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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@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:joey.paskey@atkinsglobal.com).

## President's Message

By *Mark Spencer, P.E., ITE Western District President*

This issue of WesternITE features two of the most important District events; the annual elections and the upcoming Western District Annual Meeting in San Diego, June 18-22, 2017. Annual election ballots will be sent on May 18, 2017. I hope you'll spend the time to read each candidate statement and get to know a little about the people who are vying to serve as your officers at the District level and Director at the International level. And if you're wondering about the value of attending the Annual Meeting, the recent e-news outlined many reasons to attend, including the benefits for you professionally as well as for your employer.



ITE International recently held their latest in a series of District/Section/Chapter Leadership Webinars. As part of the District's engagement with our members, I want to bring you up to date on several key initiatives of ITE International, all of which are receiving support from the Western District and our members.

**Automated Vehicles/Connected Vehicles.** A new Steering Committee was formed and has begun an ongoing dialogue on the ITE Community. The ITE Community is ITE's online forum that connects all of us, with many topics of discussion available. You can sign in here <http://community.ite.org/home> to get started, manage your subscription, and see the vast array of communities. It's an excellent way to interact with other transportation professionals! The AV/CV Steering Committee is also preparing a series of webinars.

**ITE Global District.** This is a name change for the International District, as part of the effort to become engaged and visible. A Global District Board of Directors is being constituted. Expect to see new Chapters and MOUs with sister countries including Brazil, Greece, India, Korea, the UK and others.

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## ITE Western District Officer Elections

### On-Line Elections Coming May 18

Western District members may vote on-line in the upcoming election for officers and directors. The ballot will be accessible beginning Thursday, May 18, 2017, and on-line voting will close Monday, June 19, 2017, at midnight.

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](http://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 District Administrator **Dalene Whitlock** via phone (707) 542-9500, e-mail ([dwhitlock@w-trans.com](mailto:dwhitlock@w-trans.com)), or by regular mail to:

Dalene J. Whitlock, P.E.  
c/o W-Trans  
490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 201  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Paper ballot requests must be received no later than Monday, June 5, 2017, and completed ballots returned to the District Administrator no later than Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Completed ballots may also be returned in person at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

If you need help voting electronically or have questions on the electronic or paper ballot, please contact District Administrator **Dalene Whitlock**.

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.

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**ITE International VP Candidate Town Halls.** On Wednesday April 26, the two ITE International VP Candidates, **Ken Ackeret** and **Bruce Belmore**, will conduct two online Town Hall Meetings. Times will be announced shortly and noted in the next Western District E-News. Because the candidates cannot travel to every Section, the Town Halls will allow ITE members to virtually meet the candidates, hear their respective platforms, and ask questions.

**Membership Campaign.** A 15k Membership Campaign kicked off on March 15 to add 500 new fully paid members and reach 15,000 members by July. To reach this goal each Section needs to add an average of about 10 members. The campaign includes Section and individual member incentives, with a variety of support materials provided by ITE HQ in early March. The top three Sections (by percentage) to add new members will receive financial prizes. Individuals who refer new members will receive a 50-percent discount on a webinar, and the top-referring member will win a paid registration to the ITE 2018 Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Minneapolis. As the largest District with several of the largest Sections, I expect the Western District to really shine and add more than our share of new members!

**Smart Communities.** A series of presentations is being planned for each of the District Meetings (including the Western District Annual Meeting this June in San Diego) to share information and gather further input.

**Transportation and Health.** ITE International is developing a Statement of Intent and a three-part webinar series focusing on the relationship between transportation and health.

**Trip Generation.** The 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Trip Generation* is in the works. There are 1,200 new data points, representing a 25-percent increase. Expect to see more urban data and person-oriented data. The new Handbook will include a smaller hard copy than prior editions, with most data available electronically. Also, a Trip Generation app is under development. The scheduled release is the Joint ITE/CITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Toronto, July 30-August 2, 2017. Thanks to the Western District members that contributed extensively to the increased data set.

**Vision Zero.** Beginning with the themed March 2017 ITE Journal, a toolbox is under development that will serve as a one-stop resource. There are about 700 resources being categorized, with a late April target release date. An upcoming webinar series is also being planned.

As you can see, there is a lot happening in ITE, locally in your Section, across the Western District, and globally. We truly are a Community of Transportation Professionals!



*Visit with University of Alaska-Anchorage Students*

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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.

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

## District Board Changes

The Western District Board regretfully announces that Dongho Chang has resigned from his Western District Vice President position. Over the past year, his work commitments have grown considerably, and he has decided to take this step to ensure that the District's members and initiatives are afforded the attention they deserve. His duties have been reassigned to the rest of the Board members for the remainder of his term. We appreciate Dongho's consideration of the District's interests in making this difficult decision.

As you can imagine this has left the Board with important decisions regarding our on-going elections process. Due to the timing of the upcoming elections and considering the necessary experience and District knowledge that a Presidential candidate should have, the Board has asked Mark Spencer to run for a second presidential term. Cathy Leong will remain as Past President, and Neelam Dorman will be the candidate for Vice President.

Concurrently, the Board has been discussing a revision to the District's elections procedures to reduce the time after which the immediate Past President must wait before running for International Director. Currently, there is a gap of approximately 18 months between the end of the Past President's term and the start of the International Director term. The change would allow the Past President to campaign for International Director while serving in office, thus ensuring that a potential International Director candidate is continuously engaged in current Board issues or actions. Recent changes on the Board present an opportunity to enact the revisions while minimizing the impact of the Vice President's

resignation on this year's election process.

We thank you in advance for your support of the Western District and pledge to continue to work in the best interests of the District and all of our members. If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Rodriguez, International Director, at [alyssa.rodriguez@cityofhenderson.com](mailto:alyssa.rodriguez@cityofhenderson.com).

## Candidate for President



*Mark Spencer, P.E.*

It has been my honor to serve as ITE Western District President this past year. Since being elected to the Board I have focused on engagement within the District, with ITE International, and with our partners. With the recent and unusual resignation of a Board Member, the Board has asked me to run for a second presidential term, and I am happy to accept and continue serving the District.

Working with our Board Members, International Directors, and Committee Chairs, we have recently completed several initiatives and embarked upon new ones. In the past year the Student Endowment Fund reached the \$500,000 milestone, and now enters the next phase of the program. We supported LeadershipITE by providing funds to Western District participants. We surveyed members regarding professional conference preferences. A Public Relations Task Force was initiated. We have helped our local Sections and Chapters file taxes. And we continue to explore ways to provide services to our members in the most cost-effective manner. In the coming year, I want to expand our engagement efforts as ITE focuses on member retention and recruitment.

