2026 ITS Georgia Board Meeting
September 23, 2026, at 10:00 AM Kimley-Horn Office Midtown

ITS GEORGIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
To start a meeting a quorum is 33% (1/3 of the board)
For elections, the quorum is 25%

Officers (2026-2028)	Directors (2025-2027)	Directors (2026-2028):
Holly Painter, President	Tom Glueckert (serving the remainder of Gautam's term)	Kate Shearin
Kaitlyn Stewart, Vice President	Kelly Patrick	George Curtis
Michael Presley, Secretary	Steven Sheffield	Merri Minshew
Farrah Glasgow, Treasurer	Mary Thumaty	Josh Brown (serving the remainder of Andy's term)
Matt Glasser, Past President	Troy Galloway	
	Greg Ramsey	
Ex-Officio		
Sarah Lamothe, FHWA		
Robert Buckley, FTA		
State Chapter Representative	2027 Annual Meeting Chair	2028 Annual Meeting Chair
Mike Holt	Greg Ramsey	Looking for a volunteer

Committee	**Lead**	**Assistant(s)**	**Officer Support**
Programs	Merri/Kaitlyn	**Registration Desk:** Merri **Registration Page:** Kate **Sponsors / Technical:** Kate **Venue / Food:** Merri/Kate **Speaker Gifts**: Mary **Outside Volunteers:** Joe Gillis, Emily Dwyer, Vamshi Degala	Vice President
Training	Troy		Vice President
Social	George and Josh	Merri **Outside Volunteers:** Vamshi Degala	Vice President
Service / Outreach		George, Steven	Vice President
Membership	Kate	Troy	Treasurer
A / V	Ken	Tyler	Secretary
Pictures		Joe Gillis	Secretary
Communications	Kelly	**Constant Contact:** Steven with assist from Greg **Buffer:** Steven **Website Management:** Kelly with assist from Mary and Steven **Calendar:** Kelly	Secretary
Elections	Matt	All board	Past President
Awards	Matt	All board	Past President
ITS Rep	Mike		Past President
ACEC Engineering GA	Matt	Joe Gillis	Past President
Legislative / Bylaws	Mary	Matt	President
2027 Annual Meeting	Greg	Holly	President
Student Chapter	Greg	**KSU:** **GT:** Greg **UGA:** Greg **Scholarship:** Kaitlyn	President
FHWA	Sarah		President

Federal Transit Administration	Robert		President

Agenda
10:00 AM – Start Meeting

- Welcome!
  - Notification for the group that Tom is serving out the rest of Gautam's term for 2026. Thanks Tom!
  - **MOTION** – Approve Meeting Minutes from August. *Kaitlyn motion Greg Second*
  - **MOTION –** Raise the 2027 monthly sponsors from $500 to $700. Holly made the motion to raise. Kate second. Approved
- **Vice President Update (Kaitlyn)**
  - **Programs Committee (Merri/Kaitlyn)**

	Topic / Speaker	Location	Food	Sponsor
August 8.26.26 SASHTO 8.23-8.26	Chris Novack / GA Ports	Fernbank Museum	Food taken care of there	KCI
September 9.23.26	Dr Hunter AI driven traffic signal control	Kimley Horn Office	1200 Peachtree catering	Kimley Horn
October 10.28.26	Justin Hatch (GDOT), Georgia O'Donoghue (Mercedes-Benz) and 1 more panelist Jackie Kawa (KH - Moderator). World Cup Debrief	Peachtree Corners	*Catering there – Greg to help again*	360ns
November 11.17.26	Holly Painter - Awards/New Board	Maggiano's Cumberland	Maggiano's	Temple
December 12.3.26	2027 Strategic Planning Meeting	Monday Night Grove	Monday Night Grove	N/A
December 12.16.26	Holiday Party	Mutation Brewery if holiday party		SCA Transportation Forensics
January	Training			
February				
March				

- ***PROGRAMS ACTION ITEMS:***
  - *Holly to update the invites for the information in Sept, and Oct. COMPLETE*
  - *Programs to coordinate with ITE on the capping meeting count, costume contest, etc COMPLETE*
  - *Greg to help with catering for the 10.28 meeting*
  - *Troy, Josh, and Mary to plan the holiday party*
  - *Specify with catering at Kimley for veggie option. COMPLETE*
  - *Coordinate with ITE on when the blast goes out; Kelly*
- **Training (Andy/Troy)**
  - Consider increasing capacity for training (since a lot of people no-show)
  - Advertising training 2 months in advance

