

2025 NCITE ELECTIONS

This is a special Election Edition of the INCITER containing information for the 2025 NCITE Elections

Electronic ballots will be emailed **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024** 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 2024 NCITE President Phil Kulis at pkulis@srfconsulting.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 2025 NCITE election. The immediate Past President position is filled by succession:

Immediate Past President – **Philip Kulis**

The candidates for each open position are as follows:

President (1 candidate, 1 open position)



Nik Costello

Nik is an Engineer III with the Washington County Public Works Department with over 18 years of experience in the transportation industry, primarily focused on traffic and transit engineering. For the past 6+ 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, Treasurer in 2022, and currently serving as Vice President. He lives in St. Paul with his wife Kelly, daughters Ruth (5) and Nora (2), and dog Karl. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, fishing, camping, downhill skiing, curling, and traveling. Nik is honored to be considered for the position of President, and excited to continue serving an organization that has given him so much over the years.

Vice President (1 candidate, 1 open position)**Joe DeVore**

Joe has been involved with the NCITE and the traffic engineering community in the Twin Cities for over 13 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 including all three states in NCITE's footprint.

Joe has been an active member of ITE, GLITE, 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, serving as NCITE director in 2019, and being on the GLITE LAC in 2022 and 2023, NCITE's 2023 Treasurer, 2023 Transportation Symposium Planner, and 2024 Secretary. He has been an active presenter and member in NCITE subcommittees over the years and is always excited to share and foster transportation knowledge shared throughout our community.

Joe is excited for the focus he can give to subcommittees with being elected NCITE Vice President in 2025. If given the opportunity to serve as Vice President, Joe will help committees meet regularly providing input into possible presentations and helping each of the chairs continue NCITE's educational opportunities.

Secretary (1 candidate, 1 open position)**Justin Sebens**

Justin is a project manager in the traffic operations and modeling group at SRF Consulting Group Inc. where he manages large and small corridor studies as well as air quality analyses and noise studies. Justin has been in the transportation industry for over 10 years and has been actively involved in NCITE as well as ITE throughout his professional career. Justin received his bachelor's degree from Carthage College where he recently participated in an advisory council to help shape the college's new engineering program. He plans to continue his involvement as the program grows and begins to produce stellar graduates. He received his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he was actively involved in ITE as the president of the student chapter for the university.

Justin has been involved in NCITE since 2013 and has served as the co-chair and chair of the Simulation and Capacity committee and also served as an NCITE director.

Justin lives in Rogers with his wife (Katie), son (Carson), daughter (Kelsey) and two dogs. In his spare time he likes to golf and play outside with the kids. However right now he and his wife are running all over the north metro to attend his son's swim practices and meets as well as his daughter's Irish dance performances.

Treasurer (2 candidates, 1 open position)



Jack Olsson

Jack is a traffic engineer at Kimley-Horn and Associates in St. Paul and is currently serving as a Director on the NCITE Board of Directors. In his professional life, his work focuses on transit and roadway planning projects, safety studies, and traffic modeling.

Jack has been involved in ITE for more than 10 years, starting during his time as an undergraduate student at Kansas State University. Jack continued his involvement in ITE while attending graduate school at the University of Minnesota where he served as president and vice president of the ITE student chapter, ITSO. During this time, Jack was part of the organizing committee for the Student Leadership Summit that brought ITE student chapters from across the region to Minnesota for a weekend-long conference.

After starting his career at Kimley-Horn, Jack quickly got involved with NCITE's Younger Member Committee where he served as the co-chair in 2020 and the chair in 2021. In addition to this, he served as the NCITE membership chair from 2020 to 2023 (after which he transitioned into his current role as one of the NCITE Directors). At the Great Lakes District level, Jack was part of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for the 2022 Annual Meeting in Duluth and is currently part of the LAC for the 2025 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. He is excited to continue his involvement in ITE!

Jack is originally from Lincoln, Nebraska and has lived in Minnesota since 2017. He lives in St. Paul with his wife Kelsie, son Miles (2 years old), and dog Rio. In his spare time, he enjoys playing volleyball, visiting breweries, and learning languages.



