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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. 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.

CHANGE IN ITE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Tom Brahms is retiring from ITE at the end of 2015. He has been with ITE for 42 years. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and thanks for his many contributions to ITE and the transportation profession. Earlier this year, ITE retained an executive search firm to conduct the search for Tom’s successor. There have been several applicants. The selection committee is comprised of Immediate Past President Hibbett Neel, President John Kennedy, and Vice President Paula Benway with input from the Transportation Professional Certification Board as a non-voting member. A new Executive Director will be on staff by the annual meeting in Hollywood, Florida. [See page 6 for an update on new ITE Director and CEO Jeffrey Paniati].

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

Hello Midwestern members!! Spring is here! Or at least the spring showers are (so says the flood that recently went through my basement). Water in your basement is a lesson in preparedness. The moral of my sharing is that being prepared isn’t always glamorous or fun (there’s definitely always something better to do!) but it’s smart to take the time to reevaluate your situation – where you are, where you want to be, and how to get there. (And that, my friends, is how you publicly admit to your husband he was right about the basement all along).

ITE is currently tackling the preparedness question. We all know our profession is changing. We are continuously trying to incorporate technical advances, communication innovations, shifts in our workforce composition, and the varying demands resulting from volatile funding. ITE as an organization is making efforts to better align our procedures with the current state of practice, as well as create the framework and flexibility to keep in step with new ideas. These new initiatives include enhanced training opportunities, membership programs, and increased member recognition. Shawn Leight, our Midwestern District Director (and International VP Candidate!) has done an excellent

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ITE/ASCE JOINT LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN

In March ITE partnered with ASCE for a joint legislative fly-in to Washington, DC. Several ITE members attended including Andy Swisher from MOVITE. If you would like to attend this event in the future please contact Monica Suter, Advocacy Committee Chair, by email at msuter@santa-ana.org.

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.

ITE YOUNGER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND YOUNGER MEMBER PROGRAM

ITE has kicked off a younger member recruitment drive. The ITE district that accomplishes the greatest percentage gain of young members (35 and under, non-students) between now and August 1 will be highlighted at the annual meeting in Hollywood. All young members who join or renew between now and August 1 will be entered in a drawing for an iPad mini.

Please encourage our younger members to sign up for full ITE membership. A big opportunity is for our graduating students to sign up for full ITE membership after they graduate. The “$30 for 30” reduced dues schedule for younger members makes ITE membership FREE for most of them. The “$30 for 30” reduced dues schedule is shown below:

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ITE RISING STARS PROGRAM

A new awards program is identifying the next generation of leaders in the transportation profession. It is designed to recognize members under the age of 35 who have already made an impact on the profession, have demonstrated the ability to lead, and have implemented innovative techniques to solve transportation problems. Annually, one Rising Star will be selected from each District. These Rising Stars will be considered for ITE’s new Young Member of the Year Award. Please consider taking advantage of this new program to recognize our younger members. Additional information will be forthcoming from the District and Section Leadership. Find out more at: http://www.ite.org/awards/index.asp

AGENCY MEMBERSHIP

The ITE agency membership program provides special benefits to agency members. In an effort to increase agency participation, ITE is offering an Agency Member Flat-Fee schedule. Agency members choosing a flat fee rate, which varies by category, can have an UNLIMITED number of ITE members from that Agency. Find out more at: www.ite.org/membership/Agency/MembershipBrochure.pdf. Please pass this information option along to your public sector agencies. Please send me a note or contact

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Jennifer Childs at ITE Headquarters (jchilds@ite.org, 202-785-0060 ext.124) if you would like to know more.

Seven of the eleven MWITE state DOTs are currently ITE agency members. We still have 4 to get signed up (Oklahoma, Arkansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota). We also have several cities and county agency members (see below), but there are several others who could benefit from this program.

