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President's Message

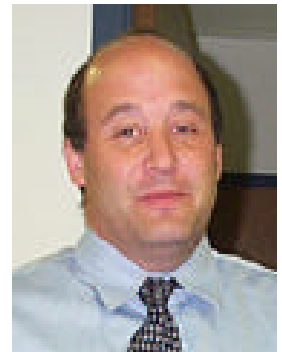
By Tim Faulkner, P.E., PTOE

It's hard to believe that it's been three years since I took the first step in serving the Upstate Section as Treasurer. It has been my pleasure to serve the ITE Upstate Section in various capacities over the past three years and I look forward to being your president in 2005.

Please join me in welcoming two new members to the Upstate Section Executive Board. Amy Dake of SRF Associates takes over as Treasurer and Paul Pfleuger of Watts Engineers takes over our recently vacated Secretary position. We look forward to their assistance and enthusiasm over the coming years in continuing the outstanding work of the Upstate Section. Many thanks to our past president, Lorenzo Rotoli. He has given tirelessly to the Upstate Section and actually begin serving on the Board has a replacement to a Board Member that had moved on in their career and was unable to continue on the Board. He has done a phenomenal job as president and will be missed. Although, out of a leadership position, we will not let Lorenzo go quietly into the night. Also serving on the Board is our Vice President, Don Adams. Don has also taken it upon himself to become certified by the Practicing Institute of Engineers to certify presentations for professional development credits. We hope that at the next Annual Upstate Section meeting we'll be able to offer an exciting program chock full of professional development credits. I look forward to working with each one of them and making this year a success.

As the new year begins, the ITE Upstate Section is on a firm financial footing, primarily due to the efforts of past Boards in controlling costs and to Mary Rowlands, who chaired our 2004 Annual Upstate Meeting and helped make it a financial success. Our financial situation allows the Board to continue our leadership role in the transportation field and support various technical societies and programs across Upstate New York. This

years Upstate Section Annual Meeting will be held in Rochester and past president, Lorenzo Rotoli, has graciously offered to chair the Annual Meeting Committee. If you would like to assist Lorenzo, please contact him at Fisher Associates (585) 334-1310.



In the coming year, we will be holding another election for the incoming Treasurer for 2006. The new Treasurer will be coming from the Syracuse area, so if you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact me at 315-471-3920. Since I have served the Board for the past three years I can give you a brief overview of the duties of each of the officers on the Board.

- ❖ Treasurer – Keeps the Boards finances, reconciles bank statements and prepares annual budget.

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2005 Action Calendar

With the start of a new year comes a host of exciting activities and several dates to keep in mind. The calendar below highlights some of these items. If you have any additions or corrections. Please contact Mike Wieszchowski, Editor, at mwieszchowski@cha-llp.com, to update.

ITE NY Upstate - 2005 Action Calendar	
Date	Action
January	
14	Executive Board Meeting
21	Newsletter Article Deadline
	District 1 Executive Committee Meeting
31	Web Page Update
February	
11	Annual Section Meeting - Committee Kick Off Meeting
	Newsletter Publication
28	Solicit Newsletter/Web Page Advertisements
April	
8	Executive Board Meeting
25	Web Page Update
May	
2	Identify Awards Committee Members
2 - 4	District 1 Conference, Morristown, NJ.
16	Send out Awards Nomination Package
25	Identify Election Candidates
June	
13	Newsletter Article Deadline
	Publish List of Election Candidates
	Publish Annual Awards Solicitation
20	Newsletter Publication
July	
15	Executive Board Meeting
	Web Page Update
August	
5	Award Submission Deadline
22	Select Award Winners
September	
23	Newsletter Article Deadline
30	Newsletter Publication
October	
TBD	Executive Board Meeting
TBD	Annual Meeting, Rochester, NY
November	
12	Web Page Update
Jan-06	
13	Executive Board Meeting
20	Newsletter Article Deadline

Welcome New Members

The ITE NY Upstate Section is proud to welcome our newest members. Below is a list of members that have joined the Section since our last publication. We look forward to meeting you at our next event.