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As President, I have had the opportunity to speak with several Sections and Chapters on behalf of the District, including visits with our student chapters and the recent Student Leadership Summit at Cal State Fullerton. The engagement of professionals with students is something I learned to value early on. My involvement in ITE began at UC Berkeley and has continued regularly for 29 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.

I have been a transportation consultant in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1990, and I am currently the managing Principal of the W-Trans office in Oakland, California. Throughout my career ITE has afforded me the opportunity to develop increasing levels of responsibility and leadership. 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.

It is my honor to be an ITE officer, and I look forward to your continued support and serving as your Western District President for another year.

### Candidate for Vice-President



Neelam Dorman, T.E.

It has been a privilege to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer for the Western District this past year and I am thankful to have the

opportunity to continue to serve the District as Vice President. My term as Secretary-Treasurer has offered me the chance to work with our dedicated District Board and learn a lot about our District and how we operate. We have, as a board, worked through some challenges and made great headway on many initiatives to ensure fiscal responsibility and equity.

Serving in the Secretary-Treasurer office has also allowed me to continue to work with our incredible District Chairs and afforded me more opportunities to engage with Section Leaders.

As Vice President, I will continue to work towards my goals for the Western District, including better communication between Section and District leadership, continu-

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## 2017 Annual Meeting Update

The Western District will hold its Annual Meeting at the beautiful waterfront **Hilton San Diego Resort** in San Diego from Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. The Local Arrangements Committee has been busy planning a great meeting with fun activities as well as an interesting and informative technical program with something for everyone. Please visit [www.SanDiegoITE2017.com](http://www.SanDiegoITE2017.com) for more information and to keep updated with the latest news about the conference.

We are looking forward to a great meeting filled with fun activities, interesting technical tours, a technical program filled with new and innovative topics as well as a gathering of a diverse group of professionals to share experiences and technical knowledge...while enjoying beautiful San Diego!!

### Meeting Registration

**Registration is OPEN for all attendees and Vendors!**

Individual attendees should register today at [www.SanDiegoITE2017.com](http://www.SanDiegoITE2017.com) and take advantage of the early registration discount before it ends on April 28, 2017. We also have a reduced registration for first-time attendees!!

Vendor registration is also open and spaces are filling up fast! The vendor booths are \$1,900 each and are a great value to get exposure to over 500 professionals.

### Conference Hotel

The hotel has guaranteed our meeting attendees a room rate that is a discounted \$229.00 per night including resort fees!! This great rate will be honored three days before and three days after the conference, so bring your family and take advantage of all that the hotel and San Diego have to offer!

This unique property is a resort located on scenic Mission Bay, situated on an 18-acre park with lush gardens and rolling lawns, and just steps from the beach. The Hilton San Diego Resort & Spa is an ideal destination for exploration: Rent a bike to ride along our 28-mile boardwalk, go sailing around the bay, or discover the Spa Brezza. You can enjoy waterfront dining and fireside happy hour with bay views. The resort is also a pet-friendly resort welcoming up to two 75 lb dogs per guest room.

The hotel is centrally located with many of San Diego's best attractions nearby. The world famous San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld (1 mile with daily scheduled complimentary roundtrip shuttle), Petco Park, Historic Old Town San Diego, the Fashion Valley Mall, Del Mar Race Track and the city's best beaches are all a short drive or bike ride from the hotel. San Diego International Airport is only 6 miles away.



To register at the hotel, use the following link and Group Rate Code "ITE617". [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SANHIHF-ITE617-20170617/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SANHIHF-ITE617-20170617/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

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ing to ensure efficient operation of the District as well as fostering current District Board initiatives and implementing guidance, and continuing to engage the next generation of engineers and planners within ITE.

I am excited to continue serving our members and hope to receive your support. I am 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. I have been honored to serve ITE as Student Chapter President, Southern California Section President, and your District Career Guidance Chair since 2012.

I hope to have your continued support and the opportunity to serve the Western District as Vice President.

### Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer



Paul Barricklow, P.E., PTOE

I'm humbly honored to be nominated as an ITE Western District officer candidate. I'd like to thank the Board for their confidence and I'm respectfully asking for your vote.

I recently have had the good fortune of participating with a group of highly motivated and like-minded leaders of ITE from both

the United States and Canada in the LeadershipITE Program. The yearlong program provided new insight into the activities of other Districts, Sections and Councils, and the leadership network that supports ITE. It was through this program that I discovered numerous ITE initiatives that I and many of my peers did not know existed nor how to get involved. Our LeadershipITE team project focused on member outreach and engagement and explored ways in which ITE can better inform and educate more of our members about opportunities our organization can provide. This increases the value of our organization for everyone, and if elected, I will continue develop these engagement strategies.

In addition to serving as a New Mexico Section officer, I served the District by co-chairing the 2016 Western District Annual

Meeting in Albuquerque. Though demanding, I found the late nights and weekends spent as a part of the development team extremely rewarding. Among the comradery I developed with others on the Local Arrangements Committee, the new friends I gained at the event, and to ultimately our guests' enjoyment, this experience has solidified my commitment to serve the Western District.

It is with great enthusiasm that I pledge to serve the Western District in its ongoing efforts to provide increasingly relevant and sustainable value to our members. I will bring a team-oriented approach to the Board that is both insightful and deliberate, and use it to champion a set of priorities that include:

- Contributing to the evolving direction of ITE International,

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There are also a few government rate rooms available, and you can use the following link and Group Rate Code "ITE67G".

[http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SANHIHF-](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SANHIHF-ITE67G-20170617/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

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### Sponsorship Opportunities

Looking for corporate exposure and advertising in front of transportation professionals from 13 western states? Consider sponsoring the Western District Annual Meeting! There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available including Gold (\$4,000), Silver (\$3,000), and Bronze (\$1,300) as well as a number of à la carte sponsorships. Visit the meeting website for more detailed information and contact information to sign up.

