



MID-COLONIAL DISTRICT

Spring 2025 Newsletter

Hello Mid-Colonial District Members and Friends,

I am certainly excited and honored to serve as the District President this year. It is hard to believe that we are already almost through the first 3 months of the year! Time certainly does not stand still, and our board and volunteers have certainly been busy working to make 2025 a wonderful year for all of us. I would like to thank our outgoing President Vivek Hariharan, and our outgoing District Representative to the International Board, Jerry Baxter, for your steady leadership in 2024. It was certainly a wonderful year for our District, hosting the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia and MASITE winning the Outstanding Section award. I would also like to welcome David Duarte to our elected board as Secretary-Treasurer this year.

During my time on the District Board, one overarching theme has driven everything we have done – How can the District provide value to our members beyond what they get at the Section and International levels? I am happy to report that over the last couple of years, we have significantly increased our activity as a District – whether it is our new webinar series, our vendor expo series, the first Student Leadership Summit, or our revamped awards program. My goal this year is to build on this momentum – making each of these activities a staple of what we do at the District level for years to come. I am excited for our new Younger Member committee, led by Tyler Hartman, who are providing valuable contributions to our District. This includes working with the Webinar Committee for our next offering on April 8 - Transition from College to Career/Membership Panel. They are also hosting a Younger Member Social on Wednesday, April 23 as part of the Annual Meeting. I hope you can join us for these events, whether you are a younger member or just young at heart.

Speaking of, we are also quite excited for this year's Annual Meeting which is being held from April 23-25 in Annapolis. Under the leadership of Sarah Adsit and David Samba, this Committee has done an incredible job of planning a meeting that is chock full of professional development and networking opportunities. We hope that the shift to a Wednesday through Friday format allows for easier attendance on some of our technical workshops, welcome reception, and younger member social. We also hope you take advantage of the unique setting that downtown Annapolis provides! On Thursday, I have the honor of presiding over our lunchtime program, which includes our first ever District Project of the Year award, as well as an address by the 2025 ITE International President, Karen Aspelin. There may also be another distinguished speaker during this program – stay tuned!

I would be remiss if I did not recognize all the wonderful volunteers we have participating in ITE at the District and Section level. You all do the hard work that make our jobs on the elected boards easy. It does not go unnoticed – and many International Meeting attendees in Philly remarked on how involved and supportive our Local Arrangements Committee was. Kathi Driggs, ITE's Deputy Executive Director and COO, noted about the meeting that "This was TRULY a collaborative effort, and we felt that we were all part of the one ITE Team. We definitely could not have done it without you."

If you are inspired and looking to get involved this year, one initiative we are about to kick off at the District level is a District STEM Committee, which will be chaired by Lindsey Klein. We are really looking forward to using this to give back to our communities. Who knows, some of them may even become future leaders of the District! Stay tuned for more information on this coming soon.

Lastly, I would also encourage each of you to take advantage of what your ITE membership offers you. Not only does it provide you access to our wonderful community here at the District and your home sections, but there are also several benefits at the International Level, including the Learning Hub, Councils and Committees, and the ITE eCommunity. These all offer opportunities to connect and learn from a community of your peers.

I hope to see you on the April 8 webinar and at the District Annual Meeting. Until then, I hope you all stay safe and healthy.

Thanks,

[Mahmood Shehata](#), PE
2025 President Mid-Colonial District of ITE



2025

Mid-Colonial District ANNUAL MEETING



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

**Early Bird
Registration
Ends
March 31st!**



WHEN:

Wednesday, April 23rd – Friday,
April 25th, 2025



WHERE:

The Graduate Annapolis
126 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401



PROGRAM:

Wednesday, April 23

- Technical Workshop Tours
- Welcome Reception
- YMC Social

Thursday, April 24

- Breakfast
- Lunch and Keynote Address
- Technical Sessions
- District Business Meeting & Awards
- Evening Social

Friday, April 25

- Breakfast and Women's Breakfast
- Technical Sessions



Learn from Fellow Professionals

- Keynote plenary panel
- Technical presentations from across the District
- Technical Workshop



Network and Socialize

- Welcome Reception, featuring a Professional's Traffic Bowl
- Younger Member Social for young and young at heart members
- Thursday Evening Social



**District Updates & Awards,
including announcement
of the 2025 PROJECT
OF THE YEAR!**



VISIT THE WEBSITE TO REGISTER & LEARN MORE!

<https://mcdite.org/annual-meeting/>

You can also register for the meeting using this button:

Register Here

Hotel reservations are also now open until **April 1st** using this button:

Hotel Registration

**2024 ITE Mid-Colonial District Webinar Series
Tuesday April 8, 2025, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

Join your fellow Young Members and Students in a panel discussion with recent graduates in the District who are at the dawn of their careers in the transportation profession. While entering the transportation profession is the start of an exciting and rewarding journey, there are plenty of uncertainties where young members and students could benefit from recent experiences and mentorship. This panel intends to address some of those uncertainties during this panel session. Questions are welcome ahead of time or during the live panel session.

