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2025

ANNUAL REPORT

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Summary

The ITE Nebraska Section (NITE), a section of the Missouri Valley District of ITE (MOVITE), celebrated its fifth year as a section in 2025. Through the leadership of our president, Kevin Brown, 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 declined slightly this year, from 116 in 2024 to 108 in 2025. All local NITE meetings were held in person in 2025. NITE continued its outreach to the local universities with a student meet and greet held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) to help encourage participation of students. We plan to continue this event each fall alternating between UNL and UNO each year.

Activities

The 2025 Section calendar was filled with a variety of technical and social events. NITE held four general meetings (including the annual meeting); collaborated with ASCE, ISITE, and NSPE on three joint events; and held an outdoor member appreciation event. Additionally, the younger member committee held two events 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 2025:** The first general meeting of the year was held on March 26, 2025, in Council Bluffs at the River's Edge Pavilion. The meeting featured Andy Wicks, Pat Byrd, and Adam Denney, who gave a presentation on "Expansion into the Bluffs: Lessons Learned from Council Bluffs' Busiest Corridors" (Figure 1). The presentation covered the study of two corridors in the city of Council Bluffs were done by JEO and FHU. (25 attendees)



Figure 1 – Expansion into the Bluffs: Lessons Learned from Council Bluffs' Busiest Corridors, Andy Wicks, Pat Byrd, and Adam Denney

- **May 2025:** The YMC hosted its first “Transportation on Tap” social at Kros Strain Brewing in La Vista on May 1, 2025. These socials help to provide networking opportunities while “leaving the usual work talk at the office” (Figure 2). (4 members in attendance)



Figure 2 - Transportation on Tap

- **May 2025:** The Younger Member Committee held their second event on May 29, 2025, at Blue Sky Bar & Patio in Omaha. (Figure 3). (8 NITE members in attendance)



Figure 3 – Blue Sky Bar & Patio

- **May 2025:** The NITE/ASCE Nebraska Chapter Transportation (NEASCE) conference was held on May 30, 2025, at the Scott Conference Center in Omaha (Figure 4). Several speakers were featured discussing a range of topics including Iowa’s Automated Enforcement Regulating Authority, Bellevue Long Range Transportation Plan, Practical A.I.- Uses of AI in Engineering, and more. (Attendance 167)



Figure 4 - NITE/ASCE Conference

- **July 2025:** The NITE Board hosted the tenth annual mini-golf member appreciation event in Lincoln, for the first time, on July 25, 2025 (Figure 5). This was held at Adventure Golf Center. Members enjoyed snacks, beverages, and a round of mini golf. Mark Friend from JEO won the gold club this year. (12 members in attendance)



Figure 5 - NITE
Appreciation Event at
Adventure Golf Center

- **September 2025:** The joint NITE/ISITE meeting was held at MAPA’s office in Omaha on September 18, 2025. Lindsey Button of MAPA presented on MAPA’s Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (Figure 6). This was our first meeting where ISITE was able to virtually attend. To mark this occasion, we played some Nebraska vs. Iowa themed trivia. (18 NITE members in attendance)



Figure 6 – Lindsey Button presented at MAPA

- **October 2025:** The MOVITE Fall Meeting was held in Des Moines at the Hotel Fort Des Moines on October 1st - 3rd, 2025. This included a MOVITE TopGolf event that was held at the West Des Moines Top Golf venue, several Speakers on topics such as Re-imagining Corridors: Improving Safety & Supporting revitalizing in Downtown Dubuque, Safe Streets, Stronger Communities: The Old Southside Corridor Transformation, US-56/I-35 Gardner Interchange Discovery Phase, and an evening social at The Shop DSM Event Center. (180 members in attendance)



Figure 7 – 2025 MOVITE Fall Meeting

- **October 2025:** The October general meeting was held in conjunction with the UNL Student Meet & Greet in Lincoln on October 23, 2024. Hallie Salem and Collin Christopher from City of Lincoln presented the major reinvestment the City of Lincoln is planning along “O” Street and nearby blocks. (Figure 8). (22 members in attendance)



