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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 the fall months and football. I continue to listen to great ideas and new initiatives from the Section Board as well as advance initiatives of past years. The Board continues to evaluate new ways to help the Student Chapter members and to continue to provide networking and educational opportunities to our membership and other supporters.

The Illinois Section continued to bring live in-person events to our members and other supporters this past Summer and early fall such as our annual golf event with WTS at Top Golf, Schaumburg on August 25th, in October another bike tour, this time in Evanston, two Traffic Signal Programming 101 workshops on September 7th and 8th, which had a tremendous turn out on both days.

Upcoming events, this fall, and winter will include a luncheon presentation at Cooper's Hawke in Naperville on the MUTCD by IDOT and technical webinar on project funding opportunities presented by Metro Strategies.

We also continue provide mentorship opportunities to our younger members through our Mentorship program and monthly matching, which will culminate in a Mentorship Social in November at Big Mini Putt Club.

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,

Thomas F Szabo, TOPS, TSOS, RSP1
Illinois Section President
Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL)





Photos from the Annual TopGolf Event

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Illinois Section News and Announcements

Mentorship Match Program

By Illinois Section Vice President Monica Shei

Upcoming Event: Mentorship Match Program End-Of-Year Social – November 3, 2022

The final match for the 2022 Mentorship Match Program has been sent out – thank you to all of the participants for a successful year! We would like to invite all participants of both the 2021 and 2022 Mentorship Match Programs, as well as **any interested ITE members**, to our first annual End-Of-Year

Social on November 3, 2022 at Big Mini Putt Club in Wicker Park, Chicago. Please join us for a fun night of in-person networking with your monthly matches over a round of indoor mini golf. Registration is \$15 and includes two drinks and one round of mini golf! Click here to register:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejew0p648f1909c2&oseq=&c=&ch=>

If you are interested in participating in next year's Mentorship Match Program, please contact Monica Shei, ILITE Vice President, at illinoisite+vicepresident@gmail.com. We are excited in this programs' growth year-to-year and hope it has been a valuable experience. Please feel free to contact us for suggestions or feedback on past and future programs.

Activities Group News and Announcements

By Activities Chairs Karyn Robles & Jakob Boxberger

12th Annual Golf Outing with ITE, ITS Midwest, and WTS

For the second year in a row, the Illinois Section of ITE, ITS Midwest, and WTS Greater Chicago Chapter hosted our Annual Golf Outing at TopGolf in Schaumburg! Turnout for our August event was great with nearly 100 attendees. Those who came out enjoyed the food, drinks, socializing, and some golf. Thank you to the bay sponsors, Civiltech, Iteris, Kimley-Horn, Peralte-Clark, and Wight, our food sponsor, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, our drink sponsor, Singh and Associates, and to all who came out! Based on feedback we've received from attendees, we will plan to continue to host our annual golf outing at TopGolf. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Upcoming Event: November 2022 Luncheon with Kyle Armstrong from IDOT

Please join us for our November Luncheon on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at Cooper's Hawk in Naperville, IL. The luncheon will feature a presentation from Kyle Armstrong from the Illinois Department of Transportation who will be discussing highlights from the 11th Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). He will also be discussing the recently issued final rule on maintaining pavement marking retroreflectivity which has officially been incorporated into the current 2009 Edition of the MUTCD. Lunch will be preceded with an opportunity to network and catch-up with colleagues. Click here for the official event details and registration link: <http://www.ilite.org/new-events>.

Save the Date: Illinois ITE Annual Banquet

The Illinois Section of ITE is excited to extend invitation to our annual banquet on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Location and details to follow!

Technical Group News and Announcements

By Technical Chair Kristel Shu Bassett

Traffic Signal Controller 101

We had a successful Traffic Signal Controller 101 Workshop lead by Traffic Control Corporation and MoboTrex for two days in September. During the session, we learned about the components of a signal cabinet and the capabilities of two signal controllers. Thanks to Christopher B. Burke Engineering for hosting our event.



