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Incoming President's Message

By Rusty Holt

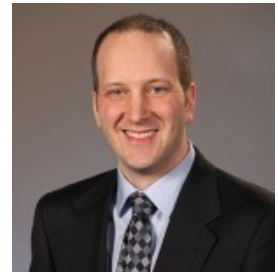
Indiana ITE Section Members and Friends,

As we put a bow on 2021 and head into another new year, and another iteration of the Indiana Section board, it's time to look forward. The one item that sticks out to me as I look into 2022 is a return to normalcy. We'd like to return to a better version of "normal", combining the best of the in-person schedule with what we've learned we can accomplish virtually over the past 20 months. No one really wants multi-hour conferences over Zoom, but an occasional one-hour session will likely attract a larger audience virtually and will be something we look to incorporate into our normal schedule locally. Pairing that with our regular schedule of in-person meetings and social events pro-

vides an opportunity to be a true Indiana-wide Section.

We're also in early stages of expanding on cooperation between professional organizations in the area. We've held joint events in the past, including Day at the Track activities in May with ASCE and some social events with WTS, so this isn't new. The opportunity is there to better coordinate schedules, avoid overlaps, and partner with additional organizations to benefit the Transportation profession as a whole. We'll look to take some additional steps this year towards that end.

Looking bigger picture beyond Indiana, an emphasis will be placed this year on keeping students engaged professionally with ITE once they graduate, as well



as utilizing STEM activities to connect with K-12 students. If you have the time, we'd love for you to be a part of the action! If you're connected to a local university, we could use help better connecting with students and faculty. If you have a desire to be a part of STEM outreach, ITE has proven materials available to use in a class discussion or group event. We all know it's a great time to work in the local Transportation profession with plenty of opportunity, and we can help be part of the future by bringing more students into the field!

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Welcome New Board Members

Your 2022 Indiana Section Executive Board is:

Rusty Holt,
President
Hillary Lowther,
Vice President

Sarah Baty,
Treasurer
Toby Randolph,
Secretary
Joe Bruno,
Director

Tom Ford,
District Liaison
Lauren Arthur,
Past President

Outgoing President's Message

By Lauren Arthur

2021 – what a year! Even though life hasn't returned to normal, we have a lot to be thankful for this year. Of course, my personal biggest joy of the year was welcoming our baby boy into the world. I have to say a big thank you to the rest of the Section Board for covering for me when I was busy being a new mom.

On the ITE side, we were excited to start hosting and attending events in person again this year. It was wonderful to catch up with colleagues at the Great Lakes District Meeting in Columbus in August and the "Summer" Seminar here in October! And of course, we had a remarkable turn out at our Scholarship Golf Outing this year. Thank you to our committee members who volunteer their time to plan these amazing events for us each

year, as well as those that help with scholarships, nominations, audits, and more!

This year we established two new committees – Student Activities and Awards. The Student Activities committee has been beneficial in maintaining communications with our Student Chapters. Building those relationships with the students will help grow our Section membership as they graduate and join us as engineering professionals. The Awards Committee has done a great job of navigating this inaugural year of Indiana Section Awards. We are excited to be presenting awards for two categories this year and look forward to hopefully awarding more next year!

In closing, I just want to extend a big thank you to all the members for your continued participation in the Indiana Section. I appreciate you all, and it has been an honor being your Section President this year. Peace, love, and joy to you and your families this holiday season!



Congratulations to our 2021 Award Winners

2021 Transportation Professional of the Year - Great Lakes District

Gerald (Jerry) Bollinger,
CMT Engineering

2021 Transportation Professional of the Year - Indiana Section

Hardik Shah,
American Structurepoint

2021 Transportation Achievement in Traffic Engineering

City of Columbus,
INDOT, & CMT
for the SR 46 Overpass of
the L&I Railroad and SR 11

Incoming President's Message, cont.

In the same line of thinking, we have a long list of volunteers that do great work on committees, both locally and with the Great Lakes District. I've always felt that I get the most out of the organization when I'm involved, doing work to move things forward. We couldn't get everything accomplished in the year without you partnering with the Board, and are always looking for more help!

In closing, we've made it through virtual events and delayed and cancelled meetings, all without a financial setback. We've bounced back this year with a hugely successful golf outing and more live events. Thank you all for your willingness to be flexible and stay connected despite the distance! If you haven't been back with us in person at an event, I'd invite you to

reconnect and attend one of the great events we're planning in the next year. If you want to be more involved, please contact a Board member to get plugged into a committee. We're going to work towards normalcy this year, and would love to have you involved in Indiana ITE!

2021 Financial Summary

Beginning Balance: \$19,631.20

Current Balance (as of 12/7/21): \$19,918.30

Total Scholarships Awarded: \$14,500

Total Sponsorships: \$12,000

Amount Raised by Scholarship Golf Outing: \$2,740.82

*2022 Sponsorships now
available. Contact Rusty Holt at
Rusty.Holt@wsp.com.*

2021 Scholarship Awards

Quinten Prieur, Trine University,
Undergraduate Student, \$5000

Madelyn Sturgeon, University of Southern
Indiana, Undergraduate Student, \$5000

Bortiorakor Alabi, Purdue University,
Graduate Student, \$2500

Jairaj Desai, Purdue University,
Graduate Student, \$1000

Steven Rogers, Purdue University,
Graduate Student, \$1000

Welcome 2021 New Members

Mahjoub Abdalla,
Resolution Group

David Buck,
Butler, Fairman, & Seufert

Shashad Bhaskar Gujuran,
American Structurepoint

Amanda Johnson,
EMCS

Jeffrey Miller,
Wavetronix

Leila Sadeghi,
Purdue University

Sankalp Swami,
WSP

Andrew Wolf,
CrossRoad Engineers

Upcoming Events

January - Social

February - Tech Lunch

March - Purdue Road School

*Don't forget to submit your
2022 dues to ITE International!*