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President's Message



Hello VASITE Members! It's a pleasure to serve you this year as President. I look forward to furthering the innovative strategies implemented by our past President John Yorks.

I want to thank our VASITE Board for their commitment to serve our organization. Many of our Board Members are new. We welcome your suggestions and hope that Members demonstrate interest in being on the Board. I pledge that our Board will remain open, honest, and candid in our approach to serving you.

My primary goals for VASITE during my term this year include to:

- Proactively use electronic methods for regular VASITE business;
- Increase VASITE membership; and
- Partner more with other member organizations in meetings, trainings and networking events.

I will need the help of the Board and you as Members to make this happen!

This is a big General Assembly session for transportation legislation. The Governor's Omnibus Transportation Funding Bill is a \$4 billion plan to expand and maintain Virginia's transportation system. If it passes, the plan will provide the greatest investment in transportation in the Commonwealth in a generation. All told, the plan will inject \$4 billion into Virginia's transportation network over just the next three years. 900 projects have been identified that can begin construction within the next three years if the legislation is approved. For every \$100 million spent on highway construction, 3000 jobs are estimated to be created or supported.

In summary, it will:

- Create the "Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank" (VTIB) to multiply transportation dollars.
- The bank will be initially capitalized with \$150 million from the 2010 budget surplus and \$250 million from VDOT audit-identified funds; the bank will reach \$1 billion total during the McDonnell Administration.
- Modify Virginia Code to authorize Direct GARVEE bonds. This would allow the Commonwealth to issue up to \$1.1 billion in direct GARVEE bonds and utilize toll credits for state match.
- Accelerate the sales of bonds from 2007 transportation legislation to a maximum of \$600 million per year, providing the ability to issue up to \$1.8 billion in bonds during the remainder of the Administration.
- Increase the availability of revenue sharing, specifically eliminating the \$1 million cap per project and \$50 million program maximum.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting in Roanoke in March, the SDITE Annual Meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana in April, and our Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach in June. Please visit www.vasite.org regularly to keep up with meetings and training sessions.

Last, I want to extend special congratulations to two of our very own VASITE Members who are serving as Presidents this year as well. Tim White of Kimley-Horn and Associates, is serving as the 2011 President of Southern District, and George Rogerson of VDOT, is serving as President of ASHE!

Thank you for being a Member of VASITE and I trust I will see you at one of our upcoming meetings!

Robin Grier
2011 VASITE President

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Highlights from 2010 Fall Meeting

The 2010 Fall Meeting VASITE Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA was a tremendous success! Please find a summary of topics and presenters below. Copies of the presentations are available at www.vasite.org.



*Access Management Performance Measures for Virginia:
A Practical Approach for Public Accountability*
John Miller, Virginia Transportation Research Council



Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements Update
Robert Hofrichter, VDOT



Dulles Rail Status Update
Mike Harris, Department of Rail and Public Transportation



*Evaluation of Driver Reactions for Effective Use of Dynamic
Message Signs in Richmond, Virginia*
Jeremy Schroeder, UVA Ph.D. Candidate



Variable Speed Limit Projects in Virginia
Michael Fontaine, P.E., Ph.D., Virginia Transportation Research Council



Urban Development Areas
Paul Grasewicz, Virginia Department of Transportation

Highlights from 2010 Fall Meeting

Special thanks to the 2010 Officers for all of your hard work to make 2010 a successful year!!



