

# VASITE Update to SimCap



# 2019 SDITE | MCDITE ANNUAL MEETING

March 31- April 3, 2019

Located in the Nation's Capital Region, the VASITE team members have been hard at work to develop an engaging joint Annual Meeting packed with technical sessions and networking with your Southern District (SDITE) and Mid-Colonial District (MCDITE) colleagues.

We're excited to announce FHWA Acting Administrator, Brandye Hendrickson, will be kicking off the meeting as the keynote speaker.

- **Call For Abstracts**
- SDITE and MCDITE, in cooperation with the SDITE Technical Knowledge Team, are now accepting abstracts for the 2019 SDITE / MCDITE Joint Annual Meeting! *Due January 8<sup>th</sup>...*



# Changes in ITE International

- ITE International has recently developed a “ONE ITE” initiative, with one of the impacts to VASITE being a transition regarding Affiliate membership. This is a change that ITE International is making to the entire ITE organization – Districts, Sections, and Chapters. The One ITE initiative came out of their 2016 Strategic Planning effort and is the component of the adopted ITE Strategic Plan (<https://www.ite.org/about-ite/governance-documents/oneite/>).
- **Why is this transition occurring?**  
Affiliate membership was originally conceived to allow people to participate who were ineligible for ITE membership (non-PEs, planners, etc.). To achieve the goal of a more inclusive ITE organization, these requirements were removed in the constitutional amendments last year. With this, the Affiliate membership level was eliminated by constitutional amendment vote by the ITE membership in 2017.
- ITE International has now defined its membership as ALL transportation professionals. ITE’s goal is to allow all members to have the same experience and expectations no matter the Chapter, Section, or District to which they belong. The ITE International Board reflected upon how to structure ITE to be the strongest it could be organizationally for its members. Therefore, the One ITE initiative has chosen to remove the Affiliate membership status for each of its Sections, including Virginia.
- As part of this change, VASITE Affiliate members are qualified to become full ITE members and take advantage of the membership benefits!

# Other VASITE Activities and Objectives

- Focus on to our VA Universities – mentoring, outreach, increased involvement
- New venue for the Annual Meeting in 2020 (VASITE appreciates the SimCap session and look forward to our coordination in future meetings)
- Initiative to develop inaugural leadership training – most other sections in SDITE have had this course
- Work through Affiliate changes and potential challenges
- Re-establish the Regional meetings throughout VA – networking, education/training, and outreach

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
TRB Annual Meeting	Jan. 13-17, 2019	Washington, DC
Celebrate Engineering Ingenuity Day (Richmond Joint Engineering Council)	Feb. 17, 2019  (Sunday)	Richmond, VA  Science Museum of Virginia
Spring 2019 VASITE Traffic Bowl	TBD	TBD (likely Charlottesville)
2019 Joint SDITE/MCDITE Annual Meeting	March 31 - April 3, 2019	Arlington, VA
2019 VASITE Annual Meeting	June 26 - 28, 2019	Virginia Beach (Sheraton Oceanfront)
ITE International Annual Meeting	July 21-24, 2019	Austin, TX
2020 VASITE Annual Meeting	June 10-12, 2020	Virginia Beach Oceanfront Marriott**

*\*\*Note the venue change starting in 2020!*