



CANDIDATE *for* *District 10/FSITE Secretary*

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Candidate Statement

Education, networking, and engagement. The Institute of Transportation Engineers has enriched my professional life with these opportunities and I look forward to giving back so that others may similarly benefit. From my start with ITE as a student member to today, I have found ITE to be a place to exchange ideas, grow professionally, and network with others in the field. It is my goal to create new opportunities with our active membership and encourage our less active members to benefit from what ITE has to offer.

Before moving to Miami, I was an active member of the Tampa Bay chapter, attending meetings regularly. The relationships I formed while living in Tampa and active with TBITE have motivated me to remain connected with my West Coast colleagues after moving here. I served on the TBITE On-Site-& Pre-Meeting Coordination committee and recently joined the 2018 Transportation Supersession Organization Committee. I'm a member of the Gold Coast chapter and I'm fortunate to work with them in the FSITE Local Arrangements Committee for the upcoming 2018 Annual Meeting in Coraál Springs. Over the years, I've embraced opportunities to work with our members: as a volunteer photographer for the FSITE conferences since 2015, LAC in Tampa and Naples, and the Florida Transportation Planning Council (with Bob Agrusa and Michael Dorweler). This council determines topics of interest, speakers, and themes that would be of value to the membership. It's been a great way to interact with our members and take the pulse on emerging trends and areas of interest.

I'm part of the Leadership ITE Class of 2108 along with 26 other transportation professionals from the United States and Canada. This program is about developing leadership skills, friendships, and a sense of belonging to our profession. We discovered, collaborated, and built relationships across ITE including the International Board and Councils and Committee members. These are the areas that I hope to bring to our section.

Most ITE members are also members of other organizations. For myself, I'm the Chair of the WTS South Florida Transportation YOU Committee, the Co-Chair of the WTS South Florida Mentorship Program, part of TEAMFL's Toll Operations and Technology focus committee, and serve as a TEMFL Ambassador during meetings. I recently organized a resume writing workshop for FIU Civil Engineering students along with the ASCE and WTS student chapters. We can accomplish so much more through collaboration with others, making the most of existing relationships and building new relationships across organizational boundaries. My goal would be to expand these collaboration opportunities with other professional organizations through joint events.

I thank you for your consideration to serve as your D10/FSITE secretary and would be honored to serve on the Executive Board. It would also be a pleasure to work with you in even more ways, creating venues to exchange ideas, grow professionally, and network with others in the field through the coming years.

Education

- » BSIE, University of South Florida, 2004
- » MSCE, University of South Florida, 2007

Recent Awards

- » ENR's 2018 Southeast Top 20 under 40