Figure 8 – Hallie Salem and Collin Christopher presented at UNL

- **November 2024:** The joint NITE/NSPE meeting was held on November 13, 2025, at the FHU's Omaha Office. Adam Denney Presented on Traffic Study 101 (Figure 9). (20 NITE members in attendance)

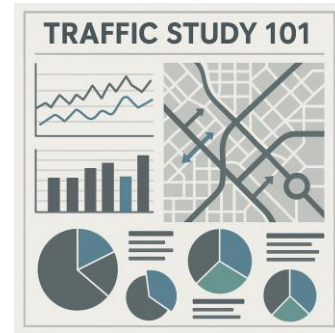


Figure 9 – Traffic Study 101

- **December 2025:** The Younger Member Committee held their third event on December 6, 2025, at Fowling Warehouse in Omaha. (Figure 10). (6 NITE members in attendance)



Figure 10 – Fowling Warehouse, Omaha

- **December 2025:** The NITE annual meeting was held on December 12, 2025. The meeting included the end-of-year business meeting, a speaker, a look ahead to next year, and states welcome signs game! The new board member, Tyler Lerdahl, was announced and Kevin Brown was honored as the departing Section President (Figure 11). The speaker was Brandon Varilek who presented on NDOT Safety Initiatives: High Tension Cable Barrier. The meeting also featured a contest to figure out the States' Welcome Signs. (40 members in attendance)



Figure 11 – Kevin Brown being honored for serving on the NITE Board

Table 1. 2025 NITE Event Summary

Date	Event	Location	Speaker	Topic	In Person Attendance
3/26	March General Meeting	River's Edge Pavilion Council Bluffs, IA	Andy Wicks, Pat Byrd, and Adam Denney	Expansion into the Bluffs: Lessons Learned from Council Bluffs' Busiest Corridors	25
5/1	Transportation On Tap	Kros Strain Brewing, La Vista	-	-	4
5/29	Young Member Committee Event	Blue Sky Bar & Patio, Omaha	-	-	8
5/30	NITE/ASCE Joint Conference	Scott Conference Center Omaha, NE	Various	Various	167
7/25	Mini-Golf Social Event	Adventure Golf Center Lincoln, NE	-	-	12
9/18	NITE/ ISITE Joint Meeting	MAPA office Omaha, NE	Lindsey Button	MAPA's Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	18*
10/1 - 10/3	MOVITE	Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines	Various	Various	180
10/23	Student Meet & Greet and October General Meeting	UNL's Kiewit Hall	Hallie Salem & Collin Christopher	Project "O" Street	22
11/13	Joint NITE/NSPE Meeting	FHU's Office Omaha, NE	Adam Denney	Traffic Study 101	20*
12/6	Young Member Committee Event	Fowling Warehouse, Omaha	-	-	6
12/12	Annual Meeting	Parker's Smokehouse Ashland, NE	Brandon Varilek	NDOT Safety Initiatives: High Tension Cable Barrier	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 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 941 students in 2025. Cumulatively since its inception, the DriveSmart Presentation has reached over 33,400 students.

Looking ahead to 2026, 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 fourth year. The Younger Member Committee is chaired by Tim Adams and other committee members include Peyton Weiss and Carter Ross. This committee seeks to plan social events in Lincoln and Omaha as well as being involved with the student meet and greets. During this year’s election, NITE introduced a two-year chair term, and Tom Loseke was elected to serve.

