

MOVITE Milestones in History

1951 - Charter granted on April 6, 1951 by the Institute of Traffic Engineers at the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. The Section consisted of five states: Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. There were eight Charter Members. One of these members, Reyburn Hoffman of St. Louis, Missouri, was also a founding member of ITE at the first meeting of the Institute, October 2, 1930.

1951 - Thomas J. Seburn of Kansas City, Missouri, Past President of ITE (1947-1949), was elected as first President of MOVITE.

1952 - Held joint meeting with University of Missouri – Columbia Traffic Engineering Conference. This was an important early relationship greatly assisting in the growth of the Section.

1954 - Section served as host for the Silver Anniversary meeting of ITE in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 26-30.

1955 - Section contributed \$600 in surplus funds from the ITE Meeting to the Theodore M. Matson memorial fund. Ted Matson, one of the founders of ITE who was an educator and co-author of one of the first textbooks on Traffic Engineering, was considered a friend of many MOVITE members after Ted had attended the 1952 UMC Traffic Conference.

1955 - George J. Fisher of Wichita, Kansas, a Charter Member of MOVITE and Past President, was elected to a two-year term (1956-57) on the ITE Executive Board as the first Director from District 4.

1956 - The acronym “MOVITE” was officially adopted for the Section by the Executive Board at a meeting in Columbia, Missouri. This was several years after the name had been suggested by Tom Seburn.

1958 - By the May meeting, membership had grown to 54 members and affiliates.

1959 - First issue of the MOVITE Journal was published on November 27. First Editor was Keith W. Graham of Wichita, Kansas.

1961 - The 10th Anniversary of MOVITE was celebrated at the Wichita, Kansas Meeting. Total membership had reached 110.

1961 - ITE Board of Direction officially transferred the State of Arkansas to the MOVITE Section from District 5 Southern Section on January 14. At the time, Arkansas had only four (4) ITE members.

1961 - A new Charter and By-Laws were adopted which called for an elective Board of Directors.

1961 - Joseph J. Feuchter of St. Louis, Missouri, Charter Member and Past President, was elected to a two-year term (1962-63) on the ITE Executive Board as District 4 Director.

1962 - ITE Board of Direction officially transferred the State of Oklahoma to District 4 from District 5 Southern District on January 12. The ITE Board also approved the new Charter and By-Laws.

1962 - Membership elected Daniel J. Hanson, St. Louis County, Missouri, to be President in 1963 as a result of the first general membership election of officers held in November.

1964 - The MOVITE Executive Board began the practice of holding Board meetings at each meeting of the Section in addition to the general Section business meetings. From the beginning, the Board meetings had the distinction of lasting longer than the general membership business meetings.

1964 - Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator, was selected as the 17th Honorary Member of ITE. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Institute on an individual and is limited in number. An ITE Honorary Member had to be a person who has performed notable and outstanding service in the interest of the profession of transportation engineering. Rex was Chief Engineer of the Missouri State Highway Department from 1951 until 1961 when President Kennedy appointed Rex to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Department. Following his retirement from FHWA in 1967, Rex returned to Kansas City, Missouri and became a member of MOVITE.

1966 - Total membership was 118 at the time of the Section's 15th Anniversary.

1967 - Herman M. Batts of Des Moines, Iowa, Past President of MOVITE, was elected to a two-year term (1968-69) on the ITE Executive Board as District 4 Director.

1967 - Rock Island, Illinois hosted the first District 4 Traffic Conference. Although MOVITE had been in District 4 from the date of its Charter, District 4 had not held any meetings apart from Section meetings until 1967.

1967 - MOVITE was the host Section for the Annual ITE Meeting held in St. Louis on September 17-21.

1970 - Ellis C. Henry, Jr., Past President, passed away in December. Prior to his death, the Section presented Ellis with the first Section Past President pin, a newly created ITE award.

1971 - Past President pins were awarded to all living Section past presidents at the 20th Anniversary meeting held in Wichita, Kansas. MOVITE was the first Section in ITE to present this award to past presidents. Membership had reached 125 members and 26 affiliates.

1971 - An ITE Constitution Convention was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas. MOVITE was represented by Delbert F. Karmer, Hal Hofener, and Herman Batts. Following approval by a vote of the ITE membership, the new Constitution became effective January 1, 1973.

1973 - Membership approved new By-Laws requiring two general membership meetings per year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, with the Fall meeting to be considered the Annual Meeting for the purpose of election of officers. Officers would take office effective January 1 following the Annual Meeting. Due to the change in By-Laws, the Executive Board had the shortest term in the history of the organization.

