

2026 NCITE ELECTIONS

This is a special Election Edition of the INCITER containing information for the 2026 NCITE Elections

Electronic ballots will be emailed **Tuesday, October 7th, 2025** 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 2025 NCITE President Nik Costello at nik.costello@washingtoncountymn.gov.

The NCITE Executive Board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Directors, Great Lakes District Representative, and the immediate Past President. You will be asked to vote for all Board positions in the 2026 NCITE election with the exception of the immediate Past President position, which is filled by succession:

Immediate Past President – **Nik Costello**

The candidates for each open position are as follows:

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 14 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, being on the GLITE LAC in 2022 and 2023, NCITE's 2023 Treasurer, 2023 Transportation Symposium Planner, 2024 Secretary, and 2025 Vice President. 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 opportunity to expand student access to NCITE benefits with growing civil engineering classes at UMN Duluth, St Thomas, and MSU Mankato over the past several years. Joe will work with student outreach coordinators to cross market NCITE opportunities to each of the 6 civil engineering schools affiliated with NCITE also including NDSU, SDSU and the UMN Twin Cities.

Vice President (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 11 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 and Secretary.

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.

Secretary (1 candidate, 1 open position)



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 NCITE's treasurer this year. Additionally, she both co-chaired and chaired of the Complete Streets and Safety Committee over the last four years. She has also been active in 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. Sarah recently moved to Alexandria, MN, and uses 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.

Treasurer (2 candidates, 1 open position)



AJ Fisher

AJ is currently the Assistant Traffic Engineer at Dakota County and a Director with NCITE. He has over 6 years of experience in the industry, primarily focused on traffic and ITS design. Prior to his time in Minnesota, AJ has been consistently involved within the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter as webmaster and scholarship committee co-chair, and the Mountain District as social media manager. At the national level, AJ contributes to the ITE Complete Streets Council, where he recently coauthored a QuickBite 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. AJ lives in Saint Paul with his wife Mary, two children Lewis (3) and Ellerie (3 months), and dog Piper. He's a graduate of Iowa State University.

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



Jack Olsson

Jack is a past NCITE Director, Younger Member Committee Chair/Co-Chair, and Membership Coordinator, and he is currently serving as the section's Webmaster. He works as a traffic engineer at Kimley-Horn in St. Paul. In his professional life, his work focuses on transit and roadway planning projects, safety studies, and traffic modeling.

Jack has been actively 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. His role as NCITE Membership Coordinator spanned from 2020 to 2023, after which he transitioned to NCITE Director in 2024. At the Great Lakes District level, Jack has been part of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for the 2022 Annual Meeting in Duluth and 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 (2.5 years old), and dog Rio. In his spare time, he enjoys playing volleyball, visiting breweries, and learning languages.

Director (3 candidates, 2 open positions)



Justin Cyr

Justin is a Senior Professional Traffic Engineer at Alliant with 7 years of experience. He specializes in traffic final design and has a background in preliminary and geometric design, as well as in traffic safety studies. Justin has worked on a range of local and state projects across Minnesota and is particularly skilled in developing complex traffic design plans that require innovative solutions.

Justin has been a member in ITE since graduate school at Iowa State University and was a member of the Iowa State team that won the Midwestern District Traffic Bowl in 2018. Justin's graduate research work was published in the ITE Journal in the August 2018 issue. He actively attends NCITE Section meetings and has attended ITE International and District annual meetings. Justin is a member of the NCITE Younger Member Committee. He looks forward to the opportunity to further his involvement and contribute to NCITE should he be elected as a Director.

Justin is originally from Duluth and now lives in Blaine with his wife (Jenny) and daughter (Lauren). In their spare time they enjoy mini-golfing and exploring new restaurants and parks.



Olivia Polinsky-Rose

Olivia Polinsky-Rose is a Traffic Engineer at HDR with nearly six years of experience on local and national traffic safety and traffic operations projects. She is a licensed professional engineer in Minnesota, a certified Road Safety Professional (RSP1), and a committee member of TRB's Standing Committee on Integrated Transportation Safety Management. Olivia is passionate about implementing data-driven safety strategies that create a more accessible, equitable, and efficient transportation system for all users, and values the diverse range of projects and opportunities at HDR that make this work possible.

Olivia graduated from the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) in 2020 where she was first exposed to ITE through the student chapter, ITSO. Since joining HDR, she has been an active NCITE member, serving as the 2024 co-chair and the 2025 chair of the NCITE Younger Members Committee (YMC) and presenting at the 2025 NCITE/CTS Transportation Symposium. As chair of the YMC, Olivia enjoyed organizing casual, engaging events that helped younger members connect, and looks forward to continuing to plan inclusive networking and educational opportunities for all NCITE members if elected director.

Olivia lives in Minneapolis with her wife (Eleanor), dog (Hank), and cat (Harry). She enjoys her daily family walks (yes, even the cat joins in a stroller!), traveling, exploring new twin cities restaurants, and supporting (though, often being disappointed by) Minnesota sports teams.

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 in 2023. As a 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. 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.

Great Lakes District Rep (1 candidate, 1 open positions)



Tyler Krage

Tyler (PE, PTOE) is the County Traffic Engineer for Dakota County. Before that he worked with the City of Chicago DOT and Alliant Engineering prior. He has been active in ITE since 2013 as an intern and graduated from the University of MN with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 2014.

Tyler has been involved with ITE at the Section, District, and International levels. On the NCITE Section level, he was on the board succession up to VP (before relocating to Illinois), served as Intersection Traffic Control Committee Chair (in 2017 and currently), Pedestrian/Traffic Safety Committee Chair in 2018, is active in the Young Member Committee, and currently manages the Section's Social Media. In 2019, he was named the NCITE Young Transportation Professional of the Year. At the Great Lakes District (formerly Midwestern District) level he's served as the Social Media chair, Student/Young Member Activities Chair, and current Endowment Fund Chair, was a member of the working team that laid the framework for the current Great Lakes District, and has been involved in the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for every District Annual meeting since 2018 by planning student/young member events and the Endowment Fund GLITEY races. In 2021 he was named as the Rising Star and in 2024 the Transportation Professional of the Year for the Great Lakes District. At the International level, he sits on the Young Member Committee, Leadership/ITE Steering Committee (LITE Class of 2020), Public Agency Committee, and Traffic Engineering Council, and loves talking about traffic signals in ITE webinars and presentations. He's excited at the opportunity to continue serving both the District and Section as the NCITE Section Representative (and promises he won't be moving away again anytime soon).

Tyler lives in Minneapolis with his wife Meredith and two rabbits, Pepper and George. In his free time he likes to bike, see live music, rock climb, read, and explore cities and the great outdoors.

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