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INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



Kristi M. Sebastian, Dakota County Transportation Department, NCITE

I am grateful that we were able to meet at our first newly formed Great Lakes District annual meeting in Ohio in late August. My sincere appreciation goes to the entire local advisory committee for putting on such a great in-person meeting for members. This meeting provided opportunities to share ideas, discover new and innovative transportation activities and hear from our international leadership. Our district and executive leadership gathered during the meeting to continue discussing ways to serve members and interact with sections along with holding an ITE listening session. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, presented, had a booth, or came to the technical program and

networked with other members.

Representing the sections and sharing information with international ITE is at the core of district leadership roles. As your district director over the last 3 years, opportunities to meet and reach out to sections and members have evolved. The virtual meetings allowed me to connect with members over the last 2 years at more meetings than previously possible considering the large geographic size of our region. Meeting virtually made it easier to attend more meetings to share ITE news including Technical training opportunities and Employee Councils updates. However, it was certainly more challenging to network and personally connect with members. After so many virtual meetings, I enjoyed our in-person Annual District meeting and look forward to seeing many of you this month or in December as Sections hold their final meetings of the year.

District activities may not be at the forefront of your everyday experience with ITE, the districts liaison and support role to Sections is a critical element of keeping communication open and

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Mike McCarthy, Wisconsin Section, EMCS, Inc.

It is hard to believe that our first year as a new district is coming to an end. It has been a busy year of transitions to the new Great Lakes District with plenty more to come. Our first in-person Annual District Meeting was a great success with many in attendance. Thanks Jeff Kupko and the Local Arrangements Committee for all your hard work in preparing and running such a tremendous event.

I would like to acknowledge our outgoing board members and thank them for their time and effort while on the board. Kristi Sebastian, our District Director; Chad Hammerl, our Past President; Allan Pacada, the Wisconsin Section District Representative; and Jeff Preston, the North Central Section District Representative. You have all been valuable assets to

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INDIANA SECTION UPDATE

Jerry Bollinger, Indiana Section Secretary, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

Each year, International ITE and the Great Lakes District provide an awards program to honor outstanding achievements and distinguished service in the transportation profession. In the past, local recipients of awards were individually identified and suggested to apply to the District or International awards program.

In an effort to formalize the process and better recognize professionals and projects within Indiana, and provide opportunities for Indiana Awards to proceed to Great Lakes District and International Award submissions, the Section has developed the following awards beginning in 2021. As the Section gets underway with the program we fully expect the individual awards and process to evolve along with the program needs - if you are interested in helping to shape this effort please volunteer to participate on the awards committee by contacting the board here.

Following is a description of the awards currently in place for this year. Additionally, please use this link to download forms and instructions for submitting an award nomination: [Awards Packet](#)

Please note that the packet currently states the deadline for applications as October 30, 2021. In an effort to increase submissions, we will allow applications to be submitted until November 10, 2021.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

The highest recognition of notable and outstanding professional achievement and service to the Indiana Section of ITE is receiving the Distinguished Member Award. The Distinguished Member Award is awarded annually as an honorary designation presented to a member of the Section who has provided outstanding and significant contributions to the Indiana Section of ITE over a period of many years. The award will be presented to the winner at the ITE Indiana Section Annual Holiday Gathering in early December.

TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Indiana Section of ITE established the Transportation of the Year Award to recognize an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the Indiana Section of ITE through achievements in the transportation/traffic engineering profession. The award will be presented to the winner at the ITE Indiana Section Annual Holiday Gathering in early December.

TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Transportation Achievement Award may be awarded annually for excellence in the advancement of transportation to meet human needs, by entities concerned with transportation such as governmental agencies, legislative bodies, consulting firms, and other organizations. One Award may be awarded for projects covering categories including Complete Streets, Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO), Safety, Planning and Traffic Engineering. This award will recognize an organization for one or more of the following:

- Development of an innovative concept in Complete Streets, TSMO, safety, planning or traffic engineering;
- Implementation of a challenging transportation program through perseverance in its development and promotion;
- Program or project having a significant effect on transportation;
- Multi-faceted transportation program or project, combining many innovative and/or well-applied concepts;
- Program or project promoting a major advancement in the efficiency and/or economy of transportation.

RISING STAR AWARD

The Indiana Section of ITE established the Rising Star Award to recognize an outstanding individual who has been exemplary in the field of Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning and/or has provided significant services within the Indiana Section of ITE. The award will be presented to the winner at the ITE Indiana Section Annual Holiday Gathering in early December.

STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Student Paper Award may be awarded annually for a significant paper prepared by a student member of ITE. The purpose of the award is to encourage ITE student members to conduct and report on independent and original research and investigate transportation subjects and to provide a means for recognizing outstanding accomplishments in this area.

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCED

If you were at our Transportation Seminar yesterday you heard it first, but here is the official announcement for everyone: our Annual Meeting has been set! Join us as we celebrate the year, including a new Awards program, and the results of our election (information on the election to arrive in your inbox soon as well).

The meeting will be held Friday, December 10, from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Cooper's Hawk, 3815 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis chwinery.com. Please register by 11pm, 12/6/21. Cost is \$20.00 for ITE Public Members and Students, \$30.00 for ITE Private Sector Members and \$40.00 for Guests/Non-Members. The menu consists of Salad, Dana's Parmesan-Crusted Chicken -or- Parmesan-Crusted Filet Medallions, Dessert and Coffee, tea, soft drinks. Cash bar is available. Vegetarian substitution is available. Please register online at www.indianaite.org, or contact Rusty Holt at rusty.holt@wsp.com or 317.972.8571 by close of business December 6th with your reservation.



