



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Summary

The Nebraska Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (NITE), a section of the Missouri Valley District of ITE (MOVITE), celebrated its fourth year as a section in 2024. Through the leadership of our president, Brooke Barrett, the NITE Board continued its commitment to providing professional development opportunities for public and private sector transportation professionals across the entire state of Nebraska and the Iowa counties of Harrison, Mills, and Pottawattamie. NITE has also continued its support of the DriveSmart program.

Membership

Section membership rose slightly this year, from 108 in 2023 to 116 in 2024. All local NITE meetings were held in person in 2024. NITE continued its outreach to the local universities with a student meet and greet held at the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) to help encourage participation of students. This compliments the meet and greet we had at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) in 2023. We plan to continue this event each fall alternating between UNL and UNO each year.

Activities

The 2024 Section calendar was filled with a variety of technical and social events. NITE held four general meetings (including the annual meeting); collaborated with ASCE and NSPE on two joint events; and held an outdoor member appreciation event. Additionally, the younger member committee held two events with one event in Lincoln and the second in Omaha. Section activities and notification of members was done electronically through email as well as the Section’s website. NITE continued using its social media account on LinkedIn to engage with our membership. Meeting minutes for each of the meetings are available in the Appendix. Each of the events is described below, followed by a summary of the meetings in Table 1.

- **March 2024:** The first general meeting of the year was held on March 14, 2024, in Council Bluffs at the River’s Edge Pavilion. The meeting featured Mark Pohlman, who gave a presentation on “Get Charged Up: Iowa’s NEVI Program” (Figure 1). The presentation covered the development of the NEVI program throughout Iowa. (20 attendees)



Figure 1 – Get Charged Up: Iowa’s NEVI Program, Mark Pohlmann

- **May 2024:** The Younger Member Committee (YMC) held its first event of the year on May 2, 2024, at Craft Axe Throwing in Lincoln (Figure 2). Members were able to network and enjoy food and beverages as they enjoyed mini bowling. (8 members in attendance)



Figure 2 - YMC Event at Craft Axe Throwing in Lincoln

- **April 2024:** NITE was proud to host MOVITE in Omaha for the week of April 15th-19th at the historic Cottonwood Hotel. This included a pre-Meeting mini-golf event at the Fat Putter, several speakers on topics such as the Omaha Streetcar (taking place just outside the venue), Bus Stop Impacts on Roadways, Predicting Potentially Problematic Perceived Yellow Traps by the City of Omaha, and an evening social where participants had to fill out the Passport booklet by visiting local establishments throughout the local Blackstone District. (Attendance 243)



Figure 3 - MOVITE Save the Date

- **May 2024:** The NITE/ASCE Nebraska Chapter Transportation (NEASCE) conference was held on May 31, 2024, at the Scott Conference Center in Omaha (Figure 4). Several speakers were featured discussing a range of topics including Ashland's Modular Roundabout, UNL EV Crash Testing, Closing the Gaps in Papio NRD's Trail System, and Omaha's 205th and Cumberland Roundabout, and more. (Attendance 151)



Figure 4 - NITE/ASCE Conference

- **July 2024:** The NITE Board hosted the ninth annual mini-golf member appreciation event in Omaha on July 14, 2024 (Figure 5). This was held at Boulder Creek. Members enjoyed snacks, beverages, and a round of mini golf. (20 members in attendance)



Figure 5 - NITE Appreciation Event at Boulder Creek

- **August 2024:** The August general meeting was held at the JEO Lincoln office on August 31, 2024. Steve McCullough of NDOT presented on NDOT’s Takeaways from Capital Projects. This presentation was originally supposed to be a part of the NITE/ASCE Conference, however Steve was unable to make that, so this meeting offered him another chance to present on the topic (Figure 6). (23 members in attendance)