2010 Officers:

Bill Wuensch, Paul Anderson, John Cejka, John Yorks, Robin Grier



Induction of 2011 Officers:

Carol Hamlin, Robin Grier, Michelle Smith, Tim Foster

2010 Fall Awards



Tom Flynn, City of Richmond Transportation received the ITE "Life Member" award, which is for individuals that have been an ITE member for 30 years.
Award presented by John Yorks



Mr. Ismail Zohdy, Virginia Tech Student Scholarship Award Recipient
Award presented by Chris Daily

Lunch overlooking the beautiful view



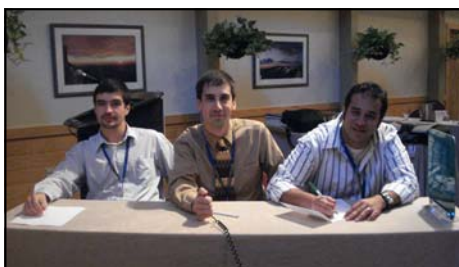
Students from the Graduate Studies Program at Virginia Tech



Kaythrn Brown, Christine Toole, Carlin Hamlin, Chris Daily, and Andy Boenau

Traffic Bowl Qualifying

Congratulations to Virginia Tech who will represent Virginia Section at the Southern District ITE 59th Annual Meeting April 10-13, 2011, in Lafayette, Louisiana



Virginia Tech Team

Milos Mladenovic, John Sangster, and Ismail Zohdy



University of Virginia Team

Alec Gosse, Anthony Gallo, and Jeremy Schroeder

Social Hour

VASITE hosted a joint social with WTS and ASCE organizations at BlackFinn Restaurant in Richmond. It was great to see familiar faces and meet new ones from various disciplines.



From the Secretary...

Dues have to be paid in full in order to take advantage of the reduced membership registration fees for each conference and continuing education course. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Smith at msmith@vhb.com

Treasurer's Report:

Presently, we are on track per the President's budget with a bank balance of **\$26,644.**

NEW WEBSITE FEATURES

Update Personal Information – you can now update your personal information such as name, address, phone number, email, etc. yourself – no need to go thru the VASITE Secretary.

Online Payments – all AFF members can now pay online using PayPal – ITE members have been able to pay online starting last year.

Online Voting (during election periods) – the upcoming election will be 100% electronic

Need assistance with your password?

Contact George Rogerson, the Web Site Manager at: George.Rogerson@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Spring Meeting at Sheraton Roanoke, Hotel and Conference Center: March 9-10, 2011

Join us at the VASITE Spring Meeting in Roanoke Virginia!
Technical sessions, continuing education and recreational opportunities will be offered.

Bring a guest and enjoy this beautiful setting.
Register in advance at www.vasite.org or at the door.



Program Schedule

March 9, 2010: 7:00–9:00pm—VASITE Board Meeting

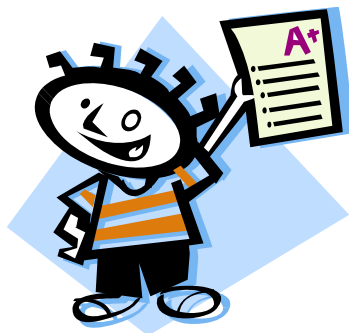
March 10, 2010: 8:00am–4:00pm – VASITE Spring Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VASITE ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 27 - July 1, 2011 in Virginia Beach, Virginia

Please visit www.vasite.org for more details.

Continuing Education



The VASITE Continuing Education Committee plans and conducts training courses on relevant topics to the VASITE membership. A Transportation Safety Project Grant from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) helps keep the cost of these courses affordable for attendees. The Continuing Education Committee is currently seeking ideas for training topics and areas of interest from the membership.

If you are interested in joining this committee or have any suggestions on future courses please contact **Christine Toole** at 202.461.326 or ctoole@clarknexsen.com.

Contribute to The Traffic Lite Publication

If you have Hot Topics/Trends in the industry, company related news, or other submission ideas to contribute for the next VASITE Traffic Lite newsletter, please contact Danielle McCray at 804.474.5402.

Submissions should be e-mailed to danielle.mccray@urscorp.com by **April 15, 2011**.

Thanks in advance for your contributions!

