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The Western District is giving you the opportunity to “go green” by opting out of receiving printed materials. All information from the District including newsletters, e-news, and elections would be sent to you via e-mail. If you would like to receive only electronic correspondence from the District, please contact WesternITE editor Joey Paskey at joey.paskey@atkinglobal.com.

President's Message

By Cathy Leong, P.E., ITE Western District President

“The power of ITE compels me”...well I’ve taken a little liberty with a quote from a 70s horror flick, but it expresses my feelings about the last few months. I’ve always been an active member of ITE and looked for ways to serve the organization and my fellow members. Volunteering my time and efforts hasn’t always been easy, but the rewards that I have reaped over the years greatly outweigh the difficulty of the tasks I have undertaken. I have been rewarded by a circle of wonderful people that have become lifelong friends, feelings of fulfillment and pride as I see the students I have met blossom into successful professionals, and a feeling of satisfaction as I see the initiatives I’ve undertaken come to fruition. Did you notice that I didn’t mention anything about assistance with technical issues I’ve had on the job or establishing connections with professionals from across the nation? Don’t get me wrong...I’ve benefitted from these as well. Over the last few months I was able to help an agency find guest speakers for a technical workshop and locate a partner in a distant state for an upcoming project. But, being a part of ITE has been more than a professional journey for me...it’s also been a personal adventure full of challenges, camaraderie, and fun.



So what’s my point? Get engaged and become an active member of ITE! Start small and work towards something bigger. You can mentor a student or young professional, volunteer to help out on a committee, or run for an ITE office...there are so many ways to get involved! Let the Power of ITE compel you the way that it does me and you will be rewarded, personally and professionally.

ITE Western District Officer Elections

On-Line Elections Coming June 10

Western District members may vote on-line in the upcoming election for officers and directors. The ballot will be accessible beginning June 10, 2016, and on-line voting will close July 11, 2016 at midnight EDT.

If you are a voting member of ITE and have a valid e-mail address on file with International Headquarters as of May 1, you will receive an e-mail message from ElectionsOnLine with instructions on how to vote electronically. Login at www.electionsonline.us/election with your username and the password provided in the e-mail message from “election” with the subject of “Vote Now!”

Members wishing to vote by paper ballot can request them from Secretary-Treasurer **Dongho Chang** via phone (206) 684-5106, e-mail (dongho.chang@seattle.gov), or by regular mail to:

Dongho Chang
c/o City of Seattle
P.O. Box 34996
Seattle, WA 98124

Paper ballot requests must be received no later than June 27, 2016, and completed ballots returned to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than July 7, 2016. Completed ballots may also be returned in person at the Annual Business Meeting on July 12, 2016. Please note that in addition to officers and directors, voting will include proposed changes to the Bylaws.

All members are encouraged to vote. The deadline for voting electronically has been set as late as possible to allow you to meet the Western District candidates before voting. If you need help voting electronically or have questions on the electronic or paper ballot, please contact District Administrator **Dalene Whitlock** at (707) 542-9500 or dwhitlock@w-trans.com.

Elections for International officers will be occurring simultaneously, so you may receive multiple messages for electronic voting. Please be sure to read each one to ensure that you vote in both elections.

Thanks for helping the Western District serve our members more efficiently!

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ITE Western District Officer Elections (continued from page 1)

Candidate for President



Mark Spencer, P.E.

It has been my honor to serve as ITE Western District Vice President this past year. I have been working with our Board members, International Directors, and Committee Chairs on several of our District initiatives, including our Articles of Incorporation, student initiatives expenditures, bylaws revisions, and updating the District's Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Chair Manual. I have also had the opportunity to speak with Sections on behalf of the District, and in January, I attended the third annual ITE Western District Student Leadership Summit at Cal Poly Pomona.

I have been a transportation consultant in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1990. I am currently the managing Principal of the W-Trans office in Oakland, California. My involvement in ITE began in 1988 at UC Berkeley and has continued regularly for 28 years. I have held ITE officer positions at the Student, Chapter, Section, and District levels. In 2010, I was the LAC Chair for the Western District Annual Meeting in San Francisco, and I am currently on the Executive Board of the ITE Transportation Consultants Council. Throughout my career ITE has afforded me the opportunity to develop increasing levels of responsibility and leadership.

As President, I will bring a keen understanding of the District's needs and goals, and continue working with our District's officers, International Directors, and Committee Chairs. Some of the key items for the coming year include increasing engagement

with all of members, improving collaboration with other professional organizations, and promoting ITE's key programs such as the Student Endowment Fund and LeadershipITE.

In 2016 we will continue to experience a rebounding and increasingly diverse economy. While seemingly beneficial, it's how we respond as an organization, and as professionals individually, that is the primary challenge we now face. And as more young people enter the profession, we need to bring them into ITE and foster opportunities for them to flourish and become the next generation of leaders.

This is an exciting time in our profession! I have long recognized that I am quite fortunate to have the support network of ITE, to work together with many of my Western District colleagues, and to be a transportation professional making meaningful contributions to the communities in which I work.

Candidate for Vice-President



Dongho Chang, P.E., PTOE

It has been a privilege to serve you as the Western District Secretary-Treasurer. I am humbled and grateful to work with the dedicated District leaders and the amazing group of committee volunteers. The rapid changes and transformation that our society is experiencing are incredibly exciting. ITE is the organization that will provide the trusted voice and expertise needed by our members for the transportation profession. Should I be fortunate to serve you, my focus will be:

- Improving access to information that our members need to better inform our decisions and serve our clients. This includes timely access to the content that our members provide in research studies and presentations at the section and district level.
- Advocating for professional interests that impact our practice.
- Improve our connection/partnership with our peer organizations that bring value to our practice.

ITE Participation

- ITE Delegate to National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
- Graduate of LeadershipITE program
- Local Arrangement Committee for 2014 ITE International Meeting in Seattle
- ITE/FHWA Traffic Calming: State of Practice Update, Expert Review/Advisory Panel
- Review Panel for the ITE Guidelines for Determining Traffic Signal Changes and Clearance Intervals, Recommended Practice
- Washington State Section President /officer

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer



Jonathan Hofert, PE, TE, PTOE

I am honored and excited to be selected as a candidate for ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer. This is an exciting time to be in the transportation profession. The industry is changing

rapidly, and with it comes many opportunities to make ITE better. I will help the District seize those opportunities.

I live in Inland Southern California and currently work as a Senior Engineer for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), Program Management Department, delivering rail transit projects.

Highlights of my ITE experience:

- Riverside San Bernardino Section 2nd Past-President, and current Webmaster Chair
- Southern California Section Sponsorship Chair
- Western District Young Professional Achievement Award Recipient, 2013
- Published article in WesternITE Newsletter
- Attendee, Presenter and Moderator at Western District Annual Meetings
- Presenter at Cal Poly Pomona ITE student chapter meetings
- Lecturer at Cal Poly Pomona

The transportation industry is changing to a more connected environment, and more than ever, ITE needs to take hold of this opportunity to excel the organization. I believe we can do this by having a "Four M" approach: How ITE will Move and Manage More Modes to be in front of the cutting edge. I will promote ITE as the organization with the most innovative membership, on the cutting edge of engineering and transportation. This will take time, but fortunately ITE leadership has already made much progress for us to build upon. If you elect me, I will work hard to implement this vision.

Goals as Secretary/Treasurer:

- Continue to practice Fiscal Responsibility and find opportunities to reduce costs.
- Promote ITE to Young Engineers and Planners on the benefits of ITE.

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- Promote the Student Endowment Fund, as it is the foundation to attracting future members.
- Increase Agency involvement by Promoting ITE Agency Membership and its benefit.
- Provide easy access to data, and identify data that ITE members are searching for.
- Work with ITE International to develop an Innovations Task Force Committee to assist Agencies on implementing pilot projects.
- Promote TPCB certifications to Agencies on benefits to their planning and engineering projects.

I look forward to a successful 2016 and beyond for the Western District. www.HofertITE2016.org

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer



Neelam Dorman, TE

I am thankful to my Section and the District Board for their confidence in me and for selecting me as a candidate for Western District Secretary-Treasurer. I am excited to continue serving our

members and hope to receive your support. I am currently a Senior Engineer with Kittelson & Associates in Orange County, California. I am grateful to have the full support of a firm that understands my commitment to ITE and our members. ITE has been an integral part of my career, having served our organization in many capacities over the years. I have been honored to serve ITE as Student Chapter President, Southern California Section President, and your District Career Guidance Chair since 2012. As Section President, I helped to foster collaboration between Sections by starting new joint events like our annual Holiday Mixer social and supported our students by serving as a mentor for UC Irvine and initiating a Section-level Traffic Bowl competition. In addition, I am also currently serving as a MiteY Race coordinator and am

a member of the International Young Member Committee and 2016 Anaheim ITE International Annual Meeting LAC. I have been fortunate to receive awards recognizing my contributions to ITE in these capacities:

- International Rising Stars Award – 2015
- Western District – Young Professional Achievement Award – 2015
- Southern California Section – Young Transportation Engineer of the Year - 2010

As a Section leader, I feel our members would benefit from more direct communication between Section and District leadership. As Secretary-Treasurer, I will work with the District Board to keep our Sections updated on District activities and Committee initiatives.