Board Activities

The Board of Director’s met twice in 2025 to coordinate a variety of things from Section activities to the NITE Section transition. The first board meeting was held in person in Gretna, and the second meeting was held in person in Ashland. Meeting minutes for each of the meetings are available in the Appendix. A summary of the meetings is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. 2025 NITE Board Event Summary

Date	Event	Location
January 15, 2025	Kick-off Meeting	5 Thirty-One Pizza & Phillies, Gretna
August 1, 2025	Board Meeting	Round the Bend, Ashland

Leadership Transitions

The election for our 2026 Treasurer was held in November/December of 2025. One candidate vied for the position: Tyler Lerdahl. In addition, Tom Loseke ran unopposed for Younger Member Committee Co-Chair. 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 2025 elections are shown below and can be found in the Appendix:

Section Board

President	Mark Friend II
Vice President	Lamees Al Ghamari
Secretary	Dan Carpenter
Treasurer	Tyler Lerdahl – <i>(New Board Member)</i>

Section Representative	Garret Menard
Past President	Kevin Brown

Committees

Education	Dr. Nathan Huynh
DriveSmart – Omaha	Brian Johnson
DriveSmart – Lincoln	-
Website	Kara Kosiski
Younger Member Co-Chair	Tim Adams
Younger Member Co-Chair	Tom Loseke

Finances

NITE reported a net surplus of \$7,964.55 in 2025 reflecting increased sponsorship revenue from MOVITE and six corporate sponsors. NITE was 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. 2025 member dues were \$24. At the end of 2025, the Section's account balance was \$13,390.36. The previous trends experienced by NITE, such as raising lunch and venue costs were almost completely offset by obtaining six 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. These measures should allow NITE to operate with an even annual balance or at a surplus. The final 2025 Treasurer's Report, listing total expenses, revenues, and reserves, is included in the **Appendix**.

With the 2025 financial information, anticipated future expenses and income were estimated to develop a NITE Section budget for 2026. The 2026 budget will be approved by the Board of Direction in early 2026 and is included in the **Appendix**.

Appendix: 2025 Annual Section Report

Contents include:

General Meeting Agendas
Board Meeting Agendas & Minutes
Election Results
2025 Actual Income & Expenses
2026 Budget

General Meeting Agendas



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May 30, 2025
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 - a. ITE Updates
 - i. Branding Updates
 - ii. Thank you 2025 NITE sponsors!
 1. FHU, HDR, JEO, Olsson, WSP
2. Vice President's Report (Mark Friend)
 - a. Member appreciation event in July
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 - c. MOVITE Fall Meeting October 1-3 – Des Moines, IA
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1. President's Report (Kevin Brown)
 - a. Branding Updates
 - b. NITE Election Results
 - c. Thank You 2025 NITE Sponsors!
 - i. Benesch, FHU, HDR, JEO, Olsson, WSP
 - ii. If your organization wants to become a 2026 sponsor, please visit our website www.nebraskaite.org/sponsorship
2. Vice President's Report (Mark Friend)
 - a. Interested in presenting in 2026? Let us know!
 - b. ITE Virtual Spring Conference: March 17-18
 - c. ITE Annual Meeting: July 19-22 (Detroit, MI)
 - d. MOVITE Annual Meeting: Sept 30 - Oct 2 (Lincoln, NE)
3. Secretary's Report (Lamees Al Ghamari)
 - a. Connect with NITE:
 - i. Website: www.nebraskaite.org
 - ii. LinkedIn: Nebraska Section of ITE
 - iii. Email: Nebraska@itedsc.org
4. Treasurer's Report (Dan Carpenter)
 - a. Account Balance
 - b. Member Dues Collected
5. Section Representative (Garret Menard)
6. DriveSmart Update (Brian Johnson)
7. Younger Member Committee (Tim Adams)
8. Presentation: Brandon Varilek, NDOT
NDOT Safety Initiatives; High Tension Cable Barrier and Alternative Intersection Design
9. Fun and Reindeer Games

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Board Meeting Agendas & Minutes



