International Director’s Update
International Director Shawn Leight, MOVITE Section

My role as your International Director is to be an information conduit between you and the International leadership. I am writing this article to provide you with useful information about ITE at the International Level. I also welcome your feedback, ideas, and suggestions so that I can pass them on to the International Board. Feel free to contact me about anything (and all things) ITE. Thank you for taking the time to read this column.

ADVOCACY

ITE plays an active role in advancing issues of importance on behalf of the membership. ITE’s engagement provides the “practitioners voice” on issues of national significance and access to information and training not easily available at the local level. ITE has long-term working relationships with the Administration, Congress, national associations, and professional societies. These relationships afford opportunities for ITE headquarters staff and leadership to advocate for ITE members and for the profession. Headquarters staff and elected leadership regularly provide governmental and technical associations with technical information and engage organizational leadership in frank discussions on areas of common interest. An ITE staff report summary discussing a few examples of these activities is provided as follows.

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District President’s Message
District President Kristi Sebastian, NCITE Section

As we have done for the last few years, your 2014 Midwestern District ITE Board got an early start by meeting as a group in fall of last year for a visioning meeting. In this first newsletter of the year I wanted to highlight a few objectives.

• Promote the Leadership ITE program, which started strong with a 2013/2014 inaugural class. A strategic plan goal of the district is to continue to promote and support Leadership ITE and our district members who participate.

• Support ITE Agency Membership initiatives through promoting the value of ITE.

• Continue to promote student participation through activities at our annual meeting and encouraging involvement with ITE at all levels.

After our meeting, the Board joined the North Central Section (NCITE) at the Minnesota History Museum in St. Paul at their annual meeting which celebrated NCITE’s 50th Anniversary as a Section of ITE. The presentations by the current and past presidents’ gave us an inspirational and thought provoking “ride” through the last 50 years reflecting on how far we have progressed in highway and freeway design, safety, and innovation as

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POLICY/FEDERAL FUNDING/REGULATIONS

- ITE staff attends and often hosts the monthly meetings of the No Name Group. The group is comprised of current and former executive staff of many of the transportation related associations as well as key policy level staff from FHWA. The group discusses current issues and shares information. While no minutes are taken and all discussion is “off the record”, these discussions inform and provide previews to pending policy decisions.

- ITE works with a variety of national associations to advance the cause for increased federal funding for transportation. This has resulted in webinars, briefings, ITEJ articles, legislative roundtables, congressional briefings, and testimony. ITE provides the transportation perspective to associations where transportation is not a key component of their mission, but serves as a component of the overall success of their members.

- ITE provides background information and feedback on legislation under development to Congressional transportation staff. These relationships have resulted in clarity of language in project eligibility, funding flexibility and definitions in surface transportation authorization legislation, and restoration of transit parity.

- ITE’s relationships with and accessibility to USDOT staff affords us pre-warning of regulations that may impact the ITE community and direct solicitations via small meetings to provide the ITE perspective. It also allows ITE to quickly anticipate and develop sessions, webinars, and blog posts on regulatory issues and legislation that the membership should be aware of, including recent notices of proposed rulemaking on MAP-21 safety performance measures and the FHWA proposal to split the MUTCD.

- ITE serves as a conduit between the US Access Board and the traffic engineering community and provides input on the membership’s behalf to documents like the Proposed Guidelines for Accessible Rights of Ways (PROWAG). Partnering with the US Access Board, ITE has facilitated workshops for the Board addressing accessibility for the design of intersections and roadways.

- ITE is working with the national staff of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) to better understand and reflect emergency response requirements into the design of surface roadways. Collaboration was initiated due to an amendment to the International Fire Code that impacted the implementation of traffic calming measures. ITE is currently working to develop turning templates and dynamic deployment modeling to evaluate accessibility of new and existing developments for the many emergency fire vehicles.

TECHNOLOGY

- White House Office of Technology. ITE staff participated in four White House-sponsored “Datapaloozas”. This engagement has led to collaborations with the US DOT Secretary’s office of Public Engagement on the use of technology to achieve transportation goals, including the use and applications for Big Data. ITE is sought after as a contributor in these efforts.