2021 DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS

Scott Poska, Awards Committee Chair and District Vice President, Alliant Engineering, Inc.

Outstanding Section Award

The Outstanding Section/Chapter Award was initiated by ITE in 1992 and formerly called the "Section Activities Award." It is designed to encourage ITE Sections and Chapters to participate in activities that are aligned with the purpose and objectives of ITE.

The 2021 Great Lakes District ITE Outstanding Section winner is the North Central Section.



Accepting the award on behalf of the North Central Section is Section President Kevin Peterson

Section Momentum Award

This award was established by ITE in 2020 and is meant to recognize the Section or Chapter that has experienced the greatest momentum (or most improvement) in the past year.

The 2021 Great Lakes District ITE Section Momentum winner is the Illinois Section.



Accepting the award on behalf of the Illinois Section is Section President Jenna Brose

We're on the web!
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greatlakesite.org/](https://greatlakesite.org/)

INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS, GREAT LAKES DISTRICT

The Institute of Transportation Engineers is an international educational and scientific association of transportation professionals who are responsible for meeting mobility and safety needs. ITE facilitates the application of technology and scientific principles to research, planning, functional design, implementation, operation, policy development, and management for any mode of transportation. Through its products and services, ITE promotes professional development of its members, supports and encourages education, stimulates research, develops public awareness programs, and serves as a conduit for the exchange of professional information.

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Transportation Achievement Awards

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Complete Streets Category



Accepting the Complete Streets award on behalf of the project team is Jacob Folkeringa

ment, improve safety and convenience for pedestrians, and create a safe and efficient transportation corridor that supports the regional and local traffic needs.

Transportation Systems Management and Operations Category



Accepting the TSM&O award is Nick VanGunst

The winning project is the Main Avenue Reconstruction Project, Fargo, MN submitted by Ron Henke at the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Jeremy Gorden at the City of Fargo, and Matt Pacyna from SRF Consulting Group.

Fargo's Main Avenue, also known as US Highway 10, serves as an arterial connection between West Fargo, Fargo, and Moorhead. Constructed in the 1950s, this full stretch of Main Avenue is one of the oldest roads in Fargo. The purpose of the project was to mitigate identified system deficiencies such as deteriorating pavement, old water and sanitary systems, sidewalk and ADA compliance, delays associated with at-grade train crossings, and intersection safety. A key objective was to not only reconstruct the roadway and update its underground utility infrastructure, but to provide opportunities for an enhanced business environ-

The winning project is the I-35/Bayfront Traffic Study, Duluth MN submitted by Ron Chica at the Duluth Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council and Nick VanGunst from Alliant Engineering. The objective for this project was to develop improved wayfinding, ITS and operational short - and long-term solutions to address issues with congestion and traffic delays into and out of the Bayfront/ DECC/Canal Park areas during events, including utilization and re-configuration of the local roadway system and the adjacent section of I-35 and separation of industrial traffic from commercial/residential traffic. The final recommended improvements included the use to technology to improve wayfinding to available

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Tyler Krage, Alliant, Inc. and Stephen Joersz, City of Minot, ND, Great Lakes District Student and Young Members Committee,

The Student and Young Member group has plenty of important dates coming up soon, be sure to put these on your calendar! Please notify the Chair or Co-Chair with any questions!

November 11th @ 5-8PM - Student and Young Member Happy Hour Shake off the cold with some hot toddies, cider, or whatever other warm beverages you fancy, and join us for a virtual happy hour! Come and network with folks all across the District, and who knows, maybe we'll even have some games and prizes to go along with it. All are welcome, and you don't need to be a young member to attend!

December 31 - District Student Stipend Deposits Due Did you get a stipend from the District in 2021? Don't forget to deposit your check and let your Section Student Rep know by the end of the year, otherwise your deposit will be void!

March 1 - District Student Awards and Report Submissions Due Flex the great work you and your chapter has done this year by applying for our student awards. This is also the date when your Student Chapter Reports are due, make sure to submit so you get your 2022 student stipend! For more information, contact your Section Reps or our Tyler Krage for more information.

April 29 - Student Design Competition Kick-Off Now in its 4th year, the student design competition involves setting a team of 4-5 members from the same school to tackle a unique solution to a transportation problem and creating a pitch to a Mock City Council. The Mock City Council decides which solution to the RFP is the best based on loose design criteria, and the winning team receives gift certificates for each member. April 30th is the registration deadline and kick-off meeting for this project, and the teams will present their solutions (either in a virtual or in-person setting) at the Great Lakes Annual Meeting June 20-22. Please contact Tyler Krage (tkrage@alliant-inc.com) by April 29th to register your team and to get info on the design RFP.

June 20-21 - Great Lakes Annual Meeting and Student Activities Join us in Duluth, MN for the Great Lakes Annual Meeting! In addition to the meeting, we'll have the Great Lakes District Traffic Bowl, Student Design Competition, Student Poster Competition, and more! Stay tuned for updates on Traffic Bowl Logistics.

July 18-20 - International ITE Annual Meeting Join us in New Orleans (hopefully!) for the 2022 Annual Virtual Meeting and Championship round of the International Traffic Bowl. More info to come on logistics, activities, content, and more.

Stay up to date on our twitter (<https://twitter.com/ItGreat>) or LinkedIn ([linkedin.com/groups/931937/](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/931937/)) pages for more information. Students make sure to stay in contact with your representatives on important dates. Section representatives and committee leaders are:

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parking, provide real time parking availability, provide advance notification of congested routes and suggest alternative routes, modify parking operations at the DECC/AMSOIL and several other lots to help reduce congestion at the lot entrances, improved bike and pedestrian facilities, increased transit options and provide transit dedicated routes to and from the event site, and roadway infrastructure improvements/geometric changes.

Safety category



Accepting the award on behalf of the project team is Tyler Krage

The winning project is the St. Paul Speed Limit Signing & Signal Clearance Intervals Projects, St. Paul, MN submitted by Randy Newton at the City of St. Paul and Mike McCurdy at Alliant Engineering. In May 2019, Governor Tim Walz signed legislation giving all cities in Minnesota new speed limit authority, which took effect on August 1, 2019. The City of St. Paul carefully reviewed their roadway system and moved to adjust speed limits to 20 mph for local residential streets; 25 mph for larger, arterial and collector city-owned streets; and 30-plus mph for a few city-owned streets. Per Minnesota law, the City does not have authority to change the speed limits on county or MnDOT roadways. The City of St. Paul hired Alliant Engineering to develop plans for City forces to install the new speed limit signage as well as perform measurements and calculations for the revised signal timings.

The new speed limits resulted in the need to replace approximately 750 existing speed limit signs and revise speed based timing parameters at the City's 430 traffic signals. The signing strategy that Saint Paul prepared in coordination with the City of Minneapolis, was to utilize "gateway signs" at the entry points to both cities. The gateway signs, shown (at right) indicate that the citywide speed limit is 20mph unless otherwise posted. The City of St. Paul also strategically decided to utilize existing speed limit sign locations as much as possible for the new 25 mph sign locations. As a result, City staff would simply need to swap the in-place speed limit sign (most commonly a 30 mph sign) with the new 25 mph sign. The strategy for the signal retiming effort was to measure intersection characteristics and compute new clearance interval values for implementation in step with the sign revisions.

The project was unique because it impacted all vehicular traffic within the City of St. Paul as well as non-motorized users at signalized intersections. It was very high profile with significant public support and media attention. The City was under tremendous pressure to implement the revised speed limits in a short period of time which was compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. The project team worked with an accelerated schedule and managed to deliver signing and timing plans on schedule despite the remote workplace challenges. The project required a unique collaborative team effort between the City signing department, City traffic operations department, and staff at Alliant Engineering. The team worked together to review and implement the revised signal timings in conjunction with coordinating the speed limit signing installations with field crews.

Planning category

The winning project is the Fulton Market Streetscape Project, Chicago, IL submitted by

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Accepting the Planning award on behalf of the project team is Rosana Correa

Mark Rinnan, Jacobs Engineering. The Fulton Market District (the street is also named Fulton Market) is located just northwest of downtown Chicago between Ogden Avenue and Halsted Street. The goal of the project was to support economic growth through an innovative streetscape and urban design. A historic designation for Fulton Market was adopted by Chicago City Council ordinance on July 29, 2015. Since a portion of the project is within the historic district, and unique street elements were determined to contribute to the historic context, the project design required approval by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks. The context is an industrial aesthetic which includes portions of sidewalks raised about 2 to 3 feet (historically for tailgate loading), a combination of traditional curbed and curbless con-

figurations, steel faced curb, and building attached canopies that overhang the public way and were meant to provide protection against the weather during loading. It is part of Chicago's first Innovation District (and one of the first such overlaying land use designations in the nation). The Innovation District is intended to provide a coordinated land use plan where both traditional and innovative businesses can coexist and experience economic growth.

Fambro Student Paper Award



2021 Fambro Student Paper Award winner Bedan Khanal at Wayne State University

The Daniel B. Fambro Student Paper Award is awarded annually for a significant paper prepared by a student member of ITE. The award honors the work of Daniel B. Fambro, who was a professor at Texas A&M University and an associate research engineer at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and passed away in 1999. In naming the award in Dan's honor, ITE recognizes his exemplary service to ITE, and his dedication to his students and the profession. The purpose of the award is to encourage ITE student members to conduct and report on independent and original research and investigate transportation subjects and to provide a means for recognizing outstanding accomplishment in this area.

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The 2021 Fambro Student Paper Award winner is Bedan Khanal of Wayne State University for his paper titled “Exploratory Analysis of Surrogate Safety Measures and Signal Timing: A Single-Intersection Case Study”.

Student Chapter Award



Accepting the Student Chapter award on behalf of the Purdue University chapter is Abdullah Nafakh

This award recognizes an outstanding student chapter and is judged in the areas of chapter administration, networking, leadership development, STEM outreach, application on technical knowledge, new member recruitment, diversity and inclusion, training and professional development, field trips, and service projects.

The 2021 Great Lakes District ITE Student Chapter Award is Purdue University.

Student Chapter Momentum Award

ITE established this award in 2020 to recognize a student chapter that has experienced the greatest momentum (or most improvement) in the past year.