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2016 Annual Meeting Update

On behalf of the New Mexico Section Local Arrangements Committee, we are excited to invite you to attend the 2016 Western District Meeting in Albuquerque, July 10-13. We're hard at work preparing for your arrival as we plan a full schedule of conference activities including a robust technical program, fun networking opportunities, vendor exhibits, and family/social activities. And should I mention the food? Many Western Districters have told us that they want to come back to Albuquerque just for the food. And thus the inspiration for our theme: "Red or Green?" See the sidebar article to learn what you need to know about New Mexico chile before you arrive!

Our meeting will be held at the distinctive Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town Albuquerque, where you will get to experience the rich culture, long traditions, and captivating landscape that makes New Mexico the "Land of Enchantment". Old Town is where the *Villa de Albuquerque* was founded on the banks of the Rio Grande as a Spanish colonial outpost in 1709. Today, Old Town Albuquerque is the city's cultural center, with museums, shops, galleries, and restaurants nestled among shaded portals and hidden patios around the San Felipe de Neri church and the historic plaza.

Whether you decide to fly or drive to New Mexico, come and learn about our rich transportation history, from the remarkable network of highly engineered Chacoan roads built from AD 850 to 1250, to the establishment of *El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro* from Mexico City to Santa Fe in the late 16th Century. In the mid-19th Century, the Santa Fe Trail brought Anglo settlers from the East to New Mexico, and then in 1926, automobile travelers began to "Get Their Kicks" on Route 66. All of this history shaped the unique culture of New Mexico that awaits your exploration!

Jim Barrera, 2016 LAC General Chair
Paul Barricklow, 2016 LAC Co-Chair



Meeting Registration

Registration is now open for the ITE Western District Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 10-13, 2016. Individual attendees should register today at www.ite2016abq.com and save \$100 before early registration ends on April 15.

Vendor Registration is also open. Booths have been reduced to \$1695. Visit the meeting website www.ite-2016abq.com and click Vendors for the latest exhibit hall layout and the vendor registration form. Register early for the best booth location.

The Hotel Albuquerque is now taking reservations at our group rate of \$119 per night. If you're planning to extend your stay for a New Mexico summer vacation, know that some dates before and after our conference are already filling up, so book your room soon! Visit the meeting website www.ite2016abq.com and click Hotel for our group rate code and a link to the hotel reservation site.



Meeting Location – Hotel Albuquerque

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Meeting Sponsors Needed!

Looking for corporate exposure in front of transportation professionals from 13 western states and beyond? Consider sponsoring the Western District Meeting. Sponsorship opportunities include a variety of ways to be recognized as a leading transportation firm from preferred exhibit booth space to company exposure, logo placement, and recognition throughout the conference. Consider becoming a sponsor at any of the following levels:

- Habanero \$3,500
- Tepín \$2,500
- Cayenne \$1,500
- Serrano \$1,000
- Jalapeño \$500

Vendors who become Habanero or Tepín sponsors this month have the ability to select their premium booth locations. Many a la carte event and function sponsorship opportunities are also available. Visit www.ite2016abq.com and click on Sponsors for full details. Special thanks to our early sponsors!

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Conference Technical Tours

Albuquerque Bicycle System Technical Tour
Monday 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM (\$45)



Join us for a tour of some of Albuquerque's bicycle facilities along the beautiful Paseo del Bosque Trail. This tour will include riding some of Albuquerque's almost complete 50 Mile Loop, a stop at a pedestrian/bike count station, and a discussion about Albuquerque's new Bike Share Program. A unique opportunity to earn PDHs while riding a bicycle!

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Red or Green? A New Mexico Chile Primer

It's the official state question of New Mexico. You might think we're talking about traffic signals. Indeed, after observing the behaviors of some Albuquerque drivers, you may be convinced that the population here does not fully understand the meaning of the various traffic control devices we place on our roadways. But no, "Red or Green?" refers to the two types of chile that you will encounter in New Mexico. I guarantee that you will be asked this question several times during your visit here, so come prepared with your answer. Acceptable answers include: Red, Green, or "Christmas" (meaning both red and green). "No chile" is NOT an acceptable answer. If you're concerned that it will be too spicy, you can ask for either type of chile "on the side" so that you can apply it to your dish in the amount you can handle.

You may ask, "Which is hotter, the Red or Green?" This is always a good and valid question, because it depends on the chile. The red chile and the green chile actually come from the same plant. When the pods are picked green, they are flame roasted, peeled, seeded, and chopped before being prepared into a green chile sauce or stew. Or you can put the chopped roasted green chile directly on your hamburger or pizza. Even McDonald's, Wendy's and Subway all offer green chile at their New Mexico locations. When the chile pods are left on the plant until they ripen to a red color, they are picked and dried in the sun, usually strung together in ristras that are hung on the sunny side of the house. You'll see these hanging all over Old Town. The dried red chiles may then be crushed or ground into chile powder and used to make red chile sauce or cooked with slow-braised pork to make carne adovada or many other tasty dishes.

New Mexico chile is not a specific variety of chile, but rather a pod type that includes many varieties. You folks in California may be familiar with the Anaheim pepper. It is a New Mexico pod type that Emilio Ortega brought from New Mexico to grow in California in 1894. It is a very mild chile agreeable to the California palate. In New Mexico, some of the more popular varieties of chile are the New Mexico 6-4 (mild), Big Jim (mild-medium), Joe E. Parker (medium), Sandia (hot), Barker (extra hot), and Lumbre (extra hot).

New Mexico chile may also be identified by where it is grown. You will hear people refer to "Hatch Chile" as though it is a variety, but it is actually just any of the many varieties of chile that are grown in Hatch, NM in the Rio Grande valley in southern New Mexico. On the other hand, some chile varieties in Northern New Mexico are uniquely related to where they are grown. As early as the 16th century, the Spanish brought chiles from Mexico up to villages in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado, where they cultivated these varieties specific to the local climate, soil type, high elevation, and shorter growing seasons. These are referred to as "landrace chiles" as they have been associated with their specific growing location for hundreds of years. Some landrace chiles include Chimayo, Española, and Alcalde (each named for the Northern New Mexico village where they are grown), as well as the endangered Mirasol chile of Southern Colorado.

When you come to New Mexico in July, the chile harvest may just be beginning. Roasters set up in supermarket parking lots and vacant corners all over the city. You can buy a sack of freshly picked chile (30-40 pounds) for about \$20 to \$25, which includes roasting. A bushel of chile (half sack) roasted is about \$15. For you travelers who don't want to hassle with a big bag of piping hot chile, most supermarkets will also be selling smaller quantities of roasted green chile in refrigerated or frozen packaging. And some roasters will ship frozen green chile direct to your home. If you have any questions about New Mexico chile or want recommendations for the best chile, just ask anyone on our LAC and be ready for a wide range of opinions!

ITE Western District Officer Elections (continued from page 3)

Serving as a District chair has allowed me to develop relationships with our District's leaders and attend District board meetings for the past 4 years. I have seen the time and passion our District leaders have put in and the progress they have made to serve us better. The recent Board has worked diligently to ensure efficient and fiscally responsible District operations. I will continue this endeavor and keep the District working for our members.

My Chair position has also allowed me the opportunity to work for student and young professional development. As a District Officer, I will continue to support our programs to engage the next generation of engineers and planners. I plan to focus on younger member recruitment and growth of Annual Meeting programs geared towards young professionals.

Candidate for International Director



Karen Aspelin, P.E., PTOE

I'm thrilled to be named the District's candidate for 2017-2019 International Director. After having been so involved as an officer on the Western District Board from 2011-2015, I am excited to be part of that group and its discussions once again.

Looking back at my time on the Western District Board I am most proud of two things. First, I helped get the District back in good financial standing, including bringing our reserves up to the level stated in District Policy. Second, I always looked for ways to "mix things up." As with many groups, the Western District has been guilty of getting in a rut

because things have always been done a certain way. By changing things up we can keep everyone more engaged and possibly save money along the way. I hope to continue to both of these at the International Level.

Thank you for considering me to represent you at the International level. I look forward to continuing my service to the Institute.

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Albuquerque Bus Rapid Transit Technical Tour
Monday 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM (\$45)



Albuquerque is on the cusp of constructing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line along a densely traveled and geometrically diverse major arterial, Central Avenue, which spans the length of the City from east to west. We will tour Central Avenue and visit key locations that challenged transportation engineers to "think outside the box".

Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway Technical Tour
Wednesday 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM (\$45)



New Mexico Rail Runner Express Technical Tour
Tuesday 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM (\$45)



The New Mexico Rail Runner is New Mexico's only commuter train that runs between the town of Belen and the City of Santa Fe. Ride along with us from Albuquerque to Bernalillo while learning about how the Rail Runner Express serves the community and the challenges it faces.

The Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway is the longest aerial tramway in the United States and third longest in the world. The Tramway takes riders from a starting elevation of 6,559 feet to an elevation at 10,378 feet. Come learn about the history, the challenges of maintenance, and what is in the future for the Tramway. This tour will include a tour of the base facilities and a "flight" on the Tramway.

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Conference Social Events

Get Acquainted Social

Sunday evening 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM in the Exhibit Hall

Come and reconnect with your ITE Western District colleagues at the Sunday evening social reception held amidst the vendor exhibitors. Complimentary appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available. Find your complimentary drink tickets with your registration materials. Brief welcome remarks will be made and raffle prizes will be given away. Find your old friends, make new friends, and make plans for dinner after the reception.

Evening Shuttles to Downtown and Nob Hill

Sunday evening 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Following the Get Acquainted Reception, complimentary shuttle service will be provided along the Central Avenue corridor (historic Route 66) to Downtown, EDo (East Downtown), and Nob Hill, where numerous options for dinner and drinks are yours to explore. The LAC will provide an insider's guide to our favorite restaurants, breweries, brewpubs, tap rooms, and bars so you can find just what you're looking for.

Family Night

Monday evening 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM at Explora! Science Center and Children's Museum

Get ready for some hands-on science fun! Explora is part science center, part children's museum, part free-choice school, part grandma's attic, part grandpa's garage, part laboratory. Exhibits are designed to engage visitors of all ages. Explora is just a short walk from the Hotel Albuquerque. A New Mexican buffet dinner will be served before our group will have exclusive access to the entire museum for the evening.

Annual Awards Banquet: The Red or Green Fiesta

Tuesday evening, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cocktail Reception, 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM Awards Banquet and entertainment in the Alvarado Ballroom

Don't miss the famous Western District Annual Awards Banquet on Tuesday evening where the District's best and brightest will be recognized for their contributions and achievements. After the dinner and formalities, dance the night away to one of our favorite local New Mexico bands. "The Red or Green Fiesta" invites you to come in your best southwestern attire. Child care will be provided in a nearby room.

Social Tour: Breaking Bad RV Tour

Monday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

You loved the TV series, now see the show locations live and in-person, traveling in the style and comfort of an RV just like the one on the show! Actors from the show will lead you on this tour of some 20 show locations including Jesse's House, The Dog House, Tucco's, Combo's Corner, The Railyard, RV Junkyard, Crossroads, Jane's, Denny's, Danny's, The Car Wash, Walt's House, The Super Lab, and Los Pollos Hermanos. Exact locations vary by tour, and some stops to get out and take photos are included. Guests can win prizes for their knowledge of the show.

Social Tour: NM Railrunner Express to Santa Fe

Tuesday 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Spend a half day in Santa Fe touring the historic plaza, Native American crafts vendors, art galleries, museums, and restaurants. The group will depart on the 7:19 AM northbound train along with attendees on the technical tour. The technical tour attendees will split off at Bernalillo, while the social tour will continue on to an

8:59 AM arrival at the Santa Fe Depot. Return will be on the 1:02 PM southbound train, arriving back to Albuquerque at 2:37 PM. Optionally, guests may return on the southbound train departing Santa Fe at 4:15 PM and arriving back to Albuquerque at 5:50 PM. Please note that these Rail Runner schedules are subject to change and adjustments will be made as necessary.

Social Tour: Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway

Wednesday 7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

The Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway is the longest aerial tramway in the United States and third longest in the world. The Tram takes riders from a starting elevation of 6,559 feet to an elevation at 10,378 feet. This tour will be in conjunction with the Technical Tour of the tramway, with all attendees riding up the mountain together and learning about the history and operation of the tram. Once on top, social tour attendees will be able hike the many trails on the Sandia Crest, see the sights, and enjoy a refreshment or lunch (starting at 11:00 AM) at the High Finance Restaurant. Technical tourists will need to descend by 11:00 AM, but the social tour departure may be extended to allow more time on the mountain.

Students & Young Professionals

The Western District Career Guidance Committee is hard at work and excited for the Annual Meeting in Albuquerque. We are planning three sessions:

Student Resume Session - The student resume session in Las Vegas was a speed dating set-up allowing for resume review and career guidance discussions. The students really liked this session and had a chance to spend time with multiple professionals in

both public and private sectors asking questions and getting their input on their resumes. We are doing it again this year and are in need of professional volunteers! If you would like to help, please contact Neelam Dorman at neelam.dorman@gmail.com.

Young Professionals Session

- Were you at our Young Professional skit session in Las Vegas? What about Rapid City? We will be doing this again this year and the cast is very excited to address various workplace situations. If you have topic suggestions, please contact Neelam.

Young Professional Leaders - A new session this year is taking inspiration from LeadershipITE. This session will group young professionals with at least a year of work experience into teams to complete a project during the session. The goal of this session is to share ideas, connect with other young professionals, and work as a team to complete a task. In this session, each young professional will step into different roles than their current position. Hopefully this session will help enlighten you as well as challenge you.

Kickoff Luncheon Speaker

Attention Breaking Bad fans! (We know you're out there because you all came to our booth in Las Vegas.) We're excited to announce that our Monday Kickoff Luncheon speaker will be **Steven Michael Quezada**, the actor who played DEA Agent Steven "Gomie" Gomez in the Emmy Award-winning TV series Breaking Bad. Mr. Quezada has also appeared in the television series Wildfire, Crash, In Plain Sight, and The Mindy Project. His film credits include First Snow, Beerfest, Kites, Blood Brothers, Love Ranch, Warrior Woman, The Reunion, and The

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Luncheon Speaker – Steven Michael Quezada

Rambler. More recently, he appeared in Spare Parts, The Condemned 2, and Angels and Outlaws. In addition to his successful career as an actor, Steven is one of the most noted comedians out of the southwest, touring comedy clubs across the United States since 1987. He is a five-time recipient of the New Mexico Hispanic Entertainers Association Comedian of the Year Award, and he has been appeared on HBO, Showtime, the Latino comedy feature Que Locos. Mr. Quezada is a life-long resident of New Mexico where he serves on the Board of Albuquerque Public Schools and recently announced his candidacy for a seat on the Bernalillo County Commission.



Albuquerque skyline

Important Information for Travelers to New Mexico

Isn't New Mexico an unbearably hot desert in the summer?

New Mexico has deserts and mountains and everything in between. July weather in Albuquerque is wonderful. Our average high is just 92°, and with the low humidity and 5,000 foot elevation, it always cools off nicely in the evening. You might want to bring a light jacket and an extra layer if you plan to visit the mountains.

Do I need a passport or visa to travel to New Mexico?

No passports are required for travelers from the U.S. who stay less than one month. Many businesses do accept Visa, as well as MasterCard and even American Express. Nearly all businesses accept U.S. currency at the exchange rate of 1:1.000.

Will I be able to communicate with the local people in English?

Most likely, unless your colleagues at work have trouble understanding you.

Do I need to get any shots before traveling to New Mexico?

That is not necessary. There are several cantinas in the Old Town area with a selection of fine añejo tequilas.

Should I be concerned about scorpions and snakebites?

Hey, if you're into foo-foo drinks, we won't judge you.

What will separate this year's meeting from last year's meeting?

Arizona.

Why is it called "New" Mexico?

Actually, it's not really new, and it's not really Mexico, either. Go figure.

Do you have more burning questions about New Mexico?

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Preliminary Meeting Schedule

Sat.	Sunday, July 10	Monday, July 11	Tuesday, July 12	Wednesday, July 13
7:00 AM				
7:30 AM				
8:00 AM	Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk Open
8:30 AM	Western District Board Meeting	Exhibit Hall Open	Exhibit Hall Open	LAC Debrief
9:00 AM		Keynote Address	5A 5B 5C 5D	8A 8B 8C 8D
9:30 AM		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
10:00 AM		2A 2B 2C 2D	6A 6B 6C 6D	9A 9B 9C 9D
10:30 AM		Student Traffic Bowl Round 1	7A 7B 7C 7D	Western States Luncheon
11:00 AM		3A 3B 3C 3D	7A 7B 7C 7D	
11:30 AM		Coffee Break	Traffic Bowl	
12:00 PM		4A 4B 4C 4D		
12:30 PM		Student Traffic Bowl Round 2		
1:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Kickoff Luncheon	Western District Annual Business Luncheon	
1:30 PM	Western District Board Meeting			
2:00 PM	James H. Kell Student Competition			
2:30 PM				
3:00 PM	Mitey Race			
3:30 PM	Registration Desk Open			
4:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Welcome Address		
4:30 PM		Get Acquainted Social		
5:00 PM				
5:30 PM		Family Night at Explora	Social Hour	
6:00 PM				
6:30 PM				
7:00 PM				
7:30 PM				
8:00 PM				
8:30 PM	Evening Shuttles to Downtown & Nob Hill		Annual Awards Banquet	
9:00 PM				
9:30 PM				
10:00 PM				
10:30 PM				

Local Arrangements Committee

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2016 Mid-Year Board Meeting Highlights

By *Dongho Chang, P.E., ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer*

On January 22, 2016, Western District Board members, committee chairs, section leaders, and guests met at the DoubleTree Hotel located in Ontario, California, for the 2016 Western District Mid-Year Board Meeting.