**DOT Agency Members Under Flat Fee Dues Structure (Each Has Unlimited Membership!)**

- Minnesota Dept. of Transportation – 64 Members
- Missouri Dept. of Transportation – 29 Members
- Nebraska Dept. of Roads – 12 Members
- Iowa Dept. of Transportation – NEW AGENCY MEMBER! # Members TBD

**DOT Agency Members Under Traditional Agency Dues Structure**

- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Kansas Department of Transportation
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation

**City Agency Members**

- City of Cedar Rapids, IA
- City of Kansas City, MO
- City of Springfield, MO
- City of Madison, WI
- City of Milwaukee, WI
- City of Minneapolis, MN
- City of Saint Paul, MN
- City of Overland Park, KS
- City of Tulsa, OK

**County Agency Members**

- DuPage County, IL
- McHenry 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. I strongly encourage those interested to look into this program. Find out more at: [http://www.ite.org/leadership/](http://www.ite.org/leadership/).

The 2015 class includes 5 members from the Midwestern District.

- Mike H. Bittner, NCITE (KLJ in West Fargo, ND)
- Scott O. Kuznicki, NCITE (Toxcel LLC in Sioux Falls, SD)
- Amanda J. Brauer, MOVITE (Jacobs in St. Louis, MO)
- Eric D. Claussen, MOVITE (City of Springfield, MO)
- Mike C. McCarthy, ITEWisc (EMCS, Inc in Milwaukee, WI)

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If you are interested in participating in the Leadership ITE class of 2016 please monitor the
link under Application Process at  http://www.ite.org/leadership/.

TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS COUNCIL DISTINGUISHED
CONSULTANT AWARD

The Transportation Consultants Council is offering a NEW Distinguished Consultant Award for
outstanding contribution to the transportation engineering/planning profession and for service
to ITE. The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual who has been an inspiration to others through continued dedication to the profession and his/her community. Nominees must be a member of ITE and a member of the Transportation Consultants Council, have served the Institute and/or the Council with dedication and commitment, and be respected by peers for contributions and service to the transportation profession and his/her community. Find out more at:  http://www.ite.org/awards/index.asp

STUDENTS

The Midwestern District of ITE is home to 23 Student Chapters. Our 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.

ITE STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

I had the opportunity to attend the 2015 ITE Student Leadership Summit in Sacramento. This
is a student conference by students for students. I was impressed with the meeting and feel
that this is a great model for other Districts. I would like to try to hold a similar meeting in the
Midwestern District. My observation is that there are at least three essential elements to a
successful program: 1) strong student leadership 2) ability for about 100 students to drive to
the meeting, and 3) district support. The location is probably one of the most challenging
issues for the Midwest because we don’t have the student density that California has. A
preliminary thought is that Iowa State (Ames Iowa) is a central location for the District and
may work. Lincoln, Omaha, Lawrence, Kansas City, St. Louis, Columbia, Minneapolis, Fargo,
Milwaukee, Madison, and Chicago are all less than a 6 hour drive of Iowa State. I’ve
reached out to Nicole Oneyear at Iowa State and she has agreed to look at the feasibility
for a future Midwest SLS at Iowa State. I have also reached out to the Midwestern Board
and asked for their support. I will keep you posted as to how this develops.

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2015 TRAFFIC BOWL

It is time to prepare for this year’s traffic bowl! The 2015 MWITE Traffic Bowl will be held at the Annual Meeting in Branson. Find out more at: http://www.ite.org/trafficbowl/ and http://vimeo.com/105830913/. Thank you to John Davis for doing such a wonderful job with this program!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Ozarks Chapter of ITE (OCITE) local arrangements committee is busy preparing for the 2015 Joint Midwestern District/Spring MOVITE Meeting in Branson, Missouri. I hope you can join us. Find out more at: http://www.branson2015mwite.com/. Upcoming meetings for 2015 include:

- 2015 Midwestern District Meeting; Branson, Missouri; June 29-July 1, 2015

We are ITE!

Shawn Leight, P.E., PTOE, PTP
International Director; Midwestern District

CMAP Future Leaders In Planning

Heading into its eighth year, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning’s (CMAP) Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) is a leadership development opportunity where local high school students can contribute to a better future for the northeastern Illinois region. Participants in this new program will learn more about the northeastern region and share their thoughts with other teens from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. Participants will also meet and interact with selected regional leaders who make key planning decisions in our communities.

To enhance participants’ experience, starting in July this youth leadership development program will transition to a one-week summer format rather than its prior schedule of monthly meetings throughout the school year. If you are enrolled as a high school student in one of the six counties named above (in the northeastern Illinois metropolitan region) please apply online at http://cmap.is/FLIP-application-2015 which must be submitted by Monday, June 15. Contact Ricardo Lopez (lopez@cmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8766).

2015 ITE Student Reception at ITE HQ during TRB (Photo taken by ITE Staff)
New ITE International Executive Director and CEO Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E.

ITE International President John Kennedy announced Jeffrey F. Paniati will assume the position of Executive Director and CEO of ITE. Jeff will remain in his current position with the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as Executive Director, Office of the Administrator, until mid-October, after which time he will join ITE headquarters staff in Washington, DC, USA. Jeff will succeed current ITE Executive Director and CEO Thomas W. Brahms, who will retire at the end of December 2015 after 43 years of service to the Institute.

Jeff’s more than 32-year career with FHWA has comprised a series of progressively more responsible roles, including leading safety and traffic operations research programs at the Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center, where as Safety Design Chief he was a catalyst for the Highway Safety Manual; to Director of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Joint Program Office, where he led the establishment of the strategic direction and investment priorities for the U.S. DOT’s ITS program; and to Associate Administrator of the FHWA Office of Operations, where he led agency efforts to improve management and operations of the United States’ surface transportation system.

Since 2008 Jeff has served as FHWA’s Executive Director, the highest career position within FHWA. There he contin-

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job of keeping us up to date on the proposals and changes made by the International Board of Directors. I encourage you to reach out to him (or me) if you ever have questions as to what is going on or why!

Just as big things are happening at the international level, your MWITE District Board has been hard at work preparing for the future as well. This year we are tackling our District Policies, which have not been updated since 2009. However, instead of looking at individual Sections, we are revisiting and revising EVERY Policy to align with our current practices and with future initiatives. These new Policies will include provisions to create a new Student Activities Committee as well as new Member Awards at the District level. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Executive Board as well our current Section Representatives who have already given so much thoughtful and candid consideration for our organization and its members! I know we will all be excited to share our conclusions!

So I ask you, friends, to grab your boots and buckets and come with us as we wade into the future of ITE! Here’s hoping that these spring showers bring a flood of new members, new ideas, and new enthusiasm for all things Transportation!!

Yours in ITE,

Kristi M. Sebastian, 2014 Midwestern ITE President

830 Minnesota Bridges in Need of Repair

Editors Note: This article is a reprint of a posting on KARE NBC Channel 11 television in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. – A new report shows the nation’s bridges are in desperate need of repair, yet both Congress and the Minnesota State Legislature have not increased funding to fix them.

The report released by Transportation for America focused on all 50 states. In Minnesota, it said in 2014, there are 830 “structurally deficient bridges.” The average age of those bridges is 66 years.

“More than one in ten Minnesota bridges were built before 1948 – which means more than 1,300 bridges are older than the Korean War and creation of Medicare,” the report read.

“This report called it a concrete tsunami that we’re going to see,” said Abigail Bryduck, a policy analyst for the Association of Minnesota Counties. She was surprised to hear that 90 percent of the deficient bridges were operated by a county or a city. She tells KARE 11, counties and other municipalities need help paying for the repairs.

“The house, the senate, the governor’s office went into the session saying transportation was going to be a priority this session and unfortunately we didn’t come out with a new funding package,” she said. Legislators are optimistic something will pass next session, but the debate continues on how to pay for it.

While about six percent of the state’s bridges are deemed “structurally deficient,” it doesn’t mean they’re unsafe, according to state officials.

“It just means maintenance probably is needed and eventual repair and replacement,” said Nancy Daubenerger, the engineering assistant commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Daubenerger said the need for increased funding is necessary as more bridges get older.

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District Student Activities Committee Forming

The Midwestern District Board is in the process of creating a Student Activities Committee to promote the advancement of the transportation planning and engineering profession amongst students in the study of civil engineering and transportation planning. In recognition of the valuable asset that students are to the Institute and to the District, and that students are future leaders of the Institute, the Board wants to take more proactive steps in interacting with student members, and in coordinating and promoting student chapter activities across the 11-state area of the District. To facilitate these goals, a student activities committee will be formed with a representative from each section and a chair appointed by the District Board.