The 2021 Great Lakes District ITE Student Chapter Momentum winner is the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Rising Star Award

The ITE Rising Stars Program is intended to identify the next generation of new faces of the transportation profession. It is designed to recognize members under the age of 35 who have already made an impact on the profession, have demonstrated the ability to lead the next generations, and have implemented innovative techniques to solve transportation problems.

The 2021 Great Lakes District ITE Rising Star is Tyler Krage. Tyler is a traffic engineer with the Chicago Department of Transportation in Chicago, Illinois and is involved in traffic signal operations. He recently relocated from Alliant Engineering in Minneapolis, MN. Tyler is a graduate of the 2020 LeadershipITE program where he elevated his involvement in and dedication to ITE. Tyler is a rising star within ITE and is always 1) looking to get people involved in ITE (especially students), 2) volunteering to take on ITE initiatives and responsibilities, and 3) jumping at the chance to organize ITE social gatherings! Tyler has made significant contributions to ITE at the District and Section level in the last several years and is positioned continue to contribute in many ways. His involvement includes NCITE Vice President, GLITE Student and Young Member Committee Chair, GLITE and NCITE Social Media coordinator, ITE Developing Trends Report Task Force. He was awarded the NCITE Young Professional of the Year in 2019 and is 1 of 20 ITE Young Leaders to Follow for 2021.



Accepting the Rising Star award is Tyler Krage

Transportation Professional of the Year Award

The Transportation Professional of the Year Award is intended to recognize an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the Great Lakes District, ITE, and their Section/Chapter and/or through achievements in the transportation/traffic engineering profession.

The first Great Lakes District Transportation Professional of the Year is Nick Erpelding. Nick is a Traffic Engineer at SRF Consulting Group in Minneapolis, MN. He has been with SRF for the past 10 years, previously having spent four years with Westwood and six at RLK, all in the Twin Cities Metro area. Nick currently leads SRF's 8-person Traffic Operations section, providing expertise on projects ranging from coordinated signal timing optimization to Transit Signal Priority to multi-modal arterial traffic modeling and analysis. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 2001.

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Nick has been a member of ITE since joining as a student in 2000. He has served the NCITE section as Yearbook Chair, Communications Chair, Director, Treasurer, and 2012 section President. At the District level Nick has been active with the Traffic Boal committee since 2014, serving as event host since 2018 and as Co-Chair since formation of the new Great Lakes District in 2020. Nick is a frequent presenter at ITE committees and conferences at the section, district and national level, and has been honored to receive the Transportation Professional of the Year award from both the NCITE section (2019) and GLITE district (2021).

The second Great Lakes District Transportation Professional of the Year is Gerald (Jerry) Bollinger. Jerry is a senior engineer for Crawford, Murphy and Tilly. He is the lead traffic engineer for the Indianapolis, IN office with experience in planning studies, capacity analysis, safety studies, traffic signal and signing design, and maintenance of traffic capacity analysis. He has also been involved in dozens of roadway design projects ranging from resurfacing to urban complete streets to new interchanges.



Jerry obtained his bachelor of science degree from South Dakota Mines in 2011 and obtained his masters degree at Purdue University in 2013. Jerry's involvement in ITE began at Purdue where he was the social events coordinator for the student chapter. After graduation, he joined ITE Indiana and got involved with the scholarship golf outing committee, serving on the committee five years, three years as co-chair of the committee. He also served on the technical committee for the 2014 Great Lakes District Annual Meeting. Jerry served as the Great Lakes District Collegiate Traffic Bowl Coordinator for 3 years and is serving in his third year on ITE Indiana's Board of Directors.

The two awardees for the 2021 GLITE Transportation Professional of the Year include Nick Erpelding (top image) and Jerry Bollinger (bottom image, right)

2021 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Allan Pacada, Wisconsin Section District Representative, HNTB

The Great Lakes District Board and Local Arrangement Committee would like to thank everyone who attended and made the Annual Meeting in Columbus a resounding success! There were 184 people in attendance, exceeding our COVID-adjusted projections. The content was compelling and showcased all of the excellent projects happening in our region, and the social event gave everyone the opportunity to relax and reconnect with colleagues and acquaintances. For images of the 2021 District Annual Meeting, see pages 10 and 11 .

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held from Monday, June 20 to Wednesday, June 22. The Call for Abstracts is planned for March, 2022 and the registration deadline is planned for June 5, 2022. Watch this newsletter, the District Twitter feed, and other social media posts for additional details about the 2022 meeting.



ALL HANDS ON DECK— 2021 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING





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DISTRICT STUDENT WINS ITE DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

The following interview with Aaron Sesay, ITE Consultants and Industry Council Diversity Scholar, and ITE Student Chapter member at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, is extracted from the member to member section of the ITE Journal (ITEJ).

ITEJ: Tell us about yourself, your family, hobbies, and/or interests.

AARON SESAY: I recently graduated from Apple Valley High School in Apple Valley, MN, USA, where I prioritized my academics and graduated with honors, but I also was involved in a lot of school activities. In general, my activities fell under three categories: service, music, and STEM. My service activities included the Interact Club, National Honor Society, and Student Council. I liked these clubs because I love to volunteer and help others. I was even recognized with a National Community Service Awards Ambassador Award during my senior year for completing over 100 volunteer/service hours.