- ITE serves on the Connected Vehicle Executive Leadership Team (ELT). This group brings together in a forum the public sector transportation community, automotive manufacturers and suppliers, and USDOT. ELT serves to keep these sectors informed on the status of advancement of deployment, issues, and seeks input from each sector. ITE also is the lead on the Connected Vehicle Task Force, which works to provide input from the perspective of ITE, local agencies, and practitioners, while supporting U.S. DOT’s overall schedule and project plans in the areas of operations, policy, and systems engineering.

- ITE is a founding member of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America based in Washington, DC. ITE serves as an ex officio Member of the Board of Directors. ITE recently co-authored the ITS Primer and most recently the ITS ePrimer that is available at http://www.pcb.its.dot.gov/eprimer. ITE also collaborates with ITS America and other stakeholders’ government relations staff on legislative and regulatory initiatives.
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• As a recognized standards development organization, ITE is a leader in the development of ITS standards. With support from the USDOT, ITE has also developed more than 30 modules of ITS Standards Professional Capacity Building webinars and on-demand training, with more in development and recently started the development of new training under the Transit ITS Professional Capacity Building Program.

• ITE has one of the largest delegations (8 members and 2 associates) on the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD). NCUTCD assists in the development of standards, guides and warrants for traffic control devices and practices used to regulate, warn and guide traffic on streets and highways. NCUTCD recommends to FHWA and to other agencies proposed revisions and interpretations of the MUTCD and other national accepted standards.

SAFETY

• ITE serves on the Executive Committee of the Association of Transportation and Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP). ITE provides input into the formulation of data collection methods. Our engagement enhances the understanding of the requirements used to collect traffic and crash data under federal and state laws and regulations and best practices and raised ITE’s visibility within NHTSA.

• ITE was a member of the USDOT National Safe Routes to School Task Force that implemented the federal SRTS program. ITE has been an active participant and member of the Safe Routes to School National Partnership since its inception. Our role has been to serve as a conduit to the traffic engineering community and provide input as to how to best achieve SRTS goals within the parameters of sound traffic engineering practices. ITE has partnered with the National Center for Safe Routes to School to represent the engineering community. These collective efforts have led to the development of SRTS briefing sheets, webinars, classroom seminars, and congressional advocacy.

• ITE staff participated in efforts leading to the UN’s approval of the Decade of Action and other milestone events, in the District of Columbia, New York, and international Make Roads Safe activities.

LAND USE AND PLANNING

• ITE provides the practitioner perspective as the only engineering representative on the Complete Streets Coalition Steering Committee on how to best address Complete Streets goals by integrating state of the practice traffic engineering principles directed toward intermodalism and safety for all users. Products have ranged from information sessions at conferences to training webinars and workshops. Most recently a partnership between the coalition, Smart Growth America, and the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals resulted in an MOU to deliver joint training on complete streets implementation.

• ITE continues to work in partnership with the Congress for New Urbanism to create technical tools for both the planning and engineering communities to achieve context sensitive urban land use. The partnership delivered the ITE Recommended Practice- Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach. A former ITE President and Board member now serves on CNU board.

MEMBERSHIP

Many of us reflect from time to time on the value that we receive from our ITE Membership. While membership in ITE provides us all personal value, ITE membership is also simply the right thing to do. ITE is the organization that advocates on the behalf of Transportation Engineering professionals. Simply put, ITE works to strengthen our profession. We have many “affiliate” members in our Sections and Chapters who are not full members of ITE. Please encourage these professionals to become full members of ITE.

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MWITE has several agencies with ITE agency memberships. ITE agency memberships provide special benefits to their agency members. If your agency is interested in enjoying Agency Member benefits, please contact Natalia Vlasov at ITE Headquarters (nvlasov@ite.org, 127). Existing Agency Members within MWITE include:

- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Kansas Department of Transportation
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Missouri Department of Transportation
- Nebraska Department of Roads
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- DuPage County, IL
- Hennepin County, MN
- Washington County, MN

**LEADERSHIP ITE**

The Leadership ITE program identifies, develops, and engages leaders for the future of ITE and the transportation profession. At its core, Leadership ITE recognizes the importance of leadership to the profession, transforms ITE members into high-level leaders, seeks individuals with a desire to make the profession better, connects and engages leaders from across the globe, and tasks participants with solving issues vital to the future of transportation.

