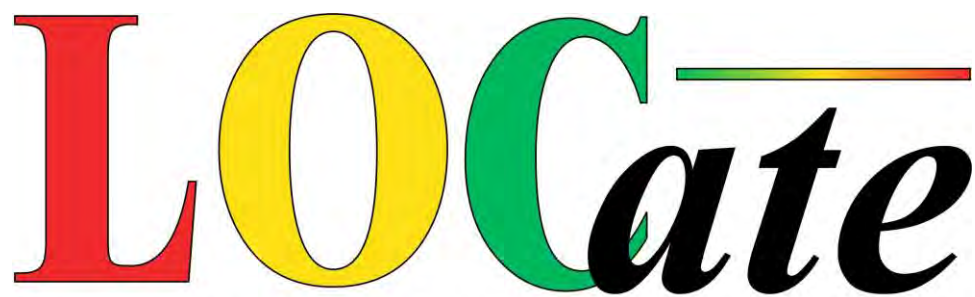


2010 Annual Chapter Report



Lincoln-Omaha-Council Bluffs
Association of Transportation Engineers

Summary

2010 was the fifth year of LOCATE. Highlights of the year include the third year of the award winning Making a Difference community service project, which LOCATE embarked upon in 2008. LOCATE also was a title sponsor of the annual ASCE/LOCATE Transportation Conference, which is held at the Walter Scott Conference Center in Omaha for a second straight year. This was the first year of LOCATE sponsoring and assisting NDOR with the Traffic Forum in October, also held at the Walter Scott Conference Center. In an effort to expand the membership, a joint meeting was held in October with the local chapter of NSPE. This joint sponsorship with NSPE is planned to continue in the future as well. One effort that was started in 2010 and is still ongoing is the creation and establishment of a LOCATE website.

The Chapter boundaries were established in 2005 to include the major cities of Lincoln, Omaha, and Council Bluffs. The counties of Washington, Douglas, Dodge, Sarpy, Cass, Saunders and Lancaster in Nebraska and Mills and Pottawattamie in Iowa make up the Nebraska-Iowa area. Our chapter encourages participation by all types of professionals including traffic, roadway design, planning, transit and many others, both public and private.

Membership

Area transportation professionals continued their support of the Chapter even with the uncertainty of the economy over the past year. Attendance at chapter meetings has remained at or near the level in previous years, with an average of over 31 professionals and 7 students in attendance at each Chapter meeting. On December 31, 2010, we had a total of 133 chapter members.

2010 Membership:	
Chapter Members	74
Chapter Affiliates	43
<u>Student Affiliates</u>	<u>16</u>
Total LOCATE Members	133

Activities

Notice of all Chapter meetings is distributed to over 140 transportation professionals within the Chapter area, including all members and affiliates. In 2010, LOCATE held ten activities including general meetings, a webinar, transportation conferences, golf outing and an annual meeting. The goal was to follow the lead of the previous year and hold the meetings and activities in the even months to help with attendance at the meetings. They are described as follows:

- Four general meetings were held as lunch meetings. The first general meeting was held on February 10th in Lincoln with a presentation on the Antelope Valley project.



Kris Humphrey Presenting at the February General Meeting in Lincoln, NE



LOCATE Board Members Ryan Huff (Treasurer) and Sarah Tracy (President) at the February General Meeting in Lincoln, NE.

- The second general meeting was held in Omaha on May 19th and was on the new downtown stadium project and future site for the College World Series.
- On August 31st the third general meeting was held in Lincoln and focused on the renovations to the Whittier Building on the UNL campus and included a tour of the building after lunch. This meeting was highly attended by students of the UNL due to the close proximity of the lunch site to the college campus.



Photo of the August General Meeting in Lincoln, NE



Photo of Dr. Larry Rilett speaking at the August General Meeting



Photo of the tour of the renovated Whittier Building after the August General Meeting in Lincoln, NE

- The final general meeting was held jointly with the local chapter of NSPE in Omaha and the topic was high speed rail from Chicago to Omaha.
- On March 9, LOCATE facilitated a professional development with a webinar from ITE. This was held in both Lincoln and Omaha and there were 31 people who attended the webinar at the two sites, 12 in Omaha and 19 in Lincoln. The topic of the webinar was “General Overview of the 2009 MUTCD.”
- LOCATE was presented with a unique offsite activity for both students and professionals on April 7th in Fremont, Nebraska. Nebraska Operation Life and Union Pacific Railroad extended an invitation to the University of Nebraska and LOCATE to ride the Operation Life Safety train. 11 professionals and 7 students participated in the activity.
- On April 9th, LOCATE was able to sponsor, for the second straight year, the joint ASCE/LOCATE Transportation Conference. It was a day-long event and approximately 225 transportation professionals from the area were in attendance.
- The annual golf outing was held on June 17th in Bellevue, Nebraska at Tregaron Golf Course. Approximately 28 members participated in the event, which included a buffet lunch and prizes.



Start of the Annual LOCATE Golf Outing at Tregaron Golf Course in Bellevue, NE



Inspecting an engineering project or retrieving a golf ball? LOCATE Annual Golf Outing



Board Members Matthew Kruse (Secretary) and Sarah Tracy (President) at the LOCATE Annual Golf Outing

- This was the first year that LOCATE was asked to sponsor the Traffic Forum with NDOR on October 15th. This was a day-long conference held in Omaha for approximately 120 professionals.
- It was previously mentioned in an online survey that the annual meeting format should be changed to an event that occurred during the work hours and be less formal, so a change was made in 2009. Based on the success of the previous meeting, the 2010 annual meeting was again held during the lunch hour at a site half way between Lincoln and Omaha. The annual meeting was held at Parker's Smokehouse on December 3rd in Ashland, Nebraska. There were 33 people in attendance with various speakers from the board and an ice breaker activity where people could get to know people better in a relaxed format. The winner of the activity and other raffle winners were given gift cards as prizes. Based on the comments already received the annual meeting was again a success.



