



As a very interesting and unique 2020 comes to a close, this is a good time to reflect where the Indiana Section has been and where it is going. As this year's past president, I just want to say a quick thank you to all those who have supported me and supported the Indiana Section. It has been a wonderful six years on the board and I look forward to continuing to serve and seeing what the future holds with our future board members and joining with the Midwestern District!

2020 OUTGOING PRESIDENT MESSAGE



LAURA SLUSHER

This will not be the usual outgoing President's message and we all know why — because it's me and I'm not traditional!

You thought I was going to say something about 2020, right? Ha! I want to focus on the positive of this year and forget the rest. The positive of this year were the volunteers who make this section what it is no matter the circumstances. They are the unsung heroes of this section, so it's time for me to

sing their praises (be thankful this isn't in person).

Our section could not function without our members who step up to volunteer their time and energy to our success. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to everyone who makes our section events happen. So many of the same people, year after year, run our committees, for which the board and membership are grateful. I want to take the time to recognize these hard-working individuals who are the backbone of our section.

Our signature event, the Scholarship Golf Outing, has been in the capable hands of Ken Slaninka, Zach Wolf, and John Nail for the past several years, and I think we can all agree they have done an outstanding job. This event has always been a successful fundraiser, and this year also provided the much-needed, safe, in-person event we all needed.

Our scholarship awards are in the very capable hands of Jim Loew, along with Matt Duffy, Jerry Bollinger, and Rich Zielinski. Every year they promote the scholarships to college students and evaluate applications of many deserving candidates in order to award scholarships. We had record applications this year and were able to award four scholarships to amazing students at Ball State, Trine, and Purdue (one was unable to attend).

Our Summer Seminar committee seamlessly evolved into hosting virtual events this year. Those events were very well-attended and provided a great way to connect with members and offer PDHs. These events would not



RICH ZIELINSKI



happen without the hard work of Sarah Baty, Nick Batta, Mike Siffer, Ryan Huebschman, and Rusty Holt.

The Technical Program Committee works hard to come up with the technical content for our Tech Lunches and Summer Seminar, led by Jim Poturalski with assistance from Dave Henkel, Tommy Nantung, Will Tolbert, Ed Cox, and Gary Mroczka. Every year, they strive to keep our events interesting and current.

Our Social Committee is led by Amir Mafarjeh with help from Pratik Srivastava and Lifeng Chen. We are grateful for their attempts to plan fun, relaxing ways for us to network socially.

A little-known committee of one is staffed by the hard-working Kim Mills, who does our section's financial audits yearly. You can trust the section finances are well-scrutinized by her eagle eyes and every penny is accounted for.

Another committee of one is the Nominations Committee of Dave Henkel, who coordinates our yearly election for new board members. With additional positions to fill this year, Dave kept us moving along to meet several nomination deadlines.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone on the Executive Board who works tirelessly on top of their normal work duties to run the Section: Lauren Arthur, Rusty Holt, Jerry Bollinger, Hillary Lowther, and Rich Zielinski. In addition to monthly Section meetings, they participate in the District Board or on other District committees; liaise with and participate in all the aforementioned committees; publish a monthly newsletter; track Section finances; plan, set up, and attend events; and overall try to preserve the robust Section our membership has entrusted us with.

These positions are usually a thankless job, except for today, when I give a heartfelt thanks to you all.

Thank you,
Laura Slusher

WELCOME TOM FORD AND MIKE SIFFER TO ITE LOCAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



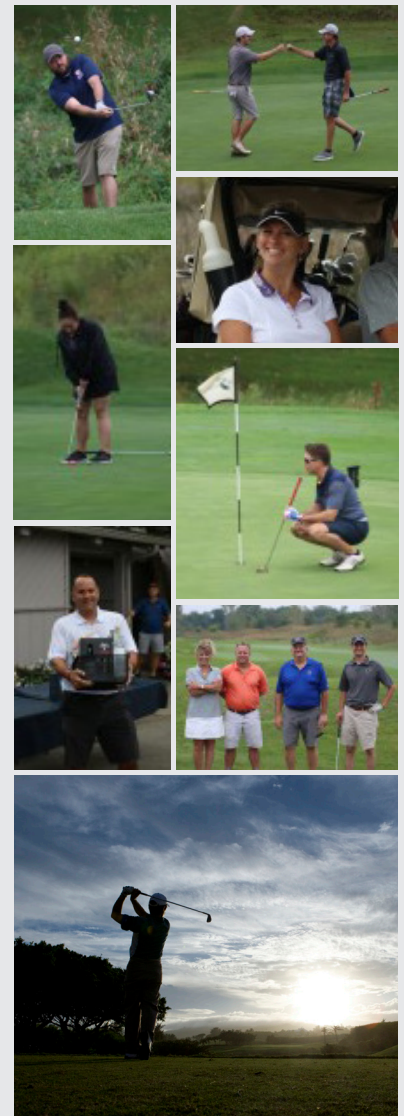
Tom Ford

Hello everyone! My name is Thomas E. Ford and I want to thank you all for electing me to be your ITE Indiana Section liaison to the Great Lakes District Board of ITE. I have been involved with ITE for a while now as I served on the Indiana Section Board in the late 1980s and early 1990s. I was your Indiana Section president in 1991 and immediate past president in 1992. At that time, these positions also made you a member of the ITE District III Board, which is the predecessor of the current Great Lakes District.