Figure 6 - Steve McCullough Presenting at JEO

- **September 2024:** The YMC hosted its first “Transportation on Tap” social at The Casual Pint in Omaha on September 19th. These socials help to provide networking opportunities while “leaving the company at the door” (Figure 7). (10 members in attendance)



Figure 7 - Transportation on Tap

- **October 2024:** The October general meeting was held in conjuncture with the UNO Student Meet & Greet in Omaha on October 8, 2024. Dr. Nathan Huynh presented on Justice40 and the NEVI Program (Figure 8). (16 members in attendance)



Figure 8 - Dr. Nathan Huynh Presenting at UNO

- **November 2024:** The joint NITE/NSPE meeting was held on November 6, 2024, at the Scott Conference Center in Omaha. Ryan ZimmerMas Presented in Spark – Convene, Collaborate, Catalyze (Figure 9). (12 NITE members in attendance)



Figure 9 - Ryan ZimmerMas, From Spark, presented on all they are doing in Omaha

- December 2024:** The NITE annual meeting was held on December 6, 2024. The meeting included the end-of-year business meeting, a speaker, a look ahead to next year, and transportation themed music bingo! The new board member, Dan Carpenter, was announced and Brooke Barrett was honored as the departing Section President (Figure 10). The speakers were Jason Carbee and Morgan Buckmaster who presented on the Western Sarpy Transportation Enhancement Plan. (40 members in attendance)



Figure 10 - Brooke Barrett being honored for serving on the NITE Board

Table 1. 2024 NITE Event Summary

Date	Event	Location	Speaker	Topic	In Person Attendance
3/14	March General Meeting	River’s Edge Pavilion Council Bluffs, IA	Mark Pohlmann	Get Charged Up: Iowa’s NEVI Program	20
4/15 – 4/19	MOVITE	Cottonwood Hotel Omaha, NE	Various	Various	243
5/2	Younger Member Event	Craft Axe Throwing Lincoln, NE	-	-	8
5/31	NITE/ASCE Joint Conference	Scott Conference Center Omaha, NE	Various	Various	151
7/12	Mini-Golf Social Event	Boulder Creek Omaha, NE	-	-	20
8/29	August General Meeting	JEO Lincoln Office	Steve McCullough	NDOT’s Takeaways from Capital Projects	23
9/19	Transportation On Tap	The Casual Pint	-	-	10
10/8	Student Meet & Greet and October General Meeting	UNO’s Peter Kiewit Institute	Dr. Nathan Huynh	Justice40 and the NEVI Program	16
11/6	Joint NITE/NSPE Meeting	Scott Conference Center Omaha, NE	Ryan ZimmerMas	Spark – Convene, Collaborate, Catalyze	12*
12/6	Annual Meeting	Parker’s Smokehouse Ashland, NE	Jason Carbee and Morgon Buckmaster	Western Sarpy Transportation Enhancement Plan	40

*Note: This number only includes NITE Members.

DriveSmart

This project was initiated in 2008 after the MOVITE president challenged local chapters to find ways to “make a difference” in their communities. In response, NITE (formerly LOCATE) developed an outreach program to educate local area high school students regarding safe choices when driving. The goal of the program is to discuss safe driving choices with teens that are either beginning to drive or have just begun driving. By introducing these topics to drivers at a young age, we hope to help them form good driving habits and raise their awareness regarding the various consequences associated with poor choices behind the wheel.



At the end of 2015, this program became independent of the LOCATE/NITE organization. However, it is still primarily staffed and run by NITE members and receives sponsorship through NITE. The program is run and maintained by Brian Johnson. Brian organizes presentations and volunteers within the Lincoln and Omaha area. Lincoln area schools continued to be the main source of student reach for the DriveSmart program, driven by Nebraska DOT volunteers. Omaha area schools mostly consisted of Millard and Gretna schools. The program was able to reach 1,056 students in 2024. Cumulatively since its inception, the DriveSmart Presentation has reached over 32,500 students.

