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Candidate for Director
ITE New England Section

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Education: M.S., Civil Engineering – Transportation Option (2016) and B.S., Civil and Environmental Engineering (2011) from University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA

Work History: I am a licensed transportation engineer with over 7 years of experience in transportation and traffic engineering. Within my current position at BETA Group, Inc., I have been involved in a variety of projects including: traffic signal design, pedestrian/bicycle accessibility studies and traffic impact assessments.

Positions held for ITE:

- Membership Chair of New England Section for the past two years
- Member of the Massachusetts Chapter

Positions held in other professional organizations: Student Member of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Member of Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT)

Professional Registrations: Professional Engineer in Massachusetts; Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE)

Goals I would like to achieve: As the current membership committee chair for the New England Section and a younger member of the Section, my focus has been and will continue to be the success and growth of the Section. To achieve this goal, I hope to increase the membership of the section through a number of different ways. I would advocate for a greater outreach to the students population, increasing the membership of our student sections, both within existing student chapters and by working with local colleges and universities to form new student chapters. As a student in college, I was unaware of ITE and all the benefits that came with becoming a member. From having this experience, it makes me wonder just how many other students and young engineers could benefit from ITE. ITE has done an excellent job at providing education, professional development, and networking to its members and the goal is to communicate these benefits with the younger members and students. Our section has a great opportunity to share ideas and knowledge through our existing members. With the significant amount of younger members in our section eager to learn about new technologies and designs, our more experienced members have the ability to impart their knowledge and experience to the future generations.

In addition, the need to retain membership and draw an increase in participation at events, meetings, and trainings is another goal for the future. Having greater input from the members as to the specific topics that they would like to see as training or technical presentations will allow us to boost attendance and draw the attention of the entire section. Topics that will educate the section and keep us on the forefront of standards, technology, planning efforts and policies are keys to the success in years to come. Many of our section committees are comprised of just a single member chairing, organizing and administering the tasks associated with the committee. Educating and encouraging members on the various committees, what they do and how to become more involved is paramount for participation throughout the Section.

I will advocate for more social events such as the PawSox, SeaDogs and Fisher Cats games solely for networking and interactions. Often time events are tied into a technical session or a presentation, but having one or two social events to interact with section members outside of the workplace and typical meeting spaces would allow interaction that would otherwise not take place. Given the proper planning and location, these social outing would foster a more personal environment that would in turn generate more ITE participation. As part of these events, I would like to see more site tours and construction applications. Our technical presentations during section meetings are a wealth of information and engineering; however, seeing these applications implemented first-hand is a great opportunity for closure of these newer technologies or specific engineering tools that have been used.