1974 - Student Chapters were formed at University of Missouri – Rolla, Washington University – St. Louis, University of Kansas – Lawrence, and the University of Oklahoma – Norman.

1974 - The practice of holding a general membership business meeting in conjunction with the Annual ITE Meeting was terminated following the 1974 Annual ITE Meeting in Detroit due to low attendance by Section members at annual ITE meetings.

1975 - Effective on December 3, the name of the Institute was changed to Institute of Transportation Engineers.

1975 - MOVITE Member, Thomas J. Seburn, was selected as the 28th Honorary Member of ITE.

1976 - MOVITE celebrated its 25th Anniversary at the Spring meeting in Omaha, Nebraska and the Fall meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, hometown of Melvin B. Meyer who served as President. There was a total membership of 221 including 160 members and 61 affiliates.

1976 - MOVITE Member George L. Crawford, President of Crawford-Brammeier-Bunte, St. Louis, Missouri, was elected to serve a three-year term (1977-79) on the ITE Executive Board as District 4 Director.

1980 - 50th Anniversary of ITE was celebrated at the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

1980 - John G. Rothrock of Topeka, Kansas, was named MOVITE Historian following the death of A. J. “Tony” Basile, Past President and MOVITE Historian, on November 25.

1980 - MOVITE Member and Past President, Melvin B. Meyer of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, began a three-year term as Chairman of the ITE Technical Council (now Corrdinating Council) with a position on the International Board of Direction.

1981 - MOVITE celebrated its 30th Anniversary at the Spring Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas and at the Annual Meeting in Overland Park, Kansas. Membership was 254 including 179 members and 75 affiliates.

1982 - MOVITE Member and Past President, Melvin B. Meyer, was nominated for International Vice-President of ITE. Using a grassroots effort spearheaded by MOVITE members John Rothrock and Jan Kibbe, Mel was elected at the Chicago ITE Meeting.

1982 - The first Officer's Handbook providing guidance for a smooth transition to each office was completed.

1983 - At the Annual Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, the Executive Board approved a voluntary contributions program to fund the cost of the Student Paper Award to begin with the 1984 dues notice. Jan Kibbe donated his \$100 door prize won at the meeting to the Scholarship Fund to become the first contributor.

1983 - MOVITE Member and Past President, Melvin B. Meyer, was nominated for International President of ITE and was elected at the London, England meeting of the Institute.

1984 - The Student Paper Award was named in honor of Thomas J. Seburn, first President of MOVITE and Past President of ITE.

1984 - Melvin B. Meyer, Past President of MOVITE, served as the 45th International President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

1985 - Membership approved an amendment to the By-Laws creating two Affiliate Director positions on the Executive Board.

1985 - The Student Scholarship Fund was given charitable contribution status by the Internal Revenue Service.

1986 - Membership at the time of the 35th Anniversary of MOVITE stood at 316 including 210 members, 86 affiliates and 20 students.

1986 - Melvin B. Meyer (Past President of MOVITE and ITE) began a four-year term as Chairman of the ITE Urban Traffic Engineers Council (now Traffic Engineering Council).

1987 - University of Missouri – Rolla Student Chapter led by faculty advisor Charles E. Dare was named the Best Student Chapter in ITE.

1988 - MOVITE Member and Past President, Garry Metcalf of Overland Park, Kansas, was elected to a three-year term (1989-1991) on the ITE Executive Board as District 4 Director.

1991 - 40th Anniversary of MOVITE was celebrated with reunion of 20 past presidents in attendance at the Annual Meeting held in Oklahoma City. Total membership exceeded 350.

1991 - MOVITE Member and Past President, David Woosley of Lawrence, Kansas, began a two-year term as Chairman of the ITE Urban Traffic Engineers Council (now Traffic Engineering Council).

1992 - A special MOVITE Awards Committee chaired by Earl Newman of Springfield, Missouri, developed criteria for several new awards: Transportation Professional of the Year, Transportation

Achievement Award, and the Young Transportation Professional of the Year (replacing the President's Award).

1993 - The following awards were given at the Annual Meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Melvin B. Meyer, retired City Traffic Engineer for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was awarded the first Transportation Professional of the Year Award. The City of Springfield, Missouri, received the first Transportation Achievement Award for their Computerized Signal System, and Julie Voboril of Overland Park, Kansas, was awarded the first Young Transportation Professional of the Year Award.

1995 - MOVITE Member and Past President, David Woosley of Lawrence, Kansas, began service on the Executive Board of the Traffic Engineering Council and has served as Newsletter Editor for the Council since that time.

1996 - The Executive Board agreed to have ITE headquarters collect section dues and to manage the MOVITE Scholarship Fund beginning in 1998.