One of the reasons I'm passionate about helping others and solving real-world problems is because of my dad. My dad is the founder and CEO of a new nonprofit organization called FASE (Foundation for African Social Entrepreneurship). It emphasizes socially innovative solutions for sustainable development.

I developed a partnership with FASE and my Interact Club. One of the projects I started through this partnership was an annual school supply drive for Sierra Leone. With the first school supply drive, we collected enough school supplies for about 400 students in Sierra Leone. It feels great to make an impact, and that is one of the main reasons I want to study engineering.

Although I've gotten lots of fulfillment from the activities I've participated in, my family is more important, and they have been the foundation for my education as well as my spiritual and moral development. My family consists of my mom, dad, older brother, and younger sister. My older brother has autism, and he is mostly nonverbal and faces extreme behavioral challenges. This has brought challenges to my family, but we all love and support him, and he has helped us all be more patient and thoughtful people.

ITEJ: How did you become interested in engineering?

SESAY: I have been interested in activities related to STEM from a young age. I have always been fascinated with building things and playing with technology. Legos were my favorite type of toy growing up. I would have fun spending countless hours making Lego airplanes, cars, and houses. Spending time building these structures was exciting to me and gave me a sense of achievement.

Although I love STEM concepts in engineering, the aspect of engineering that is the most captivating to me is the opportunity to help others. My mom and dad were born in Ghana and Sierra Leone, respectively. I feel very connected to the culture of these countries and have always been interested in solving the problems in the impoverished areas of these countries such as food insecurity, polluted water, unequal access to education, and more using a STEM approach.

For example, in 9th grade I researched the 2017 mudslide in Sierra Leone for a school project. Over 1,000 people were killed and thousands were left homeless. I believe the effects could have been less drastic if there were more sustainable and innovative solutions/regulations put into year has place by engineers in advance. The fact that engineers can solve huge real-world problems like this is intriguing to me.

ITEJ: What are you looking most forward to about going to college?

SESAY: I am looking forward to the amazing educational opportunities in college. I will get more exposure and go deeper into engineering studies because of the variety of hands-on activities I will be able to do in the advanced learning facilities. I am also looking forward to strengthening my responsibility and independence skills, as this will be my first time living away from my house for such a long time.

ITEJ: How do you think the ITE Diversity Scholars Program will support you?

SESAY: I am beyond grateful for the ITE Diversity Scholarship. I've always known that I want to go to college, but I haven't always been sure how I'd pay for it. The ITE diversity scholarship will allow me to further my studies without worries about my financial situation.

ITEJ: How do you think being a part of ITE can help you?

SESAY: Being a part of ITE will give me easy access to opportunities that I didn't know would be this accessible in college, such as internship and mentoring opportunities. As an incoming freshman pursuing a career in engineering, these sound like wonderful opportunities, and I am looking forward to being involved in them.



ITE Diversity Scholar Aaron Sesay, engineering student at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities



MICHIGAN SECTION UPDATE

Mark S. Saksewski, Michigan Section Vice President, City of Farmington Hills (MI)

The Michigan ITE Section has been busy providing services and support to our membership! Most recently, we resumed in-person meetings with the Fall Tech Session hosted in Kalamazoo, Michigan on October 6.

The meeting covered a range of topics including the “I-69 Design-Build Project in Calhoun/Eaton County,” the “Traffic Tech Update with C&G,” and “High Lake Michigan Water Concerns, Berrien County,” as well as some developmental topics including “Advocacy and Developing Younger Engineers” and a “Career Guidance Session.” There was also a round of Traffic Trivia for the entire group to kick off the meeting.

The 29th Annual ITE Educational Fund Golf Outing was held at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford, Michigan on June 3. We had spectacular weather and a great turnout with a total of 128 golfers and 42 sponsors participating! The Michigan Section ITE would like to extend thanks to all the firms that generously supported this year’s benefit golf tournament as well as all the volunteers who made it happen. Fun was had by all, and many dug deep into their pockets to participate in the on-course challenge holes, raffle, and flagging tape that contributed significantly to the profits.

A special congratulations to the RS Engineering Team consisting of Steve Stramsak, Bob Rayl, Tom Sereseroz, and John Stevenson who captured First Place at the event! All the proceeds from the outing were deposited directly into the Michigan Section ITE Educational Fund. This fund is used to provide free attendance at Michigan Section meetings and monetary awards for the annual student research paper competition. It also helps defray student costs for attending national ITE and Transportation Research Board meetings and provides scholarships to worthy transportation engineering students at Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, and Wayne State University.

Up next is the Annual ITE Michigan Winter Technical Session, to be held December 2 in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Prior to the Winter Tech Session, Michigan ITE is hosting a Past Presidents Breakfast to recognize those who have served on the Michigan ITE Board and to provide a networking opportunity between Past Presidents and the current Michigan ITE Board.

The Michigan Section plans on hosting a Trivia Night this winter from locations around the state to provide an opportunity for members to socialize and compete. As in the past, Trivia Nights are typically hosted in Detroit, Lansing, and Grand Rapids.