The program’s first class of 30 members is engaged in an intensive 9-month program of workshops, conferences, team projects, and other activities that addresses the challenges and opportunities facing ITE and the transportation profession. The inaugural class of 30 includes 7 members from the Midwestern District.

Carrie Falkenrath, P.E., PTOE, PTP
Senior Transportation Engineer
Crawford Bunte Brammeier, St. Louis, MO

Martin Gugel, P.E., PTOE
City Traffic Engineer
City of Springfield, Springfield, MO

Chad Hammer, P.E., PTOE
Project Manager/Senior Transportation Engineer
Jacobs Engineering Group, Chicago, IL

Michael Hofener, P.E., PTOE
Traffic Engineer
Traffic Engineering Consultants, Oklahoma City, OK

Applications are currently being taken for the class of 2015. If you are interested in participating in the Leadership ITE class of 2015 please fill out the information at: http://www.ite.org/leadership/

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STUDENTS

Midwest ITE is home to 23 Student Chapters. These student members are the future of our profession and our organization. Our leadership at the District, Section, and Chapter levels supports these student chapters in many ways. I thank you for the support of our students and ask you all to introduce yourself to a student at your next ITE meeting. Please tell how important that they really are to all of us.

- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Iowa State University at Ames
- Kansas State University
- Marquette University at Milwaukee
- Missouri University of Science and Technology
- North Dakota State University at Fargo
- Northwestern University at Evanston
- Oklahoma State University at Stillwater
- Saint Louis University
- South Dakota State University
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- University of Arkansas at Fayette
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Kansas at Lawrence
- University of Minnesota at Minneapolis
- University of Missouri at Columbia
- University of Nebraska at Lincoln
- University of Oklahoma at Norman
- University of Wisconsin at Madison
- University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee
- University of Wisconsin at Platteville
- Washington University at St. Louis

MEETINGS

For the first time in 67 years, the ITE Midwestern District Annual Meeting will be held jointly with the ITE Western District in Rapid City, South Dakota. This meeting will represent nearly half of the United States (24 states), providing an opportunity for a robust and diverse technical program, vendor exhibit and opportunity to network. In four days, participants will have the opportunity to gain a year’s worth of PDHs with 12 hours of technical sessions and other presentations. Substantial student events are planned including three traffic bowls, the Kell Competition and leadership sessions. Please join us in Rapid City next June 29 – July 2, 2014. More information can be found at: http://www.2014ite.com/. Other upcoming meetings in 2014 and 2015 are listed below.

- 2014 Joint Midwest/Western District Meeting; Rapid City, South Dakota; June 28 - July 2, 2014
- 2014 ITE Annual Meeting; Seattle, Washington; August 10 - 13, 2014
- 2015 ITE Technical Conference; Tucson, Arizona; March 29 – April 1, 2015
- 2015 Midwest District Meeting; Branson, Missouri; June 29-July 1, 2015

We are ITE.

Shawn Leight, P.E., PTOE, PTP
International Director; Midwestern District
Celebrating the Eisenhower Interstate Highway System

The Federal Highway Administration invites you to explore a Web site devoted to the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways (http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/interstate/homepage.cfm). From the start on June 29, 1956, the Eisenhower Interstate System has been known as the Greatest Public Works Project in History. On the Web site, you will find information about the history of the Eisenhower Interstate System and how it affects each of our lives daily, not just as a means of travel, but as a part of our culture and the American way of life.

The Web site is dedicated to the visionaries and leaders of past generations who created and funded the Interstate System as well as the State and Federal officials, private contractors, and members of national organizations who helped make the United States the most mobile country in the world. As we honor the past, there is no higher calling for those of us in the present generation of transportation officials than to ensure Eisenhower Interstate System continues to serve America for decades to come.

