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EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy Fall! Hope all our MOVITE members are staying healthy and busy. It was great seeing and meeting some of our members at the Fall Meeting in the great city of Bentonville, Arkansas. Thank you to everyone involved in making this meeting a success.

As we continue to roll out journals, we are always looking for new content to share with our district members. If your MOVITE Section or Student Chapter would like to promote an upcoming event, showcase a local project, nominate a member to be featured, or share photos from a recent event, feel free to reach out to either Tawny, our Social Media Director, or I by sending us an email.

These journals could not be made possible without the support and efforts of our sections and their continued engagement within their own regions. Be sure to check out your own sections' website/social media pages for important reminders and upcoming events as well.

I appreciate everyone who has read these and I hope you enjoy reading this month's journal!

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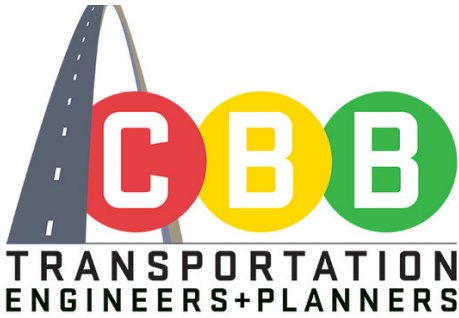
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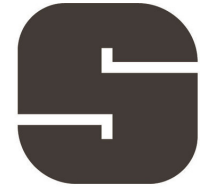
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MOVITE Fall Meeting

October 4 - 6, 2023

Bentonville, AR

The 2023 MOVITE Fall Meeting was held in Bentonville, Arkansas from October 4-6, 2023 at the 21c Museum Hotel. Located in Northwest Arkansas, Bentonville is known for being the birthplace of Walmart, Inc., home to the breath-taking Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, and its many mountain bike trails, landing them the title of "Mountain Biking Capital of the World."

The meeting gave MOVITE members and students an opportunity to attend technical sessions and build relationships with other transportation professionals. Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) Co-Chairs, **Nathan Becknell, Andy Brewer, and Mariah Crews** led the planning efforts for the meeting. MOVITE appreciates the hard work and dedication that the LAC showed to make this meeting successful.



Local Arrangements Committee

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Nathan Becknell
Andy Brewer
Mariah Crews

Members

James Arbuckle
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Amanda Brauer
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MOVITE Fall Meeting

The conference kicked off with the MOVITE Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 4th. MOVITE President, **Amanda Brauer** led the discussion. Exec members talked finances, new or modified district policies, Strategic Plan task force needs, and section news.

After the conclusion of the Board Meeting, attendees had the opportunity to take part in a technical walking tour with **Trailblazers** or volunteer at **Pedal It Forward**, a local non-profit that collects used bikes, fixes them, and donates them to those in need through various partners around the community. To wrap up the first day of the fall meeting, MOVITE members attended a welcome reception at the hotel where they enjoyed complimentary food and drinks while networking with old and new friends.



Photos by Diana Cottam, Joy and Light Photography

MOVITE Fall Meeting

The second day of the meeting started with a Downtown Bentonville Art Walk with Visit Bentonville and a welcome address from City of Bentonville **Mayor Stephanie Orman**. Morning technical sessions included presentations on active transportation planning, pedestrian safety and driver compliance initiatives through Safe Across, and the surge in pedestrian and bike fatalities. E-Bike demonstrations by Trailblazers were also held.

The MOVITE Business Meeting took place during lunch where current exec officers were sworn into their new positions. Additionally, ITE International President, **Rosana Correa** gave an ITE presentation on various ITE initiatives and updates within the organization. Afternoon technical sessions included presentations on the St. Louis Jefferson/22nd Corridor Improvements project, Fayetteville's Inclusive Active Transportation Network, Transit Access Expansion in Northwest Arkansas, and a MOVITE Leadership Panel. Younger members also had the opportunity to share their ideas at a private forum with MOVITE and ITE leadership members.

After the conclusion of the leadership panel, attendees adjourned and prepared for a cocktail reception held at The Lady Slipper. Members rocked their best cocktail attire and enjoyed an evening of fun. MOVITE President, **Amanda Brauer** handed out the following district awards during the event:

Transportation Achievement Award - Radmacher Brothers Excavating, TREKK Design Group LLC, City of Grandview, MO

Transportation Achievement Award - GBA, City of Olathe, KS, and Miles Excavating Inc.

