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Dear fellow MOVITE Members:

It's February and I have just cleared the snow from my driveway for the umpteenth time. The Iowa DOT's 511 webpage is showing a lot of completely covered roadways and I know that I am not alone in my fight to move all this white stuff. An army of snowplow operators are out across the state trying to make roadways safe for travel. During these times, it is easy to look forward to sunny days with warmer weather. My mind turns to the many activities already on my calendar for this summer and fall including the MOVITE/Midwestern District Meeting, the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit, as well as the MOVITE Fall Meeting.

However, before we turn our attention to the future, here is a brief update on some of the work that has been going on within MOVITE. Did you know that MOVITE is getting a promotion? Last summer, Dave Mennenga (2018 MOVITE President) signed the Memorandum of Understanding which laid out the groundwork for MOVITE to rise from Section to District within ITE. We soon thereafter formed the MOVITE Transition Committee to guide this process. This committee has been meeting approximately monthly via conference call to work through the details of this transition. It is a very exciting time for MOVITE. We were recently given our updated charter from ITE which will take effect January 1, 2021 when the transition to District is official. The transition committee is now turning our attention to the creation of new bylaws to govern our organization. As the work of the transition committee continues, I will provide updates on the MOVITE website and at our Spring and Fall Meetings. Stay tuned and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

As I alluded to earlier, our Spring Meeting is combined with the Midwestern District this year. This will be the last time that MOVITE will be hosting the Midwestern District as a Section member. Who knows? Perhaps we will host a joint District Meeting at some point in the future. For now, please plan to attend our Spring Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 19-21. The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) has been hard at work for months and this meeting looks to be great. I had the opportunity to attend the Midwestern District Board Retreat last fall which was hosted in the same hotel, the Hyatt Regency at the Arch. It is a beautiful hotel and closely located to downtown St. Louis' many amenities. I know the LAC is working to pull together the technical session agenda and already has some great social opportunities planned. Come join us in St. Louis!

Preparations for the Fall Meeting have also begun. The Fall Meeting will be held October 2-4 in Des Moines, Iowa. I have challenged the LAC with an unofficial "Hightech Redneck" theme and, from what I have heard at the planning meetings, they are embracing this theme whole-heartedly. The Des Moines meetings are always fun and this year's meeting promises more of the same. Look for more information coming out soon.

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I look forward to warmer weather and the opportunity to reconnect with my MOVITE Family at events later this year. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns about the many happenings within our organization going on right now.

Stay safe out there,

Sincerely,
Andy Swisher, PE, PTOE
2019 MOVITE President