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# MOVITE MINUTE

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# EDITOR'S NOTE

After taking a bit of a hiatus from producing journals, we are thrilled to relaunch the MOVITE Minute for all your latest updates on what is happening in the Missouri Valley District of ITE. We plan to release three editions of the journal during this calendar year, so continue to watch for the latest edition every few months. The next release will launch in September.

Our goal is to provide membership with updates on the latest ITE and District news, celebrate MOVITE member accomplishments, showcase Sections and Student Chapters, and highlight anything else you want to see featured.

Please reach out with any ideas you would like to see incorporated in future editions. If you would like to showcase a local project, promote an upcoming event, or nominate a member to be featured, please submit a write-up to my email.

If you have articles, updates, or pictures to submit for future journals, please reach out to me at the contact information below. I hope you enjoy reading the MOVITE Minute!

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Dear MOVITE Members:**

With nearly half the year behind us, I'd like to take this time to thank you for your continued support of our District through your attendance at meetings, sponsorships, donations, presentations, and volunteer efforts. It truly takes all of us to have a successful organization that stays relevant and ready during these ever-changing times.

The 2022 MOVITE Spring Meeting was recently held in Overland Park, KS. It was great to see so many new and familiar faces. Kudos to the Local Arrangements Committee who diligently worked to prepare and plan for this meeting. Their hard work showed in the quality of presentations, number of exhibitors, and outstanding attendance at the technical sessions and social events. This meeting included golf, wine tasting, student activities, professional traffic bowl shenanigans, technical breakouts, vendor networking and axe throwing. I hope everyone enjoyed it. Our sincere thanks go out to the students who attended and competed in the Traffic Bowl, Poster Competition, and Shark Tank Competition. It's wonderful to see young professionals who are passionate about transportation and traffic engineering. Congratulations to the University of Arkansas who took the top honor in the District Traffic Bowl and will represent MOVITE in New Orleans this summer at the International Competition.

Be sure to Save The Date and be in Oklahoma City for the 2022 MOVITE Fall Meeting. It is planned at the OMNI Hotel and Convention Center from October 11 - 13, 2022. If you have a project, product, or topic you are interested in presenting on, please respond to the upcoming call for abstracts.

If you're looking for a better way to engage in District activities, new committees are now forming. Volunteer opportunities are open for the Annual Meeting Technical Task Force, Young Member Outreach & Retention Task Force, and Awards Committee. Please let your Section or District leadership know if you're interested.

Last but certainly not least, we'd like to congratulate John Davis on his successful campaign for ITE International Vice-President Elect. John has been instrumental in coordinating our student activities and has long been an active member of ITE. Please take some time to reach out to John and share in our excitement in having him lead the organization.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve as your President. See you in OKC!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Esther M. Shaw-Smith', written in a cursive style.

**Esther M. Shaw-Smith, PE, PTOE**  
2022 MOVITE President

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# Spring Meeting

## April 20-22, 2022

## Overland Park, KS

The 2022 MOVITE Spring Meeting was held in Overland Park, Kansas from April 20-22, 2022 at the Sheraton Overland Park Convention Center. This meeting marked the first in-person spring meeting since MOVITE was promoted from a Section to a District.

Co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC), Lindsay Francis and Krystal Jolly, led the planning efforts for the 12-member committee. The theme of the meeting was *Navigating the "New" Transportation*.



# Spring Meeting

The 2022 Spring Meeting provided an assortment of technical sessions, student engagement activities, and social events for all who attended. The meeting kicked off with a variety of social activities and the Spring Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 20th.

The MOVITE Board met Wednesday morning to discuss District business and identify planning for upcoming task forces. Please read through the Resources for Members page (Page 11) if you are interested in joining any of these task forces.

Wednesday afternoon activities consisted of the Golf Tournament and a well-attended Wine Education Event. The evening Welcome Social was combined with the 2nd Annual District Traffic Bowl with rounds for student chapters and professionals to compete in.

Thursday started off with a keynote presentation from KDOT Secretary of Transportation, **Julie Lorenz**, and an ITE International Update from **John Davis** and **Andy Swisher**, ITE International Vice President - Elect and MOVITE International Director.