A special thanks to our early sponsors: **Iteris – Platinum Sponsor, Intelight – Gold Sponsor, Michael Baker International, Tesco, LLG, W-Trans and NDS Data!!**

### Technical Program

The Technical Program will include over 80 presentations to keep attendees up to date on the latest information in the fast-changing world of transportation engineering and planning. Attendees can expect to hear updates on key policy manuals and guidelines such as the MUTCD and HCM6, and hot topics such as **connected vehicles, complete streets, red light enforcement, and roundabouts**. The presentations will include planning, design, and operations for **all modes of transportation**, including some topics you would not expect such as **freeway revolts** and planning for the **2017 solar eclipse**. In addition, there will be a special session on **California's SB 743** on Wednesday afternoon following the conference so feel free to extend your stay to take advantage of hearing the latest and greatest on implementation of this important legislation. The special session will include speakers from

multiple disciplines to help California transportation engineers know what to expect as we make the transition from LOS to VMT in CEQA transportation studies.

### Technical Tours

#### San Diego Bicycle Technical Tour

This tour will provide an overview/review of the City of San Diego's Bike Program followed by a tour of some City sights (Balboa Park, Petco Park, Gaslamp Quarter) with an emphasis on active transportation issues/conditions. Participants will hop on the ferry from Downtown San Diego to Coronado, where we will continue to tour various bicycle facilities within the City of Coronado including riding along the bike path underneath the iconic Coronado Bridge.



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- Building the next generation of transportation leaders through education and mentorship,
- Engaging our Chapters and Sections through resource sharing, and
- Maintaining the values and identity of the Western District.

I have 16 years of experience in transportation planning and traffic engineering that includes research, consulting and management. Shortly after earning my MBA, I accepted a position with Lee Engineering and took on the challenge to develop its Albuquerque office. After 10 years, our team continues to thrive and grow. I have found that teamwork and trust yields greater results than what we can achieve alone... Let's team together!

**Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer**



*Devin Moore, P.E., PTOE*

Eight years ago, a wise professor encouraged an aspiring engineering student to run for Treasurer of the ITE student chapter at Brigham Young University. As they say, the rest was history (thanks Dr. Schultz!). Since my early years in BYUite into my current leadership with the Intermountain Section, I have valued the technical skills, relationships, and professional opportunities I have gained through ITE. I am excited to continue to serve the institute by focusing in four key areas:

- Students - As the over 150 individuals and companies who have contributed to the

Richard T. Romer Student Endowment Fund have shown, our students are worth investing in! I want to continue the progress we've made as a District to involve, encourage, reward, and empower students. I would love to see at least one student serve on the Local Arrangements Committee for each Annual Meeting.

- Networking - One of the greatest things about ITE is that it affords us opportunities to meet other transportation professionals—to learn from each other, share ideas, and grow together. We form lifelong friendships when we serve on committees, run MiteY Races, and discuss solutions together. To focus on relationship-building within the District, I want to help sections and chapters hold more social events and encourage networking at technical events. As we serve, play, and work together, our relationships will strengthen and our network will bolster us all.
- Giving back to our Communities - As an ITE student chapter member, I witnessed the good that a group of transportation nerds can do in the community! I've seen student chapters adopt highways, volunteer at Math Counts events, grade science fair projects, build/destroy balsa-wood bridges, organize food drives, and more. To encourage this community-centered mindset in our District's Sections and Chapters, I want to re-enthron service as a staple of ITE. In addition to giving back to our local communities, this will positively reinforce our brand and increase public opinion of transportation professionals.
- First Place for Technical Knowledge - With a multitude of conferences and webinars available each week, how do we make ITE the first place people look to find technical knowledge? I believe it is by being visible—by increasing our numbers and influence throughout the District. With more emphasis on students, networking, and giving back

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**Caltrans District 11 Traffic Management Center (TMC) & Metropolitan Transit Center (MTS) Light Rail Operations Control Center (OCC) Technical Tour**

The Caltrans Transportation Management Center (TMC) is the hub of information in which Caltrans and CHP (California Highway Patrol) work to Manage traffic, incidents, closures and maintenance of the States' freeway and highway system. The tour will walk attendees through the facility, explain the roles that Caltrans and CHP play at the facility and will end with the attendees viewing the Traffic Operations Center. The tour will be continued with a visit to the light rail Operations Control Center (OCC) which controls all rail traffic of the 53-mile light rail system. The OCC includes three control desks where personnel monitor train movement and system operations through SCADA displays and video monitors. The OCC also houses Transit System Security Dispatch for field enforcement personnel. Participants will also have the opportunity to ride the trolley system (Blue Line) and travel to the 8th Street National City Station, where we will observe recent major upgrades made to bring the original system up to current standards.



**Rapid Bus / I-15 Managed Lane Technical Tour & ICM (Integrated Corridor Management) Overview Technical Tour**

Join SANDAG for a session and tour of the I-15 Express Lanes facility with key focus on highlighting the Rapid Bus system and key elements of the I-15 Integrated Corridor Management System (ICM). The Rapid Bus network including Rapid Route 235 provides high frequency, limited-stop service in the corridor from the Escondido Transit Center to Downtown San Diego, using the I-15 Express Lanes and Direct Access Ramps to offer speedy trips. The tour will also highlight the ICM system through a live demonstration session and share first hand perspectives on current system operations and lessons learned for implementing the ICM project. The tour will visit the Sabre Springs Transit Station which offers a 4-level parking structure with electronic parking occupancy displays, designated clean-air vehicle and vanpool parking spaces, and electric vehicle charging stations.

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**Social Events**

**Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>: ITE San Diego Section Summer BBQ.** This event is sponsored by the local section of ITE and is a family friendly BBQ with activities and good food at the nearby Mission Bay Park adjacent to the hotel, 11am – 2:30pm

**Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>: The MiteY Race 3pm- 5pm.** This year's MiteY Race is themed "MR:8 Mission (Bay) Impossible" with both student and family/friends teams completing challenging but fun tasks around the Hilton San Diego Resort. Separate registration is required and is now open at <http://westernite.org/endowment-fund/mitey-race-2017/>. Also check out the MiteY Race Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/TheMiteYRace](http://www.facebook.com/TheMiteYRace)) for photo clues!

**Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>: California Cruisin' Get Acquainted Social 5pm – 7:30pm.** Welcome reception in the Vendor Hall. This California Casual themed event will include cash bar, complimentary appetizers and live music. A perfect opportunity to get to know many of the ITE leaders and reconnect with old friends. Welcome remarks will be made and raffle prizes will be given away.

**Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>: "Make a Splash" Family Night** at the hotel pool with entertainment, activities and games and family friendly movie under the stars, 6pm – 9:30pm. Enjoy poolside activities and games followed by a family friendly movie under the stars. Relax by the pool, enjoy traditional family BBQ food and get your



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to our communities, we can increase our membership and meeting/luncheon attendance.

