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DRAFT MINUTES
MOVITE Chapter Update Conference Call
September 19, 2019

- I. Call to Order (~10:00 a.m.): Andy Swisher called the conference call to order at 10:03 a.m.
- II. **Attendee Roll Call & Introductions** (Eric C.)
 - a. MOVITE Officers – Andy Swisher, Eric Claussen, Dave Mennenga, Brian Willham, Michael Hofener
 - b. State Directors – John Witt, Mike Forsberg
 - c. Chapter Representatives – Mark Borst (CKITE), Sandy Zhang (CMITE), Ryan Davis (ICITE), Jonathan Staats (OCITE), BJ Hawkins (OTEA), Rick Brown (TEAM)
 - d. Student Chapter Representatives – Sarah Hernandez & Carla Diaz (UA), Brianna Lawton (ISU), Sandy Zhang (MU), Kara Duong (MS&T)
 - e. District Representatives – Nicole Oneyear
- III. **Conference Call Background & Intent** (Andy S.) – Andy gave a brief history and purpose of the Chapter & Student Chapter conference call.
- IV. **MOVITE Update re: OneITE Initiative** (Andy S.) – Andy gave a brief update on OneITE, where MOVITE will be elevated from a Section to a District. New District Charters and Bylaws will be effective Jan 1, 2021. MOVITE is currently working through our new policies because the model bylaws do not give much flexibility to add historic MOVITE Section elements. Within MOVITE, eight of nine Chapters have requested to be elevated from Chapter to Sections. All chapters will need new bylaws and charters, and MOVITE will be assisting the Chapters on that. At the Fall MOVITE Conference in Des Moines, MOVITE will host a OneITE Townhall meeting on Thursday morning October 3rd.
- V. **Professional Chapter Updates**
 - a. ARITE – Not present on call
 - b. CKITE – Mark gave a brief update stating that the Chapter has been struggling with recent Lunch & Learns cancellations, but they have used the opportunity to hold more social events, where the networking has been good. The Chapter has three additional Lunch & Learns scheduled this year. The Chapter has recently added several contractors to their membership. With the anticipation that the diversified membership will be beneficial to the organization and advantageous to for new presentations. Lastly, CKITE has recently asked local signal contractors for feedback on the quality of construction plans that have been bid in the community.
 - c. CMITE – Sandy gave an update on the past and upcoming CMITE Chapter Meeting since the last conference call in the Spring. Some of the meeting topics/activities this year included agriculture freight, emergency recovery, event planning the MoDOT Blueprint for Safety Conference, Chapter Traffic Bowl and University of Missouri student presentations.
 - d. ICITE (Fall '19 LAC) – Ryan stated that ICITE has primarily been focused on MOVITE Fall Conference since the last Chapter Conference Call. The LAC has been hard at work on putting together a quality agenda for the meeting. Andy discussed the new mentoring program that will be unveiled in Des Moines and

emphasized that it is not just for students but anyone who is looking for the opportunity to be mentored or be a mentee. In addition, on Friday, MOVITE is offering an ethics course to meet the state licensure requirements within the MOVITE region. The meeting will also offer the opportunity to shadow Iowa Department for the Blind for training blind citizens navigate the streets of Des Moines.