- Scot wants to do a free webinar for influence section that we didn't get to.
- ITS is publishing new specs (finalized and in engineering services hands)
- ***TRAINING ACTION ITEMS:***
  - *Mary to send to Josh and Troy the list of trainings we have had in the past.*

- **Networking & Social (George)**
  - 2026 Joint ITE/ITS Braves Game –
    - ITS Georgia to send bill to GAITE closer to the game. ITE willing to pay more.
    - $2900 bill to be sent to ITE.
  - October 8th pickleball – Hosted through ACECGA website.
  - Reach out to the brewery. *Ugly sweater party!*
  - ***NETWORKING/SOCIAL ACTION ITEMS:***
    - *George to work with Farrah on an invoice for ITE. Kelly emailed this. COMPLETE*
    - *Holiday party – start setting this up. Ugly sweater party!*
- **Service / Outreach (Gautam)**
  - ITE is doing a tailgate Oct 10th. Invite ITS Student chapter for GA Tech.
  - ***SERVICE/OUTREACH ACTION ITEMS:***
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➢ **Treasurer Update (Farrah)**

- Financial Report
  - 2026 Budget & Financials
  - Microsoft fee - $72 annual *COMPLETE*
  - *Add changes to the fee structure for constant contact. COMPLETE*
  - *Received the SE Summit deposit*
- 2026 Committee Budget Discussion
  - Auto payments with new card should be updated. Everyone monitor their emails in case we missed something.
  - ***TREASURER ACTION ITEMS***
    - *Go to BOA with Holly for authorization; Meeting rescheduled for **TBD***
    - *Farrah to update the CC fee structure COMPLETE*
    - *Farrah to send invoice to ITE. COMPLETE*
    - *Farrah to add $$ for future sponsorship conference hotel rooms/food. **Discuss this during the board retreat***
- **Membership (Kate)**
  - 2026 Goal: 77 Members. 2026 Actual: *75 Members*
  - 25% are in the public sector
  - Reminder for 2027 Membership Drive – Ask the members if the information and contact details we have on the website is correct.
  - *Membership and sponsorship opens up after the awards Set up the landing pages for 2027 sponsorship and membership with new rates on both.*
  - ***MEMBERSHIP ACTION ITEMS:***
    - *Update the website for the new member; Kate/Kelly ongoing*
    - *Kate to send Matt the voting member list for the members. COMPLETE*
    - *Set up the landing pages for 2027 sponsorship and membership with new rates on both; Kate*

➢ **Secretary Update (Michael P)**

- ***SECRETARY ACTION ITEMS:***
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- **Audio-Visual (Ken)**
  - ITSGA YouTube Home Page: https://www.youtube.com/c/ITSGeorgia
    - *This address stays constant and has a link to the next live stream.*
  - ***AV ACTION ITEMS:***
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- **Communications (Kelly)**

- Constant Contact (Steven)
    - *Steven started updating the outdated contacts in our system. Going slow folks not responding to him but slowly chipping away at it.*
- Buffer (Steven/Holly)
- Website Management (Kelly)
    - *October meeting will be capped at 120.*
- Calendar (All Board)
    - ACEC has asked to put the calendar on the website. Kelly to work on adding information to ITS GA website. Received the calendar invite but hold off on posting our website until GEA is more established.
    - Precision will have to set up the GEA calendar. Send Kelly the information for GEA. Holly
- ***COMMUNICATIONS ACTION ITEMS:***
    - *Steven to look at the constant contact contacts – export into a working document. Ongoing.*
    - *Eblast and buffer for the September meeting and sponsor COMPLETE*
    - Send Kelly the information for GEA. Holly *COMPLETE*
    - Kelly to work on adding information to ITS GA website. Access granted but hold off until the GEA calendar is more established.

➢ **Past President Update (Matt)**

- ***PAST PRESIDENT ACTION ITEMS:***
    - *Matt to set up meeting with the past presidents to vote on awards*
    - *Matt to send email to local agencies for award submissions.*
    - *Holly to review list of award winners for president award*
    - *Matt and Holly to discuss Arcadis conflict with the board. Troy starting with Arcadis next month. We will approve with the executive committee via email. COMPLETE*
        - *Holly reached out to Gautam and Tom. Gautam was going to step down due to his time commitment. Tom taking over for Gautam's remaining term. COMPLETE*