Speakers:



Sydney French
French Engineering
(West Virginia Univ., '23)



Jonathan Gan
Mead & Hunt
(Rice Univ., '24)



Lamiya Chowdhury
Traffic Engineer
City of Frederick
(Starting March 2025)
(Penn State Univ., '23)

Moderated by:

Madison Sage - WRA
(University of Maryland, College Park, '19)



There is no cost to attend this webinar.
Register at the link below for this webinar:

[Register Here](#)

2024 ITE Mid-Colonial District Webinar Series **Thursday April 10, 2025, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

Take Your Child to Work Day is just around the corner on April 24th! Ready to plan some fun and engaging activities? Join us for a webinar, *Take Your Child to Work Day: Ideas for Transportation-Related Activities!*

On April 10th at Noon, we'll be hosting a free and informative session packed with creative ways to introduce kids to the exciting world of transportation. It's the perfect opportunity to inspire young minds and make this year's event unforgettable across the District.

[Register Here](#)

STEM VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Make a Difference in the Future of STEM Education!

Are you passionate about science, technology, engineering, or math?
Want to inspire the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers?
We need YOU to help promote STEM in K-12 education, in your communities!

MCDITE is building a network of volunteers across the District who are eager to support local STEM events and activities. Whether you have years of experience or are new to the field, we welcome your enthusiasm and passion for STEM!

Volunteer to:

- Lead or assist with "local to you" STEM events
- Mentor students and share your expertise
- Help spark curiosity and ignite a love for learning

VOLUNTEER DATABASE



Questions? Want to join the District STEM Committee? Contact Lindsey Klein at lklein@imperialtdc.com

Joint ITE International and Florida Puerto Rico District Annual Meeting and Exhibition Innovative Pathways to Safer Transportation August 10-13, 2025 Orlando, Florida

[Meeting Information Here](#)



CAPSITE Upcoming Events

The Sectional Podcast Episode 12 Out Now!

Mike Sakata, President & CEO of Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association (MTBMA), wears many hats within the industry. Thanks to his roles and diverse background, he has become laser focused on promoting a safe transportation system that will progress our communities forward. Sarah and Eric have dedicated their careers towards this same goal, nevertheless, it was enlightening to converse with Mike about his unique perspective. Mike participates in the legal, business, and communicative processes involved in advocating for more infrastructure and preparing the industry for challenges ahead. He provided us a motivating message to advocate for infrastructure that works for all users without compromising safety.

Search for "CAPSITE" or "The Sectional" on your favorite podcast service or use this [Spreaker](#) hosting site link. Please use your podcast service to like and subscribe!



The
SECTIONAL
Casual conversations with local transportation professionals



Episode 12



Participate and Advocate

with

Mike Sakata

President & CEO, Maryland Transportation
Builders & Materials Association (MTBMA)



MASITE MPO ROUND ROBIN



Are you curious what the MPOs in your area are doing? Would you like the opportunity to network with other individuals in the field of transportation? Join us for a MASITE led MPO Round Robin where you will hear from MPO leaders from DE, PA, and NJ.

\$30 - MASITE member
\$40 - NON Member
\$20 - Student

- 📅 Thursday, April 3rd 2025
- 🕒 11 AM - 12 PM - Registration, Lunch, Networking
- 🕒 12 PM - 1 PM - Round Robin
- 📍 Jacobs Philadelphia Office
2001 Market Street 9th Floor, Suite 900
Philadelphia, PA 19103



SPEAKER

Melissa Melora

Public Outreach
Coordinator
SJTPD



SPEAKER

Tigist Zegeye

Executive Director
WILMAPCO



SPEAKER

**Jeff Perlman, PP,
AICP**

Senior Director of Planning
NJTPA



SPEAKER

Betsy Mastaglio

Associate Director of
Multimodal Planning
DVRPC

65 Seats

Lunch included with registration

Register now at :

<https://masite.org/meetinginfo>



20th Anniversary GOLF OUTING

SCRAMBLE FORMAT.
INCLUDES: GREENS FEE, CART,
BREAKFAST, COURSE SNACKS,
BUFFET AT PAVILION,
ASSORTED BEVERAGES



MAY 6TH, 2025

7:45AM - REGISTRATION

8:30AM - SHOTGUN



IRON VALLEY GOLF CLUB

**201 Iron Valley Drive
Lebanon, PA 17042**

NO REFUNDS AFTER 4/25/2025. ALL CANCELLATIONS WILL BE CHARGED A FEE.

REGISTER NOW

BY APRIL 11TH: \$80 PER PLAYER

APRIL 12TH TO APRIL 25TH: \$95 PER PLAYER

JOIN OUR CURRENT GOLF OUTING SPONSORS!

- Tee Box Sponsorship - \$180 (11 Available)
- Drink Cart Sponsorship - \$230 (1 Available)
- Golf Ball Sponsorship - \$450 (1 Available)
- Door Prizes - \$25 (Unlimited)

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**Michael Baker
INTERNATIONAL**

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TRAFFIC PRODUCTS

**WALLACE
MONTGOMERY**

Register for Golf Outing Here




**2025 MASITE
ANNUAL MEETING**
September 28 - 29
Bear Creek Mountain Resort

MCDITE Leadership

Mahmood Shehata, PE, President
Adam Greenstein, PE, Vice President
David Duarte, PE, PTOE, Secretary/Treasurer
Kate Russo, PE, PTOE, Int. Dir.
Vivek, Hariharan, PE, PTOE, PE, Immediate Past President
Elisa Mitchell, PE, CAPSITE Representative
Megan McDermott, PE, MASITE Representative
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Sidney New, PE, Communications Director
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