



2025 NCITE SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

Below is a summary of the North Central Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (NCITE) activities in 2024 and ongoing efforts in 2025.

Overview

NCITE is an active section throughout its footprint, and we have continued to be thoughtful of where and when events are planned. NCITE's annual initiatives are closely aligned with ITE's initiatives looking to build on the international brand refresh started at the international level. Several of these efforts have been on-going from year to year. Of note:

- NCITE has an active younger member and student group. They have planned 5 events in 2024 including Top Golf, Trivia Mafia, Brewery Bike Tour, Volleyball Game, and a pre annual meeting happy hour. The group also works closely with our student chapters for fundraising, meetings, and STEM activities.
- We integrated fundraising into our newly started Scholarship Golf Event and Annual Meeting for the Great Lakes Endowment fund and for student scholarship awards.
- Roadshows, social media, and hybrid meeting capabilities are commonplace for NCITE to ensure a strong section throughout our footprint and to stay connected with our members when we might not be able to in-person.
- Our meetings provide a diverse breadth of the industry, from planning aspects, bike and safety projects, ethics, and diversity/inclusion. Last year's technical meetings covered an array of topics, attracting new members and maintaining interest.

In 2024, NCITE hosted monthly Executive Board Meetings, 7 Section Meetings, an Ethics Presentation, Summer Social, a newly started Scholarship Golf Event, Annual Meeting, Past Presidents Dinner, and other events planned by our 10 committees.

Regular Meetings

Date	Topic	Speaker(s)	Location	In-Person Virtual
Feb 2	Highway 10/169 Improvement Project	Ben Nelson, (Anoka) Eric Johnson (Bolton and Menk) Kelsey Larsen (Bolton and Menk)	Jax Cafe, Minneapolis, MN	57 16
March 12	MnDOT's new conceptual framework for collaborative, equitable health and transportation planning	Nissa Tupper (MnDOT)	MnDOT Waters Edge, Roseville, MN	37 32
April 16	MnDOT Safety Evaluations	Max Moreland (MnDOT) Mark Wagner (MnDOT)	Sweeney's Saloon, St Paul, MN	59 62
May 2	Joint WTS/NCITE Ethics Training: Ethics Game Show for Planners & Engineers	Erin Perdu (Stantec)	Kimley-Horn, St Paul, MN	77 0
May 14	Joint NCITE and Wisconsin ITE Blatnik Bridge project	Paul Conlin (WisDOT) Lydia Statz (Kimley Horn) Aaron Stolte (Kimley Horn) Jeff Knudson (SRF)	Virtual	0 97
July 25	MSES, WTS, ITS MN, NCITE Summer Outing	-	Saint Paul Saints Game	>150 0
Aug 20	Metro Transit Network Now	Cyndi Harper (Metro Transit) Julie Martinez (Metro Transit)	Modist Brewing, Minneapolis, MN	41 5
Sept 26	Huntington Bank Stadium Traffic Control Plan	Sandy Cullen (UMN PTS) Matt Filippelli (UMN PTS)	Walter Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN	41 11
Oct 22	Joint NCITE and NDSU Traffic Roundtable	Justin Sebens (SRF) Derek Lehrke (MnDOT) Kshitij Sharma (UGPTI) Joe Devore (KLJ) Stephen Joersz (Minot)	City of Minot, ND Public Works / Virtual	10 48
Nov 22	NCITE Annual Meeting	-	Four Seasons Curling Club in Blaine, MN	53 0

In May 2024, NCITE hosted a joint virtual Section Meeting with the Wisconsin Section and is planning to have a similar joint section meeting in 2025. This virtual event included a networking piece for NCITE and Wisconsin members to meet and interact with each other, as well as a presentation on the planned reconstruction of the Blatnik Bridge which connects Duluth, MN with Superior, WI – a current and relevant topic for both sections.

An ongoing initiative of NCITE is to host at least one “roadshow” meeting each year with presenters or presentations focused on topics outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. We continued this tradition in 2024 with our October Section Meeting cohosting the North Dakota Traffic Roundtable in Minot, ND presenting a mix of North Dakota and Minnesota projects. These presentations were live streamed to NCITE membership throughout the section.