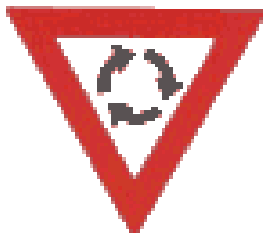
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ITE partners with NYSDOT on Roundabout Planning Workshops

By Lorenzo Rotoli

The NYSDOT, ITE, GBNRTC, ASCE, and APA partnered to provide a series of free 1-day workshops in Buffalo on January 6th and 7th covering aspects of planning, site selection, design, education, safety, construction, and maintenance associated with modern roundabouts. Greg Szewczyk of NYSDOT Region 5 coordinated the workshop. ITE provided a \$100 donation for food and beverages as well as plenty of ITE attendees.

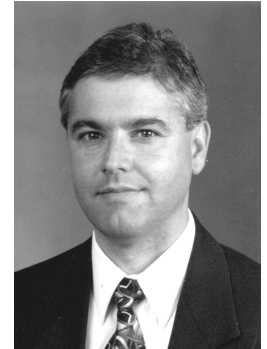
Howard McCulloch and Rich Schell of NYSDOT's Roundabout Design Unit instructed the workshop. The class was geared to the professional community including planners, engineers, architects, and local community decision-makers. The workshop was originally scheduled for one day on January 6th, but registration and turnout was so overwhelming that a second course was added on January 7th.



Past President's Farewell

By Lorenzo Rotoli

It is truly incredible how quickly an entire year can pass by. It seemed like yesterday that I started my term as President and now I hand over the reigns to Tim Faulkner. I want to acknowledge and thank my fellow ITE Executive Board and all our membership for their support and commitment that produced a successful year in 2004.



ITE has maintained its role as the leading professional transportation organization and our members are always ready to step into those leadership roles. Some of the highlights this year include the following:

- ITE was one of the first organizations to address the new PE continuing education requirements. Don Adams became PIE certified to accredit for courses for PDH's.
- Our Upstate Newsletter, *The Interchange*, was a repeat winner of the ITE Newsletter Award in 2004. Mike Wieszchowski, the newsletter editor, attended the ITE Annual Meeting in Florida to accept the award.
- Mary Rowlands and her committee put together a great Annual Section Meeting in Syracuse this past October. The joint conference was a collaborative effort between ITE and the NYSMPO's. The 2004 conference was so successful that both organizations have agreed to a joint 2005 conference.
- ITE was co-sponsor and actively involved in the planning of the 14th Annual Transportation Symposium in Albany.
- Mike Schauer was elected to the District 1 Executive Board as Secretary/Treasurer and will represent the Upstate Section at the District level.
- ITE was co-sponsor with NYSDOT Region 5,

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District 1



Student Paper Award

CALL FOR PAPERS

You are invited to submit a written paper on a transportation engineering topic for consideration in the 2005 ITE District 1 Student Paper Award Competition.

Paper Topic & Format

- Addresses a transportation engineering subject.
- Maximum length of 15 double-spaced, typed pages excluding the required title page and table of contents.
- Title page must contain the title of the competition, the title of the paper, the author's name and contact mailing address/phone numbers.
- Copy of author biography or resume.

Submittal Requirements

Due April 1, 2005
Send original manuscript and five photocopies to the ITE District 1 Coordinator :

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Manalapan, NJ
07726 - 0900

Evaluation Criteria

- Originality
- Significance
- Scope and Format
- Validity

Eligibility

- Must have been a student member of ITE during the period between March 1, 2004 and March 31, 2005
- Must have completed the work that provides the basis for the paper while a student member of ITE.
- Must be the only author.