Upcoming Webinar: Competitive Transportation Grants

Join us on November 16, 2022 from 2:00-3:00PM for a virtual presentation on Competitive Transportation Grants, featuring presenters Seema Wadia and Tammy Wierciak of Metro Strategies. This event will cover an overview of various available funding and an in-depth review of recent new grant programs. Learn about the different programs at the regional, state, and federal levels and how to determine if you have a competitive project. This event will be hosted online using Zoom Webinar and is free for all attendees. Participants will receive 1.0 PDH. Click here to register:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ysolytrab&oeidk=a07ejg050nwc3069631>

Student Affairs Group News and Announcements

By Student Affairs Chair Tyler Grau

Upcoming Deadline: 2022 Great Lakes District ITE Student Scholarships

We have some big news from the District! We are announcing the first Great Lakes District ITE Student Scholarships! We are starting two annual scholarships to go to 2 (one undergrad and one graduate) students in the states of MN, ND, SD, WI, IN, IL, OH, and MI for **\$1,000 each**. Scholarship winners will also receive free registration to the 2023 Great Lakes Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, MI. The deadline for submittal is end of the day on **November 4, 2022**.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Cole Villalobos at (616) 754-9217 or Tyler Krage at (507) 450-9305.

Applications can be found on the District website here: <https://greatlakesite.org/students/> Scholarship winners may be required to submit a personal blurb or interview to be featured in the Great Lakes ITE Newsletter. Eligible applicants are students that have participated in a program at any point during the year prior to November 2022.

2022 Student Scholarship and Student Paper Competition

ITE Illinois Section is continuing the yearly Scholarship and Student Paper Competition Awards for 2022. 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.

The applications and more information will be provided to the student chapters and posted to the Illinois Section website. The deadline for submissions is expected to be in early December 2022.

Please free feel to contact Tyler Grau at illinoisite+studentaffairs@gmail.com with any questions.

Discounted Dues: 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 fee structure for members 29 and under. More information is provided in the link below: <https://www.ite.org/membership/become-a-member/younger-member/>

Other benefits of being an ITE member can also be found here <https://www.ite.org/membership/become-a-member/benefits-of-membership/>

Student Speed Networking Event 2022

The YPT / ITE / WTS / COMTO Student Speed Networking event was held on October 6th at CTA Headquarters. Nearly 20 students attended with a variety of transportation and planning backgrounds to

network with 37 professionals. This was a free event which provided an excellent opportunity for students to connect with professionals within the field of transportation engineering and planning.



ILITE Student Day 2022

We are very excited to announce that the 15th Annual ITE Student Day will be held in-person this year at UIC on November 18th. Student Day will consist of a morning career fair and networking event followed by lunch. Students are given the opportunity to have their resumes reviewed by RC Associates, LLC with feedback given in advance of the career fair. Professionals who wish to host a booth and students who would like to attend, be on the lookout for additional information about registering for the event.

Public Affairs Group News and Announcements

By Public Affairs Chair Tyler Krage

Legislative Corner

IDOT announces sixth and final installment of REBUILD Illinois capital improvement program. Learn more here: <https://www.wcia.com/news/state-news/pritzker-announces-final-installment-of-rebuild-illinois/>

CDOT to renovate defunct railroad bridge to become elevated bike trail in Englewood. Learn more here: <https://blockclubchicago.org/2022/08/11/englewoods-elevated-nature-trail-gets-20-million-in-federal-funding/>

CMAP approves “On to 2050” Comprehensive Plan. Learn more here: <https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/2050>

2022 IL-ITE/WTS/ITS Midwest Golf Outing

On Thursday August 25th IL-ITE Teamed up with the WTS Greater Chicago Chapter and ITS Midwest for the Annual Golf Outing. Just like last year, the Golf Outing took a different angle and was hosted at Top Golf in Schaumburg. This allows for greater attendance due to the shorter time requirement, more networking opportunities, and less sun burn/lost golf balls! The event had a great turnout, with over 100 people showing up, and IL-ITE even sold out all the available tickets.

