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President's Message

Welcome!

It is my pleasure as the ITE Mid-Colonial District President to welcome you to the first District newsletter for 2023 (and the past several years).

In early 2022, with the help of ITE headquarters, our District underwent a "Visioning" exercise to identify who we are as a District, our strengths and where we can improve to serve you better. The Visioning sessions identified Action Plans for five items:

- 1. Students/Younger Members
- 2. Communication
- 3. Annual Meeting
- 4. Member Experience
- 5. Leadership/Collaboration

To address the first item, we have established a Student Activities Committee, let by **Owen Hitchcock**, which will organize and engage our student chapters and younger members. We also started a Communications Committee, led by Sid New, to improve our communications between the District and members and share information from ITE headquarters and between Sections. This newsletter is a first step, look out for future info on social media and joint Section webinars. In 2024 our District Annual Meeting will be a joint meeting with the ITE International Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Philly. We plan to use that time to establish a standing District Annual Meeting Committee that can brainstorm new ideas for our Annual Meetings outside of the whirlwind of the regular Annual Meeting planning committee. Last, we will be tackling action items to provide a consistent experience to all current and potential members and offer a leadership experience that is rewarding, collaborative and accessible.

One of the greatest challenges with providing you with the best member experience this year is our time. Coming out of the pandemic we are all now busier than ever. Our strategy to overcome this challenge is to open the door to more volunteers to help on District Committees. Here are a couple open opportunities for involvement with the District:

- **District Awards Committee**
- **District Webmaster Support**

Please reach out to me at seth.young@stvinc.com if you are interested in these opportunities.

I can't wait to see all of you in Pittsburgh, the birthplace of ITE (and myself), for our Annual Meeting from Sunday, April 16 to Tuesday, April 18, 2023! Annual Meeting Chair Brad DiCola and his team are working hard to provide a fun, informative and engaging conference.

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2023 MCDITE Annual Conference—Registration is open!





welcome speaker Christina Cassotis, CEO of Allegheny County Airport Authority, on Tuesday, April 18th at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Pittsburgh. This event is included in the cost of registration. All are welcome!

Save \$50 - Early Bird registration has been extended to 3/20/2023!

REGISTER HERE

BOOK YOUR HOTEL

SCHEDULE

For up-to-date information about the Annual Conference please visit our website: www.mcdite.org

OUR SECTIONS

MASITE News—Peter O'Halloran, President



The Mid Atlantic Section of ITE (MASITE) is proud to make up one half of the Mid Colonial District along with our colleagues in the Washington DC Section (WDCSITE). MASITE covers Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Delaware & West Virginia. With the end of the pandemic the section has been gaining momentum and 2023 is set to be an exciting year. Our mentorship program is entering its second year after a very successful debut last year. In addition, MASITE is working towards re-initiating our scholarship program and further supporting our student chapters by greater inclusion at our meetings. This is in addition to our usual variety of in-person and virtual events that provide technical training, continuing education, networking opportunities, and hopefully some entertainment to our membership. For a more detailed look at what we do, and to see upcoming events please visit our recently upgraded website: www.masite.org - You can also follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter,

Instagram and Facebook.

WDCS*ITE News—Jon Crisafi, President



WDCSITE is off to a great start for 2023, which will serve as the final year for our name as the "Washington DC Section of ITE." In a year of change, the Section will be rebranded as the "Chesapeake and Potomac Section of ITE" or "CAPSITE" (which is easier to say)! Our programming has already hosted in-person and virtual events and are excited about our upcoming meetings at VDOT NOVA District, Morgan State University, and Arlington County. Our Area Directors, Lili Liang (Baltimore Area) and Alvaro Calle (DC Area) have been diligently planning out this year to deliver a variety of technical, social, and collaborative events for members to participate and enjoy. Furthermore, the Section is avidly pursuing collaboration with our local student chapters to get student members (and faculty) more integrated into the conversation and participate in ITE activities. Our revamped website (www.wdcsite.org) is actively being updated to serve as our single portal for all section activities and be sure to follow our social media presence on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIN.