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Leading into the Future: ITE Welcomes 2026 International Board of Direction

WASHINGTON, DC – ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals (ITE) proudly announces the 2026 International Board of Direction, marking a new year of leadership and vision. The board plays a vital role in guiding the strategic direction of ITE and representing the interests of its 18,000+ members worldwide.



Gordon Meth, P.E., P.Eng., PTOE, PTP, RSP2I, T.E. (F), has been instated as ITE's 2026 International President. Gordon brings more than 35 years of experience in traffic engineering and currently serves as Highway Engineering Practice Group Leader at Robson Forensic. A member of ITE since 1990, his contributions span numerous leadership roles including International Director for the Northeastern District and Chair of the Traffic Engineering Council.



Neelam Dorman, P.E., T.E. (F), has been elected as ITE's 2026 International Vice President. Neelam serves as Planning Manager for Oregon DOT Region 1 and brings experience in both public and private sectors. A longtime ITE leader, she has served as President of the Southern California Section and the Western District and continues to be a passionate advocate for project delivery, policy development, and advancing future generations of professionals.



Karen Aspelin, P.E., PTOE (F), now serves as Immediate Past President. With a long legacy of leadership in ITE—from Section to International levels—Karen's term as 2025 President helped continue ITE's forward momentum in membership engagement and technical advancement. Her decades of commitment to transportation engineering and to ITE have made a lasting impact.

ITE also extends a warm welcome to the newest members of the 2026 International Board:



Amir Rizavi, P.E., ENV SP – Northeastern District. Amir Rizavi is a Principal at VHB and a recognized leader in transportation planning and systems. A dedicated ITE volunteer, Amir has held leadership roles at all levels of the organization and is passionate about mentoring future professionals. He is enthusiastic about shaping ITE's long-term strategy and ensuring its continued growth and relevance as the organization nears its 100th anniversary.



Danielle Scharf, P.E., PTOE, LEED AP – Mountain District. Danielle Scharf is Managing Principal at Sanbell and brings decades of experience delivering sustainable transportation solutions across Montana and the western United States. She has served ITE in numerous leadership roles, most recently as President of the Mountain District.

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Farukh Ijaz, P.E. – Global District. Farukh Ijaz is President of Consulting Services USA and a leader in intelligent transportation systems and planning. He has held multiple ITE leadership roles at the Section and District levels and is a *Leadership*ITE graduate and mentor. He is committed to fostering a global professional community and creating opportunities for future leaders in the industry.



Patrick O'Connor, P.E., PTOE – Florida Puerto Rico District. Patrick O'Connor is National Traffic Services Director for American Structurepoint. A longtime ITE member and volunteer, he is committed to supporting student and young professional engagement across the Florida Puerto Rico District. His leadership emphasizes member experience and broadening access to ITE's many resources.

These new leaders bring fresh perspectives, professional excellence, and deep ITE engagement to their roles. We look forward to their contributions in the coming year.

At the same time, ITE offers sincere thanks to those whose terms have concluded. We deeply appreciate the time, expertise, and dedication of our outgoing Board members and their tireless efforts to strengthen the ITE community. Their contributions have helped shape ITE's mission of improving safety and mobility for all. **With special thanks, we recognize the service of the following outgoing board members:**

- **John A. Davis, P.E., PTOE, TSOS, RSP1 (F)**
- **Rebecca Brown, P.E. (M)**
- **Ben Waldman, P.E., PTOE (M)**
- **Daniel Przychodzki, CPEng, NER (F)**
- **Thua Nguyen, P.E., PTOE, PTP (F)**

Their leadership, insight, and commitment have been instrumental in advancing ITE's mission and supporting the organization's strategic growth.

For a full listing of the 2026 ITE International Board of Direction, please see the [January issue of *ITE Journal*](#).

About ITE —. ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals (ITE) works to improve mobility and safety for all transportation system users, helping to build smart and livable communities.

Founded in 1930, ITE is a volunteer-driven association of more than 18,000 engineers, planners, consultants, educators, researchers, technologists, and students working in more than 78 countries. ITE provides opportunities for professional development and community building through conferences, training, publications, and involvement in projects and products advancing knowledge in the industry.

Through our products and services, we promote professional development and career advancement, support education, lead research initiatives, develop technical resources, including standards and

recommended practices, promote public awareness programs, and serve as a conduit for exchanging professional information.

Members benefit from involvement at all levels of the organization. ITE International refers to the staff and board leadership. Together with Districts, Sections, Chapters, and Student Chapters, ITE offers leadership, learning, and networking opportunities at the global, national, regional, and local levels. We work together to keep you up to date on key issues and provide professional development at every stage of your career.

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