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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### By John Wirtz, Jacobs Engineering Group

Hello Fellow ITE Members,

I am writing this with fresh memories of another fun and successful Annual Banquet, which 52 people attended at the historic Berghoff Restaurant on January 19. Thank you to **Erik Cempel** of Amtrak for again serving as our Master of Ceremonies. We presented awards to professionals and students (see more details below), raised money for student scholarships through a raffle and auction, and heard passionate speeches from two former ITE Illinois Section Presidents. **John Mick** of Baxter & Woodman described the Midwestern District's new Endowment Fund, while **Jeff Young** of the McHenry County DOT spoke about the benefits of getting more involved with ITE. I also provided a quick recap of our Section's many activities and accomplishments in 2017, which I will repeat for you here.

The Illinois Section has three main areas of emphasis: providing opportunities for continuing education and technical knowledge for our members, supporting our student chapters and other engineering education initiatives, and creating

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opportunities to network and connect with our colleagues. We accomplished this mission in 2017 through the following activities:

- Continuing Education and Technical Knowledge The Illinois Section hosted five luncheons with speakers from agencies such as the Tollway, Pace, IDOT, and CDOT; five technical webinars; and a successful two-day traffic operations seminar.
- Students We hosted our annual Student Day at IIT in March, and attended student chapter meetings with UIC and UIUC. We awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to three students, and sponsored an award for the Future City Competition for elementary school students as part of E-week. We attended a STEM event with Girl Scouts, and helped plan the Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference in Champaign in October.
- Networking We had three social events and a golf outing, all co-hosted with other groups such as WTS, ASCE, ISPE, and APWA.

One of our biggest accomplishments of 2017 was being honored with the Midwestern District and ITE International Communications Awards. It will be hard to top that in 2018, but we'll continue to keep you informed about Section news though this newsletter, timely e-mails, our website, and various social media accounts.

I'm also happy to report that the Section's membership increased in 2017. As of November, the Illinois Section had the third largest percentage increase in membership of all ITE Sections and Chapters. We are also in the black financially, largely thanks to our most successful sponsorship program to date. Thank you to the 15 companies which generously stepped up to sponsor the Illinois Section: AECOM, Civiltech, and Jacobs were Platinum; HDR, HNTB, and STV were Gold; Christopher Burke Engineering, DAMA Consultants, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Iteris, KLOA, Stanley Consultants, TranSystems, and WSP were Silver; and Kimley-Horn was Bronze.

So it was another busy year for the Illinois Section. I appreciate everyone who has spent their time to serve on a committee, plan conferences, speak at events, attend our meetings, and especially my fellow Board members. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and hope you are too. I feel blessed to have served with a dedicated group of people who make the President's job much easier. It has been a privilege and an honor to be the President of the Illinois Section for 2017 and I look forward to continuing my involvement as

the Past President and Section Representative to the Midwestern District.

Sincerely,

John Wirtz, PE, PTOE Illinois Section Past-President Jacobs Engineering Group

# 2018 ANNUAL BANQUET

By Public Affairs Director Monica Shei

Fifty-two Illinois ITE members and guests were able to attend this year's Annual Banquet on January 18th at the Berghoff in downtown Chicago. The banquet each year is a commemorative event for the section to honor student awards, section awards, and to install the new board.

We were honored to have the 2017 Midwest District International Director, **John Davis**, provide an update on the Midwestern District of ITE and to install the new Section Board. **John P Mick II** provided information on the new Midwestern ITE Endowment Fund, which will be used to support members, students, and faculty to retain talent is the transportation profession.

in the transportation profession. **Jeff Young** encouraged members to

become involved with the ITE Public Agency Council and stressed the importance of ITE's role in professional development.

John Wirtz of Jacobs Engineering was awarded the Outgoing President Award for his contributions to the Illinois Section. The Outstanding Member Award went to Monica Shei of Jacobs Engineering for her contributions that helped win the first ever ITE International Communications Award for the Illinois Section. Amarpal Matharu of the Illinois Section. Amarpal Matharu of the Illinois Section, was honored with the Past Presidents' Award for his contributions to the transportation engineering profession in Illinois. We also recognized Patrick Jordan for his



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contribution to ILITE as the new ITEms Editor.

