2020 NCITE ELECTIONS

Electronic ballots will be emailed **Monday, October 14th, 2019** 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 2019 NCITE Secretary Kevin Peterson at Kevin.Peterson@co.washington.mn.us or 651.430.4330.

The NCITE Executive Board consists of a President, Vice President (President Elect), Secretary (Vice President Elect), Treasurer, three Directors, and the immediate Past President. You will be asked to vote for a Secretary (Vice President Elect), Treasurer, and three Directors. The other positions on the 2020 NCITE Executive Board will be filled by automatic successions. This succession results in the following officers for 2020:

Immediate Past President – **Jeff Preston**  
President – **Jake Folkeringa**  
Vice President – **Kevin Peterson**

The candidates for each open position are as follows:

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

**Tyler Krage**  
Tyler Krage is a Traffic Engineer with Alliant Engineering. He has over 6 years of experience in the transportation industry. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2014 with a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering, and frequently returns to mentor with capstone projects, student networking opportunities, and other NC-ITE/ITSO collaborations. He enjoys live music, rock climbing, biking, and is an avid vinyl record collector. He lives with his wife Meredith in Minneapolis.

Tyler has been active in ITE since 2012 and served as Director and current Treasurer on the Section Executive Board, in addition to helping with other various committees. From his time as Director and Treasurer, Tyler served on a board that worked to create new ideas of what a Section can do for its members. He believes he can help the Section to continue to push the envelope to serve the industry in innovative ways, from bringing on interesting meeting topics and events, to tapping into the increasingly large pool of younger members. Tyler is excited at the opportunity to run for Secretary and to continue to serve the Section.
Treasurer (2 candidates, 1 open position)

Joe DeVore

Joe has been involved with NCITE and the traffic engineering community in the Twin Cities for over 8 years. Joe has been an active member of ITE most recently as one of the 2019 directors and served as the NCITE section technology director for four years before that. Joe was the co-chair and chair of the NCITE Simulations and Capacities Committee from 2016-2017 and has presented numerous times in the subcommittee. However, Joe is most known for his initiative in planning the 2019 NCITE Annual Meeting at Top Golf Minneapolis which will once again raise the bar on section meeting events.

Joe is an avid Minnesota sports fan, having played baseball at the University of Minnesota. He continues to be involved at the UMN by mentoring students interested in traffic and transportation engineering through capstone design and other volunteer opportunities. In Joe’s free time he enjoys biking, fishing, playing any and all sports, and going to local wineries and breweries throughout the state. He looks forward to continuing his role in NCITE as the 2020 treasurer and being the strong independent voice that the NCITE section needs (through balancing the budget and prioritizing scholarships).

Natalie Sager

Natalie is a Traffic Engineer at HDR with over five years of experience. She has a widespread background in traffic operations, safety, planning, and final design with both local and non-local agencies, and recently became a licensed PE. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree of Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities in 2014 and enjoys traveling and hiking with her husband, Tom.

Natalie has been an active member of NCITE since she joined in 2014. During her membership, she has served as the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee co-chair (2015) and chair (2016). In 2018, she was elected to the NCITE executive board as one of the directors, where she planned and staffed section meetings throughout the year, and also participated in monthly board meetings. Natalie seeks to build on her experiences as a director and to continue serving the NCITE board and membership as the 2020 treasurer. She looks forward to the opportunity to contribute her organizational skills and attention to detail to manage NCITE financials, and also to support key ITE initiatives, including providing valuable professional development and networking opportunities, and finding new ways to help grow our industry.
Morgan Hoxsie
Morgan works in transportation planning and traffic operations at Kimley-Horn and Associates. With over four years of experience, she has worked on a variety of projects including traffic impact studies, traffic noise modeling, transportation planning, pedestrian studies and signal timing. Morgan received her bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the Honors College at Michigan State University.

Morgan has been an active member of NCITE since she moved to the Twin Cities in 2015. Alongside other NCITE younger members, she co-created the NCITE Younger Member Committee in 2016. She has served as the NCITE Membership Chair since January 2017. Morgan was active on the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for the 2018 Annual Meeting that was held in Minneapolis, notably she organized the Twins Baseball game for the LAC and International Board of Directors.

