Message from the Associate Director

Mark Norman, TRB, and Gary Euler, PB Farradyn, visited TTI on Friday, September 26. It was the first trip to College Station for both.

The day included an overview of TTI and current research projects and tours of the TransLink Laboratory, the Driver Simulator, and the Erosion and Sediment Control Laboratory.

Mark and Gary also spoke to both TTI staff and the TAMU ITE Student Chapter. Mark’s presentation on TRB covered the history of the organization, ways to get involved, and recent changes in the committee, section, and group structure.

In addition to the annual meeting, Mark noted the importance of other committee activities, including conferences, mid-year meetings, newsletters, websites, and the identification of research needs. He noted that even though committee membership is limited, anyone can actively participate as a committee “Friend.”

My experience participating in TRB committees and task forces has been very positive. It is a great way to make connections with other transportation professionals, to stay up to date with research activities, and to contribute to the profession. Contacts I have made through TRB have become friends as well as professional colleagues.

TTI is limited in the number of people we can send to the annual meetings. As you know, only staff with papers accepted for presentation (as the presenting author) and committee chairs are guaranteed attendance at the annual meeting.

Even if you are not able to attend the annual meeting, researchers can still participate in all the other activities Mark highlighted. I would encourage you to get involved in TRB committees related to your research interest.

Please let me or your program manager know if you need help identifying possible committees or if you have any questions on TRB activities.

Thanks!
Katie

Service Pins

Beverly Storey, Environmental Management Program, and Dennis Perkinson, Transportation Modeling Program received their 10 year pins this month.

Congratulations Beverly and Dennis.

Short Course at a Glance

The Transportation Short Course will be held on the TAMU Campus October 14-15. As noted below, there is a change in the schedule this year with two general sessions on Tuesday.

Tuesday, October 14
8:30 a.m. – General Session
• Welcome
• Slide Presentation
• Awards
• Remarks from Commissioners

1:30 p.m. – General Session
• New Era in Project Delivery
• Rethinking Projects on the Books
• Wall Street Explains Infrastructure Financing
• Marketing Innovations

Wednesday, October 15
8:30 a.m. – Breakout Session
1:30 p.m. – Breakout Session

The full program and registration information is available at http://tti.tamu.edu/conferences/tsc03/. Please register if you are planning to attend. There is no fee for TTI staff.
Staff Activities

Ming-Han Li presented a poster, *A Solution to Extended Plant Dormancy for Biotechnical Streambank Stabilization in Warm Regions*, at the annual conference of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture in Charleston. He also moderated a session on landscape technology.

Jett McFalls and Ming-Han Li hosted a meeting of state representatives on the Erosion and Sediment Control Laboratory pooled-fund study. Staff from TxDOT, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the Nebraska Department of Roads participated in the meeting.

Jason Crawford has been re-appointed to a two-year term on the Coppell Economic Development Committee.

2003 SECC Campaign
“Choosing to Care”

It is the time of year again for the 2003 State Employee Charitable Campaign. TTI’s College Station SECC Chair for 2003 is Debbie Jasek. College Station staff should have received the donation/authorization form and a "mini-directory" listing local and statewide charities. If you wish to see a more in-depth directory or have questions about a particular charity, both Debbie and Barbara Hein have the larger directories.

This year the SECC Fundraising Committee is planning a chili-cook off on Friday, October 24th. More information on the cook off and other activities will be available soon.

You may send or turn in your contributions and/or authorization forms to either Debbie Jasek, Rm 114 Gilchrist, or Barbara Hein, Rm 603 CE/TTI Building. Also please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

For those of you in the urban offices that would like to donate to your local area SECC campaign, please contact Debbie or Barbara for more information.

Calendar

October 14-15 – 2003 Transportation Short Course, College Station, TX

November 3-6 – Fall RMC Meetings, Austin, TX

November 27-28 – Thanksgiving Holiday

December 11 – All TTI Day, Brazos Center, College Station, TX

Birthdays

October
Phillip Reeder 10/3
Elizabeth Delafield 10/7
Toni Carelock 10/8
Ed Hard 10/11
Christy Harris 10/14
Katie Turnbull 10/15
Patti Ellis 10/15
Jessica Lavy 10/19
David Pearson 10/21
Mike Teal 10/25
Bill Eisele 10/26
Tina Jackson 10/29
Clay Lipscomb 10/29

November
Jeremy Lindley 11/3
Jonathan Turner 11/5
Eun Sug Park 11/7
Dennis Perkinson 11/13
Bill Stockton 11/21
Eric Lindquist 11/23