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MOVITE MINUTE

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EDITOR'S NOTE

If you've been keeping up with the MOVITE journals, you may notice a different face writing to you all. I'm Regan and I am very excited to be taking on the role of Journal Editor. The MOVITE Exec Board has dedicated two separate positions to fulfill the duties of the Communications Director, previously held by Ashley Fillback.

As I transition into this role, the outlook and goals for the MOVITE Minute will remain the same. We will continue to share updates on recent ITE and District news, celebrate MOVITE member accomplishments, spotlight Sections and Student Chapters, and highlight anything else you want to see featured.

If your MOVITE Section/Chapter would like to promote an upcoming event, showcase a local project or nominate a member to be featured, feel free to reach out to either Tawny, our new Social Media Director, or I by sending us an email.

Also, if you have articles, event/member updates, or photos to submit for future journals, please reach out to my email below.

Lastly, I just want to thank Ashley for all her hard work and dedication as the Communications Director. I appreciate all the help in preparing me to take on this role. I hope you enjoy reading!

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The 2023 MOVITE Spring Meeting was held in Cedar Rapids, IA from June 21-23, 2023 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cedar Rapids Convention Complex. The meeting gave MOVITE members and students an opportunity to attend technical sessions and build relationships with other transportation professionals.

The chair of the Cedar Rapids Local Arrangements Committee (LAC), **John Witt**, led the planning efforts for the 12-member committee. The LAC chose "Things are Rapidly Changing" as this year's theme for the meeting. The event was successful, and would not have been possible without the work of the LAC Committee.



Local Arrangements Committee

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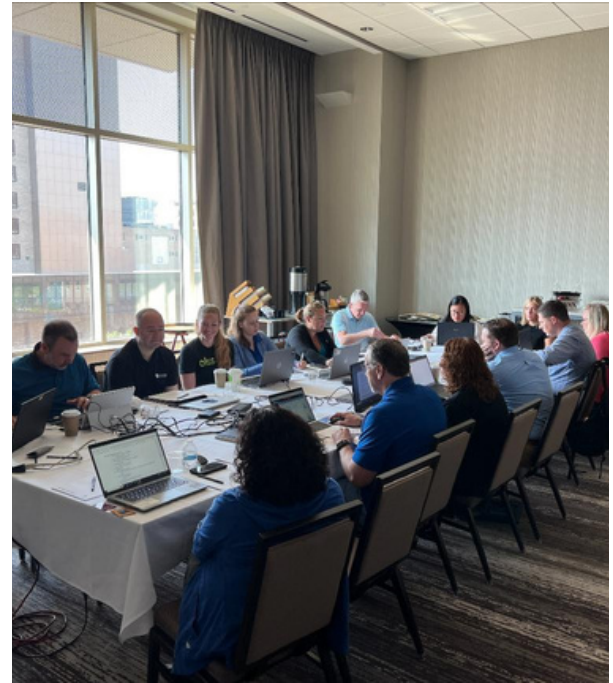
MOVITE Spring Meeting

The 2023 Spring Meeting provided an assortment of technical sessions, student engagement activities, and social events for all who attended. The meeting kicked off with several social activities and the Spring Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 21st.

The MOVITE Board met Wednesday morning to discuss District business reports, vote on new or modified policies, and identify the needs for MOVITE's Strategic Plan task forces. If interested, MOVITE is still looking for help with two of the task forces. (See Page 19)

After the conclusion of the Board Meeting, some members headed to the Ellis Golf course and enjoyed a friendly afternoon golf tournament. Evening festivities included the Welcome Reception and the 3rd Annual District Traffic Bowl. (See Page 12) Both student and professional rounds were played and resulted in a pleasant evening.

Thursday started with a welcome address from City of Cedar Rapids Council Member, **Ann Poe**, ITE International Updates from **John Davis**, and a keynote speaker address presented by **Brett Tjepkes** from the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau.



MOVITE Spring Meeting



Thursday continued with breakout sessions on various topics, with presenters representing disciplines and members across the MOVITE region. With the Student Leadership Summit being jointly held with the professional meeting, students had breakout sessions and presentations of their own. (See Page 10)



Unlike traditional lecture-style sessions, professional members were split into two teams with each team exploring a variety of important transportation topics through collaborative discussions. The groups were tasked in identifying traffic safety and operation solutions using either Complete Streets concepts or Technology/Innovation concepts. In the afternoon, both teams presented their findings to a panel of judges, with the Complete Streets team coming out on top. Thursday's events concluded with a round of Rapids Ringo Bingo which started at the Barrel House Pub and ended at the Iowa Brewing Company where members enjoyed food and drinks.



Friday included a Breakfast honoring past MOVITE Presidents and a panel discussion on transportation planning, engineering, and policy. Additionally, members had the opportunity to attend a final presentation on ethics or a Mobility Tour in downtown Cedar Rapids before heading out. Thank you for those that attended. We look forward to seeing everyone this Fall.



