

## **Derek L. Hug, P.E., PTOE**

### **Candidate for Junior Director**

**Company/Address:** Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.  
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**Title:** Senior Transportation Engineer

**Education:** B.S. Civil and Environmental  
Engineering, 1998  
University of Rhode Island – Kingston, RI



#### **Work Experience:**

Over my 21-year career, I have amassed a broad base of experience in the transportation engineering field. I started as a traffic engineer doing traffic impact studies and traffic signal design at a small firm in Connecticut, Barkan & Mess Associates. I then spent more than 16 years expanding my experience into roadway design, trail design, traffic calming and urban complete streets design at Fuss & O'Neill's Providence, RI office, before adding freeway design to my experience base in my current position at Stantec starting in January 2018.

#### **ITE Positions Held:**

- International Member – 1999-Present
- District 1 Annual Meeting Website Committee Co-Chair – 2019
- President, RI Chapter – 2015-2016
- Vice President, RI Chapter – 2013-2014
- Website Committee Chair, RI Chapter – 2009-2014
- Secretary, RI Chapter – 2012
- Treasurer, RI Chapter – 2010-2011

#### **Positions Held in Other Professional Organizations:**

- Scholarship Committee Member, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) RI Chapter – 2018-Present
- Member, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) RI Chapter – 2018-Present
- Member, Providence Engineering Society – 2018-Present
- University of Rhode Island Student Chapter Treasurer, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) – 1997
- University of Rhode Island Student Chapter Member, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) – 1995-1998

#### **Professional Registrations:**

- Professional Engineer – Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut

- Professional Traffic Operations Engineer

**Vision and Goals:**

Much is made about membership numbers. Membership numbers are the primary metric through which an organization such as ITE can assess how well they are serving their constituents. Membership (and involvement) will naturally increase when the body of transportation infrastructure professionals can see the value the organization brings to their profession and career.

Increasing membership and involvement will take time and effort. It starts young and local. Most current ITE members were first exposed to ITE either in college or through local events held by state chapters. Unfortunately, my experience as an officer of a state chapter is that there is little coordination between the state chapters and the Section. In my two years as Rhode Island Chapter President, correspondence with the Section was generally limited to the Section asking for Chapter Update Reports, or discussion about publicizing a meeting or event. The Section never once offered consultation or assistance in helping solve its own biggest issues, such as: How do we entice more involvement from public agencies and personnel? How do we better engage with young professionals, or students? How do we convert chapter members into international members?

That must change. Knowing that student chapters and state chapters are the entryway into the organization, the Section's focus needs to be in leveraging its resources into supporting these smaller, yet vital, parts of the organization. The Section has six state chapters under it, all of which have smart people volunteering their time. The Section has the resources and ability to assist these volunteers in being effective ambassadors to ITE. My focus as a Section officer would be to orient the Section's focus more toward service of its state chapters to drive future membership and involvement.