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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

By Josh Harris, P.E., PTOE, Baxter & Woodman, Inc.

Fellow ITE Illinois Section Members and Supporters,

The past few months have tried us all in different ways. Networking and socializing have gone virtual. Technical events, including seminars, workshops, and conferences, have gone virtual. These are two large parts of benefits that the Illinois Section (ILITE) provides to its membership. As such, ILITE has also been impacted by the past few months and has been working on finding ways to benefit its members. I'm glad to be able to update you on these benefits that you may have seen and the ones that are behind the scenes.



Josh Harris, P.E., PTOE

2020 Virtual Midwestern and Great Lakes Joint Annual Meeting

First off, I want to thank the local planning committee for the in-person joint annual meeting co-chaired by Katelyn Bleach and John Wirtz. This was the year Chicago was to hold this joint district annual meeting. It was the last year before the Midwestern District was to be split and reorganized into the MOVITE Section and the new Great Lakes District. I was excited and looking forward to this event since the beginning of 2019. For over a year, the local planning committee had been planning for this event to be held downtown and host over 300 people from across the ITE's membership. The technical program was set, social events were booked, and the final adjustments were being made before the pandemic, which caused the in-person annual meeting to be cancelled.

So, as a Section, we pivoted from the in-person conference to providing benefits to the members virtually. The speakers of the technical program were willing to present virtually and the Districts asked to put all the presentations into a one-day event. This one day event included three technical tracks, District business meetings, MiteY Race, and a social hour. We're glad to announce that 340 people registered for the event from across North America. A special thanks to Andrew Freeman for taking a point position and working with me on the event logistics, as well as Jim Kane and Rusty Holt working on the technical sessions, Monica Shei working on the finances, and Tyler Krage and Craig Jakobsen for running the MiteY Race. I hope that you all had a chance to view these sessions free as a member or take advantage of the company sponsorship benefits given for this event.

Behind the Scenes

With in-person meetings being put on hold, the ILITE Board has been working on behind the scenes activities, including updating processes, applying for an Illinois Sales Tax Exemption, and updating guidelines and bylaws.

The last point, I want to go into further. ITE International's initiative called OneITE continues to move forward. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the OneITE initiative, the goal is to align the membership experience for all ITE members. For more information regarding OneITE: <https://www.ite.org/about-ite/governance-documents/oneite/>. To align membership experience for all ITE members, ITE International is working with ILITE to revise the ILITE bylaws and procedure manual. These revisions may change the assembly of the ILITE Board, but the ILITE Board will continue to provide the technical and networking events, and all other benefits it has done for its members for the past decades.

Even with these potential changes, there are always ways to get more involved with ILITE. Joining a committee or taking on an event or task is a great way to explore roles, responsibilities, and time commitments. These tasks would be under the leadership of Board members and Committee Chairs, who will help you get the most benefits

from each event or task. Taking on these events or tasks can also help you see if you would be interested in a future position as a Board member. If you would like more information regarding this opportunity, please email me at illinoisite+president@gmail.com and/or check out the ILITE website: <http://www.ilite.org>

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or want to get more involved with the Section, please email me at illinoisite+president@gmail.com. I hope to see you all in-person soon. Until then, stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,
Josh Harris, P.E., PTOE
Illinois Section President
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Illinois Section News and Announcements

Operations News and Announcements

By Operations Director Bryce Wegner

We would like to recognize our new members of the ITE - Illinois Section who have joined this Spring! Welcome!

Katie Biggs, Kimley-Horn & Associates
Alison Boan, Econolite
Nicholas Becker, R.K. Johnson & Associates
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Public Affairs News and Announcements

By Public Affairs Director Ashley Hochstatter

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) - Engineering Firm Survey

This year the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) will provide \$80 million in state and federal funding for walking, biking, and trail projects around the state. To help applicants develop a successful proposal, the Active Transportation Alliance and Illinois Public Health Institute are providing communities with support through a [3-part webinar series](#) and learning collaborative.

They are looking to connect municipalities to local engineering firms who are willing to provide pro-bono engineering cost estimates, grant writing support, or other technical assistance to communities as they apply for ITEP funding.

[Please take the Engineering Firm Survey](#) if you are able to provide any support to communities in need of ITEP application assistance. The survey should take less than 5-minutes to complete.

More information on Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) can be found on their [website](#).

Student Affairs News and Announcements

By Student Affairs Director Anmol Shrivastava

ITE Illinois Section is looking forward to assisting all the Student Chapters. Please feel free to contact ITE Student Affairs, Anmol Shrivastava, at illinoisite+studentaffairs@gmail.com if you need any assistance or have questions.

TRAFFIC BOWL 2020 (VIRTUAL)

The Traffic Bowl will be virtual this year. The date for submittal of team entries is September 11, 2020. The competition will be held through late September and October. A grand championship is planned close to October 21st.

Reach out to John Davis (jadavis@dmgov.org) or Tyler Krage (tkrage@alliant-inc.com) to register teams or to get additional information.