Employment Opportunities



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Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. is a growing employee-owned transportation engineering firm headquartered in Raleigh, NC with offices located in Richmond, VA, Winston-Salem, NC, and Charlotte, NC. We offer very competitive compensation and benefits as well as a flexible work environment. We currently have the following positions available:

BRANCH MANAGER/SENIOR TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER for office in Richmond, VA. 8+ years experience in traffic engineering/transportation studies for both public and private sector projects, BSCE and PE registration required. Masters in Transportation and PTOE certification desired. Project management, public speaking, and experience working with clients and team members are required along with excellent written/oral communication skills. Responsibilities will include performing and reviewing technical work, project management, management of staff, business development and writing proposals for projects throughout the southeast. Experience in transit, corridor studies, and advanced modeling are desired, but not required.

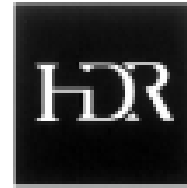
TRAFFIC SIGNAL ENGINEER/DESIGNER

Ramey Kemp & Associates is currently looking to immediately fill a Traffic Signal Engineer/Designer position within our firm. Ideal candidate will have a working knowledge completing traffic signal designs within North Carolina and/or Virginia. He or she will have three (3) to ten (10) years of experience in plan production utilizing Microstation and/or AutoCAD. Experience in cable routing and electrical details is desired. P.E.. licensure is preferred, but not a requirement. This position has great potential for growth.. Experience with large signal systems, ITS, signal systems timing, and wireless technology is a plus. Working with an experienced team of engineers, the successful candidate will be involved in expanding the services offered by RKA and expanding the geographic service area. Candidate must demonstrate excellent communication skills and ability to work well in a team environment.

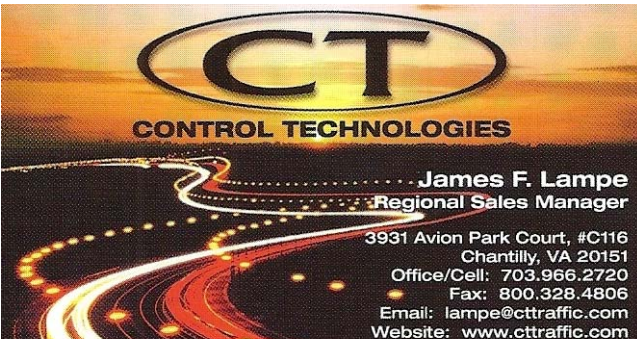
E-mail resume with cover letter to: hr@rameykemp.com.

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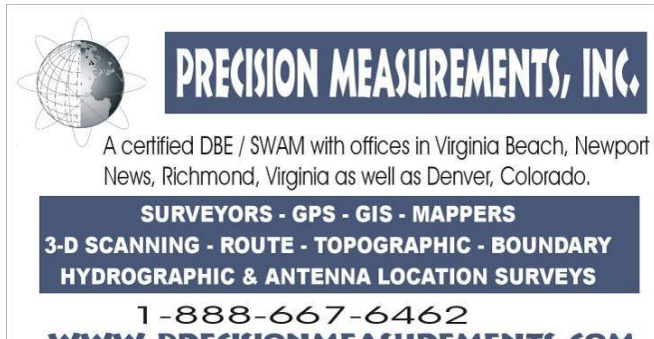
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Job Posting Area

VASITE has a "Job Posting" area. The cost per ad is \$75.00 and it will run for 90 days. This ad will run in both the Newsletter and the Website. The point of contact for further information is: Public Relations Chair for VASITE Kelli Stamm with Precision Measurements. kstamm@precisionmeasurements.com (757) 368-0945. We want to also advertise on the Website the opportunity for companies to become corporate members. This is \$ 75.00 for the year. This covers inclusion in the three (3) Newsletters that are planned each year, the Membership Roster and your Company Logo and Profile Information on the VASITE Online web site, www.vasite.org, including a hot link to your company's web site. See how others are benefiting from this opportunity. Visit www.vasite.org and click on 'Sponsors' at the top of the page. Please complete and mail the accompanying form to place your Ad. Please send your Business Card Artwork, Company Logo and Profile Information to Public Relations chair for VASITE Kelli Stamm with Precision Measurements, Inc. via e-mail me at kstamm@precisionmeasurements.com or you can contact me at 757-368-0945.



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