\$1,000 Award Prize

- \$500 Honorarium
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Madison Hotel, Morristown, NJ
- + Present Paper at District 1 Annual Meeting
- + Become a Candidate for the ITE National Student Paper Award that includes an additional \$1,000 cash prize, a plaque and the possibility of the paper being published in the *ITE Journal*



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ACCESS

By Jim Harris

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Strategies for Improving Traffic Safety Data Nationwide
By Martin Bretherton

There has been a lot of talk about getting better safety data for analyzing traffic crashes in the US. The National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes initiatives to help reduce the incidence of death and injury on the country's roadways by increasing the flow of timely, accurate, uniform, complete and accessible traffic safety data. A report about this is titled "Initiatives to Address Improving Traffic Safety Data". It is posted on the NHTSA website at http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/crash/crashstatistics/trafficsafetydata_IPT_Report.htm

Traffic Safety Website
By Martin Bretherton

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has updated its safety website. The updated site is designed to emphasize FHWA's safety focus areas of roadway departure crashes, intersection fatalities, pedestrian safety, and a comprehensive approach to safety. The website can be found at: http://trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=4524

CPC Credits through ITE NY Upstate Section
By Don Adams

2004 was the year to learn about the continuing education requirements for professional engineers! Not only as individuals in the profession, but as ITE and what we could do for our members. Effective January 1, 2004 licensed professional engineers renewing registration of a license on or after January 1, 2005 are required to complete continuing education requirements (an average of 12 PDHs required per year).

Our goal was to provide our members with the opportunity to obtain continuing education credit by attending the same meetings and sessions they had attended for years. To do this we became a Program Member of the Practicing Institute of Engineering, Inc. (PIE). This allowed us to use ITE members, who were also members of PIE, to review courses and assign professional development hours (PDHs) to ITE sponsored seminars and conference sessions. In our first year we managed to provide our members with the opportunity to obtain 13 PDHs through the Section Annual Meeting and the Albany Transportation Symposium (16 total PDHs, some offered at the same time as others).

In 2005 our goal is to provide our members with even more opportunities to obtain the PDHs by hosting local meetings, increasing the opportunities at our Annual Section Meeting, the Transportation Symposium and the Annual District Meeting.

We would also like to hear your ideas on other opportunities, so if you have any ideas, questions or have a session you want to be reviewed, please contact Don Adams at 518.464.1717 or dadams@stantec.com.

For information about PIE, check out their website at <http://www.pie-cpc.org>, or for information on the new law regarding mandatory continuing education for professional engineers go to http://www.pie-cpc.org/law_Reg.htm#CPC.



ITE/NYSMPO Fall 2004 Conference a Big Success

By **Lorenzo Rotoli**

The New York Upstate Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) together with the New York State Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSMPO) were pleased to host the ITE/NYSMPO Fall 2004 Conference in Syracuse, NY. With more than 100 people in attendance, the Conference took place at the Oncenter in the Onondaga County Convention Center on October 6, 2004. The technical program consisted of eight technical sessions that qualified for Professional Development Hours (PDH's).

The success of the Conference can be attributed to the organizational skills and past experience of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC). A group of six NY Upstate Section members, including the local Metropolitan Planning Organization Director (and several of her staff), volunteered to organize this event and expended considerable time and effort to make everything run smoothly. They deserve huge thanks for their efforts. The LAC was comprised of the following people:

Meeting Chair	Mary Rowlands
Registration & Finance	Mary Rowlands
Technical	Don Adams & Joe Tocke
Facilities	Tim Faulkner & Mary Rowlands
Audio/Visual	Jim Billings
Sponsors	Lorenzo Rotoli
Gifts	Mary Rowlands



Upstate Section Executive Board Meeting



Section President Lorenzo Rotoli Addresses Attendees during Lunch

The Fall Conference was subsidized by strong support from our sponsors. A total of \$2,800.00 was collected from the 14 sponsors listed below. Their contributions allowed the Conference organizers to keep registration fees to a minimum:

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This year the Conference received support from local government agencies as well as private sector firms. Of the 111 total conference attendees: 24 were from the Syracuse area, 21 from the Rochester area, 21 from the Albany area, 10 from the Binghamton area, 5 from the Buffalo area, 21 from other areas within the state, 7 from out of state and 2 attendees traveled from Canada. The attendee breakdown is detailed below:
ITE Members – 39 (35%)

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2004 NY Upstate Section Awards

By **Mike Wieszchowski**

During the ITE/NYSMPO Fall Conference Luncheon, the NY Upstate Section of ITE presented three annual awards. These awards were given to individuals and projects in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the transportation field.