Melvin B. Meyer Transportation Professional of the Year - Jason L. Haynes, PE, PTOE

Section Momentum Award - Iowa Section

Congratulations to all the award recipients! MOVITE and its members are excited to celebrate the projects and transportation professionals within our district who continue to make an impact in the transportation industry. Be sure to check out page 13 for members who received an ITE Award at the Annual Meeting in Portland, OR this year.



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MOVITE Fall Meeting

Friday included a Breakfast honoring past MOVITE Presidents and a panel discussion on community bike programming and partnerships. Additionally, members had the opportunity to attend a few more technical sessions and take part in a recreational bike ride, exploring some of the awesome biking trails before heading home. Thank you to our presenters, attendees, and sponsors that made this meeting a success. We hope to see everyone at our Spring Meeting next year in Omaha, Nebraska!



Cocktail Reception Photos by Diana Cottam, Joy and Light Photography

Technical Session Presenters

Stephanie Orman
Josh Stacey
Mandy Buettgen-Quinn
Tim Adams
Ramin Ashrafzadeh
Matt Mihalevich
Joel Gardner
Shawn Strate
Denny Blind
Nathan Becknell
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Technical Walking Tour

Erin Rushing
David Criswell

Pedal It Forward

Kenny Williams
Joe Maneiro

eBike Demonstrations

Gabriela Ruiz
Sam Acar

Downtown Bentonville Art Walk

Thomas Hoehn
Kim Krutsch
Seagan Morrow

MOVITE Leadership Panel

Amanda Brauer
Rosana Correa
Andy Swisher

Community Bike Programming Panel

Aimee Ross
Jessica Pearson
Jeff Pierce
Brent Stinespring
Kenny Williams



Section Spotlight



On February 5, 2003, the Ozarks Chapter of ITE (OCITE) was chartered by the institute and included 21 charter members and covered 24 counties in the Southwest Missouri region. Jason Haynes was elected as OCITE's first president. At that time, OCITE was the second chapter to be chartered under the Missouri Valley Section of ITE (MOVITE). In 2018, the ITE International board discussed the current structure of its Districts, Sections, and Chapters below the international level and modified the existing definitions of each. With these changes, MOVITE was restructured into a district, resulting in OCITE being restructured into the Ozarks Section of ITE (OSITE) in 2020.

Today, OSITE continues to cover 24 counties in Southwest Missouri and consists of 62 section members and 69 section affiliates. This year, OSITE has hosted several events for both students and transportation professionals. They have hosted a Bowling Tournament, two Business Meetings, and a Student Poster competition for the Missouri State Civil Engineering Transportation class. Additionally, the OSITE Board reviewed applications and awarded three scholarships to engineering students. See next page.

Most recently, OSITE and the Ozark Mountain Section of the American Planning Association (APA) jointly held a one-day technical conference on August 2nd at the Robert W. Plaster Center for Advanced Manufacturing on the Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) campus in Springfield, MO. The annual conference included 93 in-person attendees and consisted of presentations covering a variety of engineering and planning topics. Earl Newman was also recognized for being named an ITE Honorary Member.



Get to Know the Section

2023 Officers

- President: Chris Wynn
- Vice- President: Matt Demoss
- Secretary: Jason Saliba
- Treasurer: Brett Foster
- Second-Year Director: Sean Matlock
- First-Year Director: Kara Richart
- Past-President: Jennifer Thomas
- Section Representative: Jason Haynes

Membership: 62

Website: <http://www.ositemo.org/>



OSITE's First Exec Board (2003)

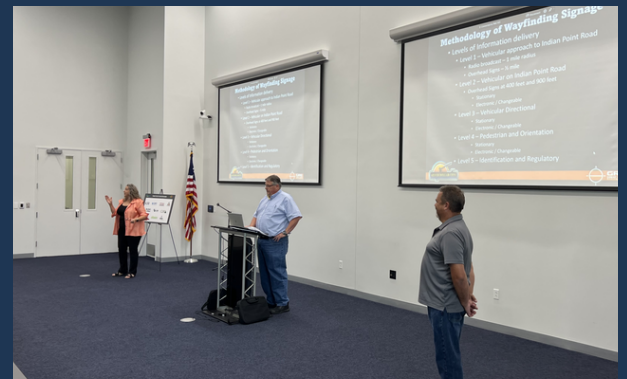
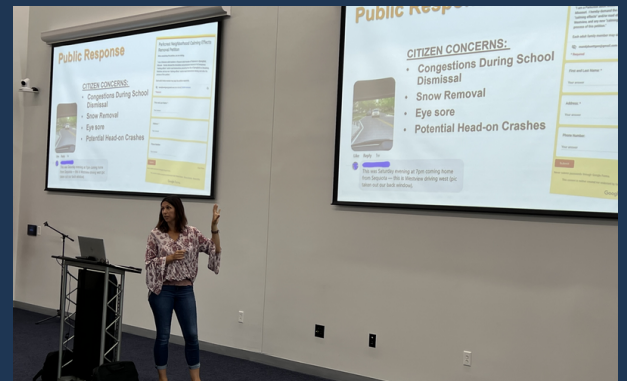


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Furthermore, OSITE held their Annual Golf Tournament on September 22nd at Hidden Valley Golf Links in Clever, MO. This year, 52 golfers attended the event and competed in a four-man scramble format.

