



Institute of Transportation Engineers

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International Director's Message

The ITE International Board of Directors (IBOD) is developing the next strategic plan for ITE. Thank you to all that participated in the All-Member Survey that helped shape the plan going forward! As ITE is a volunteer member-based organization, we are always wanting your feedback to bring more value to the membership. The following are two initiatives that ITE has pushed out in the last few months:

- The ITE Photo Exchange is a great way to share images of transportation projects or issues as internet pictures you might find through a web search are often copyrighted. Over 100 images are already uploaded that can be searched. To view and add photos, click here: [ITE Photo Exchange - Institute of Transportation Engineers](#)
- The latest resource, ITE Speaker Directory, is up and running through the ITE eCommunity. This can be extremely useful for Sections trying to find a speaker for a unique topic. You can also upload your credentials to be considered as a speaker, offering your expertise on a unique topics to share with others. Click here to learn more: [Speaker Directory - e-Community \(ite.org\)](#)



President's Message

Happy fall GLD members! As we move into the cooler weather and the end of the year, I hope this message finds you all well and excited for what is to come for 2024! As we look forward it's worth a quick look back to recap the year. The GLD had six members selected to participate in LeadershipITE – they graduated at the International Meeting in Portland, OR in July. We held a very successful joint

District Annual Meeting this June in Grand Rapids, MI with ITS Michigan. This meeting was well attended and well supported. The technical content and social events were outstanding and it took all the volunteers and time behind the scenes to make it all happen. Read more about it in the Annual Meeting article! Again, it wouldn't be possible to make these memorable events happen without the hard work of many individuals. As I step down as your president I would leave you with that request – find an area of interest in a committee, a

meeting or other opportunities and volunteer! You will find it a rewarding and worthwhile effort!! It's been a great year and I thank you all!

2023 Great Lakes District Annual Meeting - Grand Rapids, MI

This June, the Great Lakes Annual District Meeting was held in Grand Rapids, MI at the Amway Hotel on the Grand River. The location is known as an exciting city with lots of food and bar options as well as being pedestrian and bicycle friendly. This energetic atmosphere was the perfect place for the almost 300 people that made their way to GR! The content was outstanding with topics from roundabouts, vulnerable road users, tolling to ITS networks, video management, practical security and many topics in between. Our keynote speakers, Suzanne Schulz on Vital Streets and Darrin Hanna and Emily Crose on Cybersecurity, were dynamic and engaging. The social events were also fun and captured the spirit of Grand Rapids. We started the meeting with the GLITEY race and Duckpin Bowling! We ran/walked/crawled a 5k on the banks of the Grand River on a brisk Monday morning, followed that night by the Traffic Bowl and a classy dinner at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Overall, the meeting was a great success and we are all looking forward to 2024 in Green Bay, WI!!



Views of the Grand River and downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan

Thank you to the LAC for the GLD Annual Meeting – it takes a lot of hands to make an event like this successful!! Members include:

- Chair - Carissa McQuiston
- Social - Paul Arends, Heather Zull, John Carrier, Madison Carlson, Mohammad Alakash, Tyler Krage, Hailey Savola, Ariana Jeske
- Technical Program - Kristi Sebastian, Steve Stramsak, Matt Hunter, Scott Emmons, Anthoy DiLernia
- Finance - Steve Stramsak, Matt Hunter Colleen Hill-Stramsak, Lauren Hull, Mike Siffer
- Registration - Joe Bartus, Bonnie Wood, Joe DeVore, Rahul Rajbhara
- Communications - Cole Villalobos, Madison Carlson
- Facilities - Colleen Hill-Stramsak
- Sponsorship/Vendors - Morgan Nelson, Lauren Maenhout
- 5k Run - Matt Hunter, Carissa McQuiston, Suzette Peplinski, Kiel

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- Traffic Bowl - Tyler Krage
- GLITEY Race - Tyler Krage
- Student Activities - Tyle Krage



Duckpin bowling, another great event put on by the Social Committee!



Inaugural GLITE Annual Meeting 5K Fun Run/Walk - Sponsored by ITS Michigan



Traffic Bowl 2023



The Great Lakes District was able to honor Jeff Paniati as he retires from ITE!

District Awards:

As part of the Annual Meeting, the Great Lakes District handed out several District awards at the business meeting held on the morning of June 13th.

