



## NEWSLETTER OF THE ITE NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

### 2026 NCITE ELECTIONS

This is a Special Edition of the INCITER containing information on the 2026 NCITE Elections

Electronic ballots will be emailed **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026** 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 2026 NCITE President Joe DeVore at [joseph.devore@kljeng.com](mailto:joseph.devore@kljeng.com).

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, and the Great Lakes District Representative, which is a position held for a two-year term:

Immediate Past President – **Joe DeVore**

Great Lakes District Representative – **Tyler Krage**

The candidates for each open position are as follows:

#### **President (1 candidate, 1 open position)**

##### **Justin Sebens**



Justin Sebens is a senior project manager in the transportation mobility 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 13 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 participates 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.

Justin lives in Rogers with his wife (Katie), son (Carson), daughter (Kelsey) and their new puppy Bowie. 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.

### **Vice President (1 candidate, 1 open position)**



**Sarah Peterson**

Sarah Peterson is a Traffic Engineer with HDR. She graduated from North Dakota State University in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Since then, she has contributed to a wide range of local and national traffic design and safety projects. Sarah is a licensed Professional Engineer and holds the Road Safety Professional (RSP) certification.

Sarah has been actively involved with NCITE since joining during her internship at HDR. She is proud to have served as NCITE's Secretary this year. In addition, she spent four years serving as Co-Chair and Chair of the Complete Streets and Safety Committee. She has also been an active participant in recent Great Lakes Annual Meetings. Sarah

values ITE for the professional connections and technical knowledge it provides throughout her career.

She lives in Alexandria, Minnesota, with her husband Chad, their chocolate lab Hinckley, and their son Barrett. Outside of work, Sarah enjoys hosting, playing volleyball, and spending time outdoors.

### **Secretary (1 candidate, 1 open position)**



**Jack Olsson**

Jack Olsson is a past NCITE Director, Younger Member Committee Chair/Co-Chair, and Membership Coordinator, and he is currently serving as the section's Treasurer and 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 (3 years old), daughter Maeve (4 months) and dog Rio. In his spare time, he enjoys playing volleyball, visiting breweries, and learning languages.

## **Treasurer (3 candidates, 1 open position)**



**Caitlin Address**

Caitlin Address is the Traffic Group Manager at TKDA, where she leads a team of traffic engineers and guides the continued growth of the firm's traffic engineering practice. A 2016 graduate of the University of Minnesota, she began her career with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, serving in the District 1 and District 3 traffic offices. Since joining TKDA in 2021, Caitlin has managed a wide range of projects involving traffic operations, traffic safety, and preliminary and final traffic design for state, county, and local agency clients.

She previously served as an NCITE Director in 2025, recently graduated from the LeadershipITE Class of 2026, and actively attends NCITE events and Great Lakes District Annual Meetings. These experiences have strengthened her leadership skills, expanded her professional network, and deepened her commitment to the transportation profession. She looks forward to serving NCITE as Treasurer if elected, helping steward the section's resources while supporting the programs and opportunities that benefit members throughout the region.

Caitlin lives in Apple Valley with her husband, Ben, and their two children, Lucie and Cameron. Outside of work, she enjoys reading novels, playing card and board games, and exploring local breweries with family and friends.



**Justin Cyr**

Justin Cyr is a Senior Traffic Engineer at Alliant with 8 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 is currently serving as a NCITE Director and has been a member in ITE since graduate school at Iowa State University. He was a member of the Iowa State team that won the Midwestern District Traffic Bowl in 2018 and had graduate research work published in the ITE Journal. He actively attends NCITE Section meetings and has attended ITE International and District annual meetings. Justin is excited to continue his

involvement in NCITE!

Justin is originally from Duluth and now lives in Blaine with his wife Jenny, daughter Lauren (2), son Wilson (newborn), and cat Kitsy. In their spare time they enjoy mini-golfing and exploring new restaurants and parks.



**AJ Fisher**

AJ Fisher is currently the Assistant Traffic Engineer at Dakota County and co-chair of the NCITE Street Design & Safety Committee. He has over 7 years of experience in the industry, primarily focused on traffic and ITS design, and was a Director for NCITE in 2025. Prior to his time in Minnesota, AJ was 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 featured as a coauthor in the May 2026 issue of the ITE Journal.

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 (4) and Ellerie (1), and dog Piper. He's a graduate of Iowa State University.

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

## **Director (2 candidates, 2 open positions)**



**Olivia Polinsky-Rose**

Olivia Polinsky-Rose is a Traffic Engineer at HDR with nearly seven 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 Level 2 Infrastructure (RSP2I), and a committee member of TRB's Standing Committee on Integrated Transportation Safety Management (ACD11). 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), authoring three INCITER articles, presenting at the 2025 NCITE/CTS Transportation Symposium, and serving as one of the 2026 Directors. As 2026 Director, Olivia has enjoyed her role on the board, planning eight section meetings throughout the year and supporting other events like the joint WTS/NCITE Ethics training and annual meeting. Her favorite thing about NCITE is the balance of both fun and inclusive networking with educational opportunities for all members, and she looks forward to the opportunity to continue to serve on the NCITE board through a 2nd year director role.

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



**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.

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