## Local Arrangements Committee

### Co-Chairs

Lindsay Francis  
Krystal Jolly

### Members

Mandy Anderson  
Janelle Clayton  
Michael Hare  
Spencer Osborn  
Paige Martz  
Kendra Miller  
Aliyah Wells  
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# Spring Meeting

Thursday continued with breakout sessions on various topics, with presenters representing disciplines and members across the MOVITE region. Students participated in a Poster Exhibition with first place overall being awarded to **Fariha Tasnim** (University of Arkansas) and the Graduate Student category awarded as a tie to **Arna Nishita Nithila** and **Kwadwo Amankwah-Nkyi** (both University of Arkansas). University of Arkansas rounded out the meeting with a first place win in the Student Design Team Competition.

Students and professionals worked together in a Student "Shark Tank" Competition. Groups presented their solution for a transportation problem to a panel of judges, or "sharks," in front of a live audience. At the end of the night, a social event took place at Blade & Timber. MOVITE members practiced their ax-throwing skills while enjoying a New Orleans themed dinner.

The meeting rounded out Friday with the Breakfast Honoring Past MOVITE Presidents, final presentation sessions, and a Cycling Tour along the Indian Creek Trail. We hope you enjoyed the Spring Meeting and hope you join us in the fall in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.





## 2nd Annual District Traffic Bowl

The 2nd Annual Missouri Valley District of ITE Traffic Bowl took place at the 2022 Spring Meeting to determine MOVITE's representative for ITE's Traffic Bowl Grand Championships.

Teams representing University of Arkansas, University of Kansas, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville all competed in a Jeopardy-style trivia match. Students were tested on their knowledge of ITE, transportation planning, and engineering topics to determine a winner.

After a competitive match between all teams, the University of Arkansas came out on top. The University of Arkansas will represent MOVITE at the Grand Championships held in New Orleans, LA during the ITE Annual Meeting this summer.



# 2022 STUDENT AWARDS



## **Jan Kibbe Student Scholarship:**

Archana Venkatachalapathy (Iowa State University)

## **Thomas J. Seburn Student Paper Award:**

1. Samantha Anderson (Kansas State University)
2. Archana Venkatachalapathy (Iowa State University)
3. Sanjeev Bhurtyal (University of Arkansas)

## **Outstanding Student Chapter:**

University of Kansas

## **Student Chapter Momentum:**

Missouri University of Science & Technology



# 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 in and become involved in the District in specific areas of interest without a significant time commitment.

### **(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) Local Arrangements/Technical Meeting Task Force:**

This task force will create a committee to assist with conference planning in order to allow better quality, more strategic, and more intensive meetings while allowing the LAC to focus on venue, tours, social events, etc.

### **(3) Awards and Recognition Task Force:**

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

If you would like to volunteer for one of these task forces, please email **Esther Shaw-Smith** at **[esmith@tecusa.com](mailto:esmith@tecusa.com)** and specify which task force(s) you would like to join.

Join us on Social Media for the most current news and updates!



**Missouri Valley  
District of ITE  
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**MOVITE (Missouri  
Valley District of ITE)  
Group Page**

# Celebrations

## Welcome 2022 New ITE Members

Andrew Post	John Ryan Carr, P.E., PTOE
Adam Heard	Karina Scheller
Adam Miller	Karsh Chetankumar Bhatt
Andalib Shams	Kearsten Sakamoto
Angela Morgan	Keith Stewart
Anindya Kishore Debnath	Kelly Moore
Arna Nishita Nithila	Kornel Gwiazdowski
Azar Ashrafzadeh, P.E.	Landon Broadhead
Bethany Waltersdorf	Lauren Walsh
Brad Lauderman	Lillian Fuller
Braeden M. Gustafson	Lisa Koch
Brandon Lam	Margaret Bruns
Cameron D. Zalmanoff	Mary Oehler
Chad Brentlinger	Matthew Voss
Chad Lohrer	Michael Borzea
Craig Wood	Mike Onley
Daniel Howell, P.E.	Misty Bell
Danielle Strothmann	Nazifa Akter
Elizabeth Burke	Newman Abuissa
Eric J. Reinkemeyer, P.E., PTOE	Nicholas Rogers, P.E.
Eryn M. Stone	Payton M. Smith
Fousseni Ouedraogo	Robert Paquin, RSP1
Gary Kretlow, Jr.	Robin Derossitte
Herb Mason	Roman Kiefer
Hilary Hershner	Roxanne Seward
Jacob Mashburn	Ryan Rands, E.I.T.
Jake D. Hudgens	Sage Halbert
James Blackburn, P.E.	Steven Peiffer
James Sholar	Tia Griffin
Jenifer Bates	Travis Mosher
Jennifer Selby	Wendy Firsching, P.E.
Joanne Martin	Young In Chang
John Greifzu, P.E.	Zachary Kane Abrams
John Quinnett	

