For International President:

Alyssa A. Reynolds Rodriguez, P.E., PTOE (F)

For International Vice President:

Jason A. Crawford, P.E. (F)

Beverly Thompson Kuhn, Ph.D., P.E., PMP (F)

The Election Ballot will open on February 12, 2020 at 12:00 noon ET and will close at noon ET on March 13, 2020. Written consent to hold office, if elected, has been received from each candidate. The publication of this notice complies with Article V of the ITE Constitution.

I encourage you to become familiar with the qualifications and visions of the candidates and exercise your right to shape ITE’s future by casting your vote to select the 2021 ITE International President and International Vice President. The following page contains a brief statement from each of the candidates. You can learn more by visiting https://www.ite.org/about-ite/2020-candidates-for-international-board/.

Look for question and answer conversations with the International Vice Presidential candidates, which will be posted to the ITE Community in the days leading up to the election.

Once you have decided for whom you wish to vote, you will cast your e-ballot by entering your specific login data (a unique link to vote will be sent to eligible members via e-mail when the election opens on February 12). You must cast your e-ballot no later than noon ET on March 13, 2020. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your vote.

Your vote will remain confidential. The election results will be announced on the ITE website the week of March 16, 2020 and in the April 2020 issue of ITE Journal.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E.
ITE Executive Director and CEO
My vision for sustaining and building on our recent successes is a commitment to delivering compelling member value throughout ITE products, programs, and services.

Technical Products – ITE produces reputable and respected technical products. We must strengthen member engagement in our technical councils to identify and create new content that meets technical needs in the profession and our evolving workforce. We can promote greater involvement from districts into council products to provide well-rounded technical content. We can improve existing technical products that have been a foundation of ITE in ways that reflect changes in our profession. We can create forward-looking resources that can be easily updated with current examples to help practitioners perform their jobs.

Learning Channels – ITE has a strong catalog of continuing education opportunities. We can improve marketing of our webinar and podcast channels that supplement the extensive program base delivered through our district, section, and international meetings. We should identify and pilot new innovative learning channels that best meet the needs of our members. We must endeavor for topic and speaker diversity in our technical programs to meet the needs for all members.

Networking – ITE is a diverse family where people make life-long career and personal connections. We must promote welcoming and recognizing new members at meetings to encourage their membership. We can strengthen and promote consistency between ITE’s affinity groups under the ONE ITE platform so members have clear expectations of their experience across ITE. We should promote growth of the mentor program across all levels of work experience as we continue to grow throughout our careers.

Leadership Opportunities – ITE has abundant opportunities both for members to assume leadership positions, and to learn and sharpen their leadership skills through training. LeadershipITE and student leadership summits are valuable training for our future leaders, and we can place these program participants into various task and project leadership opportunities. We should promote linkages among other professional organizations and groups to enhance collaboration and offer viable solutions to the challenges we face. These linkages can help us remove barriers, increase flexibility, and identify ways to invest taxpayer dollars more efficiently to improve local communities.

Diversity, Collaboration, and Leverage

Embrace Diversity – The differences in our backgrounds enrich our experiences as members of ITE and the communities in which we live and serve. I believe that by embracing all aspects of our diversity, we can offer a more open exchange of ideas and develop solutions that help ensure a resilient, sustainable, and equitable transportation system that is inclusive and responsive to the needs of everyone.

Enhance Collaboration – Transportation has a broad impact on society, presenting challenges and opportunities for such issues as safety, the environment, health, land use, economic development, freight, housing, and rural livability. Transportation is intertwined with all of these elements. We need a broad understanding of the impacts our decisions have on the overall quality of life and the long-term prosperity of our communities. Expanding our ongoing engagement with other professional organizations and groups can enhance collaboration and offer viable solutions to the challenges we face. These linkages can help us remove barriers, increase flexibility, and identify ways to invest taxpayer dollars more efficiently to improve local communities.

Leverage the Councils and Committees – The ITE Councils and Standing Committees serve a critical role in identifying developing trends and how we as transportation professionals can address these trends. We need to leverage the expertise and leadership of these groups to foster a healthy dialogue among our members from across the globe. This dialogue, combined with the collaborative spirit inherent in ITE, will result in quality products and resources that incorporate new and diverse perspectives to become essential tools for our members and for the overall profession.

I have served ITE in various capacities since joining as a student at Texas A&M University and saw the organization as an integral part of my transportation future. Over the years, I have found ITE to be one of the best investments I have ever made in my career. I have gained a vast wealth of experience and insight into our profession and have made lifelong friends along the way. I am honored to have been selected as a candidate for ITE International Vice President, and I am excited to share my vision for ITE with you.