President **Cathy Leong** announced appointments of **Randy McCourt** as the LAC Liaison, the reappointment of **Neelam Dorman** as the Career Guidance Chair, the reappointment of **Justin Link** as the Webmaster, the reappointment of **Danielle Scharf** as the Student Initiatives Chair, the appointment of **Jenny Grote**, **Rock Miller**, and **Zaki Mustafa** to the Advisory Committee, and the appointment of **Doug Smith** as Public Relations Chair.

Vice President **Mark Spencer** provided an update on the Western District's final accounting for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The Las Vegas has excess income of over \$13,900 to the District which included the repayment of advances they had previously received. The total advertising income from the past fiscal year totaled \$26,110 exceeding the expected total of \$14,500. Total dues received from members were \$60,500, which was about \$1,600 less than last year. The District was able to increase reserves by \$10,000, to about \$130,000 meeting our reserves target. Our tax return for calendar year 2014-2015 is being prepared by a new accountant and will be submitted to the IRS by the end of January.

Secretary-Treasurer **Dongho Chang** reported on the District's year-to-date income (for the period of October 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015). It included the following: \$1,900 in advertisements, \$5,585.78 in dues from International, and \$200 from sponsorships. Year-to-date expenses totaled \$20,767.32, which included \$7941.79 of travel expenses for International Directors and District Officers, \$5,986.44 for WesternITE printing and mail-

ing, and a \$3,000.00 contribution to LeadershipITE.

Past President **Carlos Ortiz** announced the following slate of candidates for the 2016 elections: President: **Mark Spencer**, Vice President: **Dongho Chang**, Secretary-Treasurer: **Neelam Dorman** and **Jonathan Hofert**, International Director: **Karen Aspelin**. **Carlos Ortiz** was also appointed by the ITE International President, **Paula Flores Benway**, to serve on the Strategic Initiatives Committee.

The District's three International Directors, **Jennifer Rosales**, **Alyssa Reynolds Rodriguez**, and **Walter Okitsu** provided summaries of their recent activities.

ITE International President, **Paula Flores Benway**, indicated 2015 was a transitional year. She discussed ITE Headquarters staffing changes, new initiatives, strategic initiative committee, and increasing connection with international members.

New ITE Executive Director and CEO, **Jeff Paniati**, discussed his whirlwind three months on the job, staffing changes, and the state of the organization. He indicated ITE will be more aggressive on national issues and on communications with members. He and the Board discussed working together in the future to better coordinate District and International annual meetings.

District Administrator, **Dalene Whitlock**, reported that she received 30 boxes of District records and has sorted 20 boxes that have been backed up to a hard drive. She indicated that District now has Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws must be updated. The Board approved the Enumeration/Articles of Incorporation. The Board also approved amending the Bylaws through an expedited process.

WesternITE Managing Editor provided an update on goals for

the future WesternITE, which included working with the Communications Task Force on the Western District ITE Communications Plan, offering a "go green" option to members, standardization of publication dates, and inclusion of more articles in the newsletter, and generate advertising funds to be financially self-sustaining. She also indicated that WesternITE circulation is at approximately 3,257. Our current policy is to produce two printed/mailed issues per year, plus an additional printed issue distributed at the Annual Meeting.

WesternITE Advertising Manager **Robert Sweeting** reported that the District has 24 advertisers in the Professional Services Directory. There are four "gold", five "silver", and two "bronze" sponsors. The price format was modified beginning in 2016 to only "gold" and "silver" sponsorship. Total advertising for 2014/2015 was \$26,110, which was \$6,000 increase over the previous year.

Website Manager **Justin Link** provided updates on traffic for the District's website and social media sites. He is working with committee chairs to take ownership of website content in order to increase responsiveness. He will be working with district officers to utilize social media and tweets at the annual meeting.

Technical Committee Chair **Amit Kothari** reported that 8 ITE Journal articles written by authors from the Western District were eligible for consideration for the Wayne T. Van Wagoner award compared with 9 in 2014. There was 12 Data Collection proposals compared with 9 last year.

Membership Chair **Joe De La Garza** provided a breakdown of the totals of members and membership types. In the short-term (May to December 2015), total voting members increased by 78 and overall membership increased by 164. This is an increase of 3.8%. Headquarters' numbers are

lower than what the District was reporting. ITE Senior Director of Membership **Colleen Agan** indicated she will be working to provide this type of data and analysis for the District, rather than having each District develop them.

Legislative Committee Chair **Tom Mericle** reported annual summary of legislative activities for publication in the WesternITE. He reported on status of SB 743.

Career Guidance Committee Chair **Neelam Dorman** reported that first time annual meeting attendee ribbon was a great idea, but was hard to execute. A way to identify through the registration by adding a check box would be needed for LAC. Three student career development sessions are planned for 2016 annual meeting.

Vendor Committee Chair **Janna McKhann** indicated that coordinating with local IMSA hasn't been an issue. She indicated that vendor's time is precious and that LAC should plan the schedule so that vendors are not standing around. Suggestions included grouping events together, having food breaks in the exhibit hall, or have the exhibit hall open for just one day.

Student and Faculty Initiatives Committee Chair **Danielle Scharf** provided a written report summarizing the James H. Kell Competition, Student Traffic Bowl, and awards at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Richard T. Romer Student Endowment Fund Committee Chair **Kimberly Leung** announced that the Endowment Fund balance was at \$433,201.13. A total of \$6,888.17 in donations was collected at the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, including \$250 from the MiteY Race.

Public Relations Committee Chair **Doug Smith** reported on committee work. Board discussed some ways to reach out to award winner's employers, school, local

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International Board of Direction Report

By Alyssa Rodriguez, P.E., PTOE

At the end of October 2015, the International Board convened in Tuscon, Arizona as part of the ITE International Technical Conference. This meeting was significant in that it marked the first change in senior management in ITE for over 40 years.

Jeff Paniati, Executive Director and CEO, and **Kathi P. Driggs**, Associate Executive Director and COO, joined ITE at the end of last year following the retirement of long-term CEO, **Tom Brahm**s.

The changes come as ITE faces some challenges. ITE's financial position has weakened since the 2008 recession, due to a diminishing number of full dues paying members and a reduction in our other traditional revenue streams of publications, education, and

meetings. Federal contract billings, however, have remained strong. Our new Executive Director is now engaging the ITE staff in a full review of all programs, projects and activities to identify opportunities to enhance revenues and reduce operating costs. Staff, the Executive Committee and the Board will be working to return revenue and expense to a balanced to surplus state that will allow replenishment of the Institute's reserves.

Within the rapidly evolving transportation environment, ITE's position in the industry has become less clear over time. To provide some clarity, the Institute has engaged a consulting firm, MGI, to lead a rebranding effort.

Phase 1 includes a situational analysis of the Institute's strengths and weaknesses. A focus group composed of current members, past members, and non-members to identify key areas of research will be engaged. Phases 2 and 3 include development of brand messaging. The first phase of the revamping and rebranding efforts will be complete in advance of the April 2016 IBOD meeting.

Another new staff member, Senior Membership Director **Colleen Agan**, reviewed the Institute's current member dues structure and will be working to move the Institute from a reactive position into a proactive position and streamlining our dues structure. Membership engage-

ment will also be a key focus for staff and the board, and several webinars with District, Section, Chapter, and Student leadership have already been conducted.

So as we move into the next era of ITE, the collaboration and networking among colleagues will continue to be the strength of our organization. To that end, the Institute will be hosting a revitalized Annual Meeting this August in Anaheim, California. Anticipate state of the industry topics and numerous opportunities for discussion and participation beyond what has been offered in the past. Also, be on the lookout for the meeting mascot, Cal bear, as he travels throughout the District on the way to the meeting.

Western District Committee Updates

The following are updates from the Western District committees:

Career Guidance Committee

By Neelam Dorman, Committee Chair

The purpose of the Career Guidance Committee is to promote the advancement of the transportation planning and engineering profession by fostering the close association of senior professionals with civil and transportation planning, ITE, and young professionals.

There are three awards geared to recognize our Young Professionals and those who support them. More information can be found on the District's website for Best Paper by a YP, Employer Recognition, and YP Achievement awards. Please note that the award submission deadlines are April 15th.

The Committee is also preparing three sessions at the Albuquerque Annual Meeting. For our students we are planning a resume review and career guidance discussion session. For our young professionals we are planning another skit based session addressing various workplace situations. Finally, a new session, drawing inspiration from LeadershipITE, will group young professionals with at least a year of work experience in teams to complete a project. We hope these sessions will allow our students and young professionals to take away advice for career development and connect with their peers as well as our mentoring members.