Student Support

NCITE has three Student Outreach Coordinators who manage the student scholarship programs, attend student career fair events, participate in the Great Lakes District Student Activities Committee, and serve as a liaison for ITE Student Chapter groups to coordinate funding opportunities, participate in District annual meetings, and interact with ITE headquarters. These coordinators are responsible for interacting with the student chapters within NCITE, presenting on Engineering careers to students, and administering the annual scholarship program.



University of Minnesota—Twin Cities Student Chapter have continued their monthly "TranspoTalks" presentations with a special guest in 2024, Chuck Marohn from Strong Towns, who presented on why the conventional approach to traffic engineering is making people less safe and how it's impacting our cities' budgets.

NCITE, by policy, supports student attendance at section meetings by reducing the meeting cost to \$5. For the Section Annual Meeting, the cost for a student was only \$10 compared to the \$75 for full member registration cost. The board also provided free registration for 3 of the students who were able to accept their scholarships at the event.

NCITE awarded \$5000 to five students via scholarship in 2024, awarding 2 undergraduate, 2 intern, and 1 honorary Robert Green Scholarship which was started in 2023.

- Undergraduate Scholarship: Matthew Croke – SDSU
- Undergraduate Scholarship: Daniel Georgioff – UMN Twin Cities
- Intern Scholarship: Talha Ahmed - NDSU
- Intern Scholarship: Dylan Moreno - University of St. Thomas
- Robert Green Scholarship: Elizabeth Hying – UMN Twin Cities



2024 Undergraduate Scholarship Winners Matthew Croke and Daniel Georgioff

Younger Member Support

NCITE also includes a very active Younger Member Committee. The purpose of the Younger Member Committee (YMC) of NCITE is to connect young professionals in the diverse field of transportation and create opportunities to build relationships and grow professionally. These opportunities are provided through social and educational events held throughout the year. This committee additionally seeks to fulfill the following goals:

- Promote engagement in the NCITE mentorship program, which aims to assist younger members as they progress through their careers.
- Connect with university students and build relationships with individuals who are potential future members of NCITE.
- Promote engagement in the NCITE Technical Committees to encourage professional development and provide opportunities for younger members to share their ideas.



NCITE's Younger Member Group at UMN Volleyball Game (left) and Happy Hour (right)

The YMC was started in 2018 and continues to remain a very active committee with bimonthly in-person meetings, which include both social and technical events. NCITE has remained dedicated to helping offset cost for Younger Member Committee (YMC) events creating a yearly budget Stipend of \$650. YMC events in 2024 included Top Golf, a trivia night, a bike and brew tour, a University of Minnesota (UMN) volleyball game, and a happy hour prior to the NCITE Annual Meeting. The YMC has been a great way for younger members to get leadership experience and we encourage younger committee members to continue with leadership roles within ITE:

- Jeremy Melquist, 2023 NCITE President (2018 YMC Chair)
- Phil Kulis, 2024 NCITE President (2017 YMC Chair)
- Jack Olsson, 2024 NCITE Director (2021 YMC Chair)

LeadershipITE

NCITE has a strong commitment to LeadershipITE with five past alumni and one member accepted for the 2025 list:

- Scott Poska, 2018 NCITE President (LeadershipITE Class of 2017)
- Jeff Preston, 2019 NCITE President (LeadershipITE Class of 2019)
- Tyler Krage, 2021 NCITE Vice President (LeadershipITE Class of 2020)
- Natalie Sager, 2022 NCITE President (LeadershipITE Class of 2021)
- Morgan Nelson, 2024 GLITE District Representative (LeadershipITE Class of 2023)
- Sarah Peterson, 2025 NCITE Treasurer (LeadershipITE Class of 2025)

All LeadershipITE alumni have served or are currently serving on the NCITE Executive Board and are active leaders in the Section. Recognizing the benefits to the Section of having its members participate in LeadershipITE, it is the policy of the North Central Section to offer financial assistance for participation in the program up to \$750 each for up to three Section participants per annual LeadershipITE class.

NCITE Committees - Application of Technical Knowledge

NCITE members and volunteers work daily to ensure that motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians can safely and efficiently complete their daily trips. For our quarterly newsletter, The [INCITER](#), our technical committees are asked to submit an article on technical subjects on a rotating basis. Also, paying advertisers for our section are provided the opportunity to contribute one technical article per year. A total of 10 technical articles were published in 2024.