Looking ahead to 2025, Omaha’s Vision Zero plan may provide some content that can be incorporated into the DriveSmart Presentation. There are also plans to update/refresh the presentation with up to date statistics and more relevant information. Anything new, relevant, and fresh will likely result in a higher amount of participation and potential.

Younger Member Committee

As part of the ONE ITE initiative, the Younger Member Committee continued its goal of increasing participation among younger members and increasing our outreach with local university students for its third year. The Younger Member Committee is chaired by Tim Adams and other committee members include Peyton Weiss and Carter Ross. This committee plans social events in both Omaha and Lincoln as well as being involved with the student meet and greets.

Board Activities

The Board of Director’s met twice in 2024 to coordinate a variety of things from Section activities to the NITE Section transition. The first board meeting was held in person in Omaha and the second meeting was held virtually. Meeting minutes for each of the meetings are available in the Appendix. A summary of the meetings is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. 2024 NITE Board Event Summary

Date	Event	Location
January 3, 2024	Kick-off Meeting	BW’s Pub & Grill, Ashland
June 11, 2024	Board Meeting	Virtual

Leadership Transitions

The election for our 2025 Treasurer was held in November/December of 2024. Two candidates vied for the position: Dan Carpenter and Connor Gilinsky. In addition, Garret Menard ran unopposed for NITE’s MOVITE Section Representative. The candidate bios are included in the Appendix. This process was administered through the election website, OpaVote. Private, electronic ballots were sent out to the membership and all voting was kept confidential. The cost to use the OpaVote voting system was \$10 for these elections. Voter turnout was strong, with 61 completed and returned ballots. The results of the 2024 elections are shown below and can be found in the Appendix:

Section Board

President	Kevin Brown
Vice President	Mark Friend II
Secretary	Lamees Al Ghamari
Treasurer	Dan Carpenter – <i>(New Board Member)</i>
Section Representative	Garret Menard
Past President	Brooke Barrett

Committees

Education	Dr. Nathan Huynh
DriveSmart – Omaha	Brian Johnson
DriveSmart – Lincoln	Brian Johnson
Website	Kara Kosiski
Younger Member	Tim Adams

Finances

In 2024, NITE operated a deficit of about \$288. Despite this, NITE was still able to continue its contributions to the following expenditures:

- Sponsorship of DriveSmart
- Free lunches for students attending general meetings
- Member Appreciation event
- Expenses related to the NITE website
- Miscellaneous meeting expenses

Annual dues and lunch costs charged to the members primarily covered the expenses related to general meetings and other operations of the Section, such as providing free meeting attendance (including meals) for students. 2024 member dues were \$24, up from \$20 in 2023. At the end of 2024, the Section's account balance was \$5,137.31. The previous trends experienced by NITE, such as raising lunch and venue costs were almost completely offset by obtaining four corporate sponsorships this past year. In addition to expanding the number of sponsorships, the Board will also be looking at event spaces that are either free or cheaper than what has previously been used. Finally, the Board intends to review member dues at the mid-year Board meeting to assess raising dues again for 2026. These measures should allow NITE to operate with an even annual balance or at a surplus. The final 2024 Treasurer's Report, listing total expenses, revenues, and reserves, is included in the **Appendix**.

With the 2024 financial information, anticipated future expenses and income were estimated to develop a NITE Section budget for 2025. The 2025 budget will be approved by the Board of Direction in early 2025 and is included in the **Appendix**.

