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## NHITE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

(By Bob Bollinger, P.E., PTOE – NHITE Past President)

The New Hampshire Chapter held its Annual Business Meeting on December 11, 2007 at the Common Man in Concord, New Hampshire. The technical session, “An Update on the NHDOT Management Center (TMC),” was presented by Bill Lambert, P.E., Administrator, NHDOT Bureau of Traffic. The event drew approximately 30 attendees.

The TMC is part of the State’s new Emergency Operations Center in Concord, which also includes 911 and State Police dispatch centers, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Office of the State Fire Marshall, and serves as a central location for receiving, processing and disseminating information related to the State’s transportation system.



Bill Lambert, P.E., NHDOT – NHITE Fall Meeting (10/23/07)

Overall, the purpose of the TMC is four-fold: collect real time information; process the information collected; disseminate the information; and to control devices.

Real time information is collected in a variety of ways, including traffic sensors, video cameras,

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reporting from the Road Weather Information Service (RWIS), and, less we forget, human reporting. All available information is then processed amongst the participating agencies in a central server room. The information can then be disseminated to the public in the form of data transmitted to variable electronic message signs, or through the NH 511 system. From a device control perspective, the TMC has the ability to change traffic signal timing and phasing at 13 existing intersections within a closed loop system. Further, the TMC has the legal authority to variably post/change speed limits in accordance with real-time roadway conditions.

Through collection, processing, dissemination and control, the goals of the TMC are to: improve incident management, operations and maintenance; enhance safety and security, including coordination with the Amber Alert System; foster inter-agency cooperation; and provide real time traveler information.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Bob Bollinger, NH Chapter President, presented Bill with an honorary “Granite Chip” as a token of the NH Chapter’s appreciation.

## Past President's Award

(By André Betit, Jr., PE - NHITE President)

At the December meeting, the New Hampshire Chapter honored the past chapter presidents by presenting the "Robert M. Lee Past Presidents Award" in a special ceremony. Several Past Presidents attended the December meeting where they were presented with the awards including, Kim Hazarvartian, Tim Golde, Joseph Lowry and Kevin Dandrade.

Unfortunately, just prior to the meeting, Bob Lee suffered a mini-stroke and was hospitalized. Bob Bollinger and Kim Hazarvartian visited Bob in the hospital prior to the December meeting and presented Bob with his award. Our thoughts and good wishes continue to be with Bob and his family.



### 2008 Membership Dues

Just a reminder that 2008 NHITE dues are due. Dues continue to be just \$10 per year. If you have not yet paid your dues, you can send them to David DeBaie or pay them at an upcoming event.

## Election of 2008 NHITE Officers

NHITE is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been elected as chapter officers for 2008:

- President – Andre H. Betit, Jr., P.E.
- Vice President – Jean Marie Kennamer
- Secretary-Treasurer – Nicholas B. Sanders, P.E.

Thank you to all who voted!

## Upcoming ITE Events

**ITE 2008 Technical Conference & Exhibit** –  
March 30 to April 2, 2008 – Miami, FL

**ITE Northeastern District 1 Annual Meeting** –  
May 28–30, 2008 – Atlantic City, NJ

**NEITE/ME/NH Chapter Meeting** – June 17, 2008  
– York, ME

More details and registration information can be found at the ITE International Web Site, [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org) and the New England Section website, [www.neite.org](http://www.neite.org).

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## President's Message

As I write my first Presidents Message it's snowing, again. With relatively mild winters over the last few years we've been lulled into a sense of complacency. How rude of the record snow fall this year to shatter that complacency!

It is with this in mind that it occurs to me that our membership has remained relatively constant over the past few years. Many of us work with younger (and older) engineers on a daily basis. I would ask you to encourage your colleagues to join NHITE in an effort to increase our membership. Similarly, I would also encourage our current members to become more involved in NHITE. Currently the position of Program Chair is vacant. I encourage any current member who is interested in becoming more involved in NHITE to contact any of the current leadership and help us fill this important position.

Some changes are being discussed for NHITE in the future. It has been suggested that in addition to the program chair position, perhaps a program committee would be desirable to secure presenters or to develop topics that are interesting to both members and non-members alike. I believe that this suggestion would make NHITE stronger than it currently is and allow more of our members to become involved.

Before I go out to shovel snow again, I would like to reiterate the sentiment of our immediate past president when I say that the chapter is only as strong as the individuals that participate in its administration.

Sincerely

André H. Betit, Jr., PE  
President, NHITE

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- Concentration or experience in transportation engineering a plus
- FE/EIT certification a plus

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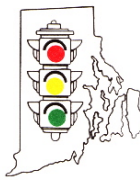
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