Our section meetings always include a technical presentation. Most often, we look to our members or their colleagues to provide these presentations. These presentations are typically posted to our [YouTube](#) channel for later viewing.

Technical Committee	2024 Technical Events (bulleted)
Geometric Design	Establishes a forum for NCITE members to share, discuss, and explore the traffic operations and safety effects of roadway design elements. • Tactile Walking Surface Indicators • Trucks in Roundabouts • Geometric Designs for Pedestrians, Innovative Intersections, Restricted Access Design • LRRB Mini Roundabouts

Technical Committee	2024 Technical Events (bulleted)
Intersection Traffic Control	A forum for NCITE members to discuss issues related to traffic signal design and operation. • MnDOT's new FYA tracking spreadsheet, FYA safety evaluation project, and FYA/POOFYA/Preemption testing • MnDOT's new signal pole standards • YARP standards updates • Intersection modification project lessons learned • I-494 arterials/signals project.
Emerging Technologies in Transportation (ETT)	The ETT Committee provides a forum for participants to address technical issues related to developing technology in the industry (ITS, CAV, Big Data, etc.) and to share lessons learned. This Committee works jointly with ITS-MN. • Advancements in AI Video Detection • Open Data Standards • Power of AI for predicative roadway Maintenance. Pavement Marking Patterns and Widths – Humans vs Machines
Complete Streets and Safety (CSS)	A forum for NCITE members to discuss issues related to improving safety and mobility for everyone, with an emphasis on vulnerable road users (VRUs), transit riders, and multi-modal transportation systems. • Capitol City Bikeway (CCB)
Planning Methods & Applications	The purpose of this committee is to discuss and author NCITE standards of practice relating to issues in the transportation planning field. • Presentations on Activity Sim, Statewide Model, and A Modeler's Perspective of Big Data.
Traffic Operations and Maintenance	A forum for operations and maintenance staff to discuss best practices, tips, and ideas. • ATSSA How-To, Centracs server storage, BBU battery replacement, swing away signal mast arms • Planning for signal equipment replacements • City population sign discussion, vehicle noise laws and enforcement, winter parking rules
Simulation & Capacity Analysis (SimCap)	A forum for analysis methods with the intention of developing best practices for traffic modeling in our region. • HCM7's new features • Inclusion of AI or automation in traffic simulation • MnDOT ICE Manual Updates, Signal Warrant Analysis Details, and various types of intersection alternatives

Networking Events

Offering our membership networking opportunities is a priority for all NCITE events, as highlighted in the bullets below.

- Seven of the eight **Section Meetings** in 2024 were held as a hybrid meeting with both in-person participation and virtually. The one virtual only joint meeting with ITE Wisconsin had almost 100 attendees while most attendees were virtual for our roadshow section meeting in Minot, ND. NCITE looks to provide a mix of meeting style and location for its section meetings annually.
- For our annual **Summer Social**, we once again held a joint networking event with the Minnesota Surveyors and Engineers Society (MSES), Women in Transportation Studies (WTS) Minnesota, and ITS Minnesota. The group attended a Saints baseball game at CHS Field in St. Paul, MN with over 200 attendees for the 2nd consecutive year.
- Our **Annual Meeting** was held at Four Seasons Curling Club in Blaine, MN. A happy hour, which was planned by our Younger Member Committee, took place for an hour before the meeting. The first part of the event included check-in and networking, a heavy buffet spread, a presentation summarizing the section's activities in 2024, and announcement of award winners and election results for our 2025 board. Sue Zarling and Denny Eyler were recognized as new NCITE distinguished members for their service within the organization over the years. The presentation was followed by two hours of curling where everyone made it out injury free!



Denny Eyler and Sue Zarling Recognized as New NCITE Distinguished Members



40 attendees at the annual meeting curled providing a fun activity after annual meeting presentations.