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January 15, 2025
11:30am – 1:30pm
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 5. 2025 Budget (Dan Carpenter)
 - a. Income Line Items
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 - b. Expenses Line Items
 - i. Supplies, Meetings, YMC, Events, Miscellaneous
 - c. YMC Budget - \$750
 - d. New Sponsorships
 - e. Dues raised to \$24 in 2024. Review 2025 budget for potential increases at summer board meeting.
 - f. Dues – Processed through ITE
 - i. ITE member list is viewed by board members through ITE.org using log-in, "Connect", "My Profile", "Participation" tab, under "Section Administrator Reports", can export to excel. The list is updated instantaneously.
 - ii. ITE granted board members permission to access member list. Each year, will need to have ITE grant access to new Treasurer (by e-mailing Jennifer Childs, jchilds@ite.org)



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6. Younger Member Committee (Tim Adams)
 - a. Formal Events
 - i. Spring
 - ii. Fall
 - b. Informal Events
 - i. NITE Transportation on Tap
 1. Frequency of events:
 - c. Student Involvement
 - i. University chapter updates
 - d. Remove Younger Member Committee branding from event emails to further imply that events are for everyone and not just younger members.
7. Record Retention
 - a. Update your folders from last year's role
 - b. OneDrive cloud storage for free from ITE International
 - i. Office 365 account and file storage set up
 1. Need to add Dan Carpenter
8. Website
 - a. <https://nebraskaite.org/>
 - b. Annual Updates (officers, annual report, sponsors, etc.)
 - c. Other suggestions for revamp / major updates?
 - d. Dan Carpenter to send Kara a headshot for website
 - e. Changes to come in 2025 with ITE branding update.
9. MailChimp
 - a. No issues, continue with this platform
10. Star Chapter
 - a. Potential replacement for website and emailing. In use by multiple other ITE districts/sections/chapters.
 - b. ~\$1200 startup and then \$100 a month for up to 150 members.
 - c. Current website hosting is ~\$400 a year.
11. DriveSmart
 - a. Support / Investment
 - b. Brian Johnson chairing both cities was a temporary solution. Need to continue to look for an Omaha chair.
 - i. Would need to reestablish connections with Omaha area schools.
 - ii. Kevin currently storing Omaha DriveSmart materials at HDR.



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12. MOVITE

- a. Scholarship - \$200, Form returned to MOVITE Treasurer
- b. Spring Joint Meeting with SDITE in Memphis, TN; April 13-16
- c. Fall Meeting in Des Moines, IA; October 1-3

13. UNL / UNO Education Committee

- a. Student Meet and Greet
 - i. Alternates between Lincoln and Omaha
 1. Fall of 2025 in Lincoln

14. Meetings

- a. Cost \$15 - \$20
 - i. Can up to \$20 - \$25 when needed for more expensive venues (e.g. Parker's Smokehouse for Annual Meeting).
 - ii. Minimum 33% price differential for non-members preferred by ITE
- b. Option to Offer Hybrid Meetings
- c. Look for opportunities with ISITE and APA for joint meetings.
- d. February/March – General Meeting (Council Bluffs)
- e. April – Spring MOVITE (Memphis, TN)
- f. May – ASCE/NITE Transportation Conference
- g. June/July – Member Appreciation (Putt-Putt)
 - i. Any other options for member appreciation? Smash Park?
- h. August/September – General Meeting (Omaha)
- i. September/October – General Meeting/Student Meet and Greet (Lincoln in 2025)
- j. October – MOVITE meeting (Des Moines, IA)
- k. November – Joint NSPE/ NITE Meeting
 - i. NITE organizes in 2025
 1. Coordinate with NSPE on event location. They have been holding meeting at Scott Conference Center.
- l. December – Annual Meeting @ Parker's (Reserve 6-months prior)



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15. Potential Meeting Topics / Presenter

- a. Omaha area Incident Management (HDR)
- b. Plans for Douglas County (Todd Pfitzer)
- c. Saultillo Rd (Lancaster County)
- d. 33rd & Cornhusker Viaduct
- e. UNL/UNO speakers
- f. Madison Avenue Interchange Council Bluffs (IDOT)
- g. MAPA Planning Presentation (Matt Helgerson)
- h. MetroNEXT Transit Plan
- i. Omaha Streetcar
- j. I-80, Pleasant Dale – NW 56th St (FHU/NDOT)
- k. Murray – Plattsmouth (NDOT)
- l. Omaha, Lincoln, NDOT Roundtable
- m. Omaha Dynamic Lane Management
- n. Area SS4A Safety Action Plans
- o. Omaha NW Radial (FHU)
- p. Omaha Downtown Core (JEO)
- q. West Maple Road Corridor Study
- r. Speakers outside NITE