Please contact Neelam Dorman if you have any questions (neelam.dorman@gmail.com).

Legislative Committee

By Tom Mericle, Committee Chair

The Legislative Committee monitors legislative bills being considered by State legislative bodies in the 13 western states that comprise the Western District, and share those activities with both the District Board and the District members.

2016 kicked off new legislative sessions in all but two states (Montana and Nevada only meet in odd years). The Western District website shows current status of active legislative activities and recently approved legislation that may be of important to the members of ITE.

We have also reserved a place on the webpage for interesting and relevant articles about transportation legislation. Please forward any articles to Legislative Chair **Tom Mericle** and they will be added as appropriate.

Please take a look at the page at: <http://westernite.org/news/legislation/>

The California SB 743 Task Force is continuing its work on the implementation of legislation in California that will affect how public agencies evaluate project impacts including the partial removal of level of service (LOS) standards. The task force provided comments to first draft of the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) guidelines last year. OPR has recently released a revised proposal that reflects input that OPR received. The Task Force is working on reviewing the new proposed guidelines and will be submitting a

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comment letter by the end of February. If you wish to participate go the legislative webpage above or participate in the California SB 743 ITE Community on the ITE.org website.

If you have any legislative information, would like certain legislation to be tracked and reported, or have an interesting article related to transportation legislation please contact the Legislative Chair, Tom Mericle at mericleman@me.com or at tmericle@cityofventura.net.

Richard T. Romer Student Endowment Fund

By Kimberly Leung, Committee Chair

After the District Annual Meeting in Las Vegas last summer, the Student Endowment Fund reached \$440,000, and we are now launching our “Close the Gap” campaign to reach our ultimate fundraising goal of \$500,000 by this summer! The Western District leaders will be issuing a challenge to each of the Section and Chapter Presidents to help close the gap in the Endowment Fund, and in turn, a number of Presidents are also prepared to kick off campaigns of their own to challenge their members to aid in this effort. Don't forget that two awards are given at the Annual Meeting to recognize Sections or Chapters with the highest overall contribution and with the highest contribution per member during the prior year, so all of these contributions will be added to the totals for your Sections or Chapters. This Spring, I will be sending out letters with more information about the Student Endowment Fund's initiatives to Section and Chapter leaders, and I invite you to contact me to learn more about the Endowment Fund and to also consider making a contribution this year. We are getting so close to our goal, so every contribution matters, no matter how big or small.

Also, back by popular demand, ITE scratch off cards will be sold again by our students at the Get Acquainted Social at the District Annual Meeting in Albuquerque. This will take place on the evening of Sunday, July 10 as a fundraiser for the Student Endowment Fund, and winning cards will be eligible for a variety of raffle prizes. Be sure to buy a few scratch off cards to support our students!

MiteY Race



Join us in Albuquerque, NM on July 9th from 3-5 PM for the next installment of the MiteY Race. This year's MiteY race is presented in conjunction with the 2016 Western District Annual Meeting as a fundraiser for the Student Endowment Fund.

The MiteY Race is modeled after the hit television series “The Amazing Race” with teams followed clues and completing challenging but fun tasks. Teams raced around San Francisco landmarks in 2010, along the Santa Barbara waterfront in 2012, solved a jewel heist in Phoenix

ITE Membership Renewals

Time is running out to renew your ITE membership! We hope that you continue your partnership with us, and thousands of dynamic transportation professionals, and take this opportunity to renew your membership for 2016 at www.ite.org.

ITE's mission is to be the principal source of professional expertise, knowledge, and ideas promoting transportation science, principles and advocacy internationally. We are the “go to” place for the wide array of transportation professionals, like yourself, involved in the planning, design, and operation of the transportation system. Successful transportation professionals depend on ITE for our dynamic exchanges of ideas and expertise, helping people solve problems and enhance their career opportunities. Don't lose access and your connection to professionals locally, nationally and all around the world. Renew today online at www.ite.org or call ITE at 202-785-0060.

in 2013, explored the “City of Presidents” in Rapid City in 2014, and experienced “Sin City” in Las Vegas in 2015.

This year's MiteY Race is themed “Around the Burque in 80 Minutes” and is again being held on the Saturday preceding the Annual Meeting. This year, student and family/friends teams will complete challenging but fun tasks near Old Town Albuquerque. Registration is open for the upcoming race at <http://westernite.org/endowment-fund-2/mitery-race-2016/>. The MiteY Minions friends/family team from last year's race in Las Vegas has already signed up for this year's race! Be the next team to sign up for this year's race and stay tuned to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheMiteYRace) for photo clues.



MiteY Race Photo Hint #1

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media, and elected officials to recognize the ITE award recipient.

Traffic Bowl Committee Chair **Ken Ackeret** was not able to attend. Board noted that 2015 Traffic Bowl was a huge success.

LAC Liaison **Randy McCourt** presented proposed LAC policies, which was approved by the Board. These policies are those items that Western District Board directs all LACs to perform and undertake.

A joint statement of interest for the 2020 annual meeting were received from Hawaii and Southern California Section. The proposal is to hold the meeting at one of the hotels in the area of Waikiki on the island of Oahu.

Las Vegas 2015 LAC Chair **Lindsay Saner** presented, via teleconference, a final report for the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas that included some lessons learned for

future LACs. Albuquerque 2016 LAC Chair **James Barrera** reported on sponsorships, luncheon speaker, family night, technical/social tour, and status of abstracts. San Diego 2017 LAC Chair **Joe de la Garza** provided details on meeting location at Hilton San Diego, LAC committee, and has set the meeting date for June 17-21, 2017. Keystone 2018 LAC reported that MOU has been finalized between Western District and Texas District. They are securing contract with Keystone Resort and Conference Center. Monterey 2019 LAC Co-Chairs **Kimberly Leung** and Justin Link reported on hotel site visits and family night venue.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm. The next board meeting will be at the 2016 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque on Sunday, July 10, 2016.

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Student and Faculty Initiatives Committee

By **Danielle Scharf, P.E., PTOE, LEED AP, Committee Chair**

The Student and Faculty Initiatives Committee promotes the advancement of the profession by fostering the close association of professionals with transportation planning and engineering students. This committee is responsible for the majority of the student awards and student events planned in conjunction with the Western District's Annual Meeting.

Students: Please be aware of the following upcoming deadlines for 2016 student awards:

- Student Chapter Annual Reports due **April 1st**
- Student Paper submittals due **April 1st**
- Outstanding Student and Outstanding Educator nominations due **April 15th**
- James H. Kell Competition Proposals due **May 1st**

The Western District Board recently voted to reallocate the District's investment in the Student Initiatives Program to even better support our most promising students and reward active, engaged student chapters.

Professionals: We are always looking for professionals that are interested in serving on the review committees for these various awards. If you are interested in contributing to the advancement of the profession in this way, please contact Danielle Scharf at dscharf@sandersonstewart.com.

Section and Chapter Reports

The Sections and Chapters of the Western District are busy! Highlights of their activities are provided below:

Alaska Section

(Report provided by *Nick Oliveria*)

- Current officers are **Erica Jensen**, President; **Sean Baski**, Vice President; **Nick Oliveira**, Secretary/Treasurer; and **Susan Melton-Acheson**, Past President.
- **Robert Kniefel** was selected as the ITE Alaska Section Engineer of the Year Nominee for Engineers Week in Anchorage, AK. Robert is a Senior Engineer with Kittleson and Associates.
- Our recent meetings have included presentations on C Street Railroad Crossings, Southwest Alaska Transportation Planning, AMATS: Bike Plan Implementation, and the Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- A Beer and Wine Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser for the ITE scholarship fund was held on November 14th. It was very successful and raised over \$8000 for student scholarships!



Fun and success at the Beer & Wine Tasting Silent Auction scholarship fundraiser

- The ITE Alaska Section has been continuously working with the new student officers at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Students attend the monthly section luncheons for free and are recognized at all meetings. The Section board also supports the Student Chapter with providing suggestions and connecting them with professionals to speak at their chapter meetings.
- The section will be accepting applications for the 2016 ITE Alaska Section Scholarship,

which plans to award two \$1500 and one \$2000 scholarships.

Arizona Section

(Report provided by *Arizona ITE Board*)

- Current officers are **David Sabers**, Past President; **Deanna Haase**, President; **John Kissinger**, Vice President; **Alejandro Angel**, Secretary; and **David Lucas**, Treasurer.
- Our Holiday Party this year was a luau! Over 80 members came out between Arizona ITE and ITS Arizona and celebrated a successful year! The evening was wrapped up with Board members from ITE and ITS Arizona participating in a hula dance competition! It certainly was a sight to see, and although the pictures from the event have already circulated enough, feel free to check them out on our AZITE.org website for yourself!
- Also, Arizona ITE hosted two webinar events from the Learning Hub of ITE. Thanks to our Technical Committee Chair **Anita Shanker** for organizing these events.
- Arizona ITE traditionally "takes a break" during the summer months and pick back up in September of to start the new year. Recently, there have been quite a lot of topics to talk about and interest in potentially holding breakfasts through the summer months in a series of technical presentations on a particular subject that warrants a three-part series. We are currently pursuing venues and presenters for these summer "technical breakfasts".
- The Arizona ITE state section provided registration and travel funds for 34 students from Arizona's three major universities (ASU, NAU and UA) to attend the annual ITE/IMSAs Spring Conference.