Carrie Falkenrath is pleased to announce that District Past President John Davis has agreed to serve as the initial Chair of this committee to help guide it during its formative first year. It is anticipated that each section will be designating a representative to the committee for a two-year renewal term.

The Student Activities Committee will be responsible for assisting universities and colleges within the Midwestern District to establish new student chapters, assisting in reacting student chapters, and monitoring the status of the student chapters along with the Sections. The committee will also coordinate with both the local sections/chapters and International ITE Headquarters staff on student related issues, and be available to student chapters to provide information and advice on issues ranging from contact information for members and officers of the Institute to providing career guidance advice and related materials.

The Student Activities Committee will be responsible for the following student activities and competitions that are held each year:

- Student Poster Competition (during Annual Meeting)
- Collegiate Traffic Bowl (during Annual Meeting)
- Student Design Competition (during Annual Meeting)
- Student Social Activities in coordination with Traffic Bowl (during Annual Meeting)
- Promotion of the Student Paper Competition and Student Chapter Activities Award (to be coordinated with the District Vice President, who is responsible)
- Other student initiatives as directed or approved by the District Board

If you are interested in working on this new committee, please contact your Section’s President.

Submitted by John Davis

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"The report does say Minnesota has made “solid progress” in large part because the state increased funding after the 35W bridge collapse.

Yet Ray LaHood, a Republican and former Transportation Secretary under President Obama, calls the state of our nation’s bridges a national crisis.

Congress has only been able to muster a potential two month extension of the Federal Highway Trust Fund which uses the federal gas tax to fund infrastructure improvements.

“They have no idea where any of the money is coming from and there is no plan to fix up America, none. A two month band aid? That’s a joke,” LaHood told NBC News.

In Minnesota, legislators just passed a transportation bill that essentially kept funding at current levels.

"The longer we wait, as always, the more it will cost," said Bryduck.
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Nebraska Senators successfully overrode a veto May 14 of a bill that increases the fixed fuel tax by 1.5 cents annually for four years.

Currently, the fixed fuel tax appropriated to the state Department of Roads is 7.5 cents on each gallon of gasoline, while cities and counties are allocated 2.8 cents. LB610, introduced by Papillion Sen. Jim Smith, increases the tax allocated to the department by one-half cent per gallon annually for four years and to cities and counties by one cent.

The bill passed May 7 on a 26-15 vote, one vote more than the minimum needed for passage. It immediately was vetoed by Gov. Pete Ricketts.

In his veto letter to the Legislature, Ricketts said that LB610 would increase the state’s gas tax by 23 percent, giving Nebraska the 16th highest gas tax rate in the country and surpassing the national average.

He recommended that the state look for more creative and innovative ways to address roads funding issues.

“Last week, I appointed a new director of the department,” Ricketts wrote. “I intentionally selected a forward-thinking leader who will take a fresh approach to our state’s road construction needs. This is an area that is vital to our continued economic growth. I cannot, however, support raising taxes as the first solution to this issue.”

The increase to cities and counties totals $4.2 million for fiscal year 2015-16, $16.9 million for FY2016-17, $29.6 million for FY2017-18 and $42.3 million for FY2018-19.

The increase to the department totals $2.1 million for FY2015-16, $8.5 million for FY2016-17, $14.8 million for FY2017-18 and $21.2 million for FY2018-19.

Smith introduced a motion to override the governor’s veto, saying that waiting is not an effective strategy to address the problem of delayed roads projects.

“I’m excited to work with the new director and hear his innovative ideas; however, it’s unrealistic to expect such gains to make up for the hundreds of millions of dollars needed to catch up [with the backlog of projects],” he said. “It’s also important to remember that the new director will have no jurisdiction over city and county projects. The funding needs are massive and our communities are desperate for our help now.”

Sen. Curt Friesen of Henderson supported the override motion. He said there is a cost to taking no action.

“When we have deficient roads and bridges that wash out in a major storm like the one we just had, we have emergency costs that go above and beyond normal replacement costs,” Friesen said. “We can continue to let our roads and bridges deteriorate and the cost to replace them will just go up [in the future].”

Sen. Beau McCoy of Omaha opposed the motion, saying that good tax policy never includes raising taxes.