The Michigan ITE Section would like to extend a warm welcome to the following members who have joined Michigan ITE in 2021: Matthew Taylor, James McGuire, Daniel Westenburg, Jacob Kleinhenz, Tracie Leix, Patrick Sloan, Megat Usamah Bin Megat Johari, Natalie Fylak, Steven Heinrich, Charles Keller, Baofu Wu, Emma Hagel, Thomas Fisher, Kirit Patel, Ganapathi Bharadwaj Badireddi, Travis Hare, Sara Phuong Ton, Mohamed Benhasan, Mazen Ibrahim, Matthew Keyes, Sunday Imosemi, and Brandon Cotton.

Finally, a big thank you to the Michigan ITE membership and everyone who has contributed to the Tech Sessions, Golf Outings, Trivia Competition, and other events! These programs, outings, and support for the membership would not take place without the dedication and contributions from so many.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION UPDATE

Jeff Preston, North Central Section District Representative, Stantec

Fall has officially arrived with leaves falling and chill in the air. NCITE has held the final Section meeting for the year in October and is looking forward to the year end Annual Meeting in November.

The Section Meeting in October welcomed a virtual presentation by the Metropolitan Council discussing findings from a survey of more than 3,000 residents about how the pandemic affected their work life and travel in the Twin Cities Area.

The Section’s Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 16 at the Park Tavern in St. Louis Park, MN and will include trivia and bowling. The business meeting will include presenting the Section Annual Report and announce section award winners, scholarship recipients, and election results for the 2022 Board.

Thank you to the 2021 Section Board members, committee chairs, and those who volunteer behind the scenes to keep the Section moving forward. The Board appreciates everyone’s effort. As we move into the holiday season, December allows us a chance to refresh and reset. Please do the same and we are looking forward to a successful 2022.

As always, for more information, please check us out on social media..



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relevant for all members. I know the District leadership continues to look for ways to embrace this role through activities at the District meeting and beyond. If you have an interest in getting more involved there are many ways to do so, just reach out or say “yes” when an opportunity arises.

I have been honored to work with such a dedicated group of leaders in our District and at the International level as I served you over the last years. I wish Jeff Young the best, and I know he will serve us all well as he transitions into the role as our District International Director. While my term as Director is ending, I plan to continue to work with many of you through District committee work. I am especially looking forward to continuing with the technical committee. I hope to see you all at our 2022 Annual Meeting next summer in Duluth, Minnesota.

Most Sincerely, Kristi M. Sebastian, PE, PTOE, Great Lakes District Director 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

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the District. I also want to welcome in our incoming District Director, Jeff Young, and our incoming Board Member, Ryan Jacox.

The District is looking to fill the role of the District Administrator. If you are interested in this position or know someone who is, please have them contact me. The ideal candidate would have previously served on a district board and have 10 to 15 years involvement in ITE.

This is the last newsletter of the year. Suggestions for additional content is always welcome. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me at mmccarthy@emcsinc.com or any of the other board members. It has been my pleasure to serve as President this year. I have met many people that have provided valuable contributions to the success of the District and I look forward to continuing my involvement with the District and ITE.

ILLINOIS SECTION UPDATE

Joshua Harris, Illinois Section Representative, Baxter & Woodman

Since the last Illinois Section (ILITE) update, the transition to in-person events has continued. The first in-person event was held in August at Top Golf. Over 80 registrants attended to network, swing a club, and have a drink. ILITE is continually looking for ways to get their membership together in-person in safe and responsible ways that have been guided by International ITE guidelines.

Though in-person events have begun, ILITE has continued to provide technical events virtually, like the August 11th webinar event “Grant Funding 101” by Seema Wadia and Tammy Wierciak, which highlighted funding types available and how to secure this funding. ILITE has also supported student events throughout the summer and fall. The Section has partnered with WTS, COMTO, and YTP for a Speed Networking event, and the Chicago Engineers Foundation on a pitch competition event.

Half way through 2021, ILITE begun the Mentorship Match Program. The program will complete six rounds of rotations to form relationships within the ILITE Section Community as well as provide guidance and career development support.

ILITE would like to congratulate one more Illinois Section member for entering the LeadershipITE program. Anmol Shrivastava will be joining the LeadershipITE program in 2022. We look forward to seeing Anmol's growth professionally and within the ITE organization.

Lastly, ILITE was delighted to receive the 2021 Great Lakes District Section Momentum Award for the second year in a row. This award was presented at the Great Lakes District Annual Meeting that took place in Columbus, Ohio. If you haven't been able to get involved in ILITE events which this award recognizes, please reach out to one of our board members or view the ILITE calendar. You can find their contact information and the ILITE calendar on the Illinois Section website at <http://www.ilite.org/>.



DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

Ryan Bush, District Board Secretary, Ohio Section, ms Consultants, Incorporated

Elections for 2022 District officers were held in August. Thank you to all members who participated in the election process. Our 2022 District board will feature 4 existing members plus 2 new members.

International Director Elect

Jeff Young, PE, PTOE has been elected as the incoming International District Director. Jeff has been working for over 25 years in the transportation industry focusing on serving the community better. He attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1995. He began working in the private sector in Illinois performing traffic and transportation planning studies as well as working on Phase I - Preliminary Engineering and Feasibility Studies. In 2003, Jeff left the private sector to work at the McHenry County Division of Transportation for 16 years. As the Assistant County Engineer, he oversaw the Administration, Budgeting, Planning, Design and Construction aspects for the MCDOT. In 2020, Jeff made the decision to return to the private sector and begin a new chapter at HDR where he is now the Roadway Section Manager for the IL/IN Area.