16. NITE Sponsorships

- a. 2024 Sponsors: FHU, HDR, JEO, Olsson
- b. 2025 Sponsors to date: FHU, HDR, JEO, Olsson
- c. Review of amount and benefits to companies
 - i. Sponsorship Amount: \$500
 - ii. Firm or agency logo and link to website on NITE website
 - iii. Logo and link to website on all NITE email communications
 - iv. Dedicated NITE email recognizing sponsors
 - v. Sponsorship recognition in the Annual Report
 - vi. Sponsor acknowledgements at meetings
 - vii. Sponsorship recognition post on NITE LinkedIn account

17. Scholarship

- a. Patrick T. McCoy Fund for Engineering Excellence
 - i. Tied to table sponsorships at student meet and greet



18. NITE Section Awards

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- a. No 2024 nominations for Rising Star or Distinguished Member Awards
 - b. Will start promoting earlier this year. Could accept nominations all year.
 - c. Set up to correspond to MOVITE awards with slightly lesser requirements.
 - d. Winners would not be submitted by the NITE board to MOVITE, however, could be represented as “NITE’s nominee” for the MOVITE awards.



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- ii. ITE granted board members permission to access member list. Each year, will need to have ITE grant access to new Treasurer (by e-mailing Jennifer Childs, jchilds@ite.org)

6. Younger Member Committee (Tim Adams)

- a. Formal Events
 - i. Spring
 - ii. Fall
 - iii. Consider changing it into one big event in the Spring rotate the location (Omaha/ Lincoln), invite students. When? late March/ early April Where? Top Golf - Omaha, Wonder Ball - Lincoln
- b. Informal Events
 - i. NITE Transportation on Tap
 - 1. Frequency of events: on months we don't have a general meeting/ MOVITE conference.
- c. Student Involvement
 - i. University chapter updates
- d. Remove Younger Member Committee branding from event emails to further imply that events are for everyone and not just younger members.

7. Record Retention

- a. Update your folders from last year's role
- b. OneDrive cloud storage for free from ITE International
 - i. Office 365 account and file storage set up
 - 1. Need to add Dan Carpenter

8. Website

- a. <https://nebraskaite.org/>
- b. Annual Updates (officers, annual report, sponsors, etc.)
- c. Other suggestions for revamp / major updates?
- d. Dan Carpenter to send Kara a headshot for website
- e. Changes to come in 2025 with ITE branding update.

9. MailChimp

- a. No issues, continue with this platform

10. Star Chapter - at the moment, we are not considering this option.

- a. Potential replacement for website and emailing. In use by multiple other ITE districts/sections/chapters.
- b. ~\$1200 startup and then \$100 a month for up to 150 members.
- c. Current website hosting is ~\$400 a year.

11. DriveSmart

- a. Support / Investment



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- i. Team up with NDOT program? Need to follow up with Brian.
- b. Brian Johnson chairing both cities was a temporary solution. Need to continue to look for an Omaha chair.
 - i. Would need to reestablish connections with Omaha area schools.
 - ii. Kevin currently storing Omaha DriveSmart materials at HDR.