“This hits low-income and working Nebraska families harder than anything else. It’s a knee-jerk reaction to the problem and it won’t even solve the problem,” he said.

Senators voted 30-16 to override the governor’s veto. Thirty votes were needed.

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2015 AASHTO “Faces of Transportation” Photography and Video Contest

AASHTO has kicked off its 2015 “Faces of Transportation photography contest with new categories, including a video component, open to all participants.

This national competition, now in its 11th year, gives state DOT employees and private residents the opportunity to submit photographs and videos of people, construction projects and moments from their personal experiences that demonstrate the benefits of transportation systems in the United States.

This year’s competition theme is “The People Who Power Transportation in America.” Of seven awards, five will be presented in photography and two prizes will be awarded in the video competition. More details of what is required, including entry forms and contest rules, are available here.

Winners for the best photos in each of three categories will receive $125 cash prize, while $500 prizes will be presented to winners of People’s Choice and Best Overall Photograph awards.

The video winners, in separate categories for amateur and professional productions, will each be awarded $150 cash prizes. Those winners and other submitted videos may also be featured on AASHTO’s Transportation TV.

All entries must be received by July 31, and judging will begin Aug. 10. However, the general public decide the People’s Choice Award photograph winner, through online voting Aug. 10-31 at the Faces of Transportation website.

The winners of the 2015 Faces of Transportation competition will be announced Sept. 16 at the AASHTO Subcommittee on Transportation Communications (TransComm) annual meeting in Annapolis, Md.
International Vice President Candidate Statement

JIMMY H. LIN, P.E., FITE AND LIFE MEMBER
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My motivation to run for vice president of ITE is very straightforward. I have been a member for over 40 years, and I see our organization needing a major makeover to be in line with the thinking of mainstream, younger generation members. As a business owner of one of the largest transportation and traffic engineering firms in southern California, and as an experienced public policymaker (currently a City Council member of Diamond Bar, CA), I have the business acumen, leadership, and management skill to lead that effort. Furthermore, we need to keep pace and engage with the latest movements in our field as we have in the past, such as green transportation and active transportation. These are the reasons I have decided to run. I can make a difference for the better.

My Vision and Outlook for ITE include the following:

Manage our finances responsibly without sacrificing our core services to the members. Our funding is tight and we need to streamline our expenditures.

Increase our younger generation membership by providing affordable dues and enticing programs. Aside from affordability, we should make younger members proud to be a vital part of ITE.

Promote agency, institutional, and industry membership to increase the organization’s size and create a solid revenue stream. In addition, we should extend the incentives offered to public agencies to other sectors of the economy.

Maintain the core values of ITE and continue to advocate the needs, goals, and capabilities of our members. Constantly listening to the membership and adjusting our course to accommodate the needs of the membership is our fundamental duty.

Sustain our position as the forefront organization for transportation professionals in technical development, networking, and knowledge exchange.

Together, we can make it better

2016 TRB 95th Annual Meeting Call For Papers

TRB standing committees have issued calls for papers for the TRB 95th Annual Meeting, January 10–14, 2016, in Washington, DC, and for the Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board (TRR). While papers addressing any relevant aspect of transportation research will be considered, some committees are soliciting papers in specific subject areas to help potential authors identify topics for their papers.

The paper submission site will be open on June 1. Committees will be producing more calls for papers, so you should visit this site periodically. Prospective authors are encouraged to consult information for Authors: A Guide for Preparing and Submitting Manuscripts for Presentation at the TRB Annual Meeting and for Publication in TRB’s Journal.

The paper submission website will open in June. Solicited and unsolicited papers — whether for presentation at the 95th TRB Annual Meeting and/or publication in the TRR (Continued on page 11)
International Vice President Candidate Statement

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I am passionate about ITE and our transportation profession. My vision for ITE is an Inclusive Global Organization of Diverse Transportation Professionals that is “Out Front” in the industry. I want to work with you to make ITE stronger through a focus on information, collaboration, and advocacy.

Information: ITE should be the industry’s “go-to” place for information. We have made significant progress with improvements to ITE Journal, the website, and webinars, but we are not there yet. We need to be agile in a fast-changing marketplace and can do more through better marketing of resources, electronic publications, and increasing visibility on popular sites like Wikipedia and Google.