Throughout Jeff's career, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) has always been an integral part. He began working on the Illinois Section's newsletter, ITEms, right out of college. He then moved into leadership positions being elected to a Director role overseeing the Operations and the Activities groups eventually becoming the Illinois Section President in 2004. He then immediately moved onto the Midwestern District board where he became President in 2008. In 2011, he was bestowed the Illinois Section's Past Presidents Award for service to the Section and the profession, the Section's highest honor now named the John LaPlante Past President's Award.

We congratulate Jeff on his election to this three-year term.

District Board Member Elect

Ryan Jacox, PE, PTOE, RSP1 has been elected as the incoming District Board Member. Ryan has been an ITE member for 14 years. He previously served the Illinois Section of ITE as Director of Student Affairs, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President. Ryan oversaw Vendor and Sponsor Coordination for the 2012 ITE Midwestern District Annual Meeting and was the Room & Board Chair for the 2016 ITE Midwestern/Great Lakes Joint District Annual Meeting. He was once again Room & Board Chair for the 2020 ITE Midwestern/Great Lakes Joint District Annual Meeting, until it was made virtual due to the global pandemic. He is looking forward to the opportunity to continue to serve ITE, this time for the Great Lakes District.

Ryan intends to continue to focus his ITE involvement on responding to the evolving role professional organizations such as ITE play in the careers of its members. He looks forward to continuing to increase membership, particularly amongst public sector employees and new graduates.

Ryan is currently a Roadway Project Manager with Ciorba Group, helping lead preliminary engineering studies, traffic studies, and traffic signal design efforts. Prior to Ciorba Group, Ryan was with TranSmart, Lochmueller Group, and TranSystems, serving in similar transportation engineering, project management, and business development roles. On the public side, Ryan previously worked at the Illinois Department of Transportation in the Bureaus of Traffic, Local Roads & Streets, and Land Acquisition. Ryan also previously served a 2-year position as one of nine commissioners on the City of Elgin's Sustainability Commission. He is currently serving as Secretary of Roscoe Village Neighbors, a neighborhood association in Chicago, and helps chair the Zoning and Planning Committee.

Ryan holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis. He also holds an MBA with a concentration in finance from the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis. Ryan currently lives in the Roscoe Village neighborhood of Chicago with his wife and two sons.

Returning Board members:

- Scott Poska, PE, PTOE, RSP1 (current Vice President) has been elected District President
 - Carissa McQuiston, PE (current Treasurer) has been elected District Vice President
 - Ryan Bush, PE, AICP (current Secretary) has been elected District Treasurer
 - Michael Siffer, PE, PTOE (current Board Member) has been elected Secretary
- Congratulations to all of our elected 2022 District Board members.



International Director Elect Jeff Young, PE, PTOE



District Board Member Elect Ryan Jacox, P.E., PTOE



ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

John P. Mick, Endowment Fund Chair, Illinois Section, Baxter & Woodman

The Endowment committee continues fundraising even during our transition to the Great Lake District. Prior to the 2021 Annual Meeting contributions from many of you have totaled about \$7,000 in just two years! We ask you to **DONATE NOW**. The committee is considering making our first endowment recognition award to a deserving member at the 2022 District Annual Meeting.

We are all in ITE and our profession - a student from Arkansas may go to college in California, professor at University of Michigan may conduct research at Missouri S&T and member may relocate and change addresses across globe. We are also working with new District Board to have a variety of members on the Endowment Fund Committee and if you are interested in helping please contact John Mick, Endowment Fund Chair jmick@baxterwoodman.com or 312 505 1149

We have on-line donation capability using PayPal or your credit card. To donate access the GLD Endowment Fund homepage at: <https://greatlakesite.org/about-us/glite-endowment-fund/> and click on the Donate button. Donations are tax deductible; the Endowment is a 501 (c) (3) entity. You may also donate by mail through the GLD Treasurer. See the back page of this newsletter for contact information. Make checks to: Great Lakes District ITE with Endowment in memo line.

We ask you consider LONG TERM strategic donations. We are ready for you/your estate to name Endowment Fund in your Will, Living Trust and/or Estate Plan and want to discuss those ideas with you or your estate planner/attorney. I have been involved throughout process recognizing how much ITE has done for my career development I have pledged \$10,000 in cash to Endowment Fund (\$1,000/yr. through 2026) and revised my Living Trust naming Endowment Fund for an additional \$10,000 as part of my estate. Endowment Committee is ready to discuss your Long Term ideas with you or your estate planner/attorney.

We invite YOUR EMPLOYER to participate. We appreciate many donate to Section programs and portion of District & International dues are for similar initiatives. We are concerned funding raised from existing sources is good, but not enough. Please consider asking your Employer to consider a donation.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Carissa D. McQuiston, Michigan Section District Treasurer, Michigan Department of Transportation

Similar to 2020, activities in 2021 were impacted by COVID and many meetings continued to be virtual with little travel and in person events. However, this year we were able to hold the District Annual Meeting in Columbus, OH. This conference was very successful and along with little additional travel and combining the districts this years finances are strong. The table below shows a summary of how the District's projected income is going to far exceed expenses in 2021:

2020 Budget		2021 Projected	
Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
\$28,275	\$29,275	\$45,221	\$13,690

The Checking Account Balance as of November 9, 2021 = \$86,440.37.