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well as our growth as a professional organization. A theme that rang through at the start and continues to make our organization strong today is the members’ commitment to collaboration, learning from one another, and moving transportation initiatives forward.

One new ITE initiative that started fall of last year is the Leadership ITE program. I am very proud to say our district has the largest number of participants with seven Midwestern district members in the inaugural year. Leadership ITE is a program to identify, develop, and engage leaders to ensure that ITE and its members are positioned to engage and shape the future of transportation. Look for articles in our District newsletters and information on our website as representatives from this first class share experiences from the workshops and their group work developing solutions for many transportation issues facing us today. In addition, check out the March 2014 edition of the ITE journal which outlines the program and answers many common questions potential new participants may have. If the Leadership ITE experiences look to be something in which you would like to participate, I encourage you to apply for the 2014/2015 class. The application period for Leadership ITE is open through July 14, 2014.

As a District we will have many opportunities to continue partnerships and learning on a larger scale as our District and the Western District join together for the 2014 Annual meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota. If you haven’t done so already, check out the outstanding professional program and networking opportunities. Start dusting off those traffic engineering books and “study up” for the professional traffic bowl open to all attendees which will take place in addition to our traditional collegiate bowl where we all root for our favorite teams. I’ve heard some chatter from Western District members well underway working on their costume plans for the “President, Westerns and/or Biker” themed Tuesday night Joint District Award Banquet event. So, get creative with what you plan to wear to what will be a memorable evening. In addition to the excellent technical program, the professional discussions will provide opportunities for those in leadership positions at all levels of ITE to get together and discuss what has worked well for technical programs, activities, outreach, and more within their section, chapter, or district.

It is a great honor to be your 2014 President of Midwestern ITE District as we worked together as a premier transportation professional organization leading the way in many new technologies and innovations. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2014 District Meeting!

Yours in ITE,
Kristi M. Sebastian, 2014 Midwestern ITE President

Illinois Department of Transportation Appointees

April 1, 2014, Springfield, IL. Today the Illinois Department of Transportation announced appointments to three positions. Mr. Justan Mann was appointed to the Acting Deputy Director of the Divisions of Highways. Mr. Mann holds a Bachelor’s of Science and Master’s degree in Civil Engineering from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He joined the Illinois Department of Transportation in 1994 as an engineering technician in District 9 and has held several positions in the Department including Senior Structural Planning Engineer and most recently, Project Review Engineer in the Bureau of Construction. Mr. Kensil Garnett was appointed as the Acting Region 3 Engineer. Mr. Garnett holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois. He joined the Department in 1991 as an Civil Engineer Trainee and has held several engineering positions in the Department including Project Engineer, Construction Engineer and most recently, Project Implementation Engineer in District 5. Ms. Laura Mlacnik was appointed to the Acting Bureau Chief of Materials and Physical Research in the Central Division of Highways. Ms. Mlacnik holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois. She joined the Illinois Department of Transportation in 1998 as a Plan Project Engineer and has held several positions with the Department including Condemnation Manager and most recently, Land Acquisition Engineer in District 6.
Getting Ready for Rapid City

There is a lot to do to prepare for the first ever Joint Western/Midwestern District ITE Annual Meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota (www.2014ite.com/). Hled from June 29 to July 2, 2014, it promises to be an exciting and enlightening meeting. As Annual Meeting co-chairs, we are looking forward to a great Midwestern District Annual Meeting filled with informative technical programs -- plus the opportunity to share ideas and fellowship with professionals from the Western District of ITE. In all, our meeting will include transportation professionals from 24 states... and beyond!

We are also holding series of Annual Meeting Presidential Quizzes leading up to the meeting. Rapid City is called the City of Presidents. Therefore, we are offering prizes to those who enter correct answers to presidential quiz found on the meeting website. In fact, Quiz # 1 is already up on the website!