This year's Graduate Scholarship was presented to **Ramin Shabanpour** of the University of Illinois at Chicago. The Student Paper Award was presented to **Michael Hyland** of Northwestern University for "On-Demand Autonomous Vehicle-Enabled Mobility Service with No Shared Rides Operational Problem: Comparison of Real-Time Assignment Strategies". Congratulations to Ramin and Michael for their outstanding work in 2017

# **INTRODUCING THE 2018 ILITE OFFICERS**

Incoming Officers President: Ryan Jacox, P.E., PTOE Vice President: Brian J. Roberts, P.E., PTOE Secretary: Josh Harris, P.E., PTOE Treasurer: Jenna Brose, P.E., PTOE Technical Director: Kelly Dunne, P.E. Public Affairs Director: Monica Shei, P.E.

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Front Row : Jenna Brose, Katelyn Bleach, Monica Shei, Ashley Hochstatter, and Kelly Dunne; Back Row : Brian K. Roberts, Thomas Szabos, Josh Harris, John Wirtz, and Ryan Jacox. Photo Credit: Craig Jakobsen

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# **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE**

By Ryan Jacox, Lochmueller Group

As incoming President of the Illinois Section for 2018, I first have to say that I'm grateful to serve in this role this year and I thank everyone for the opportunity! In keeping with what John did last year and others before him, I want to continue to

find ways to expand what the Illinois Section means to its membership and find new ways to consistently meet your goals and expectations.

ITE as an organization continues to see its membership numbers increase thanks to membership drives, a continued increase in offerings to its membership, and effective communication with its membership. We want to ensure that the Illinois Section is part of this upward trajectory in membership numbers. Therefore, I am starting off this year with a short online survey concerning what ITE's Illinois Section does for its members, to best determine what our membership wants versus what they are receiving. The goal is for those two concepts to align with each other to the greatest extent possible. The survey will also be offered to professionals who have attended our events in the past but may not necessarily be current ITE members. We want to know what prevents them from wanting to become a member and what we can do to make membership ideal for them. Questions regarding social and technical offerings,



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dues, and even the annual banquet will be asked. What do we do well? What can we do better? What do you want to see more of? What does it mean to you to be a member of ITE? The answers to these questions are necessary to ensure we can develop a comprehensive vision for 2018 that meets our membership's needs and desires.

In closing, I am approaching this year with a high level of enthusiasm and expectation! I am confident that we will continue to increase our technical and social offerings to our members and visitors and that we will find ways as an organization to improve the way we make a positive impact on the transportation industry. If there is anything that the Illinois Section can do better to meet your needs and expectations, please come talk to me at one of our many events or send me an email at <u>Illinoisite+president@gmail.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Ryan Jacox, PE, PTOE Illinois Section President Lochmueller Group

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# **Illinois Section News and Announcements**

### **ITE Illinois Section Group on LinkedIn**

By President Ryan Jacox

The Illinois Section is continually looking for ways to keep in contact with its members. After a few years' hiatus, we are pleased to say that the ITE Illinois Section Group on LinkedIn has been reinstated. Illinois Section members who are not yet members of this LinkedIn group should search for "Institute of Transportation Engineers - Illinois Section" on LinkedIn and request membership to the group. The group will be used by the Illinois Section to provide occasional membership updates on social activities, technical offerings, and other news and announcements.

### **Student Affairs News and Announcements**

By Student Affairs Director Ashley Hochstatter

The ITE Illinois Section is always looking to assist ALL of our student chapters to the best of our ability. If there is anything you feel the Illinois Section can do to assist your student chapter, please contact ITE Student Affairs at <u>illinoisite+studentaffairs@gmail.com</u>. We welcome the opportunity to assist you and your members!

### 2017 Scholarship and Student Paper Competitions

The Illinois Section of ITE was pleased to honor the winners of the 2017 Scholarship and Student Paper Competitions at the Annual Banquet on January 19, 2017. Every year, ILITE gives an award to one undergraduate and one graduate student to support their pursuit of a degree in Transportation Engineering or Planning. Students are judged based on their coursework, a personal statement, faculty recommendation, and several other criteria.

This year's winner of the Graduate Student Scholarship was **Ramin Shabanpour (University of Illinois at Chicago)**.

In addition, the Illinois Section awards a Student Paper Award to the best graduate student paper. The papers are judged on scope and format, originality, applicability to the field, validity, and significance. Each year's winner is entered into the Midwest ITE Student Paper Competition.

The 2017 year Student Paper Award winner was **Michael Hyland (Northwestern University)** for his paper titled "On-demand Autonomous Vehicle-enabled Mobility Service with no Shared Rides Operational Problem: Comparison of Real-Time Assignment Strategies"

Congratulations to these excellent award winners and we wish Michael luck in the Midwestern Section Student Paper Competition.