Appendix: 2024 Annual Section Report

Contents include:

- General Meeting Agendas
- Board Meeting Agendas & Minutes
- Election Results
- 2024 Actual Income & Expenses
- 2025 Budget

General Meeting Agendas



NITE GENERAL MEETING

March 14, 2024

11:30am – 1:00pm

River's Edge Pavilion

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 - i. ITE – A Community of Transportation Professionals
 - ii. More integration with Transportation Planning Professionals
 - c. Sponsors
 - i. FHU
 - ii. HDR
 - iii. JEO
 - iv. Olsson
2. Vice President's Report (Kevin Brown)
 - a. ITE Virtual Spring Conference March 19-20
 - b. MOVITE Spring Meeting – April 17-19 Omaha
 - c. ASCE/NITE Transportation Conference – May 31
3. Secretary's Report (Mark Friend)
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August 29, 2024

11:30am – 1:00pm

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October 8, 2024
11:00am – 1:30pm
Peter Kiewit Institute at UNO

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November 6, 2024

11:30am – 1:00pm

Scott Conference Center

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December 6, 2024

11:30am – 1:00pm

Parker's Smokehouse

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9. Games/Prizes (Kevin Brown)

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Board Meeting Agendas & Minutes



NITE BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2024

11:30am – 1:30pm

BW's Pub & Grill

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- DriveSmart Committee
 - Appoint co-chairs
 - Omaha - Open
 - Replacement for Omaha Chair?
 - Brian Johnson (Lincoln)
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 - Kara Kosiski
 - Mark Friend
- Education Committee
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5. 2024 Budget (Lamees Al Ghamari)
 - a. Need budget line for the Young Member Committee - \$1,000?
 - b. New Sponsorships
6. Younger Member Committee (Tim Adams)
 - a. Formal Events
 - i. Spring – Omaha
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 - b. Informal Events
 - c. Student Involvement
 - i. University chapter is looking for speakers
 - ii. University chapter wants to put together Traffic Bowl team
 - iii. University chapter
 - d. Needing to reassemble the Young Member Committee
7. Record Retention
 - a. Update your folders from last year’s role
 - b. Cloud storage for free from ITE International
 - i. Office 365 account and file storage set up
 1. Need to add Lamees



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8. Website

- a. <https://nebraskaite.org/>
- b. Annual Updates (officers, annual report, etc.)
- c. Other suggestions for revamp / major updates?
- d. Lamees to send Kara a headshot for website

9. MailChimp

- a. No issues, continue with this platform

10. DriveSmart

- a. Content
- b. August kickoff
- c. Support / Investment

11. MOVITE

- a. Scholarship - \$200, Form returned to MOVITE Treasurer
- b. Spring Meeting in Omaha; April 17-19
- c. Fall Meeting in Manhattan, KS; Date TBD

12. Meetings

- a. Plan on in-person but will revert to virtual if necessary.
 - i. Follow local guidance on masking, etc.
- b. Offer Hybrid Meetings with FHU's equipment – MOVITE is pushing for hybrid meetings
- c. Cost \$20 - \$25?
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- d. February/March – General Meeting (Council Bluffs)
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13. Potential Meeting Topics / Presenter

- a. Omaha area Incident Management (HDR)
- b. Omaha Vision Zero-Jeff Sobczyk
- c. National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI)-Curtis Nosal NDOT
- d. Todd Pfitzer- Plans for Douglas County/election Process
- e. South Beltway (NDOT)
- f. Saltillo Rd (Lancaster County)



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- g. 33rd & Cornhusker Viaduct
- h. eScooters (Lincoln or Omaha)
- i. Omaha BRT
- j. Farnam Street Improvements
- k. Speakers outside the Section
- l. New University of Nebraska-Lincoln Engineering Building
- m. I-29/I-480/West Broadway Council Bluffs (IDOT)
- n. Madison Avenue Interchange Council Bluffs (IDOT)
- o. MAPA Planning Presentation (Matt Helgerson)
- p. MetroNEXT Transit Plan
- q. Omaha Streetcar
- r. I-80, Pleasant Dale – NW 56th St (FHU/NDOT)
- s. Murray – Plattsmouth (NDOT)
- t. Fremont Southeast Beltway
- u. Omaha 156th St (OPW)
- v. “Baby Bob” Pedestrian Connector Bridge
- w. Omaha Traffic Control Signal Removals

14. NITE Sponsorships

- a. Typically tied to the student meet and greet.
 - i. \$100 per table
- b. Additional sponsorship to increase NITE revenue
 - i. \$500? \$750?
 - ii. Logo on website
 - iii. Logo on all email correspondence

15. Scholarship

- a. Have we been keeping up with this?