12. MOVITE

- a. Scholarship - \$200, Form returned to MOVITE Treasurer
- b. Spring Joint Meeting with SDITE in Memphis, TN; April 13-16
- c. Fall Meeting in Des Moines, IA; October 1-3

13. UNL / UNO Education Committee

- a. Student Meet and Greet
 - i. Possibly change the format to a general meeting with a presentation, lunch, then Meet and Greet. Coordinate with a professor to make the students attend the event. Post the event details at the UN student weekly newsletter. Contact Leah to coordinate. (Leah Urbank lurbank2@unl.edu)
 - ii. New idea: provide Q&A tables to give the students a chance to ask questions about the work environment.
 - iii. Alternates between Lincoln and Omaha
 1. Fall of 2025 in Lincoln

14. Meetings

- a. Cost \$15 - \$20
 - i. Can up to \$20 - \$25 when needed for more expensive venues (e.g. Parker's Smokehouse for Annual Meeting).
 - ii. Minimum 33% price differential for non-members preferred by ITE
- b. Option to Offer Hybrid Meetings
- c. Look for opportunities with ISITE and APA for joint meetings.
- d. February/March – General Meeting (Council Bluffs)
- e. April – Spring MOVITE (Memphis, TN)
- f. May – ASCE/NITE Transportation Conference **May 30th**
- g. June/July – Member Appreciation (Putt-Putt) **Boulder Creek?**
 - i. Any other options for member appreciation? Smash Park?
- h. August/September – General Meeting (Omaha)
- i. September/October – General Meeting/Student Meet and Greet (Lincoln in 2025)
- j. October – MOVITE meeting (Des Moines, IA)
- k. November – Joint NSPE/ NITE Meeting
 - i. NITE organizes in 2025



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I. December – Annual Meeting @ Parker’s (Reserve 6-months prior) [send out a survey for location recommendations?](#)

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17. Scholarship

- a. Patrick T. McCoy Fund for Engineering Excellence
 - i. Tied to table sponsorships at student meet and greet (\$100 per table)

[Another idea: support the NITE student chapter instead? Donate the \\$\\$ to the university and they will be responsible to manage it for the student chapter and send us a yearly report.](#)



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18. NITE Section Awards

- a. No 2024 nominations for Rising Star or Distinguished Member Awards
- b. Will start promoting earlier this year. Could accept nominations all year.
- c. Set up to correspond to MOVITE awards with slightly lesser requirements.
- d. Winners would not be submitted by the NITE board to MOVITE, however, could be represented as “NITE’s nominee” for the MOVITE awards.
- e. [May want to review rules to assess if any changes need to be made to encourage nominations.](#)

19. Education Committee

- a. [Send an email about the UNL Discover Transportation Engineering to the NITE members. Planning starts in the fall of each year.](#)
- b. [They \(UNL\) got a graduate seminar that they would like us to present and tell them about NITE. It occurs in the fall.](#)



NITE BOARD MEETING

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11:00am – 1:00pm

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 - c. Incentives? Awards for winners?
7. Annual Election
- a. NITE Treasurer
 - b. Bylaws Timeline
 - i. 75 days (prior to end of election)-nominees presented to the board
 - ii. 60 days-nominees announced to the members/public
 - iii. 30 days-election starts
 - iv. 10 days max from end of election- winner announced
 - c. Schedule Based on Above Timeline
 - i. 9/1/25 Request for nominees announcement
 - ii. 9/22/25 Transmit nominees to Board
 - iii. 10/6/25 Announce nominees to voting members
 - iv. 11/5/25 Election begins
 - v. 12/5/25 Election ends
 - vi. 12/8/25 Notify Board then nominees of winner
 - vii. 12/12/25 Annual Meeting



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The board decided to stay with the same rate
2. Meetings
 - a. September 18th – Joint Meeting with ISITE
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 - ii. Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
 - iii. Subject: MAPA comprehensive safety plan
 - iv. Thought: Trivia between NITE and ISITE?
 - b. October – General Meeting/Student Meet and Greet
 - i. Lincoln in 2025
 - ii. October 20th at Kiewit Hall, UNL (10:00 am to 1:00 pm)
 - iii. 10:00 am to 10:30 am reserved for meet and greet.
 - iv. Mark will follow up with Leah about the parking situation.
 - v. Thought about having a speaker from a consultant
 1. Subject: Lincoln's Downtown's Corridor, Traffic Study.
 - vi. Have UNL advertise to Planning students as well.
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 2. November 13th
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- b. Should send out a call for nominees soon. [Send an email in August and have the nomination active till the end of September for the board to review.](#)
- c. Incentives? Awards for winners? [NITE Swag, a Plaque?](#)