Thank you for considering me for your next Western District Board Member.

**Candidate for International Director**



Carlos Ortiz, P.E., T.E., PTOE

I am honored to be nominated for ITE Western District International Director. As a member of ITE for over 27 years, I have served at different levels including:

- ITE International Strategic Initiatives Committee (2016 - present)
- ITE Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Council
- ITE 2016 International Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA - Local Arrangement Committee (LAC)

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- ITE Western District, President (2014 - 2015)
- ITE Southern California Section, President (2008 - 2009)
- ITE Riverside-San Bernardino Section, President (2001 - 2002)
- ITE 2002 Western District Annual Meeting, Palm Desert, CA - LAC

Also, I have served in a number of positions for the ASCE Young Members Forum (YMF), and the Orange County Traffic Engineers Council (OCTEC).

As Chief Operating Officer and Principal, I also serve on the Board of Directors at my company. Currently, I'm serving on the Intelligent Transportation Society (ITS) California Board of Directors, and as the Partnerships Committee Chair I have built various partnerships between ITS California and other organizations including ITE International. My involvement in the industry as a practitioner, coupled with my active participation in ITE, ITS California and other organizations, provides me the experience and organizational knowledge necessary to effectively serve on the Western District Board as your International Director.

**2017 Mid-Year Board Meeting Highlights**

By Neelam Dorman, T.E., ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer

On January 27, 2017, Western District Board members, committee chairs, section leaders and guests met in Oakland, CA for the 2017 Western District Mid-Year Board Meeting.

**President Mark Spencer** announced appointments of **Josh McNeill** as Career Guidance Chair and **Paul Stanis** as Public Relations Chair. In addition, re-appointments were made for **Janna McKhann** as Vendor Chair, **Joe De La Garza** as Membership Chair, **Ken Ackeret** as Traffic Bowl Chair, **Kimberly Leung** as Student Endowment Fund Chair, **Robert Sweeting** as Advertising Manager, and **Tom Mericle** as Legislative Chair. Furthermore, discussions were started to consolidate the travel budget for committee chairs for

equity, and to financially support our chairs as much as possible.

**Secretary-Treasurer Neelam Dorman** provided an update on the Western District's final accounting for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The Albuquerque meeting paid over \$15,700 to the District which included the repayment of advances they had previously received. The WesternITE's advertising revenue was about \$20,850, which was adequate to cover expenses of the mailed newsletters. Total dues received from members were approximate-

ly \$61,540. The District reserves are above the target of \$120,000, at \$130,180.

The District's year-to-date income (for the period of October 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016) is just under \$15,000. It included the following: \$6,000 from the 2016 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, \$2,400 in advertisements, and \$6,569.63 in dues from International. Year-to-date expenses included \$7,203.71 of travel expenses for International Directors and District Officers, \$2,000 advance to the 2018 Keystone LAC

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

**Past President Cathy Leong** presented the updated selection criteria for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Comments on the proposed updates were solicited from Board Members and the revisions were approved. She also announced the following slate of candidates for the 2017 elections: Secretary-Treasurer: **Devin Moore** and **Paul Barricklow**, International Director: **Carlos Ortiz**.

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groove on to music while we watch the sun set over Mission Bay. Cap the night off with Sea World fireworks and s'mores by the Bay.

**Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>: "Set Sail" Awards Banquet** 7pm – 10:30pm. Sport your most festive Boat/resort wear/summer attire and come ready to have some fun with cruise themed activities and events throughout the evening. Child care will be available on-site during this event.

**Preliminary Meeting Schedule**

Time	Saturday, June 17	Sunday, June 18	Monday, June 19	Tuesday, June 20	Wednesday, June 21
7:00 AM					
7:30 AM					
8:00 AM			Early Morning Coffee	Early Morning Coffee	Early Morning Coffee
8:30 AM			Keynote Address	5A 5B 5C	8A 8B 8C 8D
9:00 AM			Morning Break*	5D - Student Resume Workshop	
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM					
10:30 AM			2A 2B 2C 2D	6A 6B 6C	9A 9B 9C 9D
11:00 AM			Student Traffic Bowl Pres-Bowl Qual	6D - Young Professionals Career Survival Guide	
11:30 AM					
12:00 PM			Kickoff Luncheon	Western District Annual Business Luncheon	Western States Luncheon
12:30 PM	Local Chapter BBQ				
1:00 PM					
1:30 PM			3A 3B 3C 3D	7A 7B 7C	
2:00 PM			Afternoon Break*	7D - Young Professionals Leadership Workshop	California SB 743 Workshop
2:30 PM					
3:00 PM			4A 4B 4C 4D	Traffic Bowl	
3:30 PM	Mitzy Race		Student Traffic Bowl		
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**Hockey Showdown in San Diego**

Join us in San Diego at the Western District Annual Meeting and participate in our "Outshoot Slapshot Shawn" fundraiser for the District's Student Endowment Fund. During the Get Acquainted Social on June 18th, attendees will get the chance to challenge ITE International President **Shawn Leight** in a hockey shoot out. Successful participants will be eligible to win prizes throughout the night and be eligible for the Grand Finale shootout against ITE Western District President **Mark Spencer**. The Grand Champion after a fun night of hockey showdowns will be entering into a drawing for a free registration to attend the Joint ITE/CITE 2017 Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Toronto, CA. Register

for the Western District Annual Meeting today and start practicing your slapshots!



ITE Western District President Mark Spencer taking on Slapshot Shawn!

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**International Directors Reports**

The District's three International Directors, **Alyssa Rodriguez**, **Walter Okitsu**, and **Karen Aspelin**, provided summaries of their recent activities. Key topics addressed were the development of a Leadership Orientation tool for the District, and an ITE International initiative to normalize ITE

dues structure at the District and Section levels.

**District Administrator Dalene Whitlock** presented the Fresno State Student Chapter Bylaws and Charter which were approved.

**WesternITE Managing Editor Joey Paskey** provided a written report on goals for WesternITE, which included offering a "go

green" option to members, standardization of publication dates, and inclusion of more articles in the newsletter. Joey also indicated that WesternITE circulation is approximately 3,620, and 3,947 for E-news.

**WesternITE Advertising Manager Robert Sweeting** reported that the District has 20 advertisers in the Professional Services

Directory and requests for renewals will be sent out in February. Total income for the 2015/2016 fiscal year was just under \$21,000 and year-to-date for fiscal year 2016/2017 is \$3,350.