Some highlights of the 2021 District Finances:

- Income received was from member dues, sponsors, and the annual meeting.
- 6 Student Chapters received \$200 each for submittal of their Annual Report
- 2 members received financial assistance for their participation in the 2022 LeadershipITE program.

With the Midwestern District and the legacy Great Lakes District combining the new Great Lakes District, finances are in a strong position heading in to 2022.



2022 ITE ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBITION CALL FOR ABSTRACTS IS OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

Deadline for Submissions: November 30

You are invited to submit an abstract in support of the upcoming ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibition (#ITENOLA20222) to be held in New Orleans, LA July 31-August 3, 2022.

Below are the list of topics that can guide your submission.

- Accessible Street Design: Accommodating Persons With Disabilities
- Communications Technologies to Support ITS in Rural and Small Communities
- Complete Streets: Creating Street Networks that Work for All Users
- COVID-19 Transportation Impacts and Innovations
- Creating Healthy, Smart Multimodal Corridors Through Transportation
- Curbside Management: Achieving Equilibrium at the Curb
- Data Driven Decision-Making and Evaluation
- Designing for Connected and Automated Vehicles
- Developing and Sustaining a Skilled and Diverse Transportation Workforce
- Equity in Transportation - How Do We Achieve It?
- Implementing Vision Zero Programs in Transportation Agencies
- Improving Safety at Railroad Grade Crossings
- Innovative Intersection Designs - Roundabouts and More
- Managing Transportation Impacts of Planned and Unplanned Events
- Managing Speeds on Urban and Suburban Streets
- Managing Urban Freight Movement
- Mobility as a Service / Mobility on Demand - Services, Tools and Strategies
- Signs and Markings: Innovations that Work
- Successfully Deploying and Maintaining ITS Technology for All Users
- Sustainable, Equitable and Transparent Transportation Planning
- Traffic Signal Operations: Balancing Safety and Mobility
- Trip Generation and Traffic Impact Analysis: What's New?
- Using the Safe System Approach to Improve Safety for All Users

How to Submit Your Abstract:

If you are either a member of ITE, past member of ITE, submitted an abstract last year, or know that you have an account with ITE, click [here](#) to begin the submissions process.

If you've never submitted an abstract with ITE and have never been a member, click [here](#) to create an account and earn log in credentials. You will then need to return to this page to submit your abstract.

Questions?

Have questions about logging in? Email membership@ite.org

General questions about the submission process or the meeting? Email [Linda Pierre](mailto:Linda.Pierre@ite.org)

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CONFERENCE CALL

Restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic may have implications for 2021. Formats of conferences listed here may change. Readers are encouraged to check conference websites frequently for changes and updates.

ITS AMERICA 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday to Friday, December 7 to 10 at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. Visit the conference website at: <https://www.itsamericaevents.com/annual-meeting/en-us.html>

2022 TRB ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday to Thursday, January 9 to 13 in Washington, DC. There will be no onsite registration this year. You must register before you arrive onsite. If you are a U.S. resident, we strongly urge that you register by December 3 to have your badge mailed to you and avoid the Badge Pickup line onsite. Visit the conference website at; [Homepage | Annual Meeting \(trb.org\)](#)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION
 Friday and Saturday, January 28 and 29. Visit the conference website at; [International Conference on Bicycle Transportation Planning, Design and Implementation \(CBTPDI\) in January 2022 in New York \(waset.org\)](#)

ATSSA'S CONVENTION AND TRAFFIC EXPO 2022

Friday to Tuesday, February 11 to 15 at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida. Visit the conference website at; [CONVENTION & TRAFFIC EXPO - Home \(atssa.com\)](#)

MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE AND EXPO

Monday to Wednesday, February 28 to March 2 at the Saint Paul RiverCentre in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Visit the conference website at; [Minnesota Transportation Conference & Expo Registration - Minnesota Transportation Conference & Expo Registration \(cvent.com\)](#)

2022 TRB CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE AND EMERGING TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday to Friday, March 15 to 18 at the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center in Irvine, California. Visit the conference website at; [Transportation Research Board - 2022 SETT Renewed Call for Abstracts \(secure-platform.com\)](#)

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, TUNNEL, AND TURNPIKE ASSOCIATION TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

Tuesday to Friday, March 20 to 22 at the Renaissance Orlando at Seaworld in Orlando, Florida. Visit the conference website at; [Technology Summit | IBTTA | International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association](#)

2022 DESIGN BUILD FOR TRANSPORTATION & AVIATION CONFERENCE

Wednesday to Friday, April 6 to 8 in Orlando, Florida. Watch the conference website at; [Design-Build for Transportation/Aviation Conference - DBIA](#) for additional information

INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS GREAT LAKES DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday to Wednesday, June 20 to 22 in Duluth, Minnesota. for additional information watch the social media posts and the District website at; <https://greatlakesite.org/events/>.

INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBITION

Sunday to Wednesday, July 31 to August 3 at the Sheraton New Orleans, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The call for abstracts is now open. Watch the conference website at; [2022 ITE International Annual Meeting and Exhibition - Institute of Transportation Engineers](#) for additional information.

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How to Advertise or Post Employment Opportunities

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The cost for Employment Opportunity postings is under review by the new Board of Directors. If you are interested in posting job openings contact the District Treasurer.

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