16. NITE Section Awards

- a. Create awards to correspond to MOVITE awards
 - i. Awards listed below with MOVITE requirements
- b. Distinguished Member
 - i. Honorary designation for contributions for many years
 - ii. Nomination by board member
- c. Rising Star Award
 - i. Under 35 years old
 - ii. Made an impact, ability to lead next generation, and/or have implemented innovative techniques to solve transportation problems
 - iii. Can only win once
 - iv. Nomination is an application process
- d. Transportation Professional of the Year Award
 - i. Achievement in transportation/traffic engineering over a period of years
 - ii. Nomination by any NITE member



NITE BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2024

11:30am – 1:30pm

BW's Pub & Grill

Attendees: Brook Barrett, Kevin Brown, Mark Friend II, Lamees Al Ghamari, Garret Schram, Adam Denney, Brian Johnson, Kara Kosiski

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 - iii. Appoint other members
 1. Kevin Brown (Vice President)
 - iv. In charge of collecting nominations for Rising Star
 - v. Will bring names to July Board meeting for Distinguished Member
 - vi. Will submit for MOVITE awards for the following year
- b. Tellers Committee
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 - ii. Appoint chair
 1. Mark Friend (Secretary) with OpaVote.
- c. DriveSmart Committee
 - i. Appoint co-chairs
 1. ~~Omaha – Open~~ REMOVED
 - a. Replacement for Omaha Chair?
 - b. Normally about 4 Schools:
 - i. Gretna Middle, Millard (3)
 - c. Largest concern: Speakers for Omaha



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2. Brian Johnson (Lincoln)
 - a. Willing to take on the few existing Omaha schools,
 - b. Will ensure that a call for speakers is sent out this spring by NITE,
 - c. Will seek to start presenting in Omaha Schools in Fall 2024, potentially with new speakers from email call, and
 - d. Will reach out to DriveMART Nebraska thru NDOT safety office to investigate a partnership.
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 - i. Start charging \$5-\$10 for YM events
 - b. New Sponsorships
 - i. See Section 14 “NITE Sponsorships”
 - c. While amounts are initially appearing to be lower than originally anticipated, plan on \$1000 from MOVITE LAC
 - d. Board approved max increase allowed without vote, UP TO \$XX
 - i. Early Fall will notify ITE
6. Younger Member Committee (Tim Adams)
 - a. Formal Events
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 - c. Other suggestions for revamp / major updates?
 - d. Lamees to send Kara a headshot for website
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 - f. Meeting with Kara, Kevin, and Mark pending to discuss website functionalities



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- b. Spring Meeting in Omaha; April 17-19
- c. Fall Meeting in Manhattan, KS; Date ~~TBD~~ **Oct 16-18 at the Hilton Garden Inn & Convention Center**
- d. Cost Share – Due to the LAC being ran by the local section, profits are currently split: 66% MOVITE, 33% Local Section
 - i. This will go away when, in a couple years, MOVITE reduces to once per year and is organized at the District level.

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 - i. **Ensure at least one "non-pork" food**



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13. Potential Meeting Topics / Presenter