#### Student Day Career Fair + Luncheon

The ITE Illinois Section is currently planning its annual ILITE Student Day Career Fair + Luncheon for Friday, March 2, 2018. Student Day provides an excellent opportunity to connect companies, professionals, and students within the field of transportation engineering and planning. Please watch your e-mail for additional information!

An exhibitor table at the career fair is \$50, which also includes one luncheon registration. All other professionals attending the luncheon are \$20 for ITE members and \$25 for non-ITE members. Please note that professionals do not need to attend the career fair in order to attend the luncheon. The registration deadline is Monday, February 26th. <u>REGISTER HERE!</u>

### **Public Affairs News and Announcements**

By Public Affairs Director Monica Shei

### 2018 Girl Scouts 7th Annual STEMapalooza

Saturday, March 24, 2018 - 10:000 am to 2:30 pm

Illinois ITE will once again be participating in the annual STEMapalooza, a science expo put on by the Girl Scouts, which hosts different STEM organizations and museum booths from across Chicagoland. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Monica Shei at <u>illinoisite+publicaffairs@gmail.com</u>

#### Illinois ITE Website

Please check out the Illinois ITE website at <u>www.ilite.org</u>! Look out for a website revamp in the next few weeks!

### **Operations News and Announcements**

By Operations Director Katelyn Bleach

As the new year is well under way, please remember to pay your dues if you haven't already. The benefits of international membership are vast and we encourage all our current members to reach out to their colleagues to re-new memberships or start ones today! If you have any questions about the resources available to International members, please don't hesitate to reach out to Katelyn Bleach at <u>illinoisite+operations@gmail.com</u>.

Have a newsworthy story or an idea for an article? Want to advertise your business and place an ad in ITEms? Have a job posting and want to get the word out? Tell ITEms all about it! Send your article submissions to the editor: Patrick Jordan at <u>Illinoisite.editor@gmail.com</u> and all advertising requests to <u>illinoisite+operations@gmail.com</u>

### **Technical News and Announcements**

By Technical Director Kelly Dunne

Stay tuned for exciting training and webinars to be announced later this Winter!

### **IDOT Website User Survey**

The Illinois Department of Transportation seeks feedback on their new website. Many of our ITE Illinois Section members regularly use the IDOT website. This survey allows users the opportunity to share their ideas on how to help make the website better. Follow this link to fill out the survey before it closes on February 16th: <u>IDOT</u> <u>Website Survey</u>

# What Has The Illinois Section Been Up To?

# ITE Webinar: Connected Vehicles, Smarter Cities, and Modern Signal Timing

By Activities Director Thomas Szabo and Sanae Yasroubdoust

On December 6th, 2017, the Illinois Section of ITE hosted a ITE Webinar: Connected Vehicles, Smarter Cities, and Modern Signal Timing focus on how traffic engineering strategies will change in the years ahead. The webinar instructor was Peter Koonce from Portland State University and chair of the Transportation Research Board Committee on Traffic Signal Systems. ITE held the event in one (suburban) location. Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., in Rosemont, offered their training room, and provided printed handouts and snacks.

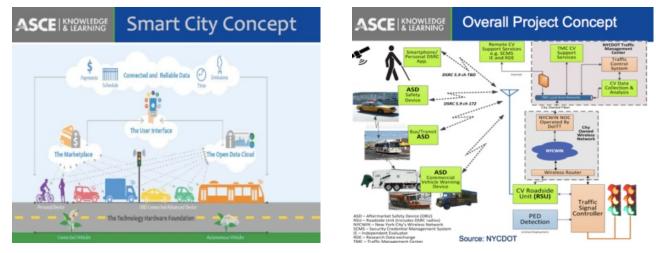
Peter Koonce started the webinar by giving an overview of the presentation and the Webinar's first topic, Signal Timing Manual Second Edition. The second edition is focusing on better understanding of signal timing fundamentals for new practitioners. There are four new chapters added to the second edition manual for more advanced users and only includes the necessary material.

SIGNAL TIMING FUNDAMENTALS	CHAPTER 1	Introduction	
	CHAPTER 2	Signal Timing Program	
	CHAPTER 3	Signal Timing Concepts	
	CHAPTER 4	Signal Design	
BASIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS	CHAPTER 5	Introduction to Timing Plans	
	CHAPTER 6	Intersection/Uncoordinated Timing	
	CHAPTER 7	System/Coordinated Timing	
	CHAPTER 8	Implementation and Maintenance	
ADVANCED SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS	CHAPTER 9	Advanced Signal Systems	
	CHAPTER 10	Preferential Treatment	
	CHAPTER 11	Special Conditions	

Additionally, the new edition's material is organized in a way that it is presented once and referenced as needed in other parts of the document, and makes use of expanded graphics, which helps to improve explanation of more complex topics.