- e. KCITE – Dave reported that KCITE's July meeting had meeting 35-40 in attendance. The presentation was on a new courthouse and jail project in Johnson County which includes a large tunnel connecting the jail to the courthouse. Dave added the latest KCITE meeting last week had approximately 60 in attendance with the topic being on diversity and outreach in transportation. This presentation was giving by a professional, who was involved in a situation where a county commissioner had used racially charged comments in a public meeting, and those comments went viral. In addition, KCITE has presented their project award to the new MODOT "Diverge-about" interchange in Lees Summit. Dave encouraged MOVITE Chapters to forward any of their awards on to MOVITE for consideration at the Section level. Andy reiterated that Dave is correct in that many Chapters are not submitting to MOVITE, and he encouraged the Chapters to not only have an awards program but to submit those awards to MOVITE.
- f. LOCATE – Mike reported that LOCATE held a Chapter meeting in September with the next meeting scheduled for October, which will be a joint meeting with NSPE. Lastly, LOCATE's December meeting will present the officer election results. NDOR State Director has been present at monthly meeting and LOCATE has been working to get more engagement and interaction with students in Omaha and Lincoln so LOCATE plans to hold one meeting each year on each campus.
- g. OCITE – Jonathan discussed that OCITE has experienced a good year. The OCITE Technical Conference in July was again a partnership between OCITE and Missouri APA, which led to interesting topics and really good speakers, such as a Regional Comprehensive Plan Panel discussion and an enlightening presentation from the Branson Chamber of Commerce. This year OCITE published a Strategic Plan, which started in January 2018 by identifying goals for OCITE followed by membership ranking those goals and priorities. The goals included: Diversity, Membership, Professional Engagement, and Student Engagement. The plan is on the OCITE website. OCITE unveiled a new website this year. On August 10th OCITE held its first Adopt-A-Street volunteer opportunity. OCITE's August Business Meeting included a OneITE presentation from Shawn Leight, where Shawn gave an overview and discussed the dues structure impacts on the Chapter as it transitions to a Section. OCITE has established a ONEITE committee. Lastly, OCITE will hold its annual Golf Tournament on September 27th. Jonathan asked Andy if comments about OneITE should come from the Chapter or the Section. Andy said that OCITE could comment on their own or have them sent with MOVITE comments. After discussion, Andy suggest that OCITE send any questions to him for submittal to ITE.
- h. OTEA (Spring '20 LAC) – BJ stated that the OTEA Board has been working to finalize their preparations for the OTEA conference in October, which includes both engineering and maintenance attendees. The beginning preparation are being made for the joint OTEA/MOVITE Conference next May 6-8th in Tulsa; more details will be coming soon.
- i. TEAM-STL (Summer '19 LAC) – Rick reported that TEAM-STL membership is currently at 160+ members. TEAM holds monthly meetings on transportation topic except over the summer and are seeing 60-70 members per meeting. The monthly meetings are held at a MODOT conference room to minimize expenditures. The Board is completing the details on the TEAM Fair being held on October 15th. This fair is typically very well attended with 300+ due to the low cost of \$40/member or

\$50/nonmembers. In general, the Chapter has been emphasizing more special activities such as a joint happy hour with APWA as well as a December social event. The TEAM Board is discussing a possible name change as it has been confused with the Statewide MODOT TEAM Conference. In addition, the Board views this as an opportunity to rebrand to with something more associated with ITE as the Chapter transitions to a Section.

- VI. MWITE District Student Activities Committee Update** (Nicole O.) – Nicole gave a brief update on the new Mentorship Program to pair young members with mentors throughout the Section at the Fall MOVITE Conference in Des Moines. The sign up for the opportunity was included in the registration materials. In addition, there will be a Student Poster Competition with the awards being \$300 for 1st Place, \$200 for 2nd Place, and \$100 for 3rd Place. There has only one submittal thus far.
- VII. Student Chapter Updates**
- a. University of Arkansas – Sarah state that ARITE has held on-campus meetings to engage better engage with students. Sarah also mentioned that University of Arkansas sent their first Traffic Bowl Team ever and participated in the Student Design Competition at the joint MWITE/MOVITE Meeting in St. Louis in June. Carla gave a brief update on encouraging students to participate in District, Section, and Chapter competitions and other activities, such as volunteering opportunities.
 - b. Iowa State University – Brianna state that the ISU Student Chapter has undergone transition because of graduations. This semester the Chapter continued its relationship with Story County with a roadside cleanup. Seminars underway for the semester as well as professional and technical opportunities with partners for networking. The Chapter is comprised of mostly graduate students at TSA. Similar to other Student Chapters, it has been difficult to get undergraduates involved because students typically do not choose Transportation as a focus area until they are at the graduate level. The Chapter is looking to collaborate with other engineering groups at the university such as ASCE. Andy added that TSA was doing a good job or brining in speakers from professional consultants so that the graduates could potentially see themselves in those particular career opportunities. Brianna asked about the impacts of the OneITE transition on Student Chapters. Andy stated that the focus is on the Charter & Bylaws of the District in 2019 MOVITE, then the transition of Chapters to Sections in 2020, and then late 2020 on the Student Chapters working through chartering, where MOVITE will reach out to student organizations to assist with the process.
 - c. University of Kansas – Not present on call
 - d. Kansas State University – Not present on call
 - e. University of Missouri – Columbia – Sandy gave a brief update on recent meetings and discussed better collaboration between Profession and Student Chapter. The Student Chapter has much better participation in the Professional Chapter when the meetings are on campus vs Jefferson City. The Student Chapter is comprised of mostly graduate students, but there is a focus on recruiting more undergraduate students. Current members are attending BBQ events on campus to network better with undergraduate transportation students, and it has been beneficial as there were only two undergraduate student members last year and already have 10 this year. The Chapter has great diversity with student members from 11 different countries. Recent activities included attendance at the Wash U Student Leadership Summit in St. Louis in June, as well as attendance at the ITS Heartland Conference this past Spring. At the joint MWITE/MOVITE Conference Columbia won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the student poster competition, and at the recent MoDOT Blueprint for Safety Conference the students won 2nd place in the poster competition.