**Website Manager Justin Link** provided updates on traffic for the District's website and social media sites. (The rotating headers

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image on westernite.org will be updated quarterly with images provided by the membership.

**Technical Committee Chair**

**Amit Kothari** reported that there were 11 ITE Journal articles written by authors from the Western District that were eligible for consideration for the Wayne T. Van Wagoner award. He also indicated that the Board had received eight proposals from student chapters for data collection projects, all of which met minimum criteria. Selected proposals were from UCLA, Cal Poly SLO, BYU, University of Washington, and UC Berkeley. Upon meeting the program requirements, each student chapter will be awarded a grant of \$1,000.

**Membership Chair Joe De La**

**Garza** provided a breakdown of the totals of members and membership types. In the short-term, District membership has increased, but in the long-term District membership has remained fairly stable. Number of students decreased by 35 with 608 members under the age of 30.

**Legislative Committee Chair**

**Tom Mericle** reported that he coordinated with the Sections in the District to collect Legislative information. **Erik Ruehr** and **Tom** provided an update on the SB743 Task Force.

**Career Guidance Committee**

**Chair Josh McNeill** notified the Board that there would be three Career Development Sessions at the 2017 Annual Meeting. Three Career Guidance Awards will be presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting: Best Annual Meeting Paper Award by a Young Professional, Young Professional Achievement Award, and Employer Achievement Award.

**Vendor Committee Chair Janna**

**McKhann** provided a written report of her ongoing activities and historical feedback from vendors regarding the District's Annual Meetings.

**Student and Faculty Initiatives Committee Chair Danielle**

**Scharf** summarized the James H. Kell Competition, Student Traffic Bowl, and awards at the 2016 An-

nual Meeting. She discussed the Student Chapter Annual Meeting Award is designed to account for attendance by smaller Chapters to ensure that number of attendees don't automatically determine winner.

**Richard T. Romer Student Endowment Fund Committee Chair Kimberly Leung**

announced that the Endowment Fund balance was at \$501,433.25 as of December 2016. A total of \$5,884.92 in donations was collected at the Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, including \$453.82 from the MiteY Race. The Annual Meeting in San Diego activities include a MiteY Race that will be held the Saturday before the meeting, and a raffle type fund raiser during the get acquainted social. The EF committee is also developing new initiatives including a regional travel scholarship.

**Public Relations Committee**

**Chair Paul Stanis** reported that the committee will update their goals and strategic plan. In addition, the committee will work on awards presentations for the annual meetings and take on a promotional video project for ITE.

**Traffic Bowl Committee Chair**

**Ken Ackeret** reported that he is working on the Traffic Bowl for the 2017 Annual Meeting and has help from Dalene Whitlock and Jacob Farnsworth.

**LAC Liaison Chair Randy Mc-**

**Court** reported on the Helms Briscoe working relationship and survey results for annual meetings. Location was found to be key to attendance, more so than registration cost. Also, the importance of providing breakfast and lunch rather than evening events was noted in the survey findings. Additionally, the group discussed guidance for LACs on the number of tracks and template registration website for future meetings.

**Future Annual Meetings**

Statements of interest for the 2021 annual meeting were received from the Oregon Section to host a joint meeting with ITE International. Three statements of interest were received for the 2022

Western District Annual Meeting: Riverside/San Bernardino Section, Idaho Section, and joint Nevada and Bay Area Section. President Mark Spencer will invite all three groups interested in hosting in 2022 to present at the Annual Board Meeting in San Diego, with presentations tailored to the specific issues raised during the Board meeting.

**Albuquerque 2016 LAC Chair Jim Barrera** presented a final report for the Annual Meeting and discussed the return of \$21,400 to the District.

**San Diego 2017 LAC Chair Joe De La Garza** provided an update on the planning for the upcoming Annual Meeting. The committee is working on finalizing food costs and audio/visual costs. The LAC is also working through how many concurrent tracks to run as they are short on space. The Board approved the registration cost of \$425 for early member full registrations and \$495 for early non-member full registration.

**Keystone 2018 LAC Co-Chair Ben Waldman** reported that the contract with Keystone Hotel and Conference Center was finalized and now are working on the registration website. They would like to finalize registration cost by Fall 2017.

**Monterey 2019 LAC Co-Chairs Kimberly Leung and Justin Link** informed the Board that the LAC has opened their bank account with an advance from the San Francisco Bay Area Section. The venue will be the Hyatt Regency in Monterey, and the LAC is working on promotional materials for the 2017 San Diego meeting.

**Hawaii 2020 LAC Co-Chairs Cathy Leong and Neelam Dorman** have signed a contract for June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> with room nights at \$259. Both the SoCal and Hawaii Sections provided funds to secure the contract.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm. The next Board meeting will be held at the 2017 Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, on Sunday June 18, 2017.

## International Board of Direction Report

*By Alyssa Rodriguez, P.E., PTOE*

The International Board of Direction (IBOD) recently met in Washington, DC in advance of the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting. The Board discussed several initiatives and emerging issues including:

- Vision Zero – A toolbox and webinar series will be released in the near future
- Transportation and Public Health – A committee has been established to examine the topic and ITE's role.
- Smart Communities – Similar to public health, the Board is examining ITE's role. Several presentations are planned for upcoming District and Section meetings.

Due to the extraordinary efforts of Headquarters staff to control costs and deliver a successful annual meeting, the budget has been stabilized. The approved 2017 budget shows modest excess revenues. The Board and Headquarters will continue to look for efficiencies.

The 2017 class of LeadershipITE is up and running, having held their first meeting in January. The 25-member group will tackle projects

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As your International Director, I will proactively work with the District Board, International Directors, and Committee Chairs on evaluating the best near- and long-term interests of ITE. Our ITE leaders understand the rapid changes we are facing in our transportation industry, and together, we want ITE to continue as a leader in our industry. Achieving this goal will rely on successful implementation of the following objectives:

- Increasing ITE exposure locally, nationally, and internationally
- Increasing membership and participation throughout our Districts, Sections, and Chapters
- Augmenting participation in Annual District Meetings and International Annual Meetings
- Engaging more universities, including planning and engineering schools
- Partnering with other professional organizations

In addition, it is essential that our ITE International Board continues to promote the following:

- Control spending and maintain a healthy organizational budget
- Support student initiatives, including the District's Student Endowment Fund
- Support LeadershipITE

As a partner, you are important to the ITE organization, and I strongly encourage you to share your thoughts about the direction of ITE with me. Please feel free to connect with me via e-mail at [cortiz@advantec-usa.com](mailto:cortiz@advantec-usa.com). Again, I look forward to your continued support and to the opportunity of serving the Western District as International Director.

