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Business Title: Transportation Engineer

Education: M.S. Transportation Engineering, 2011
B.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2010
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI



Work Experience:

I have been a transportation engineer at VHB since 2012 working in both the highway and traffic design groups. My experience includes Road Safety Assessments (RSAs), roadway design, bicycle and pedestrian facility design, and signal design in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Positions Held in ITE:

- Member, Institute of Transportation Engineers, 2014-Present
- Editor, The New England Chronicle, 2016-Present
- Member, NEITE Emerging Professionals Group
- Member, Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapters

Positions Held in Other Professional Organizations:

- Member, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2009-2014
- Treasurer, University of Rhode Island Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers
- Member, Chi Epsilon Honor Society
- Member, Tau Beta Pi Honor Society

Professional Registration:

- Professional Civil Engineer, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Goals:

While I feel that growing our membership is a common goal we all share, I would especially like to focus on maintaining the current members that we have. I would like the opportunity to serve on the executive board to help bring about new ideas and benefits that would translate directly to our current members. I feel that by expanding upon the opportunities that we offer, we will not only retain our existing membership, but also attract new members. In addition, I believe this would be a way to help maintain student members who sometimes only experience the benefits of ITE for a short time before graduation.

A second goal of mine would be to improve the communication between the New England Section and the state chapters. As the editor of the New England Chronicle newsletter, I have experienced first-hand the disconnect that can occur between the different groups within our Section. I would like to use my position as a member of a smaller state chapter to better help the Section understand how the state chapters function and to help the state chapters better understand the opportunities the Section affords.

Lastly, as ITE transitions from being exclusively a group of transportation engineers to a group of transportation professionals, I would like find ways we can incorporate these professionals into our technical programs and training. At the state and section level, we sometimes struggle with presentation topics being repetitive in the programs that we offer. By expanding our presenters to include those from other professions, NEITE could provide many new opportunities to learn about our profession from a different point of view. I would like to see a new variety of topics introduced while still helping our members meet the requirements of their professional licensures.