# 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 October 2021 and February 2022 exam periods. July 20, 2022 is the next application deadline for the October 2022 exam period. Find more information on these certifications and upcoming exam periods by visiting [www.tpcb.org](http://www.tpcb.org).

## TPCB New Certifications - October 2021 Exam

Kevin Brown (PTOE)  
Bradley Cooley (RSP1)  
Daniela Gonzales (PTOE)  
Marcus Januario (RSP1)  
Srinivas Prudhvi Minnekanti (PTOE)  
Steven Younkin (PTOE)

## TPCB New Certifications - February 2022 Exam

Timothy Adams (RSP1)  
Jerry Bollinger (RSP1)  
Tyson King (RSP2I)  
Paige Martz (RSP2B)  
Garret Menard (PTOE)  
Robert Paquin (RSP1)

# Celebrations

## ITE's 2022 Young Leaders to Follow

### Adam Denney, PE, PTOE

ITE announced the group of 2022 Young Leaders to Follow and it includes MOVITE's Rising Star, Adam Denney. The ITE Young Leaders to Follow program recognizes ITE members under the age of 35 who have already made a mark on ITE and the transportation industry and are leaders to follow in the years to come. Adam is a PE, PTOE, Traffic Group Manager at Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, and the Nebraska Section Director for MOVITE. His past experience through a variety of project work, leadership positions at all levels of the LOCATE Chapter (now the Nebraska Section of ITE), and involvement in the ONE ITE transition made him a standout for this nomination. Congratulations Adam!



## ITE International Vice President - Elect John Davis, PE, PTOE, RSP1

Congratulations to John Davis for being elected the 2023 ITE International Vice President. 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 MOVITE's Student Activities Coordinator and the Iowa Section's Treasurer. Since 2009, John has been leading the efforts for ITE's Annual Collegiate Traffic Bowl at the District and International levels. We are all very proud of you, John!



# Sponsorship Highlights

For over 60 years, MOVITE has become a successful organization dedicated to bringing individuals together to advance the knowledge and skills of transportation professionals throughout the six-state region of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. MOVITE's success would not have been possible without the generous annual support of our many corporate and agency sponsors.

We would like to thank the following 2022 Calendar Year Sponsors for generously donating to help support the mission of MOVITE:

- CBB Transportation Engineers + Planners
- GBA
- General Traffic Controls
- JEO Consulting Group
- Snyder & Associates
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- Traffic Engineering Consultants



# 2022 Fall Meeting

## Save the Date

This year's 2022 Fall MOVITE Meeting will be hosted by the Oklahoma Section of ITE from October 11 (Tuesday) - 13 (Thursday), 2022 at the Omni Hotel & Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Keep an eye on our social media pages, website, and your email for more information regarding hotel reservations, registration, sponsorship opportunities, and the meeting schedule.



## Call for Abstracts

Do you have a topic or project you would like to present on? Would you like to represent your company or agency at the Fall 2022 MOVITE Meeting? Submit an abstract!

The theme of this year's meeting is **Catching on to Transportation Trends**. The technical program is anticipated to focus on current transportation and traffic engineering related trends that we should be considering now as we prepare for the future.

Abstracts should be 400 words or fewer and submitted by **August 12, 2022**. Please email submissions to **Derick Millican** at [dmillican@olsson.com](mailto:dmillican@olsson.com).



The selections will be made by the Local Arrangements Committee. Authors or panelists will be notified by September 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Drury at [kdrury@olsson.com](mailto:kdrury@olsson.com).



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