For those arriving early, the mITEy Race (our version of the Amazing Race) will be held on Saturday, June 28. If you are a younger professional, fundamentals of transportation engineering and planning seminars will be held on Sunday, June 29, including PTOE and PTP refresher courses, to get you up to speed on our industry in one day.

You and your family may take your first trip to Mt. Rushmore for an evening lighting ceremony on Family Night on June 30. You may also enjoy your first western chuck wagon dinner at Ft. Hays.

The Annual Banquet, where leaders in our industry are recognized, will take place on Tuesday, July 1. The banquet, with its wide-ranging theme of Presidential Western Bikers, will include a great western band and the opportunity to wear themed attire. For those who attend, there will be five major raffles in the vendor exhibit, giving away electronics gear, from iPads to Bose speakers and Android tablets.

The Traffic Bowls have become so popular, there will be not one, not two, but THREE -- one Midwestern District Traffic Bowl, one Western District Traffic Bowl, and one purely for teams of professionals to join in the fun!

The meeting website is loaded with outstanding Technical Sessions and details. Register before May 15 and save $100 in early registration discounts. To provide members, vendors, students and guests with information about the meeting we are publishing online newsletters called “The Joint District Gazette.” Visit www.2014ite.com/the-latest-news.html.

Hotel Registration is now available online at the group meeting rate of $140/night – an unbelievable rate for that vacation spot the week before 4th of July! You are encouraged to register early for best availability—plus be entered to win a FREE Room Night! (Check with the hotel to see if conference rates can be extended should you wish to stay through the holiday weekend!)

Companies that agree to sponsor the 2014 Joint Western/Midwestern District ITE Annual Meeting will be provided unique promotional opportunities to represent their company. The program has been provided in a cafeteria fashion to allow potential sponsors to select the appropriate level of support they find effective to their needs. In all cases sponsors will be required to provide production level artwork of their logo at the point of purchase and not later than June 1 to be included in the programs. There are three key programs to participate in.

**PRESIDENTIAL SPONSORSHIPS**

The Presidential Sponsorship program involves two components:

- Preferred exhibit booth space selection
- Company Exposure/logo placement and recognition

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**SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORSHIPS**

The following special event sponsorships became available March 1, 2014 for firms, agencies and individuals to support the 2014 Joint Western/Midwestern ITE District Annual Meeting in Rapid City June 29 – July 2. Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Roosevelt sponsors will have the first opportunity to select these sponsorships through February 28, 2014. All special event sponsors will be listed as sponsors on the Annual Meeting website list of sponsors and the presentation board at the meeting.

**KEY EVENT AND GIFT SPONSORSHIPS**

These key events and gift sponsorships are open to any group immediately and do not require Presidential sponsorship to purchase. All key event and gift sponsors will be listed as sponsors on the Annual Meeting website list of sponsors and the presentation board at the meeting.

The following table summarizes the benefits of sponsorship. For additional information about sponsorship, visit the conference web page at http://www.2014ite.com/sponsors.html.

See you in Rapid City!

Randy McCourt, Steve Manhart, and Kristi Sebastian

Rapid City Annual Meeting Co-Chairs
IAEP announces its 2014 Student Research Grant

The Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals (IAEP) Student Research Grant Program (SRGP) is an effort to increase student interest in the environmental professions and to support them in conducting research and defining their career goals. The student research grant program will review all applications and give one First Place award of $1,000 and one Second Place award of $500 to aid students in conducting their research project (limited to supplies and mileage). The winners will receive their awards and recognition at the IAEP June 2014 Meeting. Winners must be present at the IAEP June Meeting to receive the awards. Winners will also be required to create a poster in HTML or PDF format of their research project to be posted on the IAEP website (both prior to project initiation and updated after the project has been completed).

Eligibility

- Be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student. Undergraduates must be enrolled in at least his/her sophomore year at an accredited 4 year undergraduate college located in Illinois.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent on a 5.0 scale).
- Have a declared major in a science, engineering or policy related discipline. The following are examples of acceptable majors: civil, chemical or environmental engineering, environmental science, environmental studies, biology, hydrogeology, geology, geography, ecology, industrial hygiene, toxicology, environmental policy. NOTE: this list is not exhaustive.
- Be a student member of IAEP (Applicants may join at the time of packet submission).

