

2023 NCITE ELECTIONS

This is a special Election Edition of the INCITER containing information for the 2023 NCITE Elections

Electronic ballots will be emailed **Monday, October 10th, 2022** to all NCITE members with an email address on record. To cast your vote, simply click on the election link and follow the instructions. NCITE members who do not have an email address on record will be mailed a paper ballot. If you do not receive voting information by email, do not have internet access, or prefer to send in a paper ballot, please contact 2022 NCITE President Natalie Sager at Natalie.Sager@hdrinc.com.

The NCITE Executive Board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Directors, and the immediate Past President. You will be asked to vote for all positions in the 2023 NCITE election. The immediate Past President position is filled by succession:

Immediate Past President – **Natalie Sager**

The candidates for each open position are as follows:

President (1 candidate, 1 open position)



Jeremy Melquist

Jeremy is a Traffic Engineer for the City of Bloomington where he manages traffic operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems in the City. He has ten years of experience working in the private and public sectors of the transportation industry. He received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota and is currently a licensed Professional Engineer and Professional Traffic Operations Engineer.

Jeremy has been involved with NCITE since 2014 and has served on various committees and board positions. Jeremy helped form the NCITE Younger Member Committee in 2016 with other NCITE members where they planned fun/social events for young professionals. As part of the Professional Development Committee, Jeremy planned and hosted the 2019 Transportation Symposium.

Previous NCITE positions:

Vice President, Treasurer, Director, Professional Development Committee Co-chair/Chair, & Younger Member Committee Co-chair/Chair.

He lives in New Brighton with his wife (Jess) and dog (Murphy). In his spare time, he enjoys sports, hiking/camping, and exercising. Jeremy is grateful for the opportunity to continue his involvement in NCITE and serve as the next President.

Vice President (1 candidate, 1 open position)



Philip Kulis

Philip is currently a traffic engineer at SRF Consulting Group in Minneapolis focusing on traffic and signal operations, safety, and multimodal evaluations. Philip's involvement in ITE began in 2012 while attending Penn State. While earning his Master's degree, he served as the Treasurer of the Penn State Student ITE Chapter. During this time, Philip had the opportunity to compete in two Traffic Bowl Grand Championships and attend two ITE International Annual Meetings. Over the past six years in Minnesota, he has been an active member of NCITE, the Intersection Traffic Control Committee, and SimCap. Philip helped found the Younger Member Committee (YMC) in 2016, along with other NCITE members, to foster growth and opportunities for the younger members of NCITE. Philip has served as the Co-Chair and Chair of the YMC, as well as the Intersection Traffic Control Committee (ITCC). Philip was also one of the NCITE Directors in 2019 and the current NCITE Secretary.

Philip has also been involved with ITE conferences having presented at the ITE Midwestern District Conference, the MOVITE Fall Meeting, and the 2021 ITE Annual Meeting most recently. In addition to presenting at ITE conferences, Philip has served on the Midwestern District ITE Traffic Bowl Committee continually since 2016, which plans, organizes, and facilitates the district Traffic Bowls. NCITE has provided Philip with many opportunities and he looks forward to continuing to contribute to NCITE and the transportation field.

Philip lives in St. Louis Park, Minnesota where he enjoys golfing, hiking, biking, grilling/smoking, house projects, spending time on the water, and of course trying new breweries during his free time. With winter arriving, Philip is looking forward to playing pickup hockey and skiing.

Secretary (1 candidate, 1 open position)



Nik Costello

Nik is an Engineer III with the Washington County Public Works Department with over 16 years of experience in the transportation industry, primarily focused on traffic engineering. For the past 4+ years he has been working full time in the Metro Transit Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Office, helping to deliver the region's first BRT line that will operate primarily within a dedicated guideway. His current role is serving as a Project Engineer/CAR in the Gold Line Civil Construction Office. Nik has many interests within the transportation industry, but he is most passionate about traffic signal operations, roundabout design, road diets, ped/bike safety, and public transit. He is a proud graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Nik has been active in NCITE throughout his career, serving as Director in 2012, chair of the Professional Development Committee for several years, chair of the Intersection Traffic Control Committee in 2018, and most recently as Treasurer in 2022. He lives in St. Paul with his wife Kelly, daughters Ruth (3) and Nora (2 months), and dog Karl (15). In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, fishing, camping, downhill skiing, curling, and traveling the country. Nik is honored to be considered for the position of Secretary, and excited to continue serving an organization that has given him so much over the years.

Treasurer (2 candidates, 1 open position)



Joe DeVore

Joe has been involved with the NCITE and the traffic engineering community in the Twin Cities for over 10 years and is a proud graduate from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in 2013. His professional career has centered around providing traffic engineering, operations, safety, and multimodal corridor improvements throughout the Midwest Region. Joe continues to find ways to mentor students interested in traffic and transportation engineering at both the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University.

Joe has been an active member of ITE and NCITE throughout his career serving as the NCITE technology director, chair of the NCITE Simulations and Capacities Committee from 2016-2017, presenting at the National ITE Annual Meeting in 2018, and was the NCITE director in 2019. He has been an active presenter and member in NCITE SimCap and Intersection Traffic Control Committees over the years and is always excited to share and foster transportation knowledge shared throughout our community.

Joe's big push for the 2023 NCITE year is trying to reengage student groups at the UMN, Mankato, Duluth, NDSU, and SDSU. Being able to still provide a virtual, hybrid, or on-college event can help get student engagement back to levels from pre-pandemic. Planning for the 2023 Transportation Symposium will also be a great opportunity to cross market to students to join in a possible virtual setting.



Justin Sebens

Justin has been in the transportation industry for nine years working in the private sector. He has primarily focused on traffic modeling and operations while mixing in noise and air work.

Justin was an NCITE director in 2021-2022, the co-chair and chair of the simulation and capacity group and has been actively involved in ITE for 10 years. He was the student leader for the University of Wisconsin ITE student chapter and has been a member of NCITE since moving to Minnesota. Justin is originally from Illinois and enjoys golfing and spending time with his kids.

Director (2 candidates, 2 open positions)**Cade Botton**

Cade Botton is a Traffic Engineer with Hennepin County Public Works. He has been in the transportation industry for over 4 years. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He recently passed his Professional Engineer's exam, and he is very excited to put his new license to use. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, watching and playing sports, and video games. He recently got married, and he and his wife Lauren just bought a home in Bloomington.

Cade has been an active member of NCITE since he joined Hennepin County. Cade was the co-chair of the Intersection Traffic Control Committee in 2020, and in 2021 he led the committee. While he was leading the committee, meeting attendance increased despite the difficulties of remote meetings. Cade sees value in smaller committees as well as NCITE as a whole, from professional opportunities to design and safety standards. He would feel honored to serve as an NCITE Director.

**Caitlin Wotruba**

Caitlin Wotruba is a professional engineer in the Traffic Group at KLJ Engineering in St. Paul. She has seven years experience working on a variety of design projects. Her project experience includes signing, pavement marking, signals and lighting design in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Caitlin graduated from Michigan Technological University in 2015. She then moved to the Twin Cities and has worked in consulting since. Caitlin has been involved in NCITE for seven years and was the co-chair and chair of the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee (now Traffic Safety Committee) and is currently the co-chair of the Intersection Traffic Control Committee. Caitlin has enjoyed being a part of NCITE because of the opportunities to hear about the unique solutions to everyday problems that others in the industry are working on. Caitlin is originally from Hudson, WI and enjoys getting outside and being active.



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