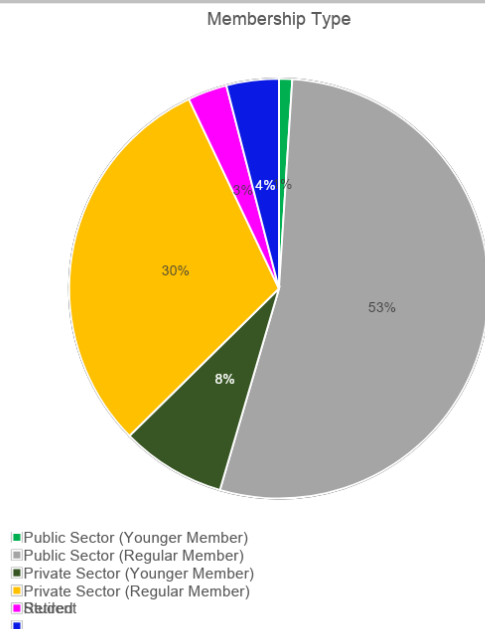
K-12 STEM Outreach

NCITE typically participates in several K-12 STEM outreach events each year. Typical events include Civil Engineering Day at the Minnesota Science Museum, high school career fairs, the Minnesota Future City Competition, and the Minneapolis STEM Expo.

New Member Recruitment

Over the course of 2024 NCITE welcomed 34 new members bringing our total up to 502 total members. This is our largest total membership that NCITE has seen in the last decade. All Section Meetings and many technical committee meetings have had a virtual option with a reduced cost to attend (often free) to encourage attendance and reach a wider geographic area. The Executive Board and Communications Group are also making a push in 2025 to create a series of 1-page flyers that will be shared with Public Agencies and Student Organizations to help members get more involved with committee groups and become active members within the Section, District, and ITE.

The Executive Board and Membership Chair are committed to ensuring that members see and feel value in being a part of ITE International and NCITE. The goal of bringing value to members was accomplished in the various activities and initiatives NCITE accomplished in 2024. NCITE's Membership Coordinator also sends out our new member interactive flyer to all new NCITE members to help them understand the many benefits of NCITE/ITE and how to get more involved with the organization.



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TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

- Intersection Traffic Control
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Planning Methods and Applications
- Pedestrian and Traffic Safety
- Geometric Design
- Simulation & Capacity Analysis
- Traffic Operations and Maintenance
- Younger Member Committee

A YEAR IN NCITE

- Six Section Meetings** - earn Professional Development Hours with networking opportunities
- Summer Social** - fun summer activity with networking opportunities
- Annual Meeting** - Enjoy a fun activity after a year in review and awards presentation
- NCITER Newsletter** - five issues published annually

LEARN MORE

- Read previous issues of the NCITER
- Look up members in the Membership Directory
- Review what happened in the last year in the Annual Report
- Contact the Board of Directors

We are excited to welcome you to the North Central Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

NCITE is part of ITE's Midwestern District (District 4). NCITE members reflect the diversity of our profession, and count traffic engineers, planners, architects, retired professionals, and technicians among its membership. We are all active in the field of transportation and support the transportation industry.

NCITE is led by a Board of Directors and supported by committee chairs. Reach out to any of our current leadership with questions that you have. We are excited to get to know you and further our positive impact. **Together we can save lives, move people, enhance communities, and grow the economy every day.**

Our community is stronger now that you are a member.

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Membership Coordinator

Get Involved!

- JOIN A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
- ATTEND A SECTION MEETING

2024 membership shows a strong public agency presence in total numbers, but a 2025 initiative is to increase active participation in committees and section meetings through better benefits communication.

Training/Professional Development

NCITE offers Professional Development Hours (PDH's) for all of our section meetings, which always include a technical presentation. In 2024, there were eight section meetings with a total of 11 PDHs. Our professional development committee also plans a bi-annual symposium and ethics training in alternating years.

The last NCITE Transportation Symposium was held on October 26th, 2023, at McNamara Alumni Center on the UMN Twin Cities campus. This conference featured 12 presentations throughout the day, with 85 attendees including several UMN students. This event provided 6 PDHs and specifically 1.5 Certification Maintenance (CM) credits for the ethics portion of the program providing AICPs.

NCITE collaborated with Women in Transportation Studies (WTS) to offer a two-hour ethics course in May 2024 offering an Ethics Game Show for Planners & Engineers.



NCITE/WTS collaborated to host Erin Perdu who presented on planning and engineering ethics cases from the past year.