For many years, I have wanted to get more engaged in the workings of ITE, and I was happy to run for the newly created position of ITE Indiana Section liaison to the Great Lakes District Board. In my new position, I look forward to sharing what is happening in the Indiana Section with the Great Lakes Board and in bringing back new information from the District Board to you all here in Indiana and how the newly reformed District may impact us going forward. I believe this is an exciting time for the Great Lakes District as many new opportunities are surfacing. ITE exists through volunteerism. New

2020 ITE SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

Every year (yes even in 2020), we are able to put all the craziness of work, home life, and this year the pandemic and just go out and have a little fun for a good cause. The Scholarship Golf Outing is a staple for our Indiana Section and serves as our primary fundraising event in addition to our ITE sponsors. It is always great to see everyone, and we were able to pull off a very successful outing. Here are just a few pictures of the fun we had at this year's outing.



committees are being formed at the district level, and if any of you have ever considered doing more with ITE but have not been able to join the Section Board yet, please consider joining a district committee to help ITE grow.

Again, I thank you all for voting me into this position and I look forward to the next two years of this involvement in trying to assist ITE grow even better to serve all of the traffic engineering and transportation planning areas in and around our Great Lakes District and worldwide.



Mike Siffer

This past year I volunteered to put my name on the ballot for the new position of district board member. This will start a rotation for me of each office at the ITE Great Lakes District Board. The new district encompasses Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. I serve as vice chair of the communication committee that is in process of developing the new district website and will be part of the audit committee that will perform a review of the finances.

When I worked in Toledo, Ohio, I served as the section secretary for the American Society of Highway Engineers. Serving the profession is an important part of developing a career and I enjoyed that time. Upon moving to Fort Wayne, Indiana, I learned that ITE was the path for similar involvement but with the organization primarily out of Indianapolis, I was reluctant to volunteer. While I have helped on some of the summer seminar committees, I did not get called to serve.

Having work experience in both Indiana and Ohio, I have a perspective on how both states function professionally. My location in Fort Wayne, puts me near potential activities in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio. While my location has limited my role in the Indiana Section, this opportunity will allow for me to serve my state on a district level. I consider it my responsibility to build value for members of ITE, developing programs that can be resources for member's careers and opportunities to learn more about their profession outside of the bubble we sometimes we find ourselves in.

This is an exciting time in ITE history as we realign and transition to a new district, and I am excited to participate in this expansion and collaboration. The 2021 Great Lakes District Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 19-20, 2021 at the Hilton Columbus – Easton. This will be the first meeting of the newly realigned Great Lakes District. The registration and call for abstracts will be coming soon.

2021 INCOMING PRESIDENT MESSAGE



LAUREN ARTHUR

Indiana ITE Section Members,

What an honor it is to be your incoming 2021 Indiana ITE President! 2020 has been quite the year for us all, and it is hard to tell what 2021 will bring (besides a new baby for Eric and I). Indiana ITE has adapted to these COVID times by hosting virtual events, and we will continue that trend into 2021 until it is safe to gather again.

As we move into 2021, I would love your input on new virtual meeting types you would be interested in, presentation topics you want to learn more about, and any ideas you have on increasing

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participation at Section events (in person or virtual). We want to provide the most benefit we can for our membership; in order to do so, we need your feedback. What do you like about Indiana ITE? What could we do differently? Please reach out to myself or any other member of the board with your thoughts and ideas.

One of my biggest goals this coming year is to increase attendance at Section events. To achieve this goal, I want to focus on two things:

- Hosting events that members are interested in attending
 - » More socials?
 - » More trainings for PDH's?
 - » Tours?
 - » A new style event we haven't done before?
- Increasing student attendance at events and converting student members to Section members once they graduate

Student members are vital to the future of our profession and we need to put a larger focus on connecting with them. We will spread out the student events throughout the school year, and come up with event ideas that will benefit the Section membership and the students in order to increase Section member attendance.

Before I wrap up, I want to thank Laura for all the time she has put in as Indiana Section President. She has left me some big shoes to fill! I also want to welcome to our newest board members, Sarah, Tom, and Mike – we look forward to working with you! I do want to thank all the 2021 board members in advance for stepping up when I am unable to attend events this winter/spring. I don't plan to miss anything, but apparently kids have a mind of their own.

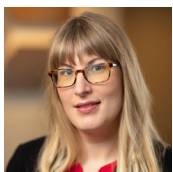
I know that everyone is swamped right now with work, family, and navigating this crazy world we're living in. I appreciate you all taking the time to celebrate the end of the year with us and we look forward to seeing you in person again soon. Happy holidays to you and your families!

Sincerely,



Lauren Arthur, PE

INDIANA SECTION'S INCOMING DIRECTOR



The Indiana Section would like to welcome Sarah Baty as next year's Director. Sarah has been a long standing and active ITE member, serving on our sections ITE Summer Seminar Committee. We look forward to Sarah coming on board and serving our membership!

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We look forward to seeing all of you in some way, shape, or form in 2021!!