1996 - The Executive Board named the Student Scholarship after Past President Jan Kibbe (1982) from Topeka, Kansas, who passed away after a long illness. The first Jan Kibbe Student Scholarship Award was given to Scott Nelson, a student at the University of Arkansas.

1997 - A web page for the MOVITE Section was developed and implemented by Mike Wahlstedt of TranSystems.

1997 - The Student Scholarship Fund balance grew to over \$23,500 prior to turning management over to ITE.

1998 - MOVITE Journals published in 1997 by co-editors Tom Swenson, Mike Wahlstedt and Jim Stanek of TranSystems resulted in MOVITE being selected for the Best Newsletter in ITE award (in its distribution class), first ITE award ever for the journal.

1998 - Membership reached 578 with 405 members, 66 affiliates, and 107 students. This was an increase of 151 voting members over 1997 primarily as a result of having ITE collect Section dues. Members residing in the Section area who previously had joined ITE without affiliating with the Section were added to the membership.

1999 - MOVITE Journals published in 1998 by editor Mike Wahlstedt of TranSystems resulted in the Journal being selected as the Best Newsletter in ITE for second straight year.

1999 - Douglas S. Shatto of St. Louis, Missouri, became the first certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineer in MOVITE with certificate #32 as a result of passing the first PTOE Exam given in January, 1999.

1999 - A joint Section/District 4 Meeting was held in Branson, Missouri on June 8-10 in lieu of holding a separate Spring Section Meeting. The meeting was well attended and included the first MOVITE Traffic Bowl.

1999 - On November 19-20, the Board of Direction held its first Annual Planning Retreat at The Elms Resort in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Thomas G. Swenson of Kansas City, Missouri, Past President, was named MOVITE Historian to replace retiring Historian John Rothrock.

2000 - The Executive Board approved a new award, Technical Research Scholarship, beginning in 2001.

2000 - MOVITE Member and Past President, Earl E. Newman of Springfield, Missouri, was elected to a three-year term (2001-2003) on the ITE Executive Board as District 4 Director.

2000 - Steven D. Hofener of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, MOVITE Member and Past President, was one of the two nominees for 2001 ITE International Vice President. Although unsuccessful, Steve ran a strongly competitive campaign and represented himself and MOVITE with intelligence and professionalism.

2000 - The Executive Board selected Steven D. Hofener to serve a three-year term (2001-2003) as the first Section Administrator, a position approved by the Board at the Annual Meeting in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

2000 - MOVITE contributed \$1,000 to the ITE Millennium Fund to support the move of ITE Staff to a new headquarters office in Washington, D.C.

2001 - The Section celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Spring Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. Total membership of the Section was 616 including 474 members, 87 affiliates, and 55 students. It was announced at the St. Louis meeting that ITE has selected St. Louis, Missouri as the site of the 2011 ITE Annual Meeting.

2001 - MOVITE celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting in Ames, Iowa with special recognition of past presidents. There are 41 living past presidents with nine having deceased.

2001 - A new section charter was adopted with language standardized for all four section of District 4.

2001 - The first Educator of the Year Award was presented to Patrick T. McCoy, Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, MOVITE Past President.

2002 - Steven D. Hofener of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, MOVITE Member and Past President, was one of the two nominees for 2003 ITE International Vice President. Steve was announced as the winner in this election at the ITE Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

2002 - The first ITE Chapter Charter within MOVITE was approved by the Section Board of Direction on April 24, 2002 for the Transportation Engineering Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (TEAM) organization. This organization was originally started in 1961 by several MOVITE members and continued to meet and grow over the next 40 years.

2002 - The Executive Board selected Tom Swenson to complete the term (through 2003) of Steve Hofener as the Section Administrator.

2002 - MOVITE members were saddened to learn of the passing of Patrick T. McCoy. The Board of Direction approved naming the MOVITE Educator of the Year Award after Pat.

2002 - University of Missouri-Columbia was chartered as a new Student Chapter by District 4 Board of Direction on November 20, 2002.

2003 - The Ozarks Chapter of ITE (OCITE) was formed and their Chapter Charter approved by the Section Board of Direction on February 5, 2003 that includes a 24 county area in Southwest Missouri.

2004 - It was reported at the Spring MOVITE Meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas that MOVITE membership stands at 688 with 504 members, 100 affiliates, and 84 students.

2004 - MOVITE won the Midwestern District Section Activities award.

2005 - Ed Mulcahy, the 1970 MOVITE President, was bestowed the Distinguished Service Award.

