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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

By Jenna Brose, P.E., PTOE, AECOM

Fellow ITE Illinois Section Members and Supporters -

It's with bittersweet sentiment that I write my last ITEM's entry. I've certainly enjoyed my tenure with the Illinois Section and am sad to see it coming toward a close. On par with 2020, this past year has been unpredictable. I headed into 2021 with goals for the section developed through feedback and coordination with the board and membership. I'm happy to report we've made significant achievements including:



- Conducted a survey to get a better understanding of what is important to our membership garnering 52 responses.
- Brought in speakers from across the state and from other states for luncheon presentations.
- Launched the mentorship match program. I'm a firm believer that mentorship is a key component of personal growth and a strong transportation industry. I hope that this program brought us all a little closer together and strengthened the sense of community ITE brings.
- Secured the Great Lakes District Section Momentum award.
- ITE Illinois Section was profiled in the June issue of the ITE Journal.
- Hosted nine events throughout the year bringing together our members both virtually and in-person.
- Finalized and posted the IL ITE Procedures Guidebook to provide transparency to membership.

Recent Events

October 7th

ITE teamed up with YPT to participate in a virtual student speed networking event.

November 9th

The Activities and Technical Committee hosted the technical webinar event "Traffic Signal Innovations Roundtable" with Kyle Armstrong (IDOT), Jon Nelson (LCDOT), Bill Eidson (DuDOT), and Abraham Emmanuel (CDOT). We thank our speakers for sharing their expertise and visions of the future.

November 17th

The Public Affairs group hosted our fall social and professional clothing drive at Kaiser Tiger where we collected over 50 donations. Thank you to everyone that donated!

November 18th

The Activities and Technical Committee hosted the technical webinar event "Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project Update" with Lanyea Griffin of the Illinois Tollway. We thank her for providing our members with an update on this significant project and including some captivating visuals.

December 14th

The Joint Holiday Party with ITE, WTS, APWA, CMAA & ISPE took place in Oakbrook, Illinois. The event was heavily attended with a great diversity of org representation.

Upcoming Events

January 26th

Out of an abundance of caution the ITE Annual Banquet has gone virtual. Please join us via zoom for the installation of the 2022 board and social hour!

TBD

Awards Ceremony at McCormick & Schmick's in Rosemont with speaker Holly Bieneman, Director of Planning and Programming at IDOT

I'm proud of what we've accomplished as an organization in 2021, the new connections we've made and the existing connections we've deepened. As we move into 2022, I know our membership is in great hands with incoming President Tom Szabo. I've known Tom for years and he's always brought enthusiasm and dedication to the Illinois Section. I'm excited to see what he has in store for 2022!

As always, I encourage anyone to please reach out to me if you'd like to get more actively involved or with any questions, comments, or suggestions for the ITE Illinois Section at Illinoisite+president@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Jenna Brose, P.E., PTOE
Illinois Section President
AECOM



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Illinois Section News and Announcements

2022 ILITE Section Election Results

ILITE is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 ILITE Section Elections, who will assume office in 2022:

President:

Thomas Szabo, TOPS, TSOS, RSP1

Vice President:

Monica Shei, PE, PTOE

Secretary:

Katelyn Hacker, PE

Treasurer:

Anmol Shrivastava, PE, PTOE, RSP1

Jenna Brose, PE, PTOE will become the Immediate Past President and **Joshua Harris, PE, PTOE** will continue his second year as the Section Representative.

Congratulations to the new board and thank you for your continued service to ITE. The installation of the 2022 board will take place at the upcoming Annual Banquet.

Operations News and Announcements

By Operations Director Curtis Cornwell

The Illinois Section of ITE would like to welcome our new professional and student members:

Professional Members

Jacob Schramm, H.W. Lochner

Milan Patel, Gewalt Hamilton

Darrell Kuntz, McHenry County

Jeremy Stull, McHenry County

Student Members

Briana Barr, UIUC

Mohammad Javadinasr, UIC

Esmeralda Sotelo, UIC

Sina Asgharpour, UIC

We encourage all new members to reach out our Operations Chair, Curtis Cornwell at illinoisite+operations@gmail.com if they have any questions.

