



## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Candidate for International Director

### BECKY WHITE, PTP



- **Candidate's professional biography, including number of years of ITE membership, transportation experience and accomplishments:**

**Employment:** Principal & Chief Operating Officer, Sain Associates, Inc.

**Brief:** I have 34 years of project experience in transportation planning and serve as principal-in-charge of Sain Associates' transportation planning practice. I have served a broad range of public and private sector clients and especially enjoy opportunities to engage in strategic planning and group facilitation. I am a certified Professional Transportation Planner and have deep appreciation for ITE and all it has contributed to my professional growth since joining the organization in 1993.

**Education:** BA, Furman University, 1985

**Accomplishments:**

- Birmingham Business Journal (BBJ) Women to Watch, 2018
  - Marble J. Hensley Outstanding Individual Activity Award, SDITE 2015
  - Transportation Professional of the Year, Alabama Section, 2011
  - Work Life Balance Award, Society of Women Engineers, 2002
  - BBJ Top 40 Under 40, 2001
- **Prior service to the Southern District; prior service to your state ITE section; and prior service to other organizations and other qualifications:**
    - Chair, Harold M. Raynor ALSITE Scholarship Foundation, 2016-present
    - Board of Directors, Women Business Leaders, 2018-present
    - Member, Alabama Transportation Planners Association
    - Chair, SDITE Strategic Planning Committee, 2016-2017
    - Alabama Section Representative, 2014-2015
    - Chair, SDITE Leadership Development Program, 2014-2015
    - Southern District President, 2012
    - Instructor, SDITE Leadership Training Program, 2010-2017
    - Local Arrangements Co-Chair, 2009 Southern District Annual Meeting
    - Alabama Section President, 2002
    - Local Arrangements Committee Member, 1999 Southern District Annual Meeting

- **Reasons for running for office:** ITE has enriched my career so much through technical training and relationships with talented people from across our nine-state district. It has been an honor to serve the organization. I am excited about the opportunity to continue that service as International Director. I believe we have something very special in the Southern District, and I look forward to the possibility of representing your interests on the international board.
- **Discussion of the candidate's goals and priorities as a member of the executive board:** If elected my primary focus will be to advocate the interests of our SDITE members and Sections at the International level. For most ITE members, their closest relationships and touch point for the organization occurs at the Section level. Our leadership needs to continue to look for ways to help our Sections be a vibrant and influential voice for transportation in their local area.
- **Discussion of how the candidate anticipates accomplishing his/her goals:** Communication is the key to how I will approach accomplishing my goals as International Director. In order to represent you well, I will begin by actively seeking input from all our District and Section leaders regarding their goals and concerns. I will faithfully attend all board meetings, engage in robust dialogue on important issues and provide timely reporting back to the SDITE executive board and communications team.
- **Discussion of the challenges and opportunities the candidate believes the profession will face in the coming three years:** Although the economy has improved, funding for transportation is still a big issue for most agencies. Our members need training and encouragement to be strong advocates for transportation in their communities. They also need reliable resources for information on new practices and technology that will help them develop sustainable transportation solutions. ITE will remain strong if we continue to deliver high quality training that is affordable and accessible, especially for young professionals.
- **Discussion of the challenges and opportunities the candidate believes the sections, district or international ITE will face in the coming three years:** ITE continues to compete with other groups to be the organization of choice for transportation professionals. We need to continue to explore new ways to create conversation, share best practices, and challenge each other to do our best work. The opportunity to remain relevant will hinge on our ability to deliver services that truly engage our membership.