ILITE Student Day 2020 (VIRTUAL)

The Annual ITE Student Day will be virtual and is currently planned for late October or early November.

Professionals who wish to host a booth and students who would like to attend, stay tuned for additional information later this year.

2020 Student Scholarship and Student Paper Competition!

ITE Illinois Section will continue the yearly Scholarship and Student Paper Competition Awards for 2020.

The ITE Illinois Section Scholarship Awards are presented annually to one graduate student and one undergraduate student who have demonstrated a strong interest in the transportation field through their coursework, a personal statement, faculty recommendation, and several other criteria. The awards, in the amount of \$2,000 each, are to provide partial financial support to students considering Transportation Engineering or Planning in their future career aspirations.

Additionally, graduate students are also provided the opportunity to submit a written paper on a transportation engineering or planning topic. The winning paper will be awarded \$1,000. The papers are judged on scope and format, originality, applicability to the field, validity, and significance. Keep a watch out for the applications later this year!

ITE Younger Member (30-to-30 Reminder)

This is a reminder for all graduating seniors that they should consider professional ITE membership upon graduation. ITE membership helps build your network by creating connections and growing your career. ITE provides a great platform for opportunities to meet transportation professionals and network with them. For younger members, ITE offers a reduced dues structure for members 29 and under. More information is provided in the link below:

<https://www.ite.org/membership/become-a-member/young-member/>

Other benefits of being an ITE member can also be found here:

<https://www.ite.org/membership/become-a-member/benefits-of-membership//>

What Has The Illinois Section Been Up To?

2020 Midwestern/Great Lakes Joint District Meeting (VIRTUAL)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Virtual Midwestern and Great Lakes Joint Annual meeting. We couldn't have put it together without all the effort from our planning committee, presentations from our speakers, and, of course, participation and attendance from all of our ITE members.



The PDH self-reporting form has been sent by e-mail to all attendees. We are currently working with the presenters from the event to make their presentations available online for attendees, and we'll provide an update as soon as possible. If you have any comments or suggestions you'd like to share about the event or future technical events, please reach out to the board at illinoisite+technical@gmail.com. We'll be keeping an eye out for your feedback to improve future events to the benefit of our membership.

ITE News and Announcements

2020 International Annual Meeting (VIRTUAL)

When: Tuesday, August 4th - Thursday, August 20th, 2020

Where: Virtual

[Website](#)

This year's International Annual Meeting has been reorganized as a virtual event while still featuring several programming areas throughout the course of three weeks. Click on the website link above for more information. A quick glance at the ongoing programming includes:

Tuesday 8/11 - Thursday 8/13: Concurrent Sessions, Poster Presentation Discussions, Workshops, District Social Events, LeadershipITE Drop In, and Closing Session



Professional Development Seminars

TRB Webinar

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) hosts several conference recording and webinars on their site. The recordings and webinars cover a wide range of topics in the transportation field. Select, live webinars are available for Professional Development Hours (PDH). Check out the TRB Webinar and Conference Recording Program [HERE](#).

ITE Web Seminars

Several ITE webinars are available through the [ITE Learning Hub](#). Log in today to check out upcoming events.

T3 Webinars

Talking Technology and Transportation (T3) Webinars are designed to help agencies feel confident about deploying ITS technologies as a means to address challenges in their transportation systems. These free, 90-minute, interactive online meetings offer knowledge sharing on topics related to ITS planning, design, procurement, deployment, and operations. T3 current and archived webinars are available [HERE](#).

Upcoming ITE Events

Due to COVID-19 and the recommendations from the CDC, the Illinois Section of ITE has decided to not schedule future luncheons, social events, and technical events until further notice.

[ILITE Event Calendar](#)

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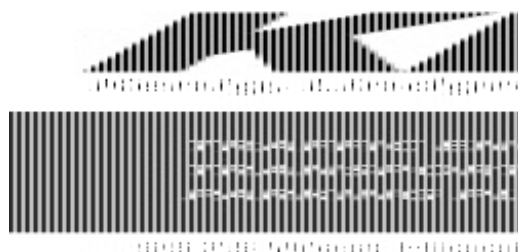
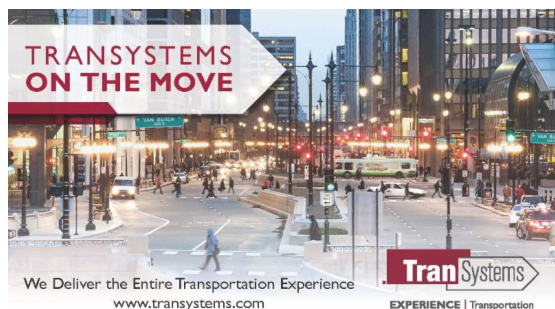
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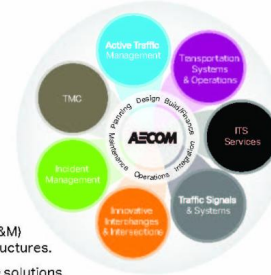
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