- Engineering Georgia bimonthly submission
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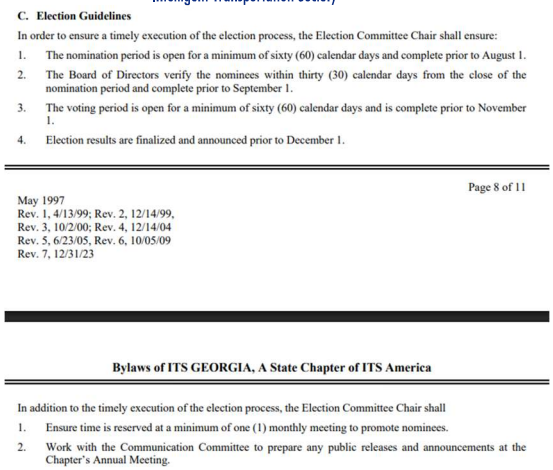
- **Elections & Awards**
    - Nominations awards are out and will be up all year. Please nominate someone in 2026.
        - (For information only – no need to discuss)
        - Board of directors nominations: ITS Georgia Board of Director Nominations 2026 – Fill out form.
            - Nominations close August 1 (we've been open for more than 60 days so good on that front)
            - September 1 – voting opens
            - November 1 – voting concludes
            - Results announced by December 1 (preferably earlier at awards banquet)



C. Election Guidelines

In order to ensure a timely execution of the election process, the Election Committee Chair shall ensure:

1. The nomination period is open for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days and complete prior to August 1.
2. The Board of Directors verify the nominees within thirty (30) calendar days from the close of the nomination period and complete prior to September 1.
3. The voting period is open for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days and is complete prior to November 1.
4. Election results are finalized and announced prior to December 1.

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Bylaws of ITS GEORGIA, A State Chapter of ITS America

In addition to the timely execution of the election process, the Election Committee Chair shall

1. Ensure time is reserved at a minimum of one (1) monthly meeting to promote nominees.
2. Work with the Communication Committee to prepare any public releases and announcements at the Chapter's Annual Meeting.

        - Awards Nominations: ITS Georgia Awards Nominations 2026 – Fill out form
            - Close in Sept 30.
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    - QR code at the table of the month meeting as well as a QR on the screen of each meeting.
    - *Emailing the voting members directly with a BCC has made a larger voting turnout. Suggest keeping this for the future.*
- **Future Board Members**
    - Vamshi Degala
    - Joe Gillis
    - Casey Inoue
    - Challa Bonja
    - Kelly Patrick
    - Greg Ramsey
    - Michael Ruelle
    - Mary Thumaty
- **ITS America State Chapter Rep (Mike)**
    - *They set up a SharePoint location for each state so you can upload resources there about the information about your membership, annual meetings, etc.*
    - *Digital Corridors Initiatives being set up – kickstarting in October. Unknown what the expectations are from our state. This was an open call for people who want to join. Matt is on this committee.*
    - *ITS Executive team are members of ITSA.*
    - ***ITS AMERICA REP ACTION ITEMS:***
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➢ **President Update (Holly)**

- **Website host**
    - Domain Registrar
        - Current = Network Solutions = iPower
        - Future = Precision Creative
    - Traffic Controller/DNS (records routing)
        - Current = Cloudflare
        - Future = Precision Creative
    - Web Host
        - Current = iPower (aka Network Solutions) and Precision Creative
        - Future = Precision Creative only

- ***PRESIDENT ACTION ITEMS:***
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- **Legislative Committee (Mary)**
  - Legislative update
  - Bylaws update sessions have been held and are ongoing. Mary, Matt and Holly are on the sessions revising the bylaws for the information that had been tabled as well as the board responsibilities (policy and procedures) document.
  - ***LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS:***
    - *Mary to mark up the bylaws and send back to Matt and Holly*
- **Student Chapter/Scholarship**
  - GT & UGA (Greg)
  - KSU (George/Greg)
  - Reminder: Voted for the $5000 scholarship to the 2027 conference, waiving of the $5 student fee for 20 students per student chapter and the stipend for president and vice president/Treasurer/Secretary for each student chapter.
    - *$100 to the Chapter President*
    - *$50 to the Vice President*
    - *$50 to the Treasurer*
    - *$50 to the Secretary*
  - Draft Email to send to chapters:
    - *ITSGA has a few updates regarding Student Chapters for the 2026-2027 academic year.*

      ITSGA will be waiving the $5 student member fee for the first 20 students who sign up in each chapter. We hope this increases membership and participation.

      The 21st member and beyond will need to pay the standard $5 student fee.

      To encourage full officer engagement throughout the academic year, ITS Georgia will provide a small stipend to student chapter officers. This stipend will be provided upon officer request and with evidence of officer participation throughout the entire academic year. Requests may be sent to info@itsga.org starting Apil 15th 2027 through June 15th 2027.

