



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Candidate for International Director

K. Scott Walker Jr, PE

Candidate's Professional Biography

- **Education:** Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Kentucky, 2001.
- **Career:** Fourteen (14) years of industry experience performing traffic engineering and transportation planning projects. Four (4) years as a Project Manager and Training Manager at Toyota Motor North America.
- **Registrations:** PE in KY
- **Membership:** ITE Member since 2001 and actively engaged in ITE service since 2005.

ITE Service Summary

- International ITE: LeadershipITE (Class of 2014); Membership Task Force (2013)
- SDITE: District Officer: President 2018, Vice-President 2017, Secretary/Treasurer 2016; Information, Communication, & Outreach (IC&O) Committee – (Member: 2006-2008, Team Leader, 2014-2015), Strategic Plan Annual Meeting Committee (Member: 2009-2013); LAC Chair for 2012 Joint Annual SDITE & GLDITE Meeting
- KYSITE: Section Representative (2010-13), President (2009), Vice President (2008), Treasurer (2007), Secretary (2006);

Other Volunteer Service

- Cub Scout Pack Committee Chair (2015-current); Den Leader (2013-2018; 2020); Scoutmaster (2020)

Discussion Points

- **Reasons for running for office:** I have a deep passion for the Southern District of ITE and its members. When I made the decision nearly five years ago to shift toward a different career path, one of my biggest concerns was my ability to effectively serve the District in the new career. I am proud to state that my passion still runs strong and I continue to have a big desire to lead SDITE and its Sections to new levels within the transportation profession. I also want to ensure that the wonderful Sections within our District are able to retain the identity that has made them successful in the past amidst the continual changes at the International level.
- **Discussion of the candidate's goals and priorities as a member of the executive board:** I have three key priorities if elected as an International Director:

1. **Prioritize SDITE**: My goal is to ensure SDITE and its Sections interests are best protected in International ITE decision-making.
 2. **Ensure effective communication**: It is imperative that we communicate activity and opportunities at the International level to our District and Section elected leaders, members, and volunteers.
 3. **Promote SDITE**: The strength of SDITE is in our members which are in our Sections. My goal is to continue to share our best practices from our District and Sections to the International community.
- **Discussion of how the candidate anticipates accomplishing his/her goals**: Using what I have learned in my involvement within the KYSITE, SDITE, and International ITE, I believe that success for the aforementioned goals can be accomplished as follows:
 1. **Prioritize SDITE**: International Board decisions that impact the Southern District and its Sections should be communicated to the Sections. I will consider that impact on each vote to ensure our positions, and possible concerns, are verbalized to the full Board. As proven in my experience while President, it is important to understand the issue, communicate the issue, receive feedback from our members, and push as much as possible for the best possible outcome to benefit all.
 2. **Ensure effective communication**: SDITE has great communication tools. Ensuring communication from International ITE is included in the newsletter and social media platforms will help our members stay engaged.
 3. **Promote SDITE**: Through the many face to face meetings I would attend, I would ensure that formal and information discussions with other Board Member include a promotion of our great activities.
 - **Discussion of the challenges and opportunities the candidate believes the profession will face in the coming three years**: Funding will forever be a challenge in the profession as there will never be enough money to satisfy current and future system limitations. Prioritizing that funding and giving our members the best tools to help decision-makers with those decisions is key. International ITE and SDITE meetings provide the platform to learn how other states, cities, and communities balance the funding versus needs. In addition, technology is continually changing. It is imperative that the needs of all our members continue to be met while ensuring the workforce is best prepared for the changes.
 - **Discussion of the challenges and opportunities the candidate believes the sections, district or international ITE will face in the coming three years**: For many years, ITE has faced the challenge of retaining and growing our membership. With recent changes within the ITE organization, there has been an impact on professionals that participated in our Sections but were not full international members (formerly known as affiliates). During my tenure as SDITE President during this transition, I became fully aware of the impact on the Sections, and the frustration that ensued that was relayed in multiple meetings, phone calls, and yes, even text messages. Moving forward, it is critical that new members are aware of member benefits and that these benefits are commensurate with the cost. Quantifying the value of international membership has been an issue for many years and our elected leadership at the District and Section levels need tools to help promote the organization. Also, for our peers that have elected to not join ITE as a full international member, it is important that the Sections determine how to best engage with these professionals to collaborate in the best interest of the transportation / mobility community. Our Sections provide wonderful professional development opportunities that include networking and other benefits. We need to ensure that non-members can still feel welcome in participating in events that have generated the success in the past.