Future OSITE events include a 20th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for November 16th. Founded in 2003, OSITE is excited to celebrate this milestone and reflect on the growth that they've experienced over the years. Through the volunteering efforts and dedication of board members and committee members and chairs, OSITE has become a popular organization for getting PDH's, networking, student activities, and peer recognition. They have lots of young engineering talent that will continue to back feed the current leadership positions and keep the momentum going. Congratulations to the OSITE section and all its members on 20 years! May your future be bright!



2023 Scholarship Award Winners (from left to right) - Khloe Laurie, Samuel Gentges, Erik Netzer, and OSITE President Chris Wynn

Around the District

2023 ITE Annual Meeting

Several MOVITE members attended the 2023 ITE Annual Meeting this past August held in Portland, Oregon. Members enjoyed a variety of technical sessions and tours. The University of Arkansas also competed in the International ITE Traffic Bowl.



Section and Student Chapter Events

The University of Kansas ITE Student Chapter (KU-ITE) kicked off the school year by welcoming students at the Rock the Block event. Their first meeting included guest speakers from Transystems who discussed career opportunities and the growing transportation industry.

The Gateway Section of ITE (GSITE) held their September meeting in Illinois where guest speaker, Saad Ullah, Ph.D., P.E., presented on reclaimed asphalt. They also recently held their 28th Annual Partners Golf Classic benefiting Shriner's Hospital for Children and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Celebrations

Nelson J Shaffer Outstanding Consultant Award

Shawn J. Leight, PE, PTP, PTOE

Congratulations to Shawn Leight for receiving the ITE 2023 Council Impact Award for his contributions and dedication to the transportation engineering/planning profession and their community. Shawn has over 20 years of experience in the industry and serves as the Vice President and one of the Principals of CBB Transportation Engineers + Planners. As a past ITE International President (2017), Shawn continues to exemplify leadership by serving on boards and committees for various professional organizations. Please be sure to visit this [link](#) to learn more about Shawn. Congrats again on this very deserving achievement!



Transportation Achievement Award - Complete Streets

GBA Kansas Avenue Streetscape Initiative

Congratulations to GBA, Miles Excavating Inc. and the City of Olathe, KS for receiving a 2023 Transportation Achievement Award in the Complete Streets category. Located in downtown Olathe, the Kansas Avenue Streetscape Initiative was recognized due to the prioritization on safety and incorporation of multi-modal transportation for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians. The project includes the first two-way, buffered cycle track in the state of Kansas. Team members included Lucas Rosenbaum, Austin Lamparter, Jane Miles-Breuer, Kendra Miller, Chris Novosel, and Brandon McBride. To learn more about the project, visit this [link](#). Your impacts to the transportation industry are greatly appreciated. Congrats!



Announcements



Members who are interested in pursuing any of the following certifications:

- Professional Traffic Operations Engineers (PTOE)
- Professional Transportation Planner (PTP)
- Road Safety Professional (RSP1)
- Road Safety Professional (RSP2)

Must submit their application by November 20, 2023 to be eligible to take the exam during the February exam period. To find more information on these certifications and upcoming exam periods, visit this [link](#). Good luck to everyone taking an exam during the October exam period!

ITE Board Committees

At the MOVITE Fall Meeting, International ITE President, Rosana Correa discussed the needs for the following 2024 ITE Board Committees:

- Diversity and Inclusion
- Professional Development
- Student to Younger Member
- Women in ITE
- Younger Members

The MOVITE Board is currently looking for district members interested in joining any of the committees. For interested emails, please reach out to our exec board at movite@itedsc.org

ITE Photo Exchange

Did you know? ITE has come out with an exclusive online tool designed to foster collaboration and resource sharing between ITE members. This resource allows users to upload, share, and access a range of diverse images that can be used to enhance your own projects and presentations. To learn more about this platform or to check out the photo exchange gallery, please press the icon below.



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