officers. A brief presentation on the status of legislative discussions regarding transportation funding was made by Senate Transportation Committee Vice-Chair Bruce Starr of Hillsboro.	Keizer Renaissance Inn, Salem, OR	32
09/18/2009	2009 Golf Tournament	This year's golf tournament was again held in late summer, follow the successful pattern of prior years. We had good turn out and good corporate sponsorship donations (7 firms sponsored the tournament).	Oregon Golf Association (OGA) Golf Course, Woodburn, OR	56
10/07/2009	October Meeting	Ed Fischer, State Traffic Engineer, ODOT presented highlights from TRB/AASHTO Scanning Tour of European Bicycle and Pedestrian treatments. Ed's presentation which was well-illustrated with images from the tour, discussed many innovative treatments that may be coming to North America.	Bridgeport Brew Pub	51
11/19/2009	2009 Student Traffic Bowl	This is the first William C Kloos Traffic Bowl (recognizing the passing of Bill Kloos). Portland State University (PSU) won the event with University of Portland (UP) taking 2 <sup>nd</sup> place and Oregon State University (OSU) receiving the 3 <sup>rd</sup> place prize. University of Washington (UW) and Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) participated in this competition.  By proclamation of the Oregon Section Board of Direction, future Student Traffic Bowls will carry	McMenamins Edgefield Troutdale, OR	57 members/ non-members  49 students

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
		the title of the “William C. Kloos Traffic Bowl.”		
01/27/2010	January Technical Workshop	The annual technical workshop presented a number of views and experiences regarding the planning, design and implementation of roundabouts. Speakers from ODOT, WSDOT, Kittelson & Associates, City of Springfield, Clackamas County and City of Bend.	ODOT Region 1 Portland, OR	54 including speakers
03/18/2010	March Meeting	Roger Geller, City of Portland, discussed the newly adopted City of Portland Bicycle Plan. He placed it in context with the City's historic support of the bicycle mode of travel and how the City expects to reach its stated goal of a 25% mode split to bicyclists by 2030.	Bridgeport Brew Pub	60
04/13/2010	April Meeting – Joint with WTS	Stephen Hawke Senior VP of PGE will talk about PGE’s long-term plans to facilitate plug-in hybrid vehicle technology and any infrastructure implications that may affect the electric grid and transportation systems.	Jake's Catering at the Governor Hotel, Portland	N.A.
05/14/2010	May Meeting – Joint with OTCDC	Clackamas County Commission Chairperson Lynn Peterson will be the guest speaker. This is the last business meeting for 2009-2010 “season” of events and results will be announced for the annual election to the Board of Direction at this meeting	Hayden's Lakefront Grill, Tualatin	N.A,

**6. TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES**

**Technical Workshop**

The Section sponsored the annual Technical Workshop, held at the ODOT Region 1 Building in Portland, January 26, 2010. The topic this year was roundabouts. The following topics were included:

- Documents related to planning and developing roundabouts (*Roundabout Guide, HCM 2010 and MUTCD*)
- Policy perspectives from Oregon State and Washington State
- Case studies:
  - Springfield
  - Clackamas County – focused on construction issues

The 2011 Technical Workshop is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>. Initial plans would suggest holding it again at the Region 1 ODOT building in Portland.

**7. STUDENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

**William C Kloos Traffic Bowl**

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 (now named the “William C. Kloos Traffic Bowl”). 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 19, 2009 at McMenamin's Edgefield just east of Portland, Oregon (in Troutdale).

This year we had 49 students from five universities attending the event. Participating schools were:

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

Portland State University took home the grand prize of bragging rights (defeating University of Portland), a trophy and a \$400 scholarship award. University of Portland who were two-times prior winners needed to be satisfied for this year with second place and the \$300 scholarship award while the Oregon State University Beavers received \$200 for third place. The remaining two 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, many local companies donated funds to support student attendance. Donations were received from a total of 13 firms and organizations:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CH2M Hill,</li><li>• Coral Sales Company,</li><li>• DKS Associates,</li><li>• Group Mackenzie,</li><li>• HDR Inc.,</li><li>• IBI Group,</li><li>• JRH Engineering,</li><li>• Kittelson &amp; Associates, Inc.,</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lancaster Engineering,</li><li>• Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium (OTREC)</li><li>• Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade &amp; Douglas,</li><li>• Quality Counts, and</li><li>• TrafStats.</li></ul> |
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**Other Student Member Benefits:**

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](http://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 and archived 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 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 automatic invoicing for meetings, the incorporation of flash animation, and a photo archive from section meetings and other events.

**Annual Golf Tournament:**

The Oregon Section hosted its 20th annual ITE Golf Tournament at the Oregon Golf Association (OGA) golf course on September 18, 2009. The tournament drew 56 transportation professionals from across the state. Kittelson & Associates, CH2MHill, Quality Counts, David Evans and Associates, DKS Associates, Lancaster Engineering and HDR 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. The section had pint glasses custom etched with the Oregon ITE logo for use as a speaker gift. (Figure 1). One unique feature of this glass is the outline image of the State of Oregon on the bottom of the glass (Figure 2).



Figure 1 – Custom Beer Glass



Figure 2 – Bottom image of Custom Beer Glass

**9. AWARDS**

The Oregon Section recognized several groups and individuals during 2009-10. The Section provided \$1,350 in awards to various ITE Student Sections throughout the greater Northwest. The awards and scholarships granted over the past year are summarized below.



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

*Recipient's Name:* Josh Crain

*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:* Lisa Diercksen  
*Purpose of Award:* To recognize outstanding achievement by an graduate student in the field of transportation  
*Form of Award:* \$1,000 scholarship

*Award Name: William C. Kloos Traffic Bowl - First Place Award*

*Recipient's Name:* Portland State University (PSU)  
*Purpose of Award:* To encourage student participation in Oregon Section ITE  
*Form of Award:* \$400 to Student Chapter

*Award Name: William C. Kloos Traffic Bowl – Second Place Award*

*Recipient's Name:* University of Portland  
*Purpose of Award:* To encourage student participation in Oregon Section ITE  
*Form of Award:* \$300 to Student Chapter

*Award Name: William C. Kloos Traffic Bowl - Third Place Award*

*Recipient's Name:* Oregon 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:* University of Washington, Oregon Institute of Technology  
*Purpose of Award:* To encourage student participation in Oregon Section ITE  
*Form of Award:* \$150 to each Student Chapter

**10 William C. Kloos**

The traffic engineering community in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest lost a valued professional in 2009 with the passing of William “Bill” C. Kloos (1951-2009).



According to Bill's obituary published in the *Oregonian*:

Bill, a professional engineer, worked for the Federal Highway Administration, city of San Antonio and recently retired after a 25-year career as the signals and street lighting division manager for the city of Portland. Bill was a Fellow of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (FITE) and a professional traffic operations engineer (PTOE). He was well known for his innovative contributions to the field of traffic engineering as well as creative and informative presentations at professional meetings where he won many best paper awards. Bill was recently honored for his support of education by Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) when they named their annual student competition the "William C. Kloos Traffic Bowl" and declaring a "Bill Kloos Day."



**ITE Presidential Proclamation Honoring William C. Kloos**