Dear Voting Member:

The future of ITE and the direction and course of its programs and activities are greatly influenced by the leaders you elect to represent you. The ITE Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates for the offices of International President and International Vice President for 2022:

For International President:
Beverly Thompson Kuhn, Ph.D., P.E., PMP (F)

For International Vice President:
Eugene (Gene) G. Chartier, M.A.Sc., P.Eng. (F)
Rosana Correa, P.E., PTOE (F)

The Election Ballot will open on February 10, 2021 at 12:00 noon ET and will close at noon ET on March 12, 2021. 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 2022 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 www.ite.org/candidates.

Look for question and answer conversations with the International Vice Presidential candidates, which will be posted to the ITE e-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 10). You must cast your e-ballot no later than noon ET on March 12, 2021. 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 15, 2021 and in the April 2021 issue of ITE Journal.

Sincerely,

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Unprecedented technological and societal changes, not to mention the undeniable impacts of a global pandemic and climate change, are reshaping the way people think about transportation and ultimately redefining how we do our jobs as transportation professionals. As an organization, ITE can play a critical leadership role in “shaping the future of the profession and transportation in the societal context” by:

Continuing efforts to make ITE more diverse and inclusive.

Focussing on more diversity and inclusivity is a key element to building a strong, resilient workforce of individuals with diverse backgrounds, skill levels, and varied base of disciplinary perspectives, and adaptability. Through initiatives like the Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the Diversity Scholars Program, ITE has begun to encourage participation from traditionally underrepresented groups to pursue careers in transportation and become members as well as leaders within the organization. We need to extend our efforts further through partnerships and outreach to complementary organizations. We also need to tackle the issues of transportation equity and justice to ensure our mobility systems truly serve the diverse needs of different communities and our actions do not disproportionately burden or harm disadvantaged populations.

Encouraging more students to enter the transportation profession and become ITE members.

Beginning with STEM initiatives in the K-12 years, ITE can help foster interest in a career in transportation. Supporting traditional events like the ITE Collegiate Traffic Bowl and Student Leadership Summits, while exploring new activities that could resonate more with today’s student, will aid in attracting post-secondary students to careers in transportation. We also need to retain student members as they transition to young professionals by increasing engagement and leadership opportunities.

Expanding professional development opportunities.

We need to offer members more continuing education opportunities through internet-based courses and seminars, and co-operative initiatives with other organizations in delivering transportation-related training. The LeadershipITE program is another valuable professional development initiative we must continue to support.

Stimulating and supporting technical projects.

Technical products are arguably the most visible and valuable service the Institute offers. We need to further promote and support the efforts of the ITE Technical Councils and Committees in delivering timely and useful reference material and continue to explore partnerships with other organizations.

ITE has been my organization of choice throughout my entire academic and professional careers. With over 30 years of active service in elected and leadership positions at the Student Chapter, Section, District, and International levels, I have gained invaluable knowledge of ITE and its operation, which I will leverage in helping improve member experience. The journey has been enriching, humbling and, at times, demanding, but not something I would trade for anything. Along the way, I have enjoyed unparalleled opportunities for personal and professional growth and development, but more importantly forged life-long friendships.

I am honored to have been selected as a candidate for ITE International Vice President and excited by the prospect of continuing my service to the profession. I look forward to sharing my vision for leading ITE into the future.

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Transportation professionals play a vital role in creating a transportation network that ensures equity for all users (regardless of race, ethnicity, age, or ability). Transportation equity means providing quality transportation options for users to access economic and social opportunities, essential services, and recreational features for health benefits. ITE members, as a Community of Transportation Professionals, can help our communities integrate equity in a meaningful way through thoughtful context sensitive planning and designs, establishing partnerships, but most importantly by engaging the communities we serve.

Inclusion and Diversity: ITE is a community where I feel I belong, has provided me with leadership opportunities and professional growth, and is where I have made long-lasting friendships. ITE members need to feel they belong and that they can contribute to our ITE Community at the local level and the international level, regardless of career status: student, recent graduate, or experienced professional. There is a place for all of us at ITE, we are ONE ITE. We also need to continue to invite other transportation professionals to our ITE community to augment our network; enhance collaboration, and create a diverse range of solutions to provide transportation networks that are equitable for all.

Expand ITE Student Membership: We need to attract ITE to students of diverse disciplines and universities, exposing them to transportation career choices and how their knowledge is integral to ongoing ITE initiatives that can impact the communities they live in. Once they are exposed to the ITE Community, and experience all the ways they can have an impact in the transportation profession, they are most likely to join ITE as professionals.

Technical Knowledge: This is how ITE differentiates itself from other organizations. The great technical products, webinars, and conferences that we put together are all due to the tremendous effort of the ITE Councils and Committees. ITE needs to stay in front of the current transportation trends and continue to engage our diverse community of transportation professionals and partners—not only in North America but globally—to ensure we are providing solutions and guidelines that address the members’ needs and trends in our profession.

I have been involved in ITE for more than 20 years and have held different leadership positions starting at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Student Chapter, Tampa Bay Chapter, Florida Section, and as the District 10 International Board Director. One of my proudest moments was helping in the reactivation of the ITE Puerto Rico Section in 2010 when I was part of the Florida Section of ITE Board.

I’m very excited to be selected as one of the two candidates for ITE International Vice President, and I’m looking forward to serving our members and helping ITE to expand its reach to a diverse group of transportation professionals so they too can be part of this great Community of Transportation Professionals that is ITE.