Research Grant Proposal – Required Documents

Applicants will prepare a research grant proposal (3 pages maximum) containing the following headings and associated content:

Introduction

Discuss the significance of the project - State a hypothesis(es) or research objectives

Research Plan

- Experimental design; Description and map of study area (if you are doing a field project); Methods and procedures o Project timeline
- Budget - List of supplies and estimated costs; Estimated travel/mileage expenses
- References Cited - APA or MLA format is acceptable

Letter of Recommendation from Research Advisor

Your application must include a letter from a research advisor stating how long he/she has known the applicant and testifying to the applicant’s ability and motivation to complete the proposed project.

Unofficial Transcript of Applicant’s Academic Record

Submittal DEADLINE: May 16, 2014. Applications can be downloaded from the website: [www.iaepnetwork.org](http://www.iaepnetwork.org)

IAEP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Contributions to IAEP help support this annual grant program and are tax deductible according to Illinois law.

To make a donation to support this program, please make check payable to IAEP and mail to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, 9575 W. Higgins Rd, Suite 600 Rosemont, IL 60018. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Debra Hatchett, IAEP Administrator,
District Secretary/Treasurer Candidate Statement

SUSAN PAULUS, PE, LEED GA

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Civil Engineering, UW-Madison (Expected 2019)
Masters of Science, Civil Engineering, Texas A&M University (2010)
Bachelors of Science, Civil Engineering, UW-Milwaukee (2008)
Bachelors of Business Administration, Production and Operations Management, UW-Milwaukee (2008)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ms. Paulus is currently a Traffic Engineer at Lakeside Engineers. She is responsible for all things traffic engineering including: crash studies, traffic analysis, traffic projections and forecasts, corridor planning, traffic impact assessments, ITS, transportation management plans, traffic control staging, and detour route planning. Ms. Paulus has also had the opportunity to conduct capacity studies in work zones throughout Wisconsin and conduct work zone traffic control training for both design and construction engineers throughout the state.

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ITE INVOLVEMENT

Leadership ITE, Class of 2014
2013 Midwestern District Planning Committee Member
Active in WI Section since 2004
Active in MW District since 2011
UWM Student Chapter President (January 2006 à May 2008)

AWARDS

Burton W. Marsh Fellowship, ITE, May 2008
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention, NSF, Apr 2008
Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship, National Highway Institute, Apr 2008
International WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship, WTS, Feb 2008
Harvey Shebesta Scholarship, WI ITE, 2005

STATEMENT OF PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

I am very grateful to have to opportunity to serve as the ITE Midwestern District Secretary/Treasurer. I have been active in ITE since 2004, starting as a student member at UWM. I was honored to lead the student section for two years and provide others with new opportunities, including attending international ITE events. I stayed active in ITE when I attended TAMU, attending both Wisconsin and Texas ITE events. Since my return to WI, I have continued to be an active ITE member by planning, participating, and speaking at different events. I am also honored to be part of the inaugural Leadership ITE Class, I hope to use the skills I acquire to lead ITE. I hope to encourage student members to become more active as it had a huge impact on my career development. Thank you for your consideration!

Susan Paulus
District Secretary/Treasurer Candidate Statement

REBECCA Y. SZYMKOWSKI, P.E., PTOE
State Traffic Engineer of Operations, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Madison, WI

Rebecca has over 15 years of experience working in the transportation industry, which includes both the private and public sectors. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Marquette University and her Masters in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a registered Professional Engineer and Professional Traffic Operations Engineer.

Rebecca currently works for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) as a Traffic Supervisor within the Bureau of Traffic Operations. In this position, Rebecca manages the Traffic Operations Unit, which is responsible for setting policy and guidance on various areas, including traffic signal systems, traffic safety engineering, intersection operations, traffic analysis and modeling, speed management, and training. Prior to this position, Rebecca served as WisDOT’s State Traffic Safety Engineer working on a variety of statewide safety initiatives outlined in the Wisconsin Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Rebecca is currently part of WisDOT’s Leadership Development Program, which is a program designed to equip emerging leaders with skills needed to succeed.