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based on a theme of diversity and inclusion. LeadershipITE alumni continue to be very active in ITE and the transportation community and report using the skills they learned in the program at work. Several employers are now planning to identify potential candidates each year, and the Canadian District has created a policy encouraging Section leaders to apply.

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held in Toronto, Ontario, July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The planning committee received over 350 abstract submissions, so we can expect an exceptional technical program. Travel to a foreign country may require some additional effort, so start planning now. Registration is now open.

The Global District, representing everyone outside the United States and Canada, is continuing to work on organization and governance. They are working with international students currently studying in the US who would like to continue involvement with ITE upon returning to their home countries.

We're on the road to 15,000 members! Do you have colleagues who participate in ITE activities but haven't actually joined the organization? Please introduce them to the updated membership website and encourage them to become full members. Headquarters has established a contest for the Section with the largest percentage increase in membership and rewards for individual members who sign up new members.

## 2017 Candidates for ITE International Vice-President



**Ken Akeret, P.E., PTOE, Ph.D.**

**Principal, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Las Vegas, NV, USA**

[Ken.akeret@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Ken.akeret@kimley-horn.com) – [www.ken4ite.org](http://www.ken4ite.org)

Volunteers Moving ITE Forward - I am passionate about our ITE members who volunteer for the success of our profession. They are the backbone of the ITE Community and ensure the sustainability, visibility, strength, and growth of our organization. With my strong focus on volunteerism, backed by my 30+ years of active ITE membership, together we will Move ITE Forward as a leader in the global transportation community. I will support and encourage our volunteer efforts to be focused on the four cornerstones of ITE—Recognized, Relevant, Value-added, Connected.

I have been fortunate to serve at all levels of ITE leadership including, Western District Technical Chair and President, International Director, and Traffic Bowl Chair and Transportation Professional Certification Board Chair. This experience has given me the knowledge, ability, and excitement to effectively work with our volunteers to ensure we are:

- Recognized as leaders in the transportation community
- Focused on work relevant to our profession
- Adding value to our members and the profession

- Connecting globally to strengthen our worldwide community

As a principal at Kimley-Horn for 25 years, I have brought diverse groups together to work toward common goals by applying my unique blend of academic and applied transportation knowledge. This experience will serve as my foundation to ensure our volunteers at all levels are working to Move ITE Forward.

In addition to my ITE volunteerism, my community volunteerism includes serving as Scoutmaster with Boy Scout-Wood Badge, Leadership Las Vegas, and Corvette Club President to name a few. As your International Vice President, I will be a servant leader to our diverse volunteers and will successfully implement plans, programs, and ideas at the international level to ensure that ITE grows as a leader in the global transportation community. Thank you for your support.



**Bruce Belmore, P.Eng., PTOE, AVS, FITE**

**Western Canada Transportation Planning Manager, WSP Group, Regina, SK, Canada**

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Who am I? I am a devoted transportation professional with over 25 years of experience and passionate about ITE. I have served ITE at the Section, District, and International levels. My involvement includes recently completing a three-year term on the International Board of Direction.

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2017 Candidates for ITE  
International Vice-President  
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Further, I give back to the engineering community as an adjunct professor at the University of Regina. I intend to build upon the hard work and initiatives already started, and continue to develop ITE as a leading organization in operating and delivering services to members.

Goals:

- Communication – we need to reflect how members like to communicate and receive information today. Whether it's through the ITE Community, social media platforms, or cloud-based document sharing, we need to ensure that information is timely, relevant, and readily accessible by our members.
- Collaboration – we need to work more closely with other transportation organizations. By sharing knowledge and resources, we can produce technical reference documents faster, at a shared cost, and with full recognition of our members' contributions.
- Knowledge – we also need to streamline the approval and release of technical documents so that valuable resource materials are in our members' hands quicker.
- Growth – we need to grow our membership to remain a healthy, vibrant organization. Key to this growth and our long term stability is developing new student chapters and encouraging highly active sections. We also need to start new sections outside of North America where there is growing interest in ITE membership.
- Member development – we need to develop the skills of members, including technical skills, soft skills, and leadership skills. We need well-rounded transportation professionals in our industry; ITE can lead in the growth of members' skills.

I have the desire to see ITE grow and succeed. Simply, I have something to contribute.

## Western District Committee Updates

The following are updates from the Western District committees:

### Career Guidance Committee

By Joshua McNeill, 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee is preparing three sessions for Western District Annual Meeting in San Diego. For our students we are planning a resume review and career guid-

ance discussion session. For our young professionals we are planning another skit-based session addressing various workplace situations. Finally, a new session will bring together a panel of public and private professionals in senior positions together with young professionals. They will have an opportunity discuss the constantly changing modern day workplace and how young professionals can adapt. 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 Joshua McNeill if you have any questions ([jmcneill@iteris.com](mailto:jmcneill@iteris.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 shares those activities with both the District Board and the District members.

2017 kicked off new legislative sessions in all 13 states. 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/>

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

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## Section & 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**, Past-President; **Sean Baski**, President; **Nick Oliveira**, Vice President; and **Heather Estabrook**, Secretary/Treasurer.
- **Robert DeVassie** was selected as the ITE Alaska Section Engineer of the Year Nominee for Engineers Week in Anchorage, AK. Robert is a Project Engineer with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.



Robert DeVassie – AK ITE Engineer of the Year

- Our recent meetings have included presentations on Planning and Construction in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Using New Technologies to

Gather Origin-Destination Data, Smart Growth and Active Transportation, West Dimond Boulevard Upgrade Phase I: Westpark Drive to Sand Lake Road, Glenn Highway MP 34-42 Reconstruction, Spenard Road Reconstruction: Phase II - Hillcrest Dr to Benson Blvd, and ADA Design vs. Practicality: Training Engineers to Go Beyond the Manuals.

- A Beer and Wine Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser for the ITE scholarship fund was held on November 12th. It was very successful and raised over \$7000 for student scholarships!
- The section will award two \$1500 and one \$2000 scholarships to student members.

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contact the Legislative Chair, Tom Mericle at [mericleman@mc.com](mailto:mericleman@mc.com) or at [tmericle@cityofventura.net](mailto:tmericle@cityofventura.net).