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- A “student dinner” night was sponsored by a local engineering firm during the evening of the conference, where presenters discussed engineering careers, types of projects that are being worked on, and how to stay involved in ITE after they graduate and make the most use of ITE resources in their careers. This very direct and intentional student partnership this year has been made possible by our Student Chapter Liaison **Ellie Volosin**, who is a recent graduate of ASU herself!
- Transitioned fully to the use of PayPal to accept payments for conference registrations, luncheon payments, job announcements and membership dues. This system has cushioned the “no show” problem we were having in recent years and has created more accountability and responsibility when RSVPing for an event where food and other arrangements need to be ordered. This transition to PayPal has also allowed us to partner with other professional societies more effectively, in particular ITS Arizona, where we join together for at least two activities each year.
- The Jenny Grote Student Leadership Award was established.



Jenny Grote and John Kissinger – Establishment of the Jenny Grote Student Leadership Award

Colorado/Wyoming Section

(Report provided by Devin Joslin)

- Current officers are **Anna Bunce**, Past President; **Freddy He**, President; **Ryan Germeroth**, Vice President, **Lou Davenport**, Secretary/Treasurer.
- The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **Dave Baskett** at the December section meeting.

- Scholarships were awarded to **Michael Duesterbeck** (\$1,000); **Nicholas Ferrenchak** (\$750); **Negar Karimi Khouzani** (\$1,500); **Jenny Niemann** (\$500); **Chris Thai** (\$750); **Allison Ellise Redenz** (\$1,500).



Scholarship recipients from L to 2nd from R: Negar, Allison, Michael, Nicholas and Chris

- Life Member Awards were presented to **Alex Ariniello** and **Gene Putman** at the January Vendor Show. **Phil Hoffmann** was also recognized as a Life Member.
- The Vendor Show on January 22 drew a crowd of close to 300 people, including vendor representatives from over 35 companies.
- The CO/WY section's next event will be a meet & greet with the Colorado Department of Transportation's leadership group on February 18. Other scheduled meetings and events include a section meeting in Castle Rock on March 11; the Spring Transportation Symposium at the Colorado Convention Center on April 1; a section meeting in the Metro Denver area on May 6 (Metro Denver); and the annual golf tournament in June.
- The University of Colorado at Denver Student Chapter hosted “The Future of Transportation in Denver Summit” on December 4, which was attended by close to 200 people. The Chapter also attended a screening of the movie Bikes Vs. Cars on December 9, followed by a panel discussion on the topic.
- The section conducted a food drive at the December meeting and collected 107 items that were donated to a local food bank.
- The section, in responding to ITE International's request,

is reaching out to individual non-renewed members with a friendly reminder for their membership renewal.

Central Coast Section

(Report provided by Justin Link)

- Current officers are **Justin Link**, President; **Monique Fuhrman**, Vice President; **Elaine Camia**, Secretary/Treasurer.
 - Past-President **Corey Kelley** was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service as President for 2015. **Robert Sweeting** also received his plaque, just a little late, for his service as President for 2014.
 - The Section's December meeting was notable for having four Western District Committee Chairs and the Western District President in attendance: **Justin Link**, Webmaster; **Janna McKhann**, Vendor Chair; **Tom Mericle**, Legislative Chair; and **Robert Sweeting**, Advertising Manager. President **Cathy Leong** was on-hand to discuss what's going on “in the West” and swear in the new slate of officers.
 - The Central Coast Section will be working on receiving our non-profit status with the IRS using the information provided by ITE HQ. We will also be issuing a challenge to our members to contribute to the Western District Student Endowment Fund. We already have \$675 pledged, and the Section will match up to \$1000.
- The Idaho Chapter sponsored the “Most Multimodal Transportation Network” Special Award at the 2016 Futures City Idaho Competition, which was held at Boise State University on January 23rd. ITE's special award recipient was Boise's Sacred Heart Catholic School's Future City Mottainai, which also won first place in the competition. Special thanks to ITE members **Chris Melander**, **Brett Kohring**, **Arthur Thomas**, **Harvin Flores**, and **Jeff Jones** for judging.
 - The Idaho Chapter also organized 2nd Annual Joint Engineering Organization Holiday Social & Canned Food Drive on December 17th. Participating organizations included the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers (Southwest Idaho Chapter), the American Society of Civil Engineers (Southern Idaho Section), the Women's Transportation Society (Treasure Valley Chapter), and the Idaho Chapter of ITE. Over 30 engineers from around the valley attended the event!
 - Special recognition was provided to **Michelle Montagnino** for her serve to ITE. She completed her tenure as President of SAITE in September 2015, having also served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, and President.
 - Two conferences are scheduled for the month of March. March 1-3 will be the ITE/ IMSA conference, and March 23-25 will be the ACEC Road and Streets conference.

Idaho Section

(Report provided by Jeff Jones)

- The Idaho Chapter will have three more luncheon meetings this year. On February 9th, **Dongho Chang**, with the City of Seattle, is coming to Boise to present on Seattle's 2nd Avenue bike lanes. Parametrix will present on the Meridian Interchange project on March 8th. Ryan Lancaster, with the Idaho Department of Transportation, will present on

ITD's new Traffic Manual on April 12th.

Nevada Section

(Report provided by Lindsay Saner)

- The Nevada Chapter has moved the location of the monthly meetings from the Tuscany Hotel to RTC-FAST, which has video-conferencing capabilities. Starting in January 2016, the monthly meeting now includes members from both Northern and Southern Nevada. Northern Nevada is

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- meeting at NDOT District II in Sparks, Nevada. Moving forward, presentations will rotate between the two locations in Sparks and Las Vegas. The new location also brings the cost of attending the meeting down to \$15 (previously \$25).
- Northern Nevada has invited the Student Chapter from University of Nevada, Reno to attend the monthly meetings, where students can attend for free.
- The Nevada Chapter has launched a website, www.nevadaite.com.
- We are looking for a cost-effective way to collect credit card payments in advance of the monthly lunch meetings via the chapter website.

New Mexico Section

(Report provided by Patrick Byrd)

- New Mexico Section hosted CH2M to discuss Traffic Calming Policies in Albuquerque for our December meeting. **Ross Lujan, Zeke Lynch, and Clay Koontz** of CH2M provided an informative presentation.
- We will be holding a New Mexico DOT hosted luncheon at District 3 to discuss Pedestrian/ADA Policy.
- In order to get more agency involvement, we are starting to have some of our luncheons hosted at the various local entities location. This reduces travel time for the host agency and lunches are usually cheaper than our normal luncheon location. Hopefully, we can make these hosting events a yearly event.

Northern California Section

(Report provided by Doug Maas)

- The January Section Meeting included our Member Appreciation give away. All current ITE members received a decorative NorCal ITE pint glass for use with their favorite beverage.

- On October 9th, from 7:30am to 2:00pm at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, Sacramento, Oktoberfest "Best Ball" Golf Tournament and Fund Raising Raffle for the Student Endowment was held.
- This past year, the board hosted the following luncheons with topics including Inducing Sustainable Communities With ITS, Crime Prevention and Transportation Design / CSS and Safety, and Connected Corridors: Preparing You for the Future of California's Roads.
- Continued support of Sacramento State and UC Davis chapters, including reimbursement for first lunch meetings of each chapter to keep cost free at student chapter meetings. Cost for students to attend regular NorCAL ITE lunch meetings is free, and we typically have 3-4 students in attendance.

Oregon Section

(Report provided by Patrick Marshall)

- We are currently accepting candidates for Secretary/Treasurer. Elections are happening soon, with election results in May.
- Kamilah Buker**, Oregon State University graduate student, was awarded the Bill Kloos Scholarship and a check for \$2,000. Kamilah's scholarship application consisted of an illustrated children's book about traffic safety.



