

# **SDITE Student Member Survey Summary**

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## **Question 1**

Universities represented: UT, SPSU, NCSU, U of Miss., Clemson, UK, Auburn, University of Memphis  
Year in School: 7 Phd, 10 Graduate Students, 8 Seniors, 2 Juniors  
Time involved with ITE: 1 year or less = 9; 1 to 2 years = 8; > 2 yrs. 7  
Officer: yes = 17; no = 11  
Which officer: Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer

## **Question 2: How can ITE best assist you professionally? (1 is most important)**

1. Networking/Building relationships
2. Training/Professional Development
3. Leadership Development
4. Technical Information
5. Annual Meeting

## **Question 3: As a student member, have you attended an SDITE Annual Meeting?**

Yes 11; No 17

## **Question 4: Have you participated in the SDITE Traffic Bowl?**

Yes 7; No 21

## **Question 5: As a student member, what would provide the best incentive for you to attend an SDITE Annual Meeting? (1 is most important)**

1. Networking/Building relationships
2. Reduced or free registration fee
3. Financial assistance for expenses
4. Informative technical sessions
5. Great social activities (4 & 5 virtually tied)
6. More planned student chapter activities
7. Other ( tours and activities for student chapters; spending time with student chapters)

## **Question 6: Are you familiar with or taken advantage of:**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
ITE Journal	23	5
ITE Webinars	9	19
ITE State Sections	13	14
State Section Meetings	16	11
State Section Events	8	19
ITE Councils	13	14

## **Question 7: Do you plan to remain a member of ITE after graduation?**

Yes 27; No 1 (studying in construction field, do not feel company would support)

**Question 8: What problems do you see with maintaining your membership in ITE?**

<b><i>Problems</i></b>	<b><i>Times mentioned</i></b>
None, no problems	14
Cost	6
No answer	5
Very narrow range of focus	1
More social activities	1
Meeting locations not nearby	1
Taking time off from work to attend meetings	1
Provide more information on transportation job	1

***Actual responses to Question 8***

1. Cost of membership; very narrow range of focus - I'm a transportation geographer, formally a transportation planner . . . ITE is one of the most important ways for me to learn about transportation issues, but the focus is exclusively engineering and not planning or GIS-Transportation related. Of course, this is the ITE and not a fictional IT-GIS/Planning.
2. More social activities
3. None
4. None
5. ----
6. None
7. No problem at all!
8. Well, if I move to home country after graduation, I am not sure I will keep the membership because american dollars worth twice as much as my home country's currency. Besides, I want to be a professor, and professors and my home country do not make great money!
9. Money and need since not in my field
10. None, great opportunity and plan to remain a member
11. None
12. Financial constraints
13. None
14. ----
15. None
16. No problem
17. Not having meetings located nearby, having time off from work to attend meetings and events
18. ----
19. None
20. ----
21. Provide more information on transportation job
22. None
23. None
24. None
25. None, is easy to maintain.
26. Cost
27. ----
28. Maintaining the fees

**Question 9: What suggestions do you have that would make membership in ITE more valuable, attractive to you?**

<i>Suggestions</i>	<i>Times mentioned</i>
More activities, events, involvement, speakers	9
None or no answer	8
Help in finding employment	2
More networking opportunities	2
Fun	1

**Actual responses to Question 9**

1. More help in finding employment opportunities for disciplines other than engineering - I'm a Ph.D. student in transportation/GIS and have a M.S.P. in Transportation Planning - Would it be possible to actively integrate ITE with other Transportation related disciplines? You could then draw student membership from planning, geography and logistics.
2. Discussion in small group
3. None
4. More regional activities
5. Receiving more technical information, knowing about their mission and the way they can help students in their future career.
6. ----
7. More trips, meetings, activities
8. More emphasis on research and academics. A special e-mail list of ITE-members who are professors and postdocs would be a great idea!!!
9. None
10. More speakers at student chapter meetings
11. More events or guest speakers
12. More events to cater to younger engineers
13. ----
14. ----
15. More involvement
16. Social Network
17. I really do not know much at all about ITE student membership
18. It is necessary to get together for meetings, but getting together for fun would be beneficial as well. We could get outside in nice weather for, I don't know, paper airplane competition, we could tailgate at football games, we could have our own golf outing. I know ITE is primarily a technical organization, but as students, we could attract members by showing them a good time.
19. None
20. More National Student-Level involvement
21. Same as previous question
22. None
23. I already find it valuable, but maybe make it known how it can be valuable to others in the future
24. Participation in more events.
25. I think what is being done is sufficient.
26. More student activities, more student-g geared sessions at conferences, more networking opportunities
27. ----
28. More contact information from potential employers

**Question 10: What would it take for you to become a member or move your membership from Student to Member?**

<i>To become a member</i>	<i>Times mentioned</i>
Plan to, info on how, graduation, an e-mail	8
Less cost (decreased fees first year or first 5 years)	6
A job in transportation	1
More flexible meeting schedule	1
Training, working with ITE member	1

***Actual responses to Question 10***

1. More flexible meeting schedule, such as weekend meetings or virtual meetings
2. ----
3. Graduation
4. time
5. Fee
6. Information on how to
7. ----
8. As I said. I am an international student. If I go back to my home country, I am not sure I will keep being a member. If I stay here, working on transportation, I will upgrade my membership from student to member.
9. N/A
10. Already a member, enjoy it
11. Traffic Bowl away from college towns; nice to travel to different city.
12. Already plan to become a member
13. ----
14. ----
15. Less fee and more involvement
16. Training, working with ITE member
17. I do not have any information regarding the differences and benefits, so I could not say.
18. Graduation?
19. Low cost
20. I plan to do such.
21. Some meeting and ITE Journal
22. A job in transportation
23. Already planning on it but still a student
24. Cheap dues!
25. An e-mail.
26. Decreased cost for 5 years after graduation.
27. ----
28. A reduction in first-year fees