## Richard T. Romer Student Endowment Fund

*By Kimberly Leung, Committee Chair*

The Western District Endowment Fund supports over \$15,000 in Student Initiatives annually. After reaching the Endowment Fund's fundraising goal in Fall 2016, the Western District Board voted to expand its Student Initiatives Program to further support its students. The Western District's newest Student Initiative is \$2,000 in annual regional travel scholarships for students to attend the District's Annual Meeting. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial support for one student from each of the Western District's four regions (North, East, South, and West), with each recipient receiving \$500. Read more about the regional travel scholarships and other new student initiatives on the District's website in the SEF March/ April Spotlight (<http://westernite.org/endowment-fund/endowment-news/>).

## MiteY Race



Join us in San Diego, CA on June 17th from 3-5 PM for the next installment of the MiteY Race. This year's MiteY race is presented in conjunction with the 2017 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 in 2013, explored the "City of Presidents" in Rapid City in 2014, experienced "Sin City" in Las Vegas in 2015, and traveled "Around the Burque in 80 Minutes" in Albuquerque last year.



*MiteY Race Photo Hint #1*

This year's MiteY Race is themed "MR:8 Mission (Bay) Impossible" 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 around the Hilton San Diego Resort. Registration is open for the upcoming race at <http://westernite.org/endowment-fund/mitey-race-2017/>. We already have four friends/family teams signed up for this year's race! Be the next team to sign up and stay tuned to our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/TheMiteYRace](http://www.facebook.com/TheMiteYRace)) for photo clues.

## Student and Faculty Initiatives Committee

*By Danielle Scharf, 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:** The Western District Board recently voted to establish a new student initiative that will provide \$2,000 worth of annual scholarships for student travel assistance to attend the Western District Annual Meeting. This new regional travel scholarship will be awarded to one student from each of four regions around the Western District and each recipient will receive \$500.

Please be aware of the following upcoming deadlines for the 2017 student awards:

- Student Chapter Annual Reports due **April 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Student Chapter Website submittals due **April 1<sup>st</sup>** (please send a link to Website Manager Justin Link at [justin.link@kimley-horn.com](mailto:justin.link@kimley-horn.com))
- Outstanding Student and Outstanding Educator nominations due **April 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Regional Travel Scholarship Applications due **April 15<sup>th</sup>**
- James H. Kell Competition Proposals due **May 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Student Paper submittals will now be made through the Local Arrangements Committee for the annual meeting technical program

Additional information regarding each award is available at <http://westernite.org/students-education/student-chapter-awards/>. Except where noted above, all submittals should be sent to Danielle Scharf via email at [dscharf@sandersonstewart.com](mailto:dscharf@sandersonstewart.com).

**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](mailto:dscharf@sandersonstewart.com).

## Technical Committee

*By Amit Kothari, Committee Chair*

The goal of the Technical Committee is to support and promote valuable technical activities related to transportation profession within the Western District. This is achieved through dissemination of information through the District's website, newsletter and e-mails as well as numerous competitive technical programs managed by the Committee during the course of the year. A couple of programs are highlighted here:

**Student Data Collection Fund** - Under this program, the student chapters across the District have an opportunity to submit an innovative data collection project proposal for an under-represented land use and, if selected, receive one of the five \$1,000 grant to support the chapter's ITE activities including attendance at the District's Annual Meeting. In December 2016, the Committee selected five winners for the 2017 Student Data Collection Fund Program. This year's winners are University of California at Los Angeles, University of California at Berkeley, Brigham Young University, University of Washington and CalPoly San Luis Obispo. All student chapters are strongly encouraged to submit a

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proposal later this year (Requests for Proposals are typically advertised in November of each year and sent to all Student Chapters).

**Van Wagoner Award** – This award recognizes the best technical paper published in the *ITE Journal* during the prior calendar year, authored by a member from the Western District. Currently, the Technical Committee is reviewing all eligible papers from the 2016 ITE Journals. The winner will be recognized at the Annual Meeting in San Diego in June 2017.

**Annual Meeting Best Paper Award** – The Committee is working with the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for the June 2017 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. In May, the LAC will forward about eight technical papers accepted for presentation at the San Diego meeting to the Technical Committee. The Committee will review these papers prior to the meeting as well as observe actual presentations at the Annual Meeting. Based upon established criteria, a panel of judges will select the Best Paper that will be recognized at the Western States Luncheon on June 21, 2017.

The Committee is routinely looking for technical experts and active ITE members to serve as a panelist for such programs. If you are interested in serving on a panel, please contact Amit Kothari, Technical Committee Chair at [AmitOneKothari@gmail.com](mailto:AmitOneKothari@gmail.com). Students are encouraged to participate on these panels as well.

## Traffic Bowl Committee

*By Ken Akeret, Committee Chair*

For years the Western District Traffic Bowls were primarily prepared by the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for each annual meeting. Over time this lead to variations from year to year in the difficulty and quality of the Jeopardy Clues used in each competition. Jerry Hall first started to volunteer his time to help write traffic bowl questions at our 1994 annual meeting. In 2010 Jerry Hall was appointed as our first District Traffic Bowl chair so that there would be uniformity in the question pool for each year's competition for both the District's professional and student traffic bowls. Jerry served in this role through our 2013 annual meeting in Phoenix. In 2014, I had the pleasure of following Jerry as the District's Traffic Bowl Chair.

Between the two traffic bowls that are conducted each year a total of 220 jeopardy style clues and questions need to be prepared. Even though some questions can be reused many become outdated and must be replaced for each year's competitions. To keep the traffic bowls both challenging for our students to prepare for the International Traffic Bowl competition, as well as the professional traffic bowl entertaining, there is a constant need for fresh ideas, categories, and question writing.

This year more than ever, with the International Vice President campaign, I could use help with the writing of traffic bowl questions. Dividing the effort with a few questions from several individuals would make a big impact in preparing for this year's competition. To volunteer to help please contact me at [ken.akeret@kimley-horn.com](mailto:ken.akeret@kimley-horn.com) or at 702-862-3601. Seeing how your questions entertain the crowd and help our students win an International competition is very rewarding. I hope you can volunteer a few hours of your time.