Funding Support

In addition to the scholarship funds and Leadership ITE stipends that NCITE provides, NCITE supports its members in many other financial ways. Upon receipt of a written request and documentation of expenditures, the Section Treasurer is authorized to pay travel and/or registration expenses as described below to support district and international meeting attendance:

What is Funded?	Who is Funded?
Great Lakes District Annual Meeting	• Section President and Past President: Up to \$500 each. • Section Vice President shall be eligible for up to \$500 if either of the officers noted above is unable to attend. No more than two Section officers shall be eligible for reimbursement. • Great Lakes Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Past President): Up to \$500.
Great Lakes District Fall Workshop	• Current and Incoming Section Representative: Up to \$1,000 each.
ITE International Annual Meeting	• Section President and Vice President: Up to \$800 each. • Section Secretary and/or Past President: Up to \$800 if one of the officers noted above is unable to attend. No more than two Section officers shall be eligible for reimbursement.
Great Lakes District Annual Meeting <u>OR</u> ITE International Annual Meeting	• The recipient of the Young Transportation Professional of the Year Award (Award): Up to \$650 within 12 months of receiving the Award. • NCITE student chapters: Up to \$750 per school. An NCITE student chapter that wins the GLITE Traffic Bowl shall be eligible for an additional \$750 in travel expenses to attend the competition at the ITE International Annual Meeting.
ITE Student Leadership Summit	• NCITE Student Chapters: \$150 once annually to each Chapter that attends an ITE Student Leadership Summit and provides NCITE with a written summary of the event for publication in the NCITE section newsletter.

Advocacy

As an agency NCITE is proud to advocate for the transportation industry through education, networking, and service. We are a growing organization who will continue to support the advocacy of ITE. Respectfully Submitted,



Nik Costello, PE
2025 NCITE President



Joe DeVore, P.E., PTOE, RSP2
2025 NCITE Vice President



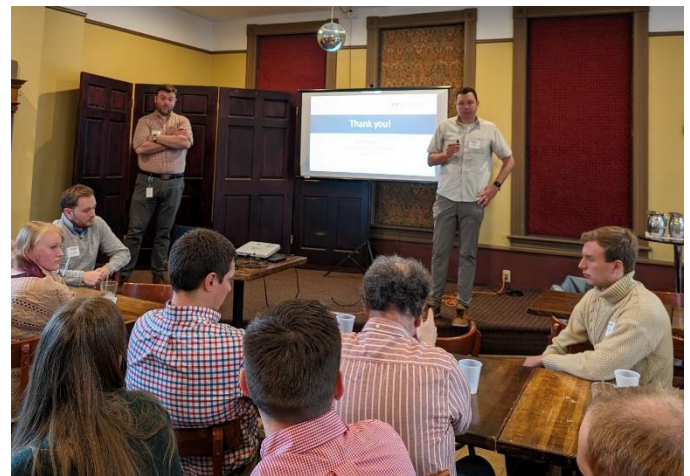
Philip Kulis, PE, PTOE, RSP2I
2025 NCITE Past President



October 2024 Section Meeting in Minot, ND



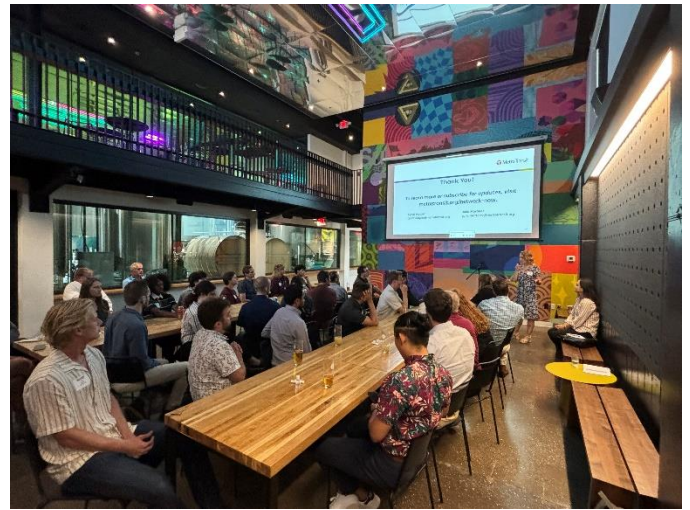
February 2024 Section Meeting at Jax Cafe



April 2024 Section Meeting at Sweeney's Saloon



March 2024 Section Meeting at MnDOT



August 2024 Section Meeting at Modist Brewing



NCITE's Inaugural Golf Scramble was held at a nine-hole Par 3 executive course at Cedarholm in Roseville, MN with 40 registered golfers and 8 sponsors. It was followed by a reception for all golfers and sponsors.