Collaboration: Great ideas travel fast and ITE has always been in the thick of great ideas. It is at the core of who we are. We have improved communication through ITE Journal, the Community, and great meetings across ITE. We can do more by expanding collaboration with transportation organizations around the globe.

Advocacy: It is crucial that our leaders advocate for ITE and for the transportation profession. ITE recently launched a new Advocacy Committee that is empowering members to be effective advocates for a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation policy. Together we can be a powerful voice for our profession.

Proven Leadership: I am passionate about effective leadership and have served in ITE leadership at all levels. I am a past president of the St. Louis Chapter and Missouri Valley Section and I am the faculty advisor for the University of Missouri-St. Louis/ Washington University Student Chapter. In my final year as Midwest Director on the International Board, I serve on ITE’s Budget/Finance, Professional Development, and Strategic Planning Committees. I received my B.S. from the United States Military Academy at West Point and my M.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2016 TRB Call For Papers (Continued)

— must be submitted in PDF format directly to TRB via the paper submission website no later than August 1, 2015.

If you have any questions about submitting a paper, please feel free to contact MyTRB@nas.edu.

TRB Committees can issue Calls for Papers to inform potential TRB authors of the committee’s range of interest or to encourage the submission of papers addressing a new or critical topic of interest to the committee. Not all committees issue calls and papers can be submitted that do not respond to any particular call.

You may search the long list of calls by selecting a TRB Committee or Subject Area, or by entering a keyword in the “Type to filter” box and then clicking on search. Starting with just one of these filters will yield the most inclusive list of Calls.

2016 Paper Author Warning – The paper submittal software is new this year. Many of the rules governing paper submittal have also changed this year. It is critical that you check the Paper Author Resource Page for the major changes and read Writing a Paper for TRB and Submitting a Paper to TRB. Remember after August 1 there are no second chances – be very careful with your paper submission this year.
How to Advertise or Post Employment Opportunities

For details on how to include your firm in the MidwesternITE Professional Service Directory contact the District Secretary Treasurer at the phone number and e-mail shown on the back page of this newsletter.

For $100 a business card size ad is published in two successive semi-annual editions of MidwesternITE and posted on the District website for 12 months.

The cost for Employment Opportunity postings is paid per issue and varies by size of the advertisement. A full page ad costs $100, a half page is $50, and a quarter page ad is $25. Web only postings are $25 for 6 months regardless of ad size. Your best value is a 6 month web posting combined with a quarter page ad in one edition, all for $65.

MidwesternITE is distributed to nearly 1,500 transportation professionals and to student chapters at 22 universities throughout 11 states within the District.

Conference Call

TRANSPORT CHICAGO
Friday, June 12, 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 2015 ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday to Friday, June 29 to July 1, at the Hilton Branson Convention Center, in Branson, Missouri. Visit the conference website at http://www.branson2015mwite.com/ for more information

ITE ANNUAL MEETING AND EXPOSITION
Sunday to Wednesday, August 2 to 5, at The Diplomat Resort & Spa, Hollywood, Florida. Visit the conference website at http://ecommerce.ite.org/imis/iCommerce/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=ITE2015AM&WebsiteKey=d5326f96-5db7-43ca-89dc-c6e0daae20e for more information

MID-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS 2015 MEETING
Monday to Wednesday, August 10 to 16, at the Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, Kansas. Visit the conference website at http://cpep.ku.edu/maasto for more information.

ITE MIDWESTERN + GREAT LAKES DISTRICT JOINT ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday to Friday, June 26 to 28, at the Holiday Inn Merchandise Mart in Chicago, Illinois.

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Wednesday to Friday, June 29 to July 1, at the Hilton Branson Convention Center, in Branson, Missouri. Visit the conference website at http://www.branson2015mwite.com/ for more information

16TH BIENNIAL FTA STATE PROGRAMS MEETING

2015 NATIONAL RURAL ITS CONFERENCE
Sunday to Wednesday, August 9 to 12, at Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, Snowbird, Utah (about 30 miles southeast of Salt Lake City International Airport). Watch the conference website at http://www.nationalruralitsconference.org/ for future postings about the conference.

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