Transportation Professional of the Year

The winner of this year's award was your very own newsletter editor, **Michael Wieszchowski, P.E., PTOE.**, a senior traffic engineer and project manager with Clough Harbour & Associates LLP. Michael has more than 12 years experience in the transportation field and aside from his significant contributions to the Section as newsletter editor, he was a key contributor on several important projects within Upstate New York. An example of this was on the State Street Streetscape project in Schenectady, where he was responsible for all traffic engineering components of a project which was geared to calm traffic and revitalize the downtown area. Michael was also the senior traffic engineer on the award winning project of the year, the North Mohawk Street Reconstruction in Cohoes.

Transportation Project of the Year

This year's project of the year was submitted by Clough Harbour & Associates LLP and involved the reconstruction of North Mohawk Street in the City of Cohoes,



Mike Wieszchowski, P.E., PTOE
2004 Transportation Professional of the Year



Scott Reigle
2004 Young Transportation Professional of the Year

New York. This \$10.3 Million project involved the reconstruction of a 1.6 mi. urban corridor within the Harmony Mills Historic District. During the design, a context sensitive approach was used to develop improvements that increased pedestrian and vehicular safety, helped stimulate economic recovery and helped restore the historic look to the area. The project included turning an abandoned canal into a pedestrian area, relocating overhead utilities and a full renovation of the waterfront area.

Young Transportation Professional of the Year

This year's recipient of this award is **Scott Reigle**, a Senior Transportation planner who has been working for the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study (BMTS) since 1995. Scott has developed a significant presence in the field of pedestrian and bicycle planning. When the National Center for Bicycling and Walking initiated its Walkable Communities Workshop grant program, Scott proposed that BMTS apply. Given the go ahead, Scott did all of the groundwork and prepared the grant application. BMTS was one of only 9 MPOs nationwide to be selected in the first round. It is through Scott Reigle's initiative that BMTS has become a central player in planning and implementation for non-motorized modes of travel, and through his professionalism that he is viewed more as an expert than an advocate in the field.

Congratulations to all award recipients.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!!!
ITE 2005 Technical Conference and Exhibit
February 27 - March 2
Las Vegas, NV

*Held in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and
in cooperation with the National Transportation Operations Coalition*

Mobility Now!: Get Moving with Transportation Management and Operations

The information generated at the conference is critical to transportation professionals employed by federal, state/provincial, regional and local government agencies, consulting firms, universities and manufacturers as well as community activists and policy decision-makers.

Here's why you should attend:

ITE will provide the information needed to make immediate improvements through solutions and ideas discussed during the conference.

You will hear from preeminent transportation professionals, community leaders and leaders in allied disciplines.

Opportunities will be available for informal discussions with speakers, exhibitors and other meeting attendees.

Exhibits of transportation products and services will introduce you to some of the latest advancements in the industry. The exhibit hall is sold out.

You will be armed with an Action Kit to help you act quickly once you return from the conference.

This aggressive program is supplemented with three professional seminars. More information on these seminars/sessions can be found at www.ite.org/Conference/proseminars.asp.

Professional Development Seminars

"**Designing Accessible Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way**" serves as a companion piece for the *Public Rights-of-Way Access Manual*. Participants will better understand the challenges of identifying the many types of pedestrian special needs requirements and addressing these effectively within the overall intersection design process.

The "**Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (TM) Refresher Course**" provides an overview of PTOE topics, key references for additional information and a brief independent study guide organized by topic.

