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I am truly honored to have been nominated for the position of Treasurer-Membership Chair of our Florida Section of ITE. This organization has always been informative and supporting to me as a member, as I am sure it has been to all members. The value of this organization to engineers in our field cannot be overstated, and I look forward to the opportunity for repaying FLSITE for the energy and enrichment that I have always taken away from our meetings.

These are especially trying times that our organization is entering, with the economic downturn, reduced employment opportunities in both the private and the public sector, and severe travel restrictions for government employees. However, I believe that these problems are an even greater impetus for us to maintain the viability of our Section. We need to continue to utilize technology, such as webinars, to efficiently distribute information to our members. We will need to rely more upon local Chapters to maintain the link between the membership and the Section by stressing the importance of their participation at the fewer meetings that we do have.

I also believe that we have an untapped membership possibility in the growing number of technical positions that may not be registered engineers, but who are heavily involved in technical practice in signal operation, communications, and control systems that are used in traffic and freeway management. These trained, specialized engineers and technicians work with the licensed engineers on a daily basis and would benefit greatly by membership and attending FLSITE meetings that relate to their fields of expertise. The National ITE recognizes them with the Traffic Operations Practitioner Specialist (TOPS) and Traffic Signal Operations Specialists (TSOS) certifications and I believe they would benefit greatly from Technical Affiliate membership in our Section.

Just as I did while I was Chair of the Florida Urban Traffic Engineering Committee (FLUTECH), I will promise you that I will work hard to continue the standards and traditions established within our Section of service to our members and to the public, and I appreciate your consideration for this position of trust and honor.

