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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

By Thomas F Szabo, TOPS, TSOS, RSP1, CBBEL

Fellow ITE Illinois Section Members and Supporters,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and is looking forward to the fall months.

So far this year, I have the great opportunity to listen to ideas and new initiatives of the new Section Board as well as continue and advance initiatives of past years. The Board continues to evaluate new ways to help the Student Chapter members and promote STEM education for younger students. The Section continues to interface with other industry partners such as transportation planners, contractors, and traffic related product vendors to partner in various presentation and workshop events.

In late June, it was my honor to represent the Illinois Section at the annual Great Lakes District meeting in Duluth, Minnesota along with ILITE Immediate Past President - Jenna Brose, Section Representative Josh Harris, Secretary – Katelyn Hacker and Social Affairs Committee Chair – Tyler Krage. The ITE International meeting was held in New Orleans, Louisiana early this month for which the Illinois Section Board was also well represented with Secretary – Katelyn Hacker, Treasurer – Anmol Shrivastava, Section Representative Josh Harris, Technical Committee Chair – Kristel Bassett and Activities Co-Chair – Karyn Robles.



The past couple years of living in a midst of a pandemic has provided us all with many challenges to both our personal and professional lives. However, I feel that so far in 2022 that Illinois ITE continues to break out in a big way from the COVID virtual world we all experienced for past couple of years. The Illinois Section continued to bring live in-person events to our members and other supporters this past Spring and Summer such as a May Social at 2Twenty2 Tavern in Chicago, our first “in person” luncheon presentation in over two years with IDOT’s Director of Planning and Programming - Holly Bieneman and held at Francesca’s in River North, Chicago; and a CDOT bike tour/social through Logan’s Square, in late July, which has a tremendous turn out.

Upcoming events include our annual golf event with WTS at Top Golf, Schaumburg on August 25th, two Traffic Signal Programming 101 workshops on September 7th and 8th as well as more luncheon presentation events this fall including an Update for the upcoming MUTCD by IDOT and CDOT’s AR Program by CDOT and Civiltech. Also planned is another Bike tour in Evanston in October and a technical webinar in November pertaining to project funding.

It continues to be a big year for the Illinois Section of ITE, and I'm glad to be a part of it. To represent the membership of the Illinois Section of ITE in 2022 as President is a true honor. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or want to get more involved with the Section, please email me at Illinoisite+president@gmail.com or find me at the next Illinois Section event.

Sincerely,



Photos from the Malty Modal Bike Tour

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Illinois Section News and Announcements

Mentorship Match Program 2022

By Illinois Section Vice President Monica Shei

The Section's Mentorship Match Program is well underway with 5 monthly rotations complete and 4 more to go! We hope that the monthly rotations as well as the monthly themes have provided the opportunity to form deeper relationships within the ILITE community. We have heard positive feedback from this years'

participants, particularly regarding the flexibility of meeting in person or via Zoom/Teams call and ability to have multiple matches. We hope all participants have found this program valuable so far and are open to any/all suggestions to improve this program.

Please send screenshot or photo of your virtual or in-person meetup to ILITE Vice President, Monica Shei, at illinoisite+vicepresident@gmail.com.

Operations News and Announcements

By Operations Director Curtis Cornwell

If you'd like to stay up to date on all things Illinois Section ITE, please sign up for our complete mailing list via [this link](#).

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

Student Members

Hiya Chetai - UIUC

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

Public Affairs Group News and Announcements

By Public Affairs Director Tyler Krage

Legislative Corner

IDOT announced the opening of \$52 million improvement to Plainfield transit through Rebuild Illinois. Read more [here](#).

NASCAR announces 2023 Street Race to occur in Downtown Chicago. Read more [here](#).

IDOT releases updated bike map of state-wide bike network. Read more [here](#).

The City of Peoria shares developments in the plans for Chicago to Peoria passenger rail. Read more [here](#).

Malty Modal Tour Recap

IL-ITE completed its first Malty Modal Bike Tour on 7/21 to a great turnout on a day of perfect weather. Kurt Facknitz from CDOT's Complete Streets Program led a tour showcasing planned, existing, and brand-new bike infrastructure in the Logan Square neighborhood. More than 50 people showed up to enjoy a leisurely stroll and cold refreshments afterward. Due to high attendance, IL-ITE is looking forward to more Malty Modal bike rides in the future, so stay tuned if you missed this one! WTS Greater Chicago chapter joined the section in the event.

Technical Group News and Announcements

By Technical Director Kristel Basset

Traffic Signal Controller Programming 101

The Illinois Section of ITE will host be hosting two separate day-long workshops on "Traffic Signal Controller Programming 101" at the Christopher B. Burke Engineering training room on September 8 & 9, 2022. This workshop is for beginners or anyone curious about what goes on in a traffic signal cabinet. The course will be broad and provide the attendees a basic understanding of signal programming. Details and registration will be available in August.

Activities Group News and Announcements

By Activities Directors Karyn Robles & Jakob Boxberger

June 2022 Luncheon

Last month, around 30 members and guests met at Francesca's on Chestnut for our first in-person

luncheon in over two years! We had the privilege of hearing from Holly Bieneman, the Director of the Office of Planning and Programming at IDOT, speak about upcoming plans and programs from IDOT as well as a chance to better understand how IDOT announces and organizes the types of projects on the horizon. The presentation, the conversations, and the food were all great, so we hope to see you at our next luncheon in late summer or early fall!

Annual TopGolf Event

We invite you to join in on the fun at the 11th Annual ITE Illinois Section / WTS Greater Chicago Chapter / ITS Midwest Golf Outing at TopGolf on Thursday, August 25, 2022 from 3-6 pm. The sign up link is [here](#).

Event registration includes 3 hours of unlimited TopGolf game play, free club rentals, and food and drinks. Event sponsorships are also available! This year we are offering three different types of sponsorships. Sponsorships are limited so don't wait to take advantage of these great opportunities:

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ITE News and Announcements

Professional Development Seminars

TRB Webinars

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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!

[ILITE Event Calendar](#)

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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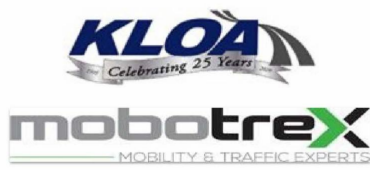
ILITE Committees

The success of the Illinois Section is due to the hard work of our volunteers who serve on the Executive Board and as a Committee Chair.

[EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEES](#)

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.

As our committees transition to the new structure outlined in the 2021 Bylaws, be on the look out for more information posted to our website early 2021.



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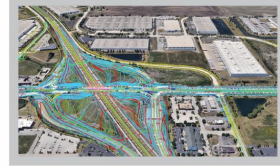
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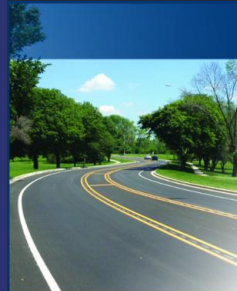
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