"**Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**" is an emerging technology for mass transit that is being implemented by metropolitan areas throughout the world. BRT combines the convenience of a bus with the advantages of a rail system, while operating on dedicated transit lanes. This course is being presented with ITE's partners: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Transportation and Development Institute (TD&I) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the National Transit Institute (NTI).

To register online or to see a complete look at the ITE 2005 Technical Conference and Exhibit program, please visit the ITE Web site at www.ite.org/conference.

President's Message

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- ❖ Secretary – Takes and distributes meeting minutes for each quarterly Board meeting and coordinates election of Treasurer.
- ❖ Vice-President – Oversees annual awards program including solicitation of award nominees
- ❖ President – Oversees Board, coordinates activities of Board.

So as you can see, volunteering for the Board does not take a significant amount of time, but you will find it a very rewarding experience. Therefore, if you have an opportunity to run for Treasurer, please consider joining us.

I would also like everyone to consider submitting nominees for our annual awards program. Over the past couple of years there have been only one or a few nominees for each of our awards. We, as a Board, would encourage the membership to nominate either a project or person for every one of the awards. Nomination packages will be coming out shortly, and we have tried to make it as easy as possible, so there will be plenty of time to submit your nominations.

This year's District 1 meeting will be held in Morristown, New Jersey from May 2nd to 4th. Please consider joining us and renewing old friendships and making new ones. The 2006 District 1 meeting will be hosted by the Upstate section in historic Cooperstown, NY at the Otesaga Hotel. Steve Gayle has graciously taken it upon himself to Chair the 2006 District 1 Meeting Committee but will be looking for volunteers across the Upstate Section to assist him in this endeavor. Anyone who has been associated with a District meeting knows that it takes a lot of people and effort to hold a successful District meeting. Please consider volunteering for one of the committees.

In closing, I would like to say that I am looking forward to the upcoming year and know that I can't make things happen by myself. There are many dedicated people taking leadership roles through out the Upstate Section and they need your assistance. If you have any concerns or comments please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone of the Board members.

Past President's Farewell

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GBNRTC, and ASCE for the January 6th Roundabout Training in Buffalo.

- Upstate NY ITE will host the 2006 District 1 Meeting with our own Steve Gayle leading the effort as Meeting Chairman.

The entire Executive Board has worked hard to keep things moving behind the scenes to help our current members, to attract new members, and to increase ITE's visibility. Let's keep the momentum going. I look forward to the exciting possibilities for 2005.

I wish you and your family a wonderful and safe New Year.

2003 MUTCD – No. 1 Update

By Martin Bretherton, Transportation Tips, vol. 10, issue 4

The final rule for revision No. 1 of the 2003 MUTCD has been issued by FHWA. The final rule is for 24-hour pharmacies. The Federal Register notice dated December 1, 2004 describes the final Revision 1 changes to the MUTCD and the reasons for them. You can find the update at <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/texts/2125-AF02FR.htm>.

FHWA has issued four interim approvals:

1. The optional use of stop/slow automated flagger assistance devices (AFADs) under certain specific conditions in temporary Traffic Control zones to reduce flagger exposure to traffic.
2. The optional use of Clearview font for Positive contrast legends on guide signs.
3. The optional use of wayside horn systems at highway grade crossings.
4. The optional use of retroreflective borders on traffic signal backplates.

Access the FHWA website for additional information about the interim approvals at: http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/res-interim_approvals.htm.



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ITE/NYSMPO Conference

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NYSMPO Members – 34 (31%)
Student Members – 2 (1%)
Non- Members – 25 (23%)
Unknown – 11 (10%)

The 2004 Fall Conference was a huge success. The turnout was greater than anticipated, and the facilities, technical program, and luncheon all received positive reviews.



The 2005 District 1 Organizing Committee and the Met Section of ITE are considering hosting a PTOE exam before the 2005 District 1 meeting in May. Due to the costs involved, 20-25 participants will be required to make this happen. To help assess the desire for this exam, please email me at the address below if interested.

Thank you,

Gordon Meth
2005 District 1 PTOE Exam Chairman
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