Peter Koonce continued the webinar explaining what comes beyond traffic, in essence, how we will move people and things better and adapt to industry progressions and technological advancements. Cars are still a dominant mode of transportation, transit takes on larger share and designing for safety is increasing.

He moved to the next topic of The Smart City Challenge, including Transportation Information, Big Data, Mobility as a Service and Connected and Autonomous Vehicles. The smart city concept is illustrated in following image. One of the significant factors of this concept is the open data cloud (UB Mobile PDX) to integrate products, analyze and store. Mobility Marketplace is another significant factor to prevent the private automobiles from sitting idle and to improve mobility as a service. The user interface is to promote accessibility to devices and necessary training to serve all users.



Connected vehicles was the next topic of the webinar which is established in 2015 to "Transform the Way Society Moves". The goal is to improve safety, reduce emission, obtain real-time travel information and regional coordination using CV technology (Vehicle toVehicle - "V2V" and Vehicle to Infrastructure - "V2I" applications).

Transit signal priority will provide transit vehicles preferential treatment at signalized intersections and improves schedule reliability and reduces travel time. In conclusion, transit priority has the potential to provide significant benefits and it requires coordination between transit and traffic staff.

The webinar viewing was well attended with seventeen attendees. The Technical Group looks forward to doing future viewings in more suburban locations. The Section thanks all the participants for attending and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for providing the venue and snacks.

# **ITE Student Chapter Events**

By Student Affairs Director Ashley Hochstatter, P.E.

The ITE Illinois Section is pleased to report that two successful student events were held in October and November. These events have very limited participation by professionals, so if you would like to volunteer for future events, please email the Student Affairs director at <u>illinoisite+studentaffairs@gmail.com</u>.

### Student-Practitioner Forum - October 19th, 2017 (Champaign, IL)



In conjunction with the Traffic Engineering & Safety Conference held in Champaign, Illinois in October, the ITE Student Affairs Group and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign ITE Student Chapter teamed up once again to host the annual Student-Practitioner Forum. The event allowed student attendees to ask a diverse panel of 7 engineering professionals career-related questions in a casual, friendly environment while the group shared a pizza dinner. Topics discussed during the forum included interview and career path advice, how to successfully manage a work-life balance, and aspects of careers that the professionals found the most rewarding.

### Speed Networking - November 8th, 2017 (Chicago, IL)

Teaming up with Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT), Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), and Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) the Illinois Section of ITE jointly hosted a speed-networking event for students. The event format provided students with varying majors and interests an opportunity to have three-minute conversations with over 20 professionals representing a wide array of backgrounds and industry roles. The students were able to ask for advice and get a better handle on the different sectors within the field of transportation. Thanks again to the professionals who volunteered their time to help out!



# Future City Competition 2018: Helping Senior Citizens

By Secretary Josh Harris

The Future City Competition Regional Finals took place in Chicago on Saturday, January 20th at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Student Center East building. The competition is the culmination of months spent by junior high school teams and their engineering mentors to create a city of the future. Students submit a working project plan, present their solutions via a virtual city design (using SimCity), write an essay describing the unique attributes of their city and their solution to the year's challenge (Helping Senior Citizens); build a scale model, and give a presentation to judges. Regional winners represent their region at the National Finals in Washington, DC.

For the past four years, the Illinois Section of ITE has participated as a special award judge at the Future Cities Competition. This year, 20 different professional organizations sponsored and gave 25 special awards at the competition. **Josh Harris**, the current Section Secretary, and **Tom Szabo**, the current Section Director of Activities, represented the Illinois Section of ITE this year as special award judges. Josh and Tom were tasked with reviewing each team's city and awarding the Excellence in Transportation Safety and Operations Award. This award was given to the team that had the most innovative future city design that demonstrated a safe and efficient surface transportation system that considered growth and preservation of the environment.



This year, Josh and Tom determined that the winning city deserving of this award was Flextopia, presented by students from **Independence Jr. High School from Palos Heights, Illinois**. Flextopia featured multiple forms of safe and efficient transportation systems, including a Hyperloop for long distance traffic, urban transport pods for regional traffic, and voice interactive self-driving vehicles for local traffic. Sidewalks and paths were available for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the city. The presenters for this team discussed each transportation option with incredible detail.

The Illinois Section of ITE was happy to not only sponsor the Future City Competition in Chicago again this year, but to participate as judges. We look forward to participating in this event again next year!

# **ITE News and Announcments**

# Joint ITE International and Midwest/Great Lakes District 2018 Annual Meeting and Exhibit

What: ITE 2018 Annual Meeting and Exhibit When: August 20 - August 23, 2018 Where: Minneapolis, Minnesota Theme: Inspiration. Connections. Knowledge

The tentative agenda has been released. Check out the <u>website</u> for more information and promote the meeting by using the hashtag, **#ITEMinn 2018**.



# **ITE Talks Transportation Podcast**

Catch ITE Talks Transportation every fourth Tuesday of the month featuring various leaders within the transportation industry. Two recent episodes focus on the intersection of transportation and health, highlighting how cities can help people improve their health through transportation initiatives. The previous series of six episodes focused on the theme of Smart Communities. This podcast is a collaboration between ITE and Bernie Wagenblast, founder and editor of the Transportation Communication Newsletter and host of Transportation Radio.



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# **ITE International President and Vice President Candidate Information**

ITE International has launched new election procedures. Please see below for International President and Vice President Candidate information. Voting will being on February 15 and close on Thursday, March 15 at noon ET. For more information on the election process and this year's candidates, visit the <u>ITE election website</u>.

# **International President Candidate**



Bruce Belmore, P.Eng., PTOE, AVS

Western Canada Manager of Transportation Planning WSP Group Regina, SK, Canada

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Jason A. Crawford, P.E.

Research & Implementation Division Head Texas A&M Transportation Institute Arlington, TX, USA

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### **ITE Web Seminars**

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# Legislative Corner

Compiled by Monica Shei, Jacobs

### Infrastructure Bill

In his <u>State of the Union address</u>, President Trump calls on Congress to produce a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure bill. Even prior to the SOTU, the infrastructure plan has hit <u>early obstacles over funding</u>. Graded "D" by The American Society of Civil Engineers, U.S. infrastructure will need<u>significant</u> funding and investment.

#### Illinois General Assembly

Representative David McSweeney has introduced a series of bills that would affect local government spending.

- <u>HB4246</u> creates the Local Government Convention Expense Control Act, which prevents the use of public funds by a local government at a convention or gathering of personnel.
- <u>HB4247</u> amends the State Finance Act and restricts State appropriations from paying or renting access to physical space for booths, hospitality suites, or other physical space for units of local government.
- <u>HB4248</u> creates the Local Government Convention Expense Control Act and amends the State Finance Act and prevents the use of public funds for expenses connected with attendance by a unit of local government at a convention or gathering of personnel.

#### Amazon Headquarters

Chicago was makes the <u>first cut</u> for new Amazon headquarters! Chicago will need to play to its <u>strengths</u> for this Amazon HQ2 race. Click <u>here</u> for more details on the 10 potential Chicago locations for Amazon.

# **Upcoming ITE Events**

Stay tuned for exciting training and webinars for later this spring. Check out our ILITE Event calendar for ILITE events and other transportation events happening!

#### ILITE Event Calendar

# Student Day Career Fair + Luncheon

When: Friday, March 2 2018; 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Where: University of Illinois - Chicago (UIC) Student Center East (SCE), Room 605 (750 S Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60607) contacting: William Eidson illinois.ite.ads@gmail.com

### Hey Section Member!

Get involved! There are open positions in the Student Affairs Group, the Activities Group, the Technical Group, and the Public Affairs Group. To volunteer on an ILITE committee, contact the group's director.

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The success of the Illinois Section is due to the hard work of our volunteers w ho serve on the Executive Board, as Group Directors, and on our many committees.

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**Why:** Student Day provides an excellent opportunity to connect companies, professionals, and students within the field of transportation engineering and planning. Student Day starts with a career fair from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Immediately following will be a luncheon from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM, which will provide professionals and students the opportunity to network in a more informal and personal environment.

# 2018 Girl Scouts 7th Annual STEMapalooza

**When:** Saturday, March 24, 2018 - 10:000 am to 2:30 pm **Why:** Illinois ITE will once again be participating in the annual STEMapalooza, a science expo put on by the Girl Scouts, which hosts different STEM organizations and museum booths from across Chicagoland. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Monica Shei at <u>illinoisite+publicaffairs@gmail.com</u>

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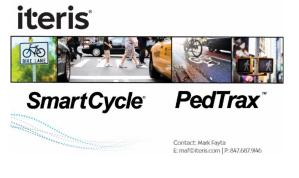
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