2005 - Seven MOVITE members, led by President Nicci Tiner, attend the International Meeting in Melbourne, Australia.

2006 - Sixteen past presidents attended the Fall Meeting in Topeka.

2006 - Two chapters - OTEA (Oklahoma) and Central Missouri (CMITE) - are chartered and become the fifth and sixth chapters in the section.

2007 - The Journal and voting are now electronic.

2007 - Earl Newman serves as ITE International President.

2007 - The bylaws were changed to reorganize the board of directors. State director positions were added and the term on the Executive Board was shortened.

2008 - Started the Make a Difference program to encourage chapters to make a difference in their communities in some fashion.

2008 - Conversion of the Journal to fully electronic media completed.

2009 - The University of Kansas was the winner of the 2009 Midwestern District (First Ever) Traffic Bowl competition.

2009 - MOVITE won the Midwestern District's Outstanding Website Award.

2010 - MOVITE won the ITE Section Activities Award (Best Section) as well as the Midwestern District Section Activities Award.

2010 - The City of Springfield, Missouri won two ITE awards - Public Agency Council Achievement Award of Excellence and Edmund R. Ricker Traffic Safety Award - Organization - for its Coordinated Traffic Safety Program.

2011 - MOVITE won many of the Midwestern District awards, including; the Student Chapter award, the Student Paper award, the top three spots in the Student Poster Competition, both Transportation Achievement awards, and the University of Kansas won its second Traffic Bowl.

2011 - Dubuque, Iowa was the site of a MOVITE meeting for the first time, a joint meeting with the Midwestern District.

2012 - Shawn Leight was elected to represent the Midwestern District to serve on the ITE International Board of Directors. He is only the seventh MOVITE member to hold that position.

2012 - MOVITE added two new chapters – Central Kansas (CKITE) and Iowa Central (ICITE).

2012 - MOVITE was given the Midwestern District Section Activities Award and went on to win the ITE International Section Activities Award.

2013 - Steven D. Hofener, past MOVITE and ITE President, received the Burton W. Marsh Distinguished Service Award at the ITE annual meeting in Boston while MOVITE member Michael Park received the Past Presidents Award in recognition of his paper titled "Liveable Streets Lee's Summit". Michael also received awards from MOVITE and the Midwestern District.

2013 - Iowa State University was the Midwestern District Student Chapter winner and also took first place in the Traffic Bowl held at the district annual meeting in Milwaukee.

2014 - MOVITE was given the Midwestern District Section Activities Award and went on to win the ITE International Section Activities Award - both for the third time in five years!

2014 - The University of Kansas Student Chapter won the Midwestern District traffic bowl and went on to represent the district at the ITE Annual Meeting in Seattle.

2015 - MOVITE hosted the Midwestern District at a joint meeting in Branson, Missouri. Attendance was about 200.

2015 - Shawn Leight was elected the 2016 ITE Vice-President, becoming only the fifth MOVITE member to serve on the ITE Executive Committee.

2015 - The MOVITE website was updated to be more modern and user friendly.

2016 - The Spring Meeting was held in Wichita, KS; the eighth meeting hosted there but the first in thirty-one years.

2016 – The Arkansas Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ARITE) became the ninth chapter in the MOVITE section.

2016 – Michael Hofener became the third member in his family to serve as MOVITE President, following his father Steve (1991) and grandfather Harold (1973).

2017 – Shawn Leight serves as ITE International President.

2017 – A new logo is adopted by the board of directors.



2018 – A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on August 20 to dissolve the current Midwestern District and to establish the six states of MOVITE as the Missouri Valley District effective January 1, 2021.

2018 – The position of Journal Editor was replaced with the Director of Communications. Brian Willham is the first member to fill the new position.

2018 – Sarah Hernandez, Assistant Professor and Student Chapter Faculty Advisor at the University of Arkansas, is named the Midwestern District Rising Star, an award intended to identify the next generation and new faces of the transportation profession.

2019 – The Charter and Bylaws for the Missouri Valley District were approved by ITE. They become effective January 1, 2021. A transition committee headed by Andy Swisher continues its work to update policies and procedures.

2019 - MOVITE hosted the Midwestern District at a joint meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. Martin Gugel served as the Midwestern District President. The University of Kansas student chapter won the Traffic Bowl.

2020 – Charters and Bylaws were prepared and approved for the eight Sections to be included in the new MOVITE District in 2021.

2020 – The Spring and Fall Meetings as well as the Winter Officers Retreat were held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 – In its final year as the MOVITE Section, the Midwestern District bestowed it Outstanding Section award to MOVITE. Earl Newman was named a Distinguished Member of the Midwestern District.