Kamilah Buker - Bill Kloos Scholarship Recipient

- Oregon ITE hosted a full day of bright minds with dry senses of humor getting together to discuss the hottest topics in transportation on January 28, 2016. This year's event took an in-depth look at the performance measures that we use in our practice, and explored topics including communicating performance measures to the public, identifying performance measures for safety, and moving on from level-of-service.
- The 24th Annual Bill Kloos Traffic Bowl had an elegant brand new venue! Oregon & Washington's brightest transportation engineering students competed against each other in a test of trivial transportation knowledge and perception reaction time. This year, first time champs University of Washington, took home the coveted trophy and the oversized non-cashable novelty check. As usual, students had the opportunity to participate in Day After Traffic Bowl Tours. This year's tours included ODOT Region 1's Traffic Operation Center, HDR, and Kittelson and Associates.
- ITE hosted its second annual "Golf for People that Don't Golf" tournament at McMenamins Edgefield on September 25, 2016. A fun time was had by all and few beers had by many.
- Oregon Active Transportation Summit is a two day summit (March 14-15, 2016) full of inspiring mobile workshops, plenaries, professional training, and networking with innovators, thought leaders, and passionate professionals from the Pacific Northwest. If you are a professional, policy maker, or advocate working in the fields of transportation planning and engineering, community development, recreation and tourism, or public health, this event is for you!
- Northwest Transportation Conference will be held March 15-17, 2016, with the theme "Transportation Tools You Can Use on the Job" this future-oriented conference's goal is to provide information about new developments and what's coming next in transportation.
- As a chapter, the Oregon Section puts a lot of effort in to our sponsorship drive (And just for the record 2015-2016 was our best fund raising year ever.) Each fall our board members reach out to local leaders in transportation industry including consultants, data collection firms, software and hardware vendors, and teaming partners. In all reality and seriousness the reason why the local transportation community is willing to open their checkbooks each year is simply because we have fun. We help create opportunities for Portland's transportation enthusiast to cut loose (or as loose as that bunch ever gets) and live life without a proverbial pocket protector. Simply put, people like to have fun. If you can facilitate the opportunities for that fun; the rest will follow naturally. Many of our sponsors, in particular the vendors, will likely never attend one of our technical presentations. Yet we can keep them engaged as a part of the community through the casual extra circulars that may just have been the real reason we all joined a student chapter of ITE those many years ago. Just don't forget to get those sponsors on your events mailing list.

Riverside-San Bernardino Section

(Report provided by Bowen Yang)

- In November 2015, a joint RSBITE and ITE SoCal Lunch Meeting was held to discuss the planned Metrolink expansion and improvements.
- The annual joint holiday mixer with ITE SoCal and OCTEC was held in December 2015.
- RSBITE maintained their amicable relationship with the Cal Poly Pomona ITE Student Chapter (ITECPP) by keeping the students involved with RSBITE event. The students

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consistently attend the monthly RSBITE meeting and volunteer their assistance in preparation for events such as the Annual Vendor Show and the upcoming Annual Golf Tournament. RSBITE continues to support the student chapter as they recently sponsored the T-Shirts for their Student Leadership Summit and participated in some of the various workshops within the conference.

SAITE (South Arizona Institute of Transportation Engineers) Chapter

- **Andisheh Ranjbari**, a PhD Student-Graduate Research Assistant and President of ITE Student Chapter, Dept. of Civil Engineering & Engineering Mechanics of the University of Arizona, received the Hank Warner Memorial Scholarship.

- SAITE recognized the steady leadership, expansive knowledge, and civility exhibited by **Ben Goff** throughout his transportation career in Southern Arizona.

San Diego Section

(Report provided by Teala Cotter)



- The 2016 Officers were sworn in at the November 5, 2015 San Diego Section Meeting by ITE's Western District Vice-President, **Mark Spencer**; **Ryan Zellers**, President; **KC Yellapu**, Vice President; **Ali Shahzad**, Treasurer; **Teala Cotter**, Secretary; and **Mark Jugar**, Past President

- Awards presented at the November 5, 2015 San Diego Section Meeting included:

- Technical Paper of the Year – Stone Creek Master Plan – LLG
- Project of the Year – H Street Extension – Rick Engineering and Port of San Diego
- Young Transportation Professional of the Year – **Miriam Wai-Kwan Jim**
- Transportation Professional of the Year – **Kathy Feilen**

- **Bill Darnell** was honored as Section Distinguished Member and certificates of appreciation were given to 2015 officers and chairpersons.

- The Annual Holiday Party was held at Bali Hai on Shelter Island that our section Vice President, **Ryan Zellers** organized. Approximately 75

people were in attendance at our annual holiday dinner/dance. A special thank-you to our ITE Western District Past President, **Carlos Ortiz**, who travelled all the way from Los Angeles to join us. Pictures were taken of our section letting loose and getting down to music from the super-energetic DJ and samba group.

- ITE SDSU held a general body meeting with **Erik Ruehr** from VRPA Technologies and is also part of the Transportation Research Board. Erik talked about the 2016 update of the Highway Capacity Manual and Roundabouts.
- Preliminary planning efforts are currently underway for the 2017 Western District Meeting to be held in San Diego. Keep up to date on this and other Section events on the Section's website: www.sandiegoite.org

Proposed Updates to District Bylaws

Over the nine-plus years since the District's Bylaws were last updated in 2006, there have been numerous changes in the way the District operates, such as increased use of email and electronic voting, as well as the change in name from District 6 to the Western District. A committee established by the Board reviewed the Bylaws and developed proposed changes to the text to address the changes noted above. Additionally, changes to make the petitioning process more consistent, regardless of whether it is to become a candidate or rescind a Board action, are proposed.

In order to open bank accounts for the Local Arrangements Committee for each annual meeting this past year, the District was incorporated. As a result of this action, it is necessary to modify our Bylaws to reflect California law for non-profit corporations. Working with an attorney a secondary document called the "Enumeration of California Nonprofit Corporation Law" was created to address these legal requirements. Under the suggested language this document will be considered part of the Bylaws by reference.

At its January 22, 2016, Mid-year Board Meeting the District's Board of Direction accepted the proposed Bylaws and voted to amend the Bylaws via an expedited process that does not include presentation at an Annual Business meeting. The following schedule would allow adoption of the revised Bylaws in 2016 based on the direction given by the Board:

- April 29: Close comment period.
- May 13: Publish comments.

- June 12: Voting on the proposed changes opens (in conjunction with the election of officers).
- July 12: Results of the election are finalized.
- August 13: Amended Bylaws take effect, if approved (30 days after filed with the Institute).

All members are encouraged to review the Bylaws and provide comments regarding the proposed changes. Additions are underlined, and deletions are struck through. All comments should be sent to District Administrator **Dalene J. Whitlock** at dwhitlock@w-trans.com. A copy of the "Enumerations" document will be provided if requested, also by emailing Dalene. Comments received after April 29 will not be considered.

Draft Bylaws with Changes

Institute of Transportation Engineers

District 6 (dba ITE Western District) Bylaws

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.1 – Any Institute member of any grade who resides within the area designated for the District and who is in good standing with the Institute, shall be a member of the District upon submission of payment of District dues, if any shall be a member of the District. Throughout these Bylaws, the term "resides" refers to the individual's preferred Institute mailing address, either home or place of business.

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Section 1.2 – Fellows and Members shall be eligible to hold any elective office of the District. ~~Associate Members shall be eligible to hold the office of Secretary-Treasurer.~~ A person may no longer hold elective office when they are no longer a member of District 6. Other grades shall enjoy all the privileges of membership, except the right to vote and to hold elective office.

Section 1.3 – Voting members are Institute members who are members of District 6 in good standing as determined by Institute records, excluding student and Institute Affiliate members.

ARTICLE II - RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION

Section 2.1 – Any Institute Member whose Institute membership has been forfeited shall also forfeit membership in the District. Any member of the Institute who is placed on inactive status by the Institute Board of Direction shall also be placed on inactive status by the District Board of Direction. Members will be reinstated in the District only if reinstated to active membership in the Institute.

Section 2.2 – In the event charges of unethical conduct are brought against a member of the Institute, the District Board of Direction shall immediately refer the matter to the Institute Board of Direction for handling as provided in Article II, Section 17 of the Institute's Constitution.

ARTICLE III - FEES, DUES, AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 3.1 – Annual dues shall be established by the District and shall be billed by the Institute at the time of billing Institute dues.

Section 3.2 – The District Board of Direction may not increase annual dues by more than 10 percent in any year without an affirmative vote of a majority of those voting in a membership ballot following the same procedures as specified in Section 10.2.

Section 3.3 – Annual dues are collected in accord with Institute Board of Direction policy.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTION

Section 4.1 – The District Board of Direction is comprised of four District Officers and the International Director(s) who represent the Western District 6 on the International Board of Direction. The District Officers consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Past President. All of the District Officers, with the exception of the Past President shall be elected ~~at the District Annual Meeting~~ per Article 5V and will assume office upon election, as provided in Section 7.3, or as soon as practical thereafter. The Past President office will be filled by the most recent Past President who remains a member of the District. International Director position(s) shall be elected to office ~~at the District Annual Meeting per Article V~~ and assume office as stated in the Institute's Constitution.

