



**Western District Candidate for International Director  
Dalene J. Whitlock, P.E., PTOE, ITE (Fellow)**

*ITE Experience*

- Western District President (2006-2007)
- Western District Officer (2004-2008)
- Western District Advisory Committee Chair (2008-2009)
- 2010 San Francisco LAC Financial Chair (current)
- San Francisco Bay Area Section Officer (1999-2003)
- San Francisco Bay Area Scribe (1998-1999)

It is my great pleasure to be running for the office of International Director representing the Western District. Having served as a District officer, I am familiar with the dual, and sometimes conflicting, roles of an International Director. As a member of both the District and International Boards, our Directors must be mindful of what is good for the District while also guiding the world-wide interests of the organization. This balance is no small feat, and I believe that having served as an officer at the District level, and the Section level before that, I have the understanding of the organization from the ground up that an International Director needs.

My four years of service on the District's Board gave me a chance to meet the leaders in each of our Sections and from other Districts and to gain familiarity with the District's structure and policies. During my term on the District Board we focused on the need to increase the number of students entering the profession. Toward this end we were able to reduce student dues and fees for meeting attendance, established the Student Endowment Fund to provide increased funding for student initiatives, and grew it to about \$100,000. We initiated e-registration for meetings and e-balloting for elections. Both of these changes reduced our reliance on paper and increased convenience for the membership. None of these actions could have been achieved without the efforts of the many dedicated individuals with whom it was my pleasure to serve.



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The challenges facing our profession today are quite different from those of five years ago due to our nation's faltering economy. We must look for ways to maintain the value of our organization and make participation more financially viable. While the District has kept the cost of attending our annual meeting fairly low, the cost of attending an International Annual meeting has become prohibitive to many members. As a member of the International Board I would do my best to try and bring meeting costs down so that more members can attend. I would also like to see some of the best attributes of our District meeting, such as the family night event, added to the International meeting to increase its attractiveness and draw. If elected, I would like to hear from you about what the Institute can do to make your job easier and our profession better. If you have ideas, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (707) 542-9500 or [dwhitlock@w-trans.com](mailto:dwhitlock@w-trans.com).