- a. Omaha area Incident Management (HDR)
- b. Omaha Vision Zero-Jeff Sobczyk
- c. National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI)-Curtis Nosal NDOT
- d. Todd Pfitzer- Plans for Douglas County/election Process
- e. South Beltway (NDOT)
- f. Saltillo Rd (Lancaster County)
- g. 33rd & Cornhusker Viaduct
- h. eScooters (Lincoln or Omaha)
- i. Omaha BRT
- j. Farnam Street Improvements
- k. Speakers outside the Section
- l. New University of Nebraska-Lincoln Engineering Building
- m. I-29/I-480/West Broadway Council Bluffs (IDOT)
- n. Madison Avenue Interchange Council Bluffs (IDOT)
- o. MAPA Planning Presentation (Matt Helgerson)
- p. MetroNEXT Transit Plan
- q. Omaha Streetcar
- r. I-80, Pleasant Dale – NW 56th St (FHU/NDOT)
- s. Murray – Plattsmouth (NDOT)
- t. Fremont Southeast Beltway (Schemmer)
- u. Omaha 156th St (OPW)
- v. “Baby Bob” Pedestrian Connector Bridge
- w. Omaha Traffic Control Signal Removals
- x. [Omaha Lincoln NDOT Roundtable](#)
- y. [PROWAG, MUTCD update](#)

14. NITE Sponsorships

- a. Typically tied to the student meet and greet.
 - i. \$100 per table
 - ii. [This \\$100 per table is tied to the Scholarship Donation \(see Section 15 “Scholarship”\)](#)
- b. Additional sponsorship to increase NITE revenue
 - i. [Information on what ISITE provides at different sponsorship levels was provided at the meeting. Based on this discussion, the following was selected as NITE’s Sponsorship level:](#)
 1. \$500
 - a. [Logo on website](#)
 - b. [Logo/Link on general emails](#)
 - c. [Dedicated sponsor email](#)
 - d. [Logo displayed and acknowledgement at all NITE events](#)
 - e. [Recognition in Annual Report](#)
 - f. [Recognition on NITE LinkedIn account](#)
 2. [It is the hope that this will allow \\$15/Meetings](#)

15. Scholarship



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- a. Have we been keeping up with this?
 - i. Yes, funds from the Meet and Greet are donated to the Patrick T. McCoy Fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation

16. NITE Section Awards

- a. Create awards to correspond to MOVITE awards
 - i. Awards listed below with MOVITE requirements
- b. Distinguished Member
 - i. Honorary designation for contributions for many years
 - ii. Nomination by board member
- c. Rising Star Award
 - i. Under 35 years old
 - ii. Made an impact, ability to lead next generation, and/or have implemented innovative techniques to solve transportation problems
 - iii. Can only win once
 - iv. Nomination is an application process, whole board picks
- d. ~~Transportation Professional of the Year Award - REMOVED~~
 - ~~i. Achievement in transportation/traffic engineering over a period of years~~
 - ~~ii. Nomination by any NITE member~~



NITE BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2024

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Virtual Meeting

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 1. \$20 currently
 - i. Able to increase 20% per year without vote
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 - i. **ISITE does 3rd Thursday**
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 - i. **Meet and Greet – Target Mid Sept.**
 - ii. **Oct 1st – Durham Career Fair**
 - iii. **Plan for only Fall Meet & Greets going forward, alternate Lincoln/Omaha**
 5. October – MOVITE meeting (Manhattan, KS)
 6. November – Joint NSPE/ NITE Meeting
 - i. 11/6/24 (NSPE organizes in 2024)
 1. **11.30 – 1p**
 2. **Brooke to confirm they have a speaker lined up**
 7. December – Annual Meeting @ Parker's (Reserve 6-months prior)
 - i. **Kevin to lead the meeting**
 1. **Music Bingo with Transportation Songs**
 - a. **Send ideas to Kevin**
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 4. Kevin to draft NITE application and send around for approval
 5. Plan to follow MOVITE applications so NITE can “pass along”
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Election Results



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EDUCATION

BS, CIVIL ENGINEERING, 2017

University of Nebraska-Omaha

REGISTRATION

- Professional Engineer: NE

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)
- Nebraska Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (NITE)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig (FHU)

2018 - PRESENT

Transportation Engineer IV

Omaha, Nebraska

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

2017 - 2018

Highway Designer

St. Joseph, Missouri

STATEMENT

Thank you for considering me to serve on the NITE board. I have been attending NITE meetings since 2018 and am excited for the opportunity to give back to the organization in a more meaningful way through this position.