Thanks to everyone that made it and additional thanks to Karyn Ryg Robles and Jakob Boxberger for leading the planning of the event. In addition, thanks to the WTS Greater Chicago Chapter and ITS Midwest for partnering with us!

2022 Traffic Controller 101 Technical Training

IL-ITE had an awesome turn out (for both days!) at the Traffic Signal Controller 101 Training on September 7th and 8th. The event had more than 30 attendees, and featured representatives from Mobotrex and Traffic Control Corp. It was an all around training, touching on everything from front page controller programming all the way to wiring diagrams, load switches, and other cabinet hardware. Huge thanks to Kristel Shu Bassett for all of her work in organizing it and to Christopher Burke Engineering for hosting! If you couldn't make it and want to get a glimpse of what you missed, reach out to the Technical Chair, [Kristel](#) for any materials and presentations that were provided.

Fall 2022 Malty Modal Ride - Evanston

On October 5th, IL-ITE had our last Malty Modal ride of 2022 in Evanston. We had a smaller, more low-

key group of folks bike around Evanston to check out their awesome protected bikeways on Sheridan, Church, and Davis on a beautiful autumn evening. Thanks to all who came out, and Smylie Brothers Brewing for hosting us. We look forward to doing these again next year once things get warmer.

8th Annual Young Member Speed Networking Night

On October 6th, IL-ITE had a great time meeting young professionals at the 8th Annual Speed Networking Event! This joint event was put on by IL-ITE, YPT- Chicago, COMTO Chicago, and WTS Greater Chicago Chapters, and featured students and young professionals from all over Illinois. Student participants ranged from Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Illinois - Chicago, University of Chicago, Northwestern, and University of Illinois - Champaign Urbana., and more.

Professionals from Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Department of Transportation, Regional Transit Authority, Amtrak, WSP, HDR, Jacobs, Transmart, Transystems, Gannet-Fleming, and more were present to meet the upcoming members of the industry. Thanks to everyone that showed up to help make this event possible, and we look forward to ensuring the future of the industry is strong with the next generation of young professionals!

Operations News and Announcements

By Operations Chair 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: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/wFK5f75/maillinglist>.

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

Professional Members

Alison Boan – Q-Free
Joseph Tebrugge – City of Wheaton
Michael Lacy – Kimley-Horn
Nicolas Reynolds – Alfred Benesch
Cristiano Alguzzie – CMT
Cassandra Cruise – Baxter & Woodman

Student Members

Vishal Sreeram – UIC
Lokesh Namburi – UIC
Anshita Kandhari – UIUC

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

ITE News and Announcements

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 Professional Development Hours (PDHs). Check out the TRB Webinar and Conference Recording Program [HERE](#).

ITE Web Seminars

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.

Do you have a news-worthy story?

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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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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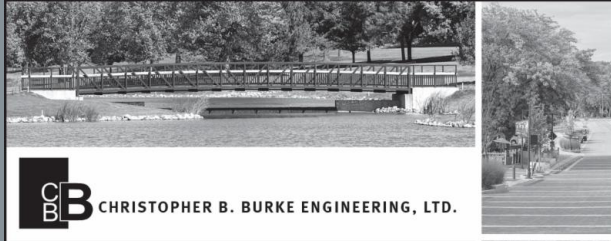
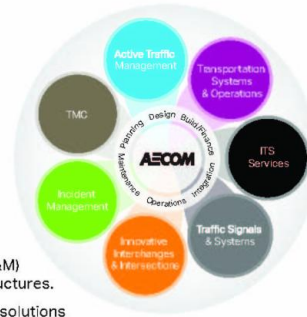
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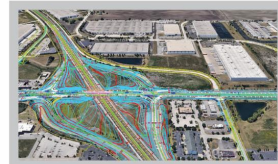
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