7. Annual Election



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- a. NITE Treasurer & Events coordinator/Younger Member Committee Chair.
- b. Bylaws Timeline
 - i. 75 days (prior to end of election)-nominees presented to the board
 - ii. 60 days-nominees announced to the members/public
 - iii. 30 days-election starts
 - iv. 10 days max from end of election- winner announced
- c. Schedule Based on Above Timeline
 - i. 9/1/25 Request for nominees announcement
 - ii. 9/22/25 Transmit nominees to Board
 - iii. 10/6/25 Announce nominees to voting members
 - iv. 11/5/25 Election begins
 - v. 12/5/25 Election ends
 - vi. 12/8/25 Notify Board then nominees of winner
 - vii. 12/12/25 Annual Meeting

8. Young Member Committee

- a. Nominate two people that take the responsibilities for two years (offset terms)
- b. Run Election this year for the committee chair spot.

9. NITE Logo

- a. Going with the letter 'N' before its logo.

10. Drive Smart

- a. Discuss the subject in January 2026 board meeting
- b. Collaborate with NDOT's Drive smart?

Election Results

OpaVote Election Results (<https://opavote.com/>)

NITE Treasurer

There are 1 candidates competing for 1 seats. The number of voters is 48 and there were 47 valid votes and 1 empty votes.

Counting votes using Plurality/FPTP/SNTV.

Candidate | Count

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Tyler Lerdahl | 47

Exhausted | 0

Winner is Tyler Lerdahl.

OpaVote Election Results (<https://opavote.com/>)

Younger Member Committee Co-chair

There are 1 candidates competing for 1 seats. The number of voters is 48 and there were 46 valid votes and 2 empty votes.

Counting votes using Plurality/FPTP/SNTV.

Candidate | Count

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Tom Loseke | 46

Exhausted | 0

Winner is Tom Loseke.

2025 Actual Income & Expenses

2025 NITE TREASURER'S REPORT

Date: February 20, 2026

**2025
In Total**

INCOME:

1. Dues	\$1,470.22
2. Meetings	\$7,611.18
3. Corporate Sponsorship	\$2,410.30
4. Events	\$153.42
5. Miscellaneous	\$2,483.18

TOTAL INCOME \$14,128.30

EXPENSES:

1. Supplies	\$61.50
2. Meetings	\$3,600.11
3. Young Member Committee	\$775.02
4. Events	\$939.12
5. Miscellaneous	\$788.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$6,163.75

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT

Beginning of Year Total Balance	\$5,425.81
Total Income	\$14,128.30
Total Expenses	\$6,163.75
Net Over Period	\$7,964.55
Total Balance *	\$13,390.36

* Includes cash on hand.

Treasurer:



Daniel Carpenter

2026 Budget

2026 NITE BUDGET

Date: February 24, 2026

2025 Final	2026 Budget
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INCOME:

1. Dues	\$ 1,470.22	\$ 1,500.00
2. Meetings	\$ 7,611.18	\$ 1,875.00
3. Corporate Sponsorship	\$ 2,410.30	\$ 3,000.00
4. Young Members Committee Events	\$ -	\$ -
5. Events	\$ 153.42	\$ -
6. Miscellaneous	\$ 2,483.18	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,128.30	\$6,375.00

EXPENSES:

1. Supplies	\$ 61.50	\$ -
2. Meetings	\$ 3,600.11	\$ 4,500.00
3. Young Member Committee	\$ 775.02	\$ 750.00
4. Events	\$ 939.12	\$ 800.00
5. Miscellaneous	\$ 788.00	\$ 800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,163.75	\$6,850.00



Treasurer:

Tyler Lerdahl





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