Before joining the DOT, Rebecca worked in consulting and projects ranged from planning studies to design. Her work included environmental documents, corridor and planning studies, traffic impact studies, traffic signal design, traffic modeling, and emergency evacuation planning.

Rebecca has been an active ITE member since college when she was part of Marquette University’s student chapter and is now Marquette University’s ITE student chapter liaison. In 2004, Rebecca participated on the Retention, Recruitment, and Reactivation (3R) Task Force that included district, section, and chapter leaders to assess current activities in the three areas and to identify “best practices.” In 2005, Rebecca co-chaired the Midwestern District Meeting Planning Committee and was the Wisconsin section ITE President in 2011, serving on the Board from 2008-2012. In 2013, Rebecca was involved with initiating the Wisconsin chapter of SimCap, a forum for users of traffic simulation and capacity analysis software to share experiences and exchange information. As part of Rebecca’s role at WisDOT, she also participates in the Wisconsin ITE Traffic Engineering Council.

As part of the Midwestern District Board, Rebecca’s main objectives would include:

• Work with all the states in the district to establish best practices within the ITE community
• Increase public sector employee awareness and involvement in ITE
• Encourage students to participate in and be involved with ITE
• Expose new transportation and traffic engineers to ITE and the benefits of ITE
International Vice President Candidate Statement

PAULA F. BENWAY, FELLOW ITE
Associate, Transportation, Stantec Consulting, Inc., Rochester, NY USA

MY VISION FOR ITE

We are living in an era of transformation! Led by forces like technological advancement; funding policies and sustainability; economic, societal, and environmental trend. This provides us with an immense opportunity to transform alongside our industry. Our organization must be at the forefront of a positive movement, using the power of our networks to collaborate with others in creating new solutions to the challenges before us.

VISIBILITY

We must promote and enhance ITE's role as a respected transportation authority while being an advocate for our members' needs, goals, and capabilities. Transportation professionals need an institute that helps them address the issues facing our communities. Collaborating with other organizations to address community needs and working with policymakers at all levels of government elevates our position as leaders in the industry.

ACCESSIBILITY

To make ITE the premier organization, we need to be more accessible to our members. We can do this by providing platforms that expand our use of the digital technology of today and tomorrow to educate the next generation. We need to provide useful tools that allow our members to draw on realistic assessments and forecasts of cities, economies, and the environment. In addition to technical expertise, diversified professionals with strong skills in facilitation to engage the public, advocacy to influence policymakers, and collaboration to engage partners are critical to our success. We must bridge the knowledge, wisdom and experience of current and past generations to guide and propel the success of the next generation.

AFFORDABILITY

We must provide cost-effective professional development opportunities such as webinars and briefings, and improve our annual meetings. Our annual meetings offer an invaluable opportunity by providing technical knowledge, workforce development, global information exchange, and networking. We must explore the use of technology to expand the reach of the meeting and make it more affordable to the majority of members who rarely have the opportunity to attend.

For more details please visit: http://www.ite.org/candidates/PaulaBenway/PaulaBenway.pdf or contact me at paulaforatevp@gmail.com. Follow me on Twitter @paula_benway, Facebook, or LinkedIn.
International Vice President Candidate Statement

RAYMOND E. DAVIS, III, P.E., PTOE, FELLOW ITE
Vice President, TrafficDuco Inc., San Francisco, CA USA

MAKING ITE WORK FOR YOU

I celebrate 40 years of active involvement in ITE in 2014. The return on my investment has exceeded my expectations every step of the way, for the public and for me, professionally and personally. I'm a better professional because of ITE and being a better professional made my career advancements possible. Now, I want to make sure you have the same opportunities to grow that I did, tailored to meet your needs.

We all have competing activities that make it a challenge to be active in ITE. We need to increase opportunities to participate and access information and remove barriers to involvement. We need to make sure that ITE publications, conferences, and training are relevant to dealing with today’s issues in a cost effective manner.