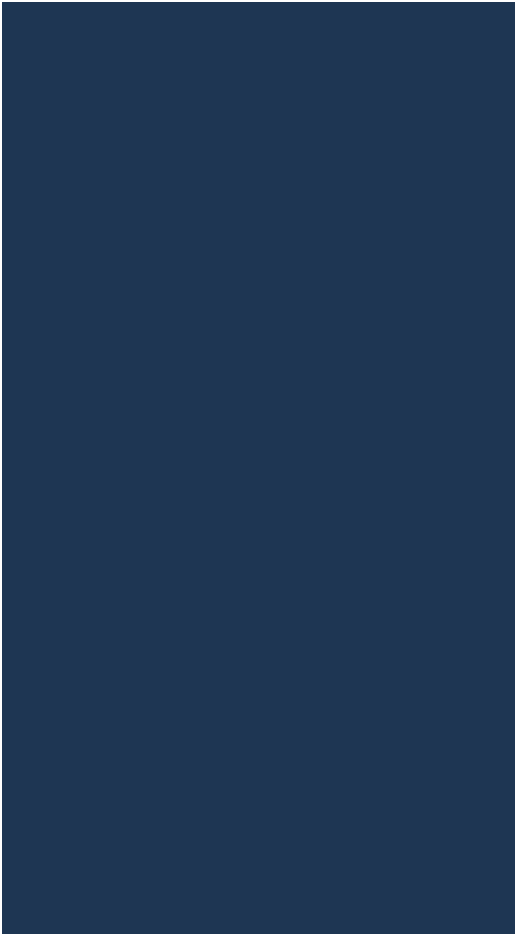
MOVITE Spring Meeting

Student Leadership Summit

The MOVITE Spring Meeting was held jointly with the Student Leadership Summit (SLS) where university students from the different MOVITE regions had the opportunity to take part in various break-out sessions and network with transportation professionals. The SLS was made possible due to the planning efforts led by MOVITE's Student Activities Coordinator, **Meredith Emory**, and Student Organizers, **Payton Smith** from the University of Kansas and **Peyton Weiss** from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Sessions from the SLS included a presentation by **John Davis**, current ITE Vice President and Iowa ITE President. Other speakers presented on soft-skills in the workplace and provided resume tips and interview strategies. In the afternoon, students had the chance to ask questions in front of panelists from various transportation sectors and learn about working in the industry as a young professional.

Similar to the professional design solution competition, students also had the opportunity to collaborate in groups and present their transportation solutions. For the students, we hope that you enjoyed the SLS and look forward to seeing you at the next one!





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3rd Annual District Traffic Bowl

The 3rd Annual Missouri Valley District of ITE Traffic Bowl competition took place at the 2023 Spring Meeting to determine MOVITE's representative for ITE's Collegiate Traffic Bowl Grand Championship.

Teams representing University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Iowa State University, and University of Arkansas all competed in a Jeopardy-style trivia match. Students were tested on their knowledge of ITE, transportation planning, and engineering design topics with questions developed by MOVITE's Traffic Bowl Committee.

After a fun and competitive match between all three teams, the University of Arkansas came out on top once again, defending their title from last year's District Traffic Bowl. As the district champion, University of Arkansas will represent MOVITE at the Grand Championship held in Portland, OR during the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit this August.



2023 STUDENT AWARDS

Jan Kibbe Student Scholarship:

Raghupathi Kandiboina (Iowa State University)
Maroa Mumtarin (Iowa State University)

Thomas J. Seburn Student Paper Award:

1. Minsoo Oh (Iowa State University)
2. Raghupathi Kandiboina (Iowa State University)
3. Sanjeev Bhurtyal (University of Arkansas)

Outstanding Student Chapter:

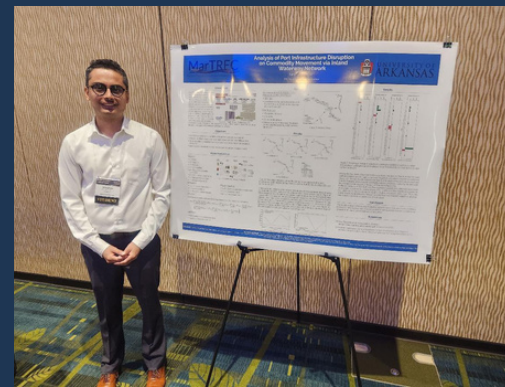
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Student Chapter Momentum:

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Student Poster Presentation:

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Resources for Members

Are you looking for ways to be more involved in MOVITE?

As part of MOVITE's Strategic Plan, the Board has identified various task forces to improve the operations and goals of our organization. These task forces and subsequent committees will allow members to engage and become involved in the District in specific areas of interest without a significant time commitment. If you are interested in becoming involved in a different way, please fill out the survey located under the Announcements section. (See Page 27)

(1) Young Member Outreach and Retention Task Force:

This task force will create a committee to explore and recommend strategies for improved Young Member outreach, engagement, and retention. It is presumed that this committee will also work in collaboration with MOVITE student initiatives.

(2) Awards and Recognition Task Force:

This task force will work to create a committee that will develop strategies to generate excitement around the District Awards for both professional and student members in hopes of increasing the number of submissions.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these task forces, please **email Amanda Brauer at abrauer@sccmo.org**.