      This stipend is for one (1) person per position per student chapter. And one (1) person cannot claim multiple stipends.

      The amounts are as follows:
      $100 to the Chapter President
      $50 to the Vice President
      $50 to the Treasurer
      $50 to the Secretary

      If you have questions, need clarification, or would like help communicating this to your members, feel free to reach out. Thanks for all the work you're doing to grow your chapters and engage students in the ITS community!
  - **(For information only – no need to discuss)**
    - Possible student chapter action items for 2026
      - Road Safety Audit with Students planning for the spring potentially April

- Work with Young Members on Resume Review
- Traffic bowl competition
- Traffic bowl social event (event of young members vs the students) for training
- Ensure at least 2 technical presentations in each university
- Coordinate on career fairs for each university (civil engineering general and ITE career fairs if applicable)
- $5 membership fee; with a plan to cover this fee for the first 20 students- no clear answer during meeting.

- Student Chapter call 3/20. Open discussion (Kaitlyn)
  - Waive or reimburse (gift card/cash/check) $5 student member fee
    - For first 20 members who sign up in each chapter
    - The $5 student member fee goes to the general ITS Georgia Account per Matt G.
  - Small participation stipend to student officers to be awarded at the end of the year to ensure complete term
    - President: $100
    - VP/Treasurer/Secretary: $50
  - Paying for transportation to attend ITSGA Monthly meetings
    - Rent a van
    - Provide uber/Lyft gift cards – provide the receipt and we can reimburse
  - Scholarship to attend Annual Meeting
    - Cover registration, hotel and per diem
- Student Chapter call 5/8. Open discussion (Kaitlyn)
  - We would like to waive the $5 student registration for the first 20 students per student chapter.
  - We would like to offer a stipend ($100 for President and $50 for VP) to student chapter officers to be awarded at the end of the school year to ensure they complete the term.
  - We would like to offer 5 student scholarships to attend the ITSGA Annual meeting in September.
    - ITSGA would waive registration via a registration promo code
    - Students would receive $1000 check at formal dinner (this would cover hotel, food, travel, etc). *Limit to 5 students and the scholarship would be for the annual meeting.*
      - Pro: This would have the added benefit of ensuring the students actually attend.
      - Con: This would require some up-front cost to the student that we would be reimbursing.
    - Greg/Gautam are brainstorming student centered activity to boost their conference engagement.

- ***STUDENT CHAPTER ACTION ITEMS:***
  - *Kaitlyn to put together for the fee and stipend COMPLETE*
  - *Kaitlyn to put together scholarship for conference for students COMPLETE*
  - *George to send Kaitlyn KSU advisor name*
  - *Kaitlyn to email students with the info email*

- **Conferences**
  - TIME Task Force

- Location: Columbus GA
- Dates: Oct 4-7
- Sponsorship level – $500 confirmed and paid for.
- Mary to attend

▪ 2027 (Greg)
- Location: Callaway Gardens
- Dates: September 12-14, 2027
- Site Visit booked July 27-28, 2026. Greg, Farrah, Yancy, Ken, Kelly
- *Monthly calls will start next month and go bi-weekly in the new year.*

▪ 2028 (TBD)
- *Looking for a rep – need to start looking for a place.*

▪ 2027 ITS America Conference
- Location: SLC
- Date: April 12-15, 2027
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▪ ***CONFERENCE ACTION ITEMS:***
- *Holly to work with Matt and Kaitlyn on setting up a call for future places. In progress COMPLETE*

○ **Agency Reps (Non-voting roll)**
▪ FHWA (Sarah)
▪ FTA (Robert)
▪ ***AGENCY REP ACTION ITEMS:***
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➢ Other Items/Concerns
○ Open Conversation

➢ Adjourn Meeting ~ 11:30 AM

MISSION

We believe that ITS is a valuable tool for improved management of any transportation system, regardless of the inherent complexity of the system. ITS can help operate, manage, and maintain the system once it has been constructed.

We believe that ITS should be systematically incorporated into the earliest stages of project development, especially into the planning and design of transportation projects.

We believe the best way to achieve this systematic incorporation into the process is through a coordinated, comprehensive program to "get out the word" on ITS to constituencies that might not otherwise consider the relevance of ITS to their transportation system.

GOALS

1. Provide forums to share and coordinate ITSGA member missions and experiences

2. Educate our members of national directions and technologies

3. Develop a broader ITS constituency

4. Educate policy makers (e.g., agency administrators, county commissioners, mayors, planning commissions, etc.) on benefits of continued operations and maintenance and how ITS can help.