Section 4.2 – The District Board voting membership shall consist of the District Officers and the International Director(s) who represent the Western District. ~~Additionally, the Editor of WesternITE and the District Administrator shall be ex-officio, non-voting Board of Direction members.~~

Section 4.3 – The terms of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Past President shall be for approximately one year, ending in conjunction with the next Annual Meeting of the District. The terms of International Director(s) shall be as stated in the Institute's Constitu-

tion. No member shall occupy the same elective office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 4.4 – If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the unexpired term shall be filled by the Vice President. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice President or Secretary-Treasurer, the District Board of Direction may elect a member to fill the unexpired term, or may choose to temporarily assign the respective duties of the vacant position among the remaining elected Board of Direction members. If a vacancy occurs in the office of International Director, the District Board of Direction shall elect a member to fill the unexpired term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Past President, the Past President whose term has most recently expired and who remains a member of the District shall fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 5.1 – Within 60 days after the District Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of the District's immediate Past President (who chairs the committee) plus at least five members, each from different Sections. If the immediate Past President has a conflict of interest, or otherwise is unable to serve as Chair, the Board will select another District Past President to serve as Chair.

Section 5.2 – The Nominating Committee shall prepare its state list of one or more qualified candidates for each elective office for consideration of the Board of Direction. A written consent to hold office must be received from each nominee. The Board of Direction shall approve a state list of candidates not later than 120 days prior to the election.

Section 5.3 – Not later than 90 days prior to the election each year, the list of nominees shall be published in WesternITE or displayed on the District website or otherwise directly conveyed or transmitted to the membership ~~by the Secretary-Treasurer~~. Additional nominations for any elected office may be made by petition, signed by at least ~~two (2)~~ two (2) percent of the eligible voting membership. To be valid, the signatures on the petition shall include voting membership representation from at least one-third (1/3) of the Sections in the District (a minimum of five (5) signatures from each of these Sections shall define adequate representation). The remaining signatures can come from the voting membership at large. Each petition shall be accompanied by written consent of the nominee running for the office for which nominated, and must be received by the ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ District Administrator not later than 60 days prior to the election. A member may be a candidate for only one office.

Section 5.4 – The election shall be concluded not more than 24 hours prior to ~~at~~ the District's Annual Business Meeting. Not later than 30 days prior to the election, the ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ District Administrator will transmit a final ballot, listing the candidates nominated for offices and containing a statement from the candidates (if provided by the candidate). Final ballots returned by eligible voters to the ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ District Administrator shall be canvassed. Canvassing of the ballots shall be completed at the District's Annual Meeting by a three-person Teller's Committee appointed by the President. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote, the outgoing District Board, excluding any Board member who is a candidate for the position subject to a tie vote, shall select one of the candidates ~~the outgoing District Board, excluding any Board member who is a candidate for the position subject to a tie vote, shall select one of the candidates.~~

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~~Section 5.5 – Prior to the District Annual Meeting, each Section and Chapter will elect a President, who will serve as the Section/Chapter representative to the District Board of Direction.~~

ARTICLE VI – GOVERNMENT

Section 6.1 – The government of the District shall be vested in the Board of Direction.

Section 6.2 – The District Board of Direction shall establish policies for the operation of the District in conformity with the provisions of the Institute Constitution, these Bylaws, and the District Charter.

~~Section 6.3 – The Board of Direction meets at the District Annual Meeting and at such other times and places as it may determine. At the District Annual Meeting, the Board of Direction shall meet and consult with the Section/Chapter Presidents.~~

Section 6.4 – The President presides at meetings of the District and of the Board of Direction. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at meetings and discharge the duties of the President. A simple majority of the voting membership of the District's Board of Direction constitutes a quorum.

Section 6.5 – The District Board of Direction shall act on all proposals received from its committees, Sections, or the membership assembled at the District Annual Meetings on matters intended as policies, standards, or recommendations of the District. Approval by the Board is required before District policies, standards, or recommendations become official statements.

Section 6.6 – The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Section 6.7 – The President shall appoint the Chairs of the Standing Committees and those special committees as may be desirable. Standing committees may include Membership, Technical and Legislative Committees, along with others established by the Board or Board Policies.

Section 6.8 – The President, with Board concurrence, shall appoint the Editor of WesternITE and charge the Editor with responsibility for its publication and distribution.

Section 6.9 – The President, with Board concurrence, shall appoint the District Administrator and charge the Administrator with the responsibility of keeping the historical records of the District and other duties deemed necessary by the Board.

Section 6.10 – The membership may, by petition to the District Board of Direction, initiate a vote to determine if an officer shall be deposed from office. The petitioners must include at least two (20) percent of the eligible voters, with signatures on the petition representing at least 20 percent of the eligible voters in each of at least three~~one-third~~ of the Sections in the District (a minimum of five (5) signatures from each of these Sections shall define adequate representation). Within 30 days after receipt of the petition by the District Board of Direction, the following question shall be submitted to each member eligible to vote for the office in question by secret ballot: “Shall (Name) be deposed from the office of (Office)?” Should the affirmative carry a majority of the eligible voters who cast ballots, the office shall be declared vacant and the vacancy filled in the manner prescribed in Section 4.4.

Section 6.11 – The membership may, by petition to the District Board of Direction, initiate a vote to determine if any action of the Board shall be rescinded. The petitioners must include at least two (20) percent of the eligible voters with signatures on the petition representing at least 20 percent of the eligible voters in each of at least three~~one-third~~ of the Sections in the District (a minimum of five (5) signatures from each of these Sections shall define adequate representation). Upon receipt of such petition by the District Board of Direction, the petitioned action shall be suspended and within 30 days the following question shall be submitted to each eligible voter by secret ballot: “Should the following action of the District Board of Direction be upheld: ?” Should the negative carry a majority of the eligible voters who cast ballots, the petitioned action shall be rescinded; otherwise the suspension shall be lifted.

Section 6.12 – The membership may, by petition to the District Board of Direction signed by at least five percent of the eligible voters, cause any subject to be placed on the agenda at the District Annual Meeting. At this Annual Meeting, the membership assembled may advise the Board in any manner germane to the petition. The Board, within six months, shall report to the membership its action on the subject.

ARTICLE VII - DISTRICT MEETINGS

Section 7.1 – Regular meetings of the District shall be held as determined by the Board of Direction, but not less than one meeting a year shall be held. The District Board of Direction may call a special District meeting when conditions justify. No action affecting the District shall be taken at a special District meeting, however, unless at least 14 days' written notice concerning the matter has been sent to all members.

Section 7.2 – The Annual Meeting of the District shall be held at a time and place as determined by the District Board of Direction. The Secretary-Treasurer will report the District's financial condition at the Annual Meeting. Committee reports and reports by the President may be made at any meeting.

Section 7.3 – Installation ceremonies of District Officers shall be held during the Annual Meeting.

Section 7.4 – Section or Chapter meetings may be held at any time not in conflict with District Meetings.

Section 7.5 – Meetings of the District Board of Direction shall be called by the District President as the President deems necessary, or when the Board receives a petition signed by ~~the~~ a majority of the other voting members of the Board. At least 20 days' notice shall be given of any called meeting.

Section 7.6 – Provided that all voting District Board of Direction members are given the opportunity to participate, the Board may conduct business using technologies such as email and/or telephone or video conference calls. Actions conducted in this method shall be affirmed at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Section 7.7 – The Rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall guide the Board in conducting its business in all cases where they are applicable and consistent with the Institute's Constitution, the District Charter, these Bylaws, or other procedural rules established by the District Board of Direction.

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ARTICLE VIII - VOTING AND VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Section 8.1 – Voting for officers, for amendments to these Bylaws, for petitions to amend the Charter, and for other matters which affect the relationship of the District to the Institute shall be by secret ballot.

Section 8.2 – When such a secret ballot is required, ballots shall be sent or transmitted to voting members in accordance with established Board policy to ensure both the secrecy and the validity of the ballots. Voters shall indicate their selection on the ballot, and return or transmit the ballot to the District Administrator Secretary-Treasurer or other designated canvassing agent.

ARTICLE IX – SECTIONS AND STUDENT CHAPTERS

Section 9.1 – The District shall administer Sections and Student Chapters as specified in Article V of the District Charter.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 10.1 – Proposals to amend these Bylaws or to petition amendments to the Charter may be made by resolution of the District Board of Direction or by written petition to the District Board of Direction signed by at least five percent of the District’s voting members.

Section 10.2 – Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be published in WesternNITE and displayed on the District website. Written comments shall ~~will~~ be accepted for sixty days after publication. All comments, summarized as necessary to meet space requirements, shall be published in a subsequent issue of WesternNITE and displayed on the District website. Proposed amendments will be discussed, and modified if appropriate, at an Annual Business Meeting, unless the District Board of Direction determines that a more expeditious amendment process is necessary. The amendments, as modified by the District Board of Direction in response to comments, shall be submitted to the voting members as prescribed in Section 8.2 of these Bylaws, normally in conjunction with the annual election of officers and canvassed within 60 days following such submission by the District Administrator Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 10.3 – Adoption of any amendment shall be by an affirmative vote of a majority of those voting.

Section 10.4 – Adopted amendments to these Bylaws take effect when approved by the International Board of Direction, as provided in the District’s Charter.

Article XI – Enumeration of California Nonprofit Corporation Law

Section 11.1 – These Bylaws incorporate the Enumeration of California Nonprofit Corporation Law by reference.

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