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Resources for Members

ITE TrafficWiki

At the MOVITE Spring Meeting, ITE International President-Elect, John Davis, announced that ITE's TrafficWiki has been published and is available exclusively to ITE members.

This online tool houses information on all-things traffic engineering and allows members to explore topics such as Traffic Engineering Studies, Travel Demand Forecasting, Complete Streets, Traffic Calming, and much more.

As the TrafficWiki takes place of the ITE's original Traffic Engineering Handbook, users will be able to contribute by revising or updating content that is peer-reviewed prior to publishing.

For access, please visit this [link](#).



ITE Learning Hub

The ITE Learning Hub offers online webinars and educational courses for transportation professionals to maintain their PE license and even AICP, PTOE, and/or PTP certification(s) throughout the year.

As an ITE member, be sure to check out this resource if you're interested in building your professional skills or in need of a few more PDH's.



ITE Councils and Committees

If you're interested in becoming involved at the international level, ITE has special interest councils and committees that members can join and subscribe to.

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Jacob M. Thiele

Celebrations



Congratulations to MOVITE's newest Professional Traffic Operations Engineers (PTOEs), Road Safety Professionals - Level 1 (RSP1s), and Road Safety Professionals - Level 2 (RSP2s, Behavioral or Infrastructure) who passed certification exams in the February 2023 exam period. The application deadline for the October exam period has passed. Applications for the February exam period are due by November 20, 2023. To find more information on these certifications and upcoming exam periods, visit this [link](#).

TPCB New Certifications - February 2023 Exam

Timothy Adams (PTOE)

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ITE's 2023 Young Leaders to Follow

Meredith Emory, PE, PTOE, IMSA II

ITE announced the group of 2023 Young Leaders to Follow which includes MOVITE's Rising Star, Meredith Emory. The ITE Young Leaders to Follow program recognizes ITE members under the age of 35 who have made impacts both on ITE and in the transportation industry. As a PE and PTOE, Meredith is currently a Senior Engineer for Olsson out of the Des Moines, IA office. She is a member of the Iowa ITE Section and serves as MOVITE's Student Activities Coordinator. Due to her reputation in the industry, current leadership with MOVITE and past involvement with the Southern District of ITE, it has made her a standout for this nomination. Congratulations Meredith! Be sure to check out the full post at this [link](#).



ITE International President - Elect

John Davis, PE, PTOE, RSP1

Congratulations to John Davis for being elected the 2024 ITE International President. He will take office in January 2024. John is the City Traffic Engineer for the City of Des Moines, Iowa. He has been an active member of ITE for more than 35 years by holding office in five Districts and Sections, while also providing leadership and expertise to several ITE Councils and Committees. John currently serves as ITE's Vice President and Iowa's Section President.

Since 2009, John has been leading the efforts for ITE's Annual Collegiate Traffic Bowl at the District and International levels. Congratulations John! We are all very proud of you!



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Announcements

MOVITE Elections

International Director Elections close on Tuesday, July 25th. A reminder from Election Buddy was sent out. (Check spam folder)

MOVITE Board Director Elections will open in a few weeks. Candidate and position information was recently sent out. If you are a MOVITE member from Oklahoma and are interested in running, please let our Secretary, Brian Willham know by August 14th.

If you have questions, feedback, or want to be removed from future ballot lists, please send Brian an email at brian.willham@hrgreen.com



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OSITE/OMS Technical Seminar

The Ozark Section of ITE is hosting a one-day technical conference on August 2nd, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. in the Robert W. Plaster Center for Advanced Manufacturing in Springfield, MO. Link to registration and further details can be found by going to OSITE's website at [this link](#).



Announcements

GSITE All-Member Summer Barbecue and Golf Tournament

GSITE is hosting an evening of food, drinks, and games on July 27th at 5 PM. Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 25th using the [google form](#). Additionally, GSITE is also hosting a Cornhole Tournament. Teams of 2 can sign up ahead of time or arrive to the BBQ by 5 PM for last call registration. For questions about RSVPs, reach out to Ashley Fillback at afillback@cbbtraffic.com. For questions about the Cornhole Tournament, reach out to Phillip Pierson at pprierson@garverusa.com.

In September, GSITE is hosting the 28th Annual Partners Golf Classic. For schedule and contact info, please refer to the flyer on the next page. To register, please visit this [link](#).



MOVITE Interest and Feedback Survey

As a new ITE District, we are working to better engage members by looking for people who are interested in becoming more involved with various MOVITE volunteer opportunities. Please take a couple minutes to fill out this [google form](#). We'd love to hear from you guys!

If you have any general feedback, questions, or concerns, please email our President at abrauer@sccmo.org

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2023 Fall Meeting

Save the Date

This year's 2023 Fall MOVITE Meeting will be hosted by the Arkansas Section of ITE from October 4 (Wednesday) - 6 (Friday), 2023 in Bentonville, Arkansas. The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is busy preparing and organizing for this event. Keep an eye on our district social media pages, website, and emails for more information regarding hotel reservations, registration, sponsorship opportunities, and the meeting schedule.



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