Distinguished Member Award - Richard Beaubien

- Over 40 years of experience in municipal traffic engineering, transportation planning, highway design, traffic system operations, and ITS
- International Past President of ITE - 1990
- Recipient of Burton W. Marsh Award for outstanding contributions to the advancement of ITE
- Past President of ITS Michigan

- Published dozens of *ITE Journal* articles and other technical papers for ITE



Transportation Professional of the Year - Kristi Sebastian

- Public agency professional for 30 years
- GLITE International Board of Directors 2019-2021
- Previously served on MWITE District Board and NCITE Section Board
- 2005 NCITE Transportation Professional of the Year



Rising Star Award - Cole Villalobos

- Engineer at Hubbell, Roth & Clark with 7 years experience
- Founding member of Michigan Section ITE Young Professional Committee, among many other roles in Section activities
- Registration Chair for 2023 GLITE Annual Meeting



Outstanding Section Award - North Central Section ITE

- Held 9 section-wide meetings, including 3 technical tours
- Continued commitment to LeadershipITE
- Awarded 4 scholarships and worked to lower costs for students to attend ITE events

Section Momentum Award - North Central Section ITE

- Established a Younger Members committee
- Increased the number of scholarships available
- Held a professional development week for Univ. of Minnesota career fair



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2024 GLITE Annual Meeting Green Bay, WI



We invite you to attend the annual **Great Lakes District Annual Meeting June 12 – 14, 2024 in Green Bay, Wisconsin**. The annual district meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Green Bay/KI Convention Center. An exciting program including technical sessions, local tours and social events will provide ample learning and networking opportunities. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the annual meeting details as they become available.

Call For Abstracts:

Share your best work! The ITE Great Lakes District Technical Program Committee invites abstracts for 30-minute presentations as part of the technical sessions. Technical sessions form the backbone of ITE from student chapters to international meetings. We encourage submission of abstracts on all transportation expertise areas and recent projects. Be part of the conversation and show off your talents and organization's skill and submit an abstract for consideration!

Abstracts are due December 15, 2023. Scan the QR Code below or click [here](#) to complete the Call for Abstracts form.



Undergraduate/Graduate Student Scholarships - Apply Now!

The Great Lakes District is proud to offer a scholarship of \$1,000 to both an undergraduate and graduate student. The competition is open to students who are enrolled in a Civil Engineering or transportation-related field at universities and colleges in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The scholarship winners will receive free registration to the 2024 Great Lakes Annual Meeting in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Undergraduate Scholarship Application: [Here](#)

Graduate Scholarship Application: [Here](#)

All applications are due by the Close of Business on Friday, December 29, 2023. Please submit all applications to Student-Young Member Activities Co-Chair Cole Villalobos at: CVillalobos@hrcengr.com. If you have any questions, please contact Cole Villalobos at (616) 754-9217 or Tyler Krage at (507) 450-9305.

Great Lakes District ITE in Portland

Members from the Great Lakes District had a great time and excellent representation at the ITE International Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon August 12th-16th. Although the weather was hot (up to 106 degrees at its hottest!), members from the District were able to chill with cold beverages and socializing during the District Social at a rooftop bar across from the convention center. Special thanks goes to Colleen Hill-Stramsak for organizing.





In addition to the social and networking aspects, there were plenty of tours, presentations, and posters covering the whole spectrum of the modern transportation industry, including a solid representation from the District. Thanks to the below District members for providing content to showcase what we do here in the District to transportation professionals across the globe. We look forward to the next meeting in Philadelphia in 2024. **ITE is currently accepting abstracts** for that International Meeting's program through November 28, 2023. Click [here](#) to learn more.

[Presentations at the 2023 International Meeting in Portland](#)

- Jeff Kupko - Michael Baker - Ohio
- Santosh Miraskar - AECOM - Michigan
- John Abraham - Macomb County - Michigan
- Alan Klugman - City of Minneapolis - NCITE
- Dillon Fried - City of Minneapolis - NCITE
- Tyler Krage - City of Chicago - Illinois
- Joanna Bush - Mead & Hunt - Wisconsin
- Mark Johnson - MTJ Engineering - Wisconsin
- Alejandro Chock - Woolpert - Ohio
- Sam Bobko - Woolpert - Ohio

[Posters at the 2023 International Meeting in Portland](#)

- Gretchen Bella - Northwestern University - Illinois
- Yang Tao - City of Madison - Wisconsin
- Brian Toombs - Burgess and Niple - Ohio
- Sunny Mikkilineni - City of Detroit - Michigan
- Oluwaseun Adegaju - City of Detroit - Michigan
- Eric Tripi - GHB - Michigan

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- ITE Illinois Representative - Joshua Harris
- ITE Indiana Representative - Thomas Ford
- ITE Michigan Representative - Lia Michaels
- ITE North Central Representative - Nick Erpelding
- ITE Ohio Representative - Neal Underwood
- ITE Wisconsin Representative - Kelly Trac

GLITE Committees - Get Involved!

District committees are a great way to get involved, assist the District, and enhance your ITE experience. Please contact the committee chairs below or reach out to your District Board Member **David Addison**, at david@lanhamengineering.com and he will get you in contact with the committee to learn more.

Endowment - John Mick/Tyler Krage

Communications - Ryan Jacox

Annual Meetings - Carissa McQuiston

Technical Program - Kristi Sebastian

Awards/Recognition - Ryan Bush

Student/Young Member - Tyler Krage

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