Sarah Peterson

Sarah Peterson is a traffic engineer with HDR. She graduated from NDSU in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. In her professional career, she has worked on a variety of national and local traffic design and safety projects. She has her professional engineering license and recently received her Road Safety Professional Certification.

Sarah has been an active NCITE member since joining during her internship at HDR and has been proud to serve as one of NCITE's directors this year. Additionally, she both co-chaired and chaired of the Complete Streets and Safety Committee over the last three years. She has also been able to attend the three most recent Great Lakes annual meetings and presented twice at the Duluth 2022 meeting. Sarah values ITE for the networking and technical knowledge it brings to her career. Last year, she moved to Alexandria, MN. She plans to use her newly developing connections in the greater Minnesota area as well as existing ties at NDSU to drive an increase in NCITE's engagement from outside the Minneapolis-St Paul metro area.

Sarah and her husband enjoy spending time outdoors with their chocolate lab, Hinckley. Sundays in their family can be tough, with both enjoying rivaled football teams. Sarah also enjoys hosting football parties and board game nights, where you can always expect a well laid out charcuterie board.

Director (3 candidates, 2 open positions)



Caitlin Andress

Caitlin is a project manager and traffic engineer at TKDA. She is involved in a variety of projects, developing preliminary and final traffic plans, as well as traffic safety and operations studies. Caitlin was previously a traffic engineer with MnDOT Districts 1 and 3. Her combined agency and consultant experience allows her to bring a public-oriented perspective to her work. She truly enjoys finding solutions to project challenges and communicating with team members, clients, and stakeholders. Caitlin is a proud graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Caitlin has been involved in ITE since college, primarily attending virtual meetings in her first few years of membership before moving back to the Twin Cities in 2021. Since then, she has actively attended NCITE meetings and promoted ITE involvement to other staff within her firm. Caitlin also has attended two of the recent Great Lakes District Annual Meetings in Duluth and Green Bay. She appreciates the networking and professional development opportunities that ITE offers and is excited to help facilitate those opportunities within NCITE if elected Director.

Caitlin lives in Burnsville, with her husband (Ben) and two children (Lucie and Cameron). In her spare time, she enjoys reading novels, playing card and board games, and visiting breweries.



AJ Fisher

AJ has over five years of experience as a transportation engineer specializing in traffic and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) design. He's a licensed engineer in several states and enjoys projects that improve safety and efficacy for all road users. Recently relocated from Colorado to Minnesota, AJ is eager to continue his ITE involvement with NCITE. Throughout his time in Denver, AJ has stayed consistently involved in ITE including roles as Webmaster for the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter and Social Media Manager for the Mountain District. Currently, AJ is concluding his work on the Scholarship Committee for the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter, to support a seamless transition through this scholarship period. At the national level, AJ continues to contribute to the ITE Complete Streets Council, where he is involved in developing a Quick Bite publication focused on accommodating e-bikes in planning and design.

While he doesn't mind occasionally mixing professional and personal life, outside of work, AJ enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, including camping, biking, and hiking in the summer, as well as downhill and Nordic skiing in the winter.

Committed to serving his new local community of transportation professionals, AJ is excited to continue his involvement with NCITE as a candidate for Director.

Director (3 candidates, 2 open positions)**Sajid Raza**

Dr. Raza is a passionate transportation engineer with a focus on traffic operations and safety with Michael Baker International, in Minneapolis. He is primarily focused on pavement marking, traffic signals, traffic barriers, traffic impact studies, and road safety audits. In addition, Raza has significant academic research experience and a dedication to transforming the way we analyze and improve transportation systems. He has published several research articles in peer-reviewed journals and presented his research at international conferences.

Raza has been an active member of NCITE since joining Michael Baker. As a co-chair of the Simulation and Capacity (SimCap) committee, he recently invited a guest speaker from McTrans to present updates on the Highway Capacity Manual to the NCITE community. He is also planning another workshop with MnDOT on traffic signal warrants and ICE updates. Raza enjoys being part of NCITE and is committed to contributing to the transportation community. He would be honored to serve as an NCITE Director.



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