

DISTRICT INNOVATION AWARD

SOUTHERN DISTRICT ITE – MENTORSHIP SESSIONS



The Southern District ITE (SDITE) hosted a total of eight virtual Mentorship Sessions in 2021 aimed at strengthening nontechnical skills and providing a collaborative platform for interaction with the presenters and their audience. The targeted audience often focused on Section leadership but was open to all members.

The SDITE Operations Manual enables a District President to establish a one year “Past President’s Committee.” 2021 SDITE President Cindy Pionke requested that 2020 Past President Becky Rogers assemble a Past President Committee to serve in an advisory capacity to the District and Section officers. Cindy’s intent was for the 2021 Committee to perform special tasks as assigned by the President with a focus of closing non-technical gaps identified through feedback of multiple SDITE Member Service Committee Team Members.

A team with a combination of leadership and ITE experience at all levels of the organization was assembled with representatives from five of the eight Sections in SDITE. The Past President’s Committee members included the following:

- Becky Rogers, Committee Chair (Past ALSITE President/Immediate Past SDITE President/LeadershipITE alum)
- Jennifer Bihl (Past SCSITE President & Past SDITE President)
- Robert Murphy (Past TSITE President, Past SDITE President, & Past International Director)
- Kate D’Ambrosio (Past GAITE President/*Leadership*ITE alum)
- Jonathan Kiser (Past DSITE President & Current DSITE Section Administrator/*Leadership*ITE alum)

Once assembled, the Committee reviewed the range of non-technical topics presented by the SDITE Members Services and brainstormed other topics. More importantly, the Committee identified other members across the District that had expertise in each particular area. The goal was to host least six virtual meetings over the course of 2021. These were labeled as “Mentorship Sessions” as the goal was to mentor professionals at varying stages of their career on topics that may not be covered in other platforms.

Congratulations to SDITE for their innovative programming and exceptional member outreach!