Interesting Facts about MOVITE Charter Members and Past Presidents

1. All of our Charter Members are deceased.

2. Reyburn Hoffman of St. Louis, Missouri, was a Charter Member of MOVITE and also a founding member of ITE having attended the first meeting of the Institute held on October 2, 1930.


4. Twenty (20) past presidents are deceased. They are:
   - Thomas J. Seburn (07-24-89)
   - George J. Fisher (July, 1964)
   - Leon W. Corder (07-15-61)
   - Joseph J. Feuchter (April, 1965)
   - A. J. “Tony” Basile (11-25-80)
   - Ellis C. Henry, Jr. (12-18-70)
   - George C. Lichty (02-28-64)
   - O. J. (Jack) Falin (05-25-93)
   - Johannes S. (Jan) Kibbe (6-24-96)
   - Patrick T. McCoy (10-28-02)
   - Jack A. Hutter (01-04-04)
   - Thomas J. Dalton, Jr. (08-04-05)
   - Jimmy J. Dawaliby (10-20-05)
   - William J. Armstrong (01-06-08)
   - Melvin B. Meyer (11-22-08)
   - Daniel J. Hanson (08-08-09)
   - Robert L. Meyer (5-7-10)
   - Paul Graves (06-06-11)
   - Robert T. Alguire (06-06-15)
   - Robert G. Holsinger (09-22-15)

5. Herman Batts, based on his term in office, is the oldest living past president having served as the twelfth president of MOVITE in 1964.

6. Four (4) past presidents have been President of ITE. They are Thomas J. Seburn of Kansas City, Missouri (9th president of ITE in 1947-49, past president of MOVITE in 1951-52), Melvin B. Meyer of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (45th president of ITE in 1984, past president of MOVITE in 1976), Steven D. Hofener of Oklahoma City (65th president of ITE in 2004, past president of MOVITE in 1991) and Earl E. Newman of Springfield, Missouri (68th president of ITE in 2007 and past president of MOVITE in 1984).

7. George J. Fisher served as the first Director for District 4 (1956-57). In addition, the following Past Presidents went on to serve terms on the ITE Executive Board as the Midwestern District Director: Joseph J. Feuchter (1962-63), Herman M. Batts (1968-69), Garry W. Metcalf (1989-91), Earl E. Newman (2001-03) and Shawn J. Leight (2013-15).

9. There have been six non-professional engineers to serve as Past Presidents. They are O. J. (Jack) Falin (past president 1965), Jimmy J. Dawaliby (past president 1969), John G. Rothrock (past president 1978), Johannes S. (Jan) Kibbe (past president 1982), Greg B. Simmons (past president 1993) and Doug Ripley (past president 2008).

10. Three past presidents are related. Harold R. Hofener (past president 1973) is the father of Steven D. Hofener (past president 1991) who is the father of Michael S. Hofener (past president 2017).

11. Two past presidents had the same name. They are James A. Thompson (FHWA, Kansas City, Missouri, past president 1972) and James A. Thompson (City of Des Moines, Iowa, past president 1979).

12. MOVITE adopted the tradition of holding the Annual Fall Meeting in the president’s hometown (or their place of choice) with the 1978 meeting in Topeka, KS, following similar format used in 1974 (St. Louis) and 1976 (Cedar Rapids). All meetings since 1978 have followed this tradition.

13. Joseph J. Feuchter (president in 1954-55 and 1955-56) was the only person to serve two terms as President of MOVITE.

14. Keith W. Graham (past president 1965) was the only president that did not complete his full term in office. Keith resigned mid-year to accept a job out of the section area. O. J. Falin moved up to president to complete the term in office.

15. Daniel J. Hanson (past president 1963) was the first president to be elected by vote of the entire membership. Prior to his election, officers were elected by the Board of Direction.

16. Carol S. Estes (president 1990) was the first woman to serve as president; four have followed – Nicci Tiner in 2005, Linda Voss in 2006, Cheryl Lambrecht in 2012, and Danielle Vachal in 2014.

17. Twenty-eight (28) of the presidents worked for city government; eight (8) worked for state highway departments; three (3) worked for county government; one (1) worked for the federal government; two (2) were university professors; twenty-two (22) worked for consultants and one (1) worked for a vendor.

18. There have been five (5) presidents from Arkansas; seven (7) presidents from Oklahoma; eight (8) presidents from Nebraska; ten (10) presidents from Iowa; fourteen (14) presidents from Kansas; and twenty-one (21) presidents from Missouri. Thomas J. Seburn was the first president from Missouri in 1951-52. George J. Fisher was the first MOVITE president from Kansas in 1952-53. Robert L. Meyer was the first MOVITE president from Nebraska in 1956-57. Herman M. Batts was the first MOVITE president from Iowa in 1964. Harold R. Hofener was the first MOVITE president from Oklahoma in 1973. Robert T. Alguire was the first MOVITE president from Arkansas in 1987.
19. There have been four (4) presidents each from the City of Des Moines, City of Topeka and JBM Consulting Engineers (now TranSystems). There have been three (3) presidents each from the City of Kansas City, City of Springfield, St. Louis County, City of Wichita, and the Missouri Highway Department.

20. Of the 45 living past presidents, 40 continue to reside in the MOVITE area.


23. Jack Hutter (1957-58) also served as President of the Illinois Section in 1972.

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