LOCATE 2010 President Sarah Tracy receiving her Past-President Plaque at the 2010 LOCATE Annual Meeting in Ashland, NE

LOCATE activities and total attendance is listed in the table below.

Meeting	Speakers	Topic	Location	Attendees
General Meeting February 10, 2010	Kris Humphrey, City of Lincoln	Antelope Valley Project	Lincoln	35
ITE Webinar March 9, 2010	Hari Kalla, MUTCD Team Leader, FHWA	General Overview of the 2009 MUTCD	Lincoln & Omaha	32
Offsite Professional/ Student Activity April 7, 2010	N/A	Nebraska Operation Lifesaver & Union Pacific RR	Fremont	18
ASCE / LOCATE Transportation Conference April 9, 2010	Various	Various	Omaha	225
General Meeting May 19, 2010	John Dineen, HDR	Downtown Baseball Stadium Project	Omaha	39
Annual Golf Outing June 17, 2010	N/A	Golf	Bellevue	28
General Meeting August 31, 2010	Dr. Larry Rilett - UNL	University of Nebraska projects and tour of the renovated Whittier Building	Lincoln	43
NDOR Traffic Forum Conference October 15, 2010	Various	NDOR Traffic Forum	Omaha	120
LOCATE/NSPE Joint Meeting October 26, 2010	Will Sharp – HDR	High Speed Rail from Chicago to Omaha	Omaha	54
Annual Meeting December 3, 2010	Various	Year-End Summary & Ice Breaker Game	Ashland	32

Making a Difference Project

This program is entering into the third year of being presented in the local high schools. This project was started based on the challenge set forth in 2007 by MOVITE for the local chapters to find a way to “make a difference” in their communities. This completely volunteer program is entering the third school year of existence and continues to be going strong. Each year the program is updated with new data and facts, as well as new topics as the trends or events of everyday life change. The goal of the speaking program is that it continues to remain pertinent, informative, and relevant to local high school students.

In the past year, the program continues to focus on distracted driving and texting while driving, which has been in the news in various articles and studies, and which is also now illegal in the State of Nebraska. The program is still well received warmly by high school teachers and administrators, and emails from parents and students are received thanking the speakers for

sharing their time and information with the schools. The program is split between Lincoln and Omaha with Austin Yates heading up the Omaha effort and Mark Lutjeharms the Lincoln effort.

LOCATE continues to strive to meet the goal of 2,500 students per academic year and more effort to expand into other high schools is being discussed. The total number of students that have seen the presentation is 3,856 students. During the 2009-2010 school year, a total of 1,893 students experienced the presentation. A chart showing the semester totals and cumulative total of students seeing the presentation is included in the Appendix.

Leadership

Elections for our 2011 officers were held in November and early December of 2010. This process was again administered through an electronic ballot. The election utilized Elections On-Line the vendor used by ITE for international elections. This method proved to be very efficient and relatively successful. The voter turnout was 50 percent, with 62 members casting ballots.

The results of the 2010 Officer Elections were:

President	Mark Meisinger
Vice-President	Matthew Kruse
Secretary	Ryan Huff
Treasurer	Austin Yates
Affiliate Director	Randy Hoskins
Director of Education	Dr. Anuj Sharma
Past President	Sarah Tracy

Board Activities

The Board of Direction met nine times in 2010 to coordinate Chapter activities. As was the case in the previous year, the Board made an effort to meet via conference call to save drive time and costs. For additional details, the board meeting minutes are included in the Appendix.

The LOCATE Board was happy and privileged to donate money this past year to the MOVITE Scholarship Fund. The Board reviewed the finances from the previous years and felt that there was enough money to donate \$200 to the scholarship fund.

The idea of a LOCATE website has been discussed for the last several years and in 2009 it was decided that LOCATE would create a website. This has been an ongoing process throughout the year with discussions as to where to host the site and what should be on it. The LOCATE Board decided to have the website be hosted by Google since gmail is currently used to schedule events and communicate with the members, and the Google site seemed to meet the needs of the website. The website is currently in the final phase of implementation and will be going live in the near future.

The LOCATE Board would like to thank MOVITE for the opportunity again to sponsor a board member to attend the MOVITE meetings in 2010. Sarah Tracy, LOCATE President was able to use this for the MOVITE Spring Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

Finances

The philosophy of the Board for Chapter meeting expenses to be fully supported by meeting income remains the same and has proven to be once again effective in 2010. The Chapter ended 2010 with an account balance of \$1,272.57.

Annual dues were used to support the other operations of the Chapter, such as providing free meeting attendance (including meals) for students. The funds raised at the golf outing and webinar were used to provide raffle prizes at the annual meeting.

Chapter finances were tracked and reported at each meeting. The final 2010 Treasurer's Report, listing total expenses, revenues and reserves, is included in the Appendix.

The 2011 Budget was developed based on past history and anticipated future expenses and income. The 2011 Budget will be approved by the Board of Direction in early 2010 and is included in the Appendix.

Appendix: 2010 Annual Chapter Report

Contents include:

2010 Actual Income & Expenses

2011 Budget

Summary of Making A Difference Campaign

Board Meeting Minutes

General meeting Agendas