- f. Missouri University of Science & Technology – Kara reported that the last student ITE meeting was held on September 10th with 30 in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for October 1st with a HNTB representative as the speaker. The Chapter has had the idea to cohost a fundraiser event to more advertisement for the Student Chapter. In addition, the Student Chapter is coordinating with ASCE on a joint meeting because ASCE has a larger chapter that could lead to potential growth for ITE. The Chapter is always looking for speakers; Carrie Falkenrath has offered to speak this Fall. Lately, the Chapter's Facebook page is updated with events and Kara encouraged those on the conference call to "like" the organization on Facebook.
- g. Missouri State University – Not present on call
- h. University Nebraska – Lincoln – Mike Forsberg gave a brief update on the recent movement to start a Student Chapter in Omaha & Lincoln, and LOCATE recently met with the Chair for Civil Engineering at UNL, Libby Jones, to get better participation in ITE as the Student Chapter is defunct right now. Libby Jones is filling in for now, but UNL is in the process of hiring a new faculty advisor that will serve as the Student Chapter representative in MOVITE. In addition, LOCATE has met with the two ASCE Student Chapters in both Omaha & Lincoln to propose the potential for a joint meeting this Fall with the hope to continue an annual joint ACSE meeting each semester on both campuses. The purpose of partnering with ASCE is because of the good participation 20-30 students at each meeting on both campuses. Mike asked if the Charter was still active since it was dormant for so long. Andy stated that the Charter is still valid with ITE even though the chapter had not been meeting for several years. Dave stated that UNL situation is very similar to that of Missouri S&T. Sarah H. stated that for U of Arkansas, there were university requirements separate from those of ITE when they were is a similar situation. Dave said LOCATE should consider re-chartering due to the geographical changes of OneITE and not because the chapter has been dormant. Dave stated that there have been a number of Student Chapters that have been dormant for much longer than UNL.
- i. University of Oklahoma – Not present on call
- j. Oklahoma State University – Not present on call
- k. Saint Louis University / University of Missouri – St. Louis – Not present on call
- l. Washington University – Not present on call

VIII. Future Meetings (Andy S.) – Andy gave a brief update on upcoming meetings.

- a. 2019 Fall MOVITE Meeting – Oct. 2-4, Des Moines, Iowa
- b. 2020 Spring MOVITE Meeting - Oklahoma
- c. 2020 Fall MOVITE Meeting - Nebraska
- d. 2021 Spring MOVITE Meeting - Arkansas
- e. 2021 Fall MOVITE Meeting – Missouri
- f. 2022 Spring MOVITE Meeting – Kansas
- g. 2022 Fall MOVITE Meeting – Oklahoma
- h. 2023 Spring MOVITE Meeting – Iowa
- i. 2023 Fall MOVITE Meeting – Arkansas
- j. 2024 Spring MOVITE Meeting - Nebraska

IX. Future District and ITE International Meetings (Andy S.) – Andy gave a brief update on upcoming meetings.

- a. 2020 MWITE Meeting – hosted by ILITE (Chicago, Illinois)
- b. 2020 ITE International – hosted by Southern District (New Orleans, LA)
- c. 2021 ITE International – hosted by Western District (Portland, OR)
- d. 2022 ITE International – hosted by Northeast/Mid-Colonial District (Pittsburgh, PA in honor of ITE 90th Anniversary) or by Florida District?

X. Adjourn 11:25 a.m.