Morgan believes that NCITE provides excellent opportunities to network within the transportation industry and to share information amongst peers in the profession. She is excited to continue her involvement in NCITE.

Jeremy Melquist
Jeremy has been involved with NCITE since 2014 and has served as Younger Member Committee Co-Chair and Chair and as Professional Development Committee Co-chair, where he is planning this year’s Transportation Symposium. Jeremy helped found the Younger Member Committee in 2016 as a way to integrate younger professionals into the industry through social and educational events. He received his Civil Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota in 2013 and is currently a licensed Traffic Engineer for KLJ where he leads traffic design and traffic analysis projects in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana.

Jeremy lives in New Brighton with his wife Jess. He enjoys Gopher football/basketball, Vikings, Twins, grilling, IPAs, hiking, and country music. He is thankful for the opportunities that NCITE has provided to him and hopes to further contribute as a Director in 2020.
Director (5 candidates, 3 open positions)

Ann Stewart
Ann is a Traffic Engineer with Alliant Engineering. She has 4 years of experience in traffic final design, including pavement marking, signal, signing, lighting, and Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) design. Currently, she is the Lead Designer for the I-35W North MnPASS design-build project which includes pavement markings, ground mounted and overhead signing, and permanent and temporary lighting design. Ann has experience with design-bid-build and design-build projects, as well as several unique projects that require modified plan sets and close coordination with MnDOT districts, counties, and cities statewide. She plans to take the PE in Spring 2020.

Ann has been a member of NCITE since 2016 and has been a co-chair for the student activities committee for 2 years. She earned her degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth in 2015. She now lives in Andover with her husband and their husky-mix, Zeus. In her free time, she enjoys concerts, gardening, listening to true crime podcasts, figuring out new ways to entertain Zeus, and defending the Vikings against her Packers-loving husband.

Hoki Tse
Hoki moved from sunny Silicon Valley to snowy Twin Cities back in 2017 to join Metro Transit as an Intelligent Transportation Systems Engineer in the Bus Technology Systems team. He manages Transit Signal Priority operations, evaluations of transit operations technology impacts, and research and development of Connected Vehicle solutions. Prior to Metro Transit, Hoki co-managed the procurement of Event and Incident Tracking Software integration project at the City of San Jose Transportation Incident Management Center. He has over 5 years of experience in transit operations management, traffic engineering, and express lane research and analytics. Hoki recently earned his PE license in May 2019.

Hoki graduated from Georgia Tech in Atlanta with a master’s degree in Transportation Systems Engineering and a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. Apart from being an active member in ITE and ASCE student chapters, he initiated a student chapter of American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) at Georgia Tech in 2012. Hoki always looks for opportunities to contribute and serve the transportation industry wherever he goes, as he has been serving as one of three Board of Directors for ITS Minnesota since 2018. He is very glad to have the opportunity to run for Director and cannot wait to engage more with the NCITE community.

Hoki lives across from Allianz Field in St. Paul, not only because of the convenience near Green Line light rail and A Line bus rapid transit, but also the proximity to watch Minnesota United soccer as a season ticket holder. He commutes to Louisville, Kentucky every few weeks to spend time with his wife Yiyi and their 1-year-old son Leonard.
Director (5 candidates, 3 open positions)

Sri Durga Yada
Sri is a Traffic EIT at HDR Engineering, Inc. in Minneapolis, MN. She has over three years of experience in traffic studies, planning and final design for various agencies within and outside of Minnesota. She also has experience in event planning and organizing through being the co-chair (2018) and chair (2019) of the volunteer committee at HDR. Sri graduated with a Master’s degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Akron, Ohio in 2011. She enjoys travelling and lives in Plymouth with her husband, Dheeraj.

Sri has been a member of NCITE since 2016. She appreciates the value NCITE provides through professional development and networking. She is excited to take up the opportunity to be a part of NCITE’s board as a director and build on her experience.

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