Dear RSBITE members and friends,

I hope everyone has survived the summer heat and is ready to meet the new RSBITE Board at our first meeting of the year on September 20, at South Coast Winery! Thanks very much to Past President Steve Latino, who last year led RSBITE into the electronic age. Steve was instrumental in setting up online voting, and Vice President Jonathan Hofert initiated online meeting registration. Our new Board Member, John Kerenyi, made immediate impact by helping RSBITE team win the Traffic Bowl at the Santa Barbara Western District Annual Meeting. Please see inside this newsletter for more on this accomplishment.

I would also like to thank those who came forward at the June Business meeting to chair RSBITE committees. As Newsletter Chair, Tony Salas has volunteered to reinstate the RSBITE newsletter. Franco Laurie has volunteered to serve as the Section’s scribe, noting key information from our meetings. Anwar Wagdy is chairing the 50th Anniversary Celebration committee (see below for more information). J.R. Morgan will continue to coordinate the annual golf tournament. Dr. Q helps program the monthly meeting. Anwar and J.R. can use some help on their committees; please contact them directly if you would like to volunteer.

We appreciate any feedback on past RSBITE performance and suggestions for future activities. You can provide your feedback to any Board member or Committee Chair. I encourage members to get involved in planning and organizing RSBITE events to enhance your leadership skills and professional development. Our organization will only grow and get better when members get involved especially during these economically challenged years.

We continue to look for vendor and consultant support of our events. Their support helps fund:

- Lower lunch cost for public agency employees and students
- Prizes for participants of the annual student presentation meeting that takes place in May.
- Donation to the Cal Poly Transportation Engineering Program and student ITE chapter.
- Limiting the need for increases in section dues.

This year we will be selling advertisements on the newsletter and allowing opportunities for vendors to place booths at the monthly meetings to generate more funds to offset the cost increases. We feel the industry is currently changing and innovating at a particularly fast rate and hope our members will appreciate the opportunity to hear firsthand about the state of the art directly from the innovators.

Our goal this year is to broaden members’ knowledge through participation and interaction, and to stimulate interest among younger generation in the field of Transportation Engineering. It will be interesting to hear from the old timers talk about their experiences at the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Anwar is the Chair for this committee and he was the president when the 25th Anniversary took place. We will keep you posted on when the celebration will take place.

Thank you all for your support. I am looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Dowling Tsai
RSBITE President

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ONCE UPON A TIME IN SANTA BARBARA

For the first issue of the new and improved newsletter, I would like to share the story of how RSBITE won the 19th Annual District 6 Traffic Bowl. The Traffic Bowl was held on Tuesday afternoon of the District’s Annual Meeting in beautiful Santa Barbara. Creating the teams was somewhat of a last minute scramble for all the sections, and the RSBITE team was assembled during the coffee break earlier that morning. Soon after the dream team was formed, the event started. Before we went up on stage to compete in the Jeopardy style traffic bowl, we huddled up and discussed our game plan to win or not lose by too much. We all agreed to only buzz in if we knew the answer and let the other teams lose points with their guesses. It turned out that this method was a great success and RSBITE is now the traffic bowl champion. The last time we won was in 2001, so it’s awesome to bring the trophy back. I would like to thank Zaki for his photos.

Jonathan Hofert

KAREN ASPELIN, District 6 Vice President, at right, presents the Traffic Bowl trophy to the RSBITE team. Left to right: Jonathan Hofert, Dowling Tsai, John Kerenyi, and Craig Schneider.

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You may already be aware that RSBITE is working to plan out our 50th anniversary celebration. We promise it will be special, memorable, and fun. Thanks to those who participated in our recent survey and sharing your preferences with us.

As we continue to plan the event, I would appreciate receiving any additional suggestions, comments or questions our members may have. You may contact me at (951)536-4722 or anwar@albertgrover.com.

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**Upcoming Events**

**2013 RSBITE Vendors Day**
**When:** Thursday, Jan 17, 2013

Our RSBITE Annual Vendor Show is planned for Thursday, January 17th, 2013. Since the Riverside Convention Center is under renovation until Spring of 2014, we will be looking for a new venue for the next two years. If you have a good location in mind please forward that info to RSBITE Vice President, Jonathan Hofert.

**30th Annual RSBITE Golf Tournament**
**When:** Friday, March 22, 2013

Help us celebrate 30 years of golfing: Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our RSBITE Golf Tournament. If you can help in any way with our golf tournament please contact J.R. Morgan, see Page 2 for his contact information.

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