Technical Group News and Announcements

By Technical Director Andrew Freeman

In November, ILITE hosted Kyle Armstrong (IDOT), Jon Nelson (Lake County), Bill Eidson (DuPage County), and Abraham Emmanuel (CDOT) for a roundtable discussion on the current state and future of traffic signals in the Chicagoland area. Our participants provided valuable insight into the efforts to modernize existing traffic signals while integrating the new equipment with the existing system. ILITE is grateful for our participants as well as our moderator, Tom Szabo, for taking the time to present. A recording of the roundtable discussion is posted on the [ILITE YouTube page](#).

Activities Group News and Announcements

By Activities Directors Karyn Robles

In November, the Section hosted Lanyea Griffin, Deputy Chief of Program Implementation for the Illinois Tollway. Ms. Griffin provided an update on the progress on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I294) project. Her presentation highlighted the key elements of the project that is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street. Ms. Griffin noted the many benefits of the improvements which will help to address current and future regional transportation needs including providing congestion relief, updating old infrastructure, and finding innovative solutions to challenges along the corridor.

The annual joint holiday party held in December with WTS, CMAA, ISPE, and APWA was a wonderful success. We had over 100 attendees celebrating the holidays together at The Clubhouse in Oak Brook.

We look forward to the next collaborative event with our friends and colleagues in Chicagoland's great professional organizations!

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, the Illinois Section of ITE has made the decision to modify the 2022 Annual Banquet to a virtual format. The virtual event will include the swearing in of the 2022 Board as well as a few updates and announcements. Following the brief program will be a social hour. Please register here: [Virtual Annual Banquet](#)

In March, the Illinois Section will host an in-person dinner at McCormick and Schmick's in Rosemont. The event will feature dinner and open bar, a silent auction and raffle to raise funds for scholarships, and an awards presentation. Look for more information on this event in the coming months.

Student Affairs News and Announcements

By Student Affairs Director Anmol Shrivastava

Student Speed Networking Event 2021

Student Speed networking event was held in partnership with YPT on Thursday, October 7th, 2021 virtually. This was a free event for all students which provided an excellent opportunity for students to connect with professionals within the field of transportation engineering and planning.

Annual Student Chapter Report

The Annual Student Chapter Report need to be submitted to illinoisite+studentaffairs@gmail.com by **February 11th**. The Annual Chapter Report "Form" will be sent out to the chapters soon. ITE Illinois Section will forward these chapter reports to the District. The Great Lakes District will provide a support grant to each chapter submitting their annual report. For the support grant check to be issued, the chapter **MUST** indicate on their report cover sheet the entity at their school that the check should be made payable (i.e. student chapter or school) and the mailing address where the check should be sent. **Checks will not be written to an individual.**

Additionally, the chapter report submissions will also be eligible for two Student Chapter Awards (Chapter Momentum and Outstanding Chapter Award). Winners of each district award will be moved up to the International Level to be judged against chapters all across the country.

GLITE Traffic Bowl Registration

The Great Lakes Traffic Bowl is happening in-person again on June 21st, 2022 during the Great Lakes Annual Meeting in Duluth, MN! Traffic Bowl registration is **now open** and closes on **April 29th 2022**. The registration forms will be sent out to the chapters soon. All registrant submissions should be sent to Tyler Krage (Tyler.Krage@cityofchicago.org). District winners will receive a stipend to attend the International Traffic Bowl in New Orleans (July 31st-August 3rd 2022).

ITE News and Announcements

Sam Schwartz Announcements

Sam Schwartz is pleased to announce Robert J. Foley, PE, has joined the firm as Vice President and Northeast Regional Director, Civil Engineering. More information can be found here: [Robert Foley, PE, Joins Sam Schwartz](#)

Professional Development Seminars

TRB Webinars

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) hosts several conference recording and webinars on their website. The recordings and webinars cover a wide range of topics in the transportation field. Select, live webinars are available for

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.

Professional Development Hours (PDHs). 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

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

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You can read more about our Committees and the officers' Roles & Responsibilities and download the many materials that they produce to keep our section running by clicking on the link above.

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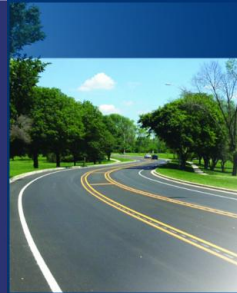
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