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## Arizona Section

*(Report provided by Arizona ITE Board)*

- Current officers are **John Kissinger**, Past President; **Alejandro Angel**, President; **David Lucas**, Vice President; **Vinay Vanapalli**, Secretary; and **April Wire**, Treasurer.
- The Jenny L. Grote Student Leadership Award was presented to **Andisheh Ranjbari**, which included a \$1,000 award and \$500 stipend to attend the Student Leadership Summit.
- **Jamal Rahimi** was the recipient of the Life Member Award.
- **Deanna Haase** was presented with the Past President Award.
- Arizona ITE hosted several webinar events associated with the release of HCM6. Other meeting topics throughout the year included Drones in Transportation, Safety Performance Functions, and I-17 Wrong Way Detection.
- Arizona ITE traditionally "takes a break" during the summer months and picks back up in September of to start the new year. Starting in 2015 we have held a summer "breakfast series" addressing a topic of interest to our membership in an attempt to provide additional outreach to both our members and the ASU student chapter (meetings are at the ASU golf course). The topics the last two years have been alternative project delivery methods and technology in transportation (TDM, autonomous vehicles). This year we anticipate focusing on litigation issues associated with transportation projects.
- Professor **Yao-Jan Wu** from the University of Arizona was accepted into LeadershipITE. The Arizona ITE section is providing some funding to contribute to his participation.
- The Arizona ITE state section provides up to \$1000 for conference travel to each of Arizona's ITE student chapters. The U of A and NAU chapters have used their allocations to

attend the Student Leadership Summit for the first time and to attend the ITE/IMSAs conference (there are over 15 students registered).

## Colorado/Wyoming Section

*(Report provided by Devin Joslin)*

- The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **Eric Bracke** at the December section meeting. Eric has dedicated more than 35 years to the transportation planning and traffic engineering profession. For the last seven years, Eric has served as the Traffic Engineer for the City of Greeley.



*Dave Hattan and Dan Centra with Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Eric Bracke*

- A total of \$8,000 in scholarships were awarded at the December section meeting to six students, including the first-ever recipient from the Colorado School of Mines. Scholarships were awarded to **Benjamin Davis** (\$1,250), **Jasalyn Dittman** (\$1,500), **Kimberly Garber** (\$1,500), **Alejandro Henao** (\$1,500), **Negar Karimi** (\$750), and **Kent Scott** (\$1,500).



*Scholarship recipients: Kimberly, Negar, Benjamin, Alejandro, Kent, and Jasalyn*

- The Section has been busy with regular meetings that included topics such as flood recovery and roadway reconstruction efforts currently underway in Big Thompson Canyon along US 34 and the Grand Avenue

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Bridge project. A two-day joint conference with the Rocky Mountain ITS Chapter was held on October 20-21, 2016 and included a connected vehicle training session hosted by CDOT.



Walking Tour of the Grand Avenue Bridge Project

- The annual Vendor Show was held on January 20 and was a tremendous success, with 41 vendors and over 300 attendees, both record-setting numbers.
- February's event was a well-attended meet-and-greet with Federal Highway Administration staff and included a presentation on programs providing opportunities for innovation. A photo booth and flaming donut hole dessert station provided plenty of fun for the attendees.



- Other scheduled meetings and events include the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Transportation Symposium on April 7, May section meeting on May 5; and the Annual Golf Tournament on June 9.

### Hawaii Section

(Report provided by **Sara Okuda**)

- The ITE Hawaii Section held a community service event to help pick up litter along Kahekili Highway in Kaneohe, Hawaii.



Kahekili Highway Community Service

### Intermountain Section

(Report provided by **Devin Moore**)

- The 2017 Intermountain Section Annual Meeting will be held May 18-20 in Jackson, WY.
- We have implemented the "Presidents' Forum" – a quarterly call with the Section Board and the Chapter Presidents. So far, it has been well received.

### New Mexico Section

(Report provided by **Adam Miera**)

- Current officers are **Patrick Byrd**, Past President; **Adam Miera**, President; **Hiram Crook**, Vice President; **Habib Abi-Khalil**, Secretary/Treasurer. Past-President Patrick Byrd was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service as President for his 2015/16 term.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> has been recognized by the ITE New Mexico Section as **James R. Barrera Day** for his significant contributions and leadership to the section as well as his devoted representation of the ITE New Mexico Section at annual District and National ITE meetings.



James "Jim" Barrera, P.E., PTOE

- **Robert Garcia** was the 2016 recipient of the ITE NM Jerome W. Hall Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Mr. Garcia attends the University of

New Mexico and was awarded the scholarship based on his academic efforts as well as his essay on "What might my role in the future be as a transportation professional?" Mr. Garcia was also a great help as a student volunteer during the 2016 Western District Meeting held in Albuquerque.

- After all the numbers for the Western District Annual meeting, held in Albuquerque, were crunched and accounted for by the 2016 LAC, the LAC was able to return the remaining budget surplus back to the Western District. In return, the Western District voted and awarded \$1,000 to the ITE UNM Student Chapter so that they may attend the 2018 ITE Student Leadership Summit. This was awarded to the UNM Student Chapter for helping run the conference and ensuring that they remain an active chapter engaged with ITE. This was a great gift provided by the Western District.

- The University of New Mexico organizes an annual Paving and Transportation Conference held in January. Each year ITE NM hosts an evening social during the event to raise money for their student scholarship fund. This social was a great way to connect usual attending members with those from the southern and northern part of the state who don't typically attend our monthly meetings. It was a night a great conversation and a great way to raise money for the ITE NM scholarship fund.

### Northern California Section

(Report provided by **David Stanek**)

- Current officers are **David Stanek**, President; **Justin Calkins**, Vice President; **Cameron Shew**, Treasurer; **Ravi Narayanan**, Secretary; and **Doug Maas**, Past President.



NorCal Officer Swearing-in

- This past year, the board hosted the following luncheons with topics including bicycle detection and pedestrian tracking technology from **Brian Girardot**, US DOT's Smart City Challenge from **Adrian Pearmine**, and the county's sales tax measure, Measure M, and the aftermath of the narrow loss at the polls from **Celia McAdam**.
- A \$2,000 check for the student endowment fund was presented to the Western District at the September meeting.
- Sacramento State students assisted with raffle ticket sales and pictures at the golf tournament.

### Oregon Section

(Report provided by **Molly McCormick**)

- We are currently accepting candidates for Secretary/Treasurer. Elections are happening soon, with election results in May.
- **Zach Barlow**, Oregon State University, was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place of the Bill Kloos Scholarship with a video titled "Planning for our Future by Preserving Our Past" ([https://youtu.be/IKbUNC