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Candidate for NEITE Junior Director

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Business Title: Transportation Consultant

Education: Master of Science in Civil Engineering, 2015
Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2013
University of Massachusetts Amherst (Amherst, MA)

Work Experience:

After I completed my Master's thesis with Dr. Michael Knodler, Jr. at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, I began working with VHB in the Boston office in January 2015 within the Transportation Planning and Operations group as a transportation consultant.

Positions Held in ITE:

- ❖ Member, Institute of Transportation Engineers, *2011 – Present*
- ❖ Chair, NEITE Emerging Professionals Group, *2016 – Present*
- ❖ Co-Chair, NEITE Emerging Professionals Group, *2015*
- ❖ Vice President, University of Massachusetts Amherst ITE Student Chapter, *2013 – 2014*
- ❖ Student Liaison, University of Massachusetts Amherst ITE Student Chapter, *2011 – 2013*
- ❖ Portsmouth 2016 LAC, Northeastern District
- ❖ New Haven 2019 LAC, Northeastern District

Positions Held in Other Organizations:

- ❖ Member, Young Professionals in Transportation Boston Chapter, *2015 - Present*
- ❖ Member, University of Massachusetts Amherst WTS Student Chapter, *2012 – 2014*
- ❖ Member, Chi Epsilon Honor Society

Professional Registration:

- ❖ Engineer in Training, MA

Awards and Honors:

- ❖ *ITE Journal*, Member Spotlight, *April 2017 Edition*
- ❖ NEITE Emerging Professional Award, *2016*
- ❖ University of Massachusetts Amherst ITE Student Service Award, *2014*

Goals:

Two goals that I am passionate about are member retention and increased member participation. I have been actively involved with ITE and the state, district, and international level since joining in 2011. I recognize the organization's struggle to retain membership. I could have easily let my membership expire and could have left the organization, but I saw the value in continuing my ITE membership when transitioning from a student to a consultant. Through my years as an ITE member, I was fortunate to build strong connections around the region and was introduced to the New England ITE Emerging Professionals Group. Although I chose to continue my ITE involvement, there are many past members who did not see the same value of an ITE membership. We need to find a way to adapt our organization and see how we can tailor our meetings and events to better fit the needs of our members.

For nearly three years, I have served as the committee chair for the Emerging Professionals Group, and I believe that we have made great strides. This year, the group organized and initiated the first year of our New England ITE Mentoring Program. The overarching goal of this program is to increase member interaction and participation across the New England state chapters. As someone who experienced the struggle of transitioning from a student to a young transportation professional, I wanted to take action and try to connect students and younger members with transportation professionals. As Junior Director, I will continue to work on innovative programs and events that will increase member collaboration and add value to an ITE membership.