My vision for Making ITE Work for you:

• Leverage Technology and Social Media to better serve our members.
• Continued support of LeadershipITE.
• Expand our electronic library to enable instant access to all of our publications.
• Define our global role to identify how we can support transportation professionals worldwide, especially in Asia.
• Implementing this vision will allow you to become a better professional, and that will enhance our profession as a whole.

I have been very fortunate to serve at all levels of ITE leadership (21 years at elected or appointed positions). I was co-founder and President of a Student Chapter, Section President of two sections, Western District President and a Director on the International Board. I have served on the Executive Committees of three ITE Councils and chaired the Public Sector Council as well as serving on numerous technical committees. This combined with my experience in the public sector as a City Traffic Engineer and Public Works Director and in the private sector in senior management positions has enabled me to listen and recognize the needs of our members at all levels of ITE.

My passion, experience, vision, and time available to commit to ITE will make sure that with your support I will Make ITE Work for You.

For more details please visit: http://www.ite.org/candidates/JohnKennedy_brochure.pdf
Conference Call

TRANSPORT CHICAGO
Friday, June 6, at the University of Illinois Chicago Student Center East, in Chicago, Illinois. Visit the conference website at http://www.transportchicago.org/ for more information.

ITE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

ITE ANNUAL MEETING AND EXPOSITION

2014 IOWA TRAILS SUMMIT
Friday, June 13 at the University of Northern Iowa Schindler Education Building, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Visit the conference website at http://iowatrailssummit.org/2014-registration/ for more information.

MID-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS 2014 MEETING
Monday to Wednesday, July 28 to 30, at the Hyatt Regency Downtown, Indianapolis, Indiana. Visit the conference website at http://www.in.gov/indot/3191.htm for more information.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, TUNNEL AND TURNPIKE ASSOCIATION 82ND ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT
Sunday to Wednesday, September 14 to 17, at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center, Austin, Texas. Visit the conference website at http://ibttta.org/events/Austin for more information.

2014 AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday to Wednesday, October 12 to 15, at the Hilton Americas and George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas. Visit the conference website at http://www.apta.com/mc/annual/Pages/default.aspx for more information.

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### 2014

**June 13**
- 2015 District Annual Meeting budget due

**June 24 - July 2**
- Midwestern District Annual Conference
- South Dakota Convention Center - Rapid City, SD

**By July 26**
- District Officer final ballot sent to eligible voters

**August 10**
- 2014 District Annual Meeting preliminary account due

**August 10 - 13**
- ITE International Annual Meeting and Exhibit
- Washington State Convention & Trade Center - Seattle, WA

**September 15**
- Deadline for articles: Autumn edition of MidwesternITE

**TBD**
- MOVITE Section Annual Fall Meeting
- Lincoln, NE

**Oct - Nov (TBD)**
- MWITE International Director at International Board Meeting
- Washington, DC

**Nov - Nov (TBD)**
- ITE International Nominating Committee Meeting
- Washington, DC

**November (TBD)**
- North Central Section Annual Meeting
- TBD

**November 20 - 21**
- District Officer Workshop
- St Louis, MO

**December 1**
- 2014 District Annual Meeting final account due

**December 3**
- Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting
- Delafield, WI

### 2015

**January 1**
- MWITE elected officers assume office

**January TBD**
- Illinois Section Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet
- TBD

**January 15**
- Annual Report due to ITE International

**February 1**
- MWITE nominations & consent for new officer due

**By February 28**
- MWITE nomination lists sent to section Presidents

**March 1**
- Nominations for District Transportation Achievement Award due

**March 9**
- MWITE International Director at International Board Meeting
- Miami, FL

**March 15**
- Deadline for articles: Spring edition of MidwesternITE

**By March 31**
- Sections informed of MWITE nomination list
- District Audit Committee report due

**April TBD**
- MOVITE Section Annual Spring Meeting
- TBD

**April 15**
- Outstanding Internet Web Page Award nominations due

**By April 30**
- Petition for additional MWITE nominees due to Secretary-Treasurer
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