As a member of the board, I plan to build on the organization's existing success by prioritizing young member engagement and enhancing student meet and greets. To do this, I will focus on making these events more engaging for our members and the students we encounter.

I am also looking forward to possibly spearheading a NITE golf outing, pickleball evening, or similar event to increase the availability of scholarships for the Patrick T. McCoy Fund.

Thank you, again, for your time and consideration. I look forward to serving you as a member of the board.

Dan Carpenter, PE, PTOE

Transportation Project Manager

MY GOALS AS TREASURER

► EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Emphasize the adoption of emerging technologies in transportation engineering.

► STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Promote student engagement through initiatives and events.

► SAFETY INITIATIVES

Focus on increasing safety for all road users.

► MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Leverage current NITE events to drive additional membership.

► DRIVE SMART PROGRAM

Encourage participation in the Drive Smart program to educate younger drivers.



STATEMENT

I have been a dedicated member of NITE, formerly known as LOCATE, for years. I've been consistently inspired by the collaborative spirit that defines transportation engineering in Nebraska. This collaboration fuels my commitment to advancing our field. As a member of the NITE Board, I am eager to drive transportation engineering towards a brighter future, with a special focus on integrating emerging technologies, enhancing student engagement, and prioritizing the safety of all road users.

My experience as a former public agency member has given me a firsthand understanding of the transformative power of programs like Drive Smart, which educates younger drivers and promotes road safety. I am passionate about encouraging all our members to actively participate in this initiative to reach and educate more students.

Additionally, I aim to leverage our current NITE events to increase membership and provide our members with engaging and informative topics. My commitment is to ensure that our events not only attract new members but also offer valuable learning opportunities for existing members.

By electing me as Treasurer, you are choosing a candidate who is not only invested in the financial health and transparency of NITE but also deeply committed to the advancement and safety of our community. Together, we can push the boundaries of transportation engineering and create a safer, more innovative future for all.

Thank you for your consideration to serve on the NITE Board as Treasurer.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

► Transportation Project Manager

Benesch – Omaha, NE

August 2024 – Current

► Traffic Engineering Services Manager

City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities – Lincoln, NE

November 2020 – August 2024

► Senior Traffic Engineer

City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities – Lincoln, NE

August 2018 – November 2020

► Traffic Signal Design Engineer

City of Omaha Public Works Department – Omaha, NE

January 2014 – August 2018

► Roadway Design Engineer 1 & 2

Nebraska Department of Transportation – Lincoln, NE

March 2012 – January 2014

EDUCATION

BS Civil Engineering,
University of Nebraska – Lincoln

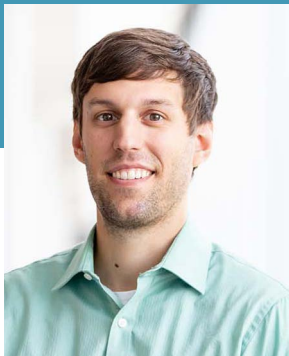
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Professional Traffic Operations Engineer



Garret Menard, PE, PTOE

MOVITE Section Representative

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 2013

REGISTRATIONS

Professional Engineer, (NE, IA)

Professional Traffic Operations Engineer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Traffic Engineer,
HDR, Omaha, NE
2014-Present

Roadway Designer,
Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT),
Lincoln, NE
2013-2014

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

I appreciate your consideration to serve as the MOVITE Section Representative. **As the MOVITE Section Representative, I will encourage younger member involvement, inclusive hybrid meeting options, and fun and innovative ideas to enhance NITE membership.** Throughout my career I have been active in NITE, including serving on the board, planning for the Omaha MOVITE 2018 and 2024 spring meetings, and presenting for the DriveSmart program, which teaches students about safe driving habits. During my time as a NITE Board Member, I helped with the ONE ITE transition, adapted to virtual meetings during COVID, and started the Younger Member Committee. Most recently, I was the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) Chair for the 2024 spring meeting in Omaha. It was very rewarding to hear all the compliments after a fun and educational conference. As a former board member, I am excited to continue serving in this new position, as the MOVITE Section Representative.

GOALS

- **Encourage younger member involvement** through the Younger Member Committee. Mentorship could be provided to college students to keep interest in our profession.
- **Provide inclusive hybrid meeting options** by seeing how MOVITE can support. This can provide opportunities to participate in meetings from other states, as well as other states attending our meetings.
- **Enhance NITE membership with fun and innovative ideas** by seeing what other sections from MOVITE are doing and how we can incorporate these ideas into NITE.

ITE INVOLVEMENT

- **Nebraska Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (NITE) Board Member** | 2018-2022
- **LAC Chair for MOVITE Spring Meeting** | 2024
- **LAC for the MOVITE Spring Meeting** | 2018
- **DriveSmart Presenter** | 2016-2022
- **NITE, MOVITE, and ITE Member** | 2013-Present

During this election cycle, I ask for your vote and thank you in advance for your consideration. It has been an honor to serve on the board, and I am excited at the opportunity to continue representing NITE in a new capacity as the MOVITE Section Representative.

If you have any questions or want to further discuss my qualifications, please contact me at 402.399.1350 or Garret.Menard@hdrinc.com.

Election Results (From OpaVote):

NITE Treasurer Board Position

There are 2 candidates competing for 1 seats. The number of voters is 63 and there were 61 valid votes and 2 empty votes.

Counting votes using Plurality/FPTP/SNTV.

Candidate Count
=====
Dan Carpenter, PE, PTOE 42
Connor Gilinsky, PE 19
Exhausted 0

Winner is Dan Carpenter, PE, PTOE.

MOVITE Representative Position

There are 1 candidates competing for 1 seats. The number of voters is 63 and there were 61 valid votes and 2 empty votes.

Counting votes using Plurality/FPTP/SNTV.

Candidate Count
=====
Garret Menard, PE, PTOE 61
Exhausted 0

Winner is Garret Menard, PE, PTOE.

2024 Actual Income & Expenses

2024 NITE TREASURER'S REPORT

Date: January 21, 2025

2024 In Total

INCOME:

1. Dues	\$1,475.37
2. Meetings	\$1,768.81
3. Corporate Sponsorship	\$2,408.34
4. Events	\$0.00
5. Miscellaneous	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,652.52

EXPENSES:

1. Supplies	\$0.00
2. Meetings	\$4,038.24
3. Young Member Committee	\$311.66
4. Events	\$444.81
5. Miscellaneous	\$1,146.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,941.02

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT	
Beginning of Year Total Balance	\$5,425.81
Total Income	\$5,652.52
Total Expenses	\$5,941.02
Net Over Period	(\$288.50)
Total Balance *	\$5,137.31

* Includes cash on hand

Treasurer:



Lamees Al Ghamari



2025 Budget

2025 NITE BUDGET

Date: March 10, 2025

2024 Final	2025 Budget
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INCOME:

1. Dues	\$ 1,475.37	\$ 1,500.00
2. Meetings	\$ 1,768.81	\$ 1,875.00
3. Corporate Sponsorship	\$ 2,408.34	\$ 2,500.00
4. Young Members Committee Events	\$ -	\$ 750.00
5. Events	\$ -	\$ -
6. Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,652.52	\$6,625.00

EXPENSES:

1. Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
2. Meetings	\$ 4,038.24	\$ 4,500.00
3. Young Member Committee	\$ 311.66	\$ 300.00
4. Events	\$ 444.81	\$ 500.00
5. Miscellaneous	\$ 1,146.31	\$ 800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,941.02	\$6,100.00

Treasurer:



Daniel Carpenter

