

ITE Northeastern District Candidate for International Director



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I have been an active member of ITE, and a committed member of the transportation profession for the past 20 years. I have a combination of ITE officer experience from the Northeastern District Executive Board and New York Upstate Section, where I have been actively involved on the Executive Board for the past eight years. In addition, I was an officer from 1998-2001 for the Utah Chapter, and was involved with the Intermountain Section and District 6 activities.

Since moving back to New York, I have attended five out of the last six Northeastern District meetings and I don't plan on missing another one! I have found that the more you are involved in the Northeastern District and the more people you meet the more you want to give.

ITE Involvement:

- 2010 Chair of the Northeastern District
- Co-Chair of the 2009 Northeastern District Meeting in Saratoga Springs
- Review Committee for the 2009 International Student Paper Contest
- 2003 to present - Organizing committee for the Albany Area Transportation Symposium
- Moderator for technical sessions at the 2007 and 2008 Northeastern District Meetings
- Member of the Northeastern District Local Arrangements Committee for 2006 Annual Meeting in Cooperstown
- 2006 – New York Upstate Section President
- 2004 to present - ITE NY Upstate Section professional development representative. Certified by the Practicing Institute of Engineering to review courses for professional development hours.
- 2004 to present – Arrangement Committee for New York Upstate Section Annual Meeting
- 2002 Chair of Utah Chapter Technical Committee – Organized presentation about 2002 Winter Olympic Planning process for the International Meeting in Las Vegas
- 2001 – President of Utah Chapter of ITE
- 2000-2001 – Involved with the Intermountain Section - reviewing student papers, presentation evaluator
- 1997 – District 6 Local Arrangements Committee for Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City
- Presented at the International Meetings in Las Vegas and Denver
- Presented at District 6 Meetings in Salt Lake City and San Diego
- Early involvement included serving on an ITE technical committee with Paula Benway and Terry Rice to develop informational brochures for local municipalities; promoting Transportation Professions at local high school career fairs.

Accomplishments/Recognition:

- 2008 Carol A. Keck Award for outstanding contributions to the NY Upstate Section
- 2007 Albany Business Review 40 under 40
- 2007 Chairman of the ASCE Capital District Transportation Group
- 2001 Engineer of the Year by the Utah Department of Transportation
- 1999 PTOE
- 1995 Professional Engineer in New York and 1996 Professional Engineer in Utah
- 1990 BS Civil and Environmental Engineering, Clarkson University

Family:

- Married since 1997 to Lianne who supports me through my ITE endeavors
- Three children – Julia-10, Janey-8, and Jack-6, who will reap the benefits from ITE as they grow

Commitment to the Position:

I am honored to have been selected as a candidate for the International Board of Direction (IBOD) for the Northeastern District. With over 10% of ITE's total membership coming from the Northeastern District, taking on the responsibility of representing the District on the IBOD is a decision I gave serious consideration and I am committed to take on this responsibility. As I have progressed through the officer positions at the section and district, I have welcomed the additional responsibility as a rewarding compliment to my transportation career. The Northeastern District is one of the cornerstones of ITE and through its committed family of members provides great opportunities to network and grow both professionally and personally. I look forward to the opportunity to be elected a member of the IBOD as another avenue to contribute to ITE, an opportunity to continue to give back to the profession

Understanding that NY Upstate Section's turn to fill the IBOD position was coming up in 2010, I have paid special attention to Lynn LaMunyon's role on the IBOD over the past three years as we worked together on the Northeastern District Executive Board. The issues she has been involved with include the annual finances of ITE, her involvement on the Annual Meeting Committee and ITE's "mega issues" which included the economy, sustainability and work force development. I look forward to contribute to addressing similar issues.

So how do I plan to contribute on the IBOD? As in the past, I will be dedicated to my position by attending and participating in meetings and events, but most importantly by serving as a conduit between IBOD and the Northeastern District Members. This role is a two way process:

- I will share the information and issues from the IBOD with the District members.
- I will reach out to the District's members to get input on important issues and provide feedback to the IBOD.

In addition to the issues brought to me by the members, as a leader of ITE below are the priorities that I will give special attention:

- **Continuing Education** - Continue to improve quality and accessibility of the professional development opportunities for members.
- **Student Involvement** - Support the growth of our student membership and encourage their active participation with ITE after graduation.
- **Active Participation** - Encourage members to get involved and experience the benefits of ITE!

I look forward to your input on how we can improve our profession! I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events in the District or please contact me at dadams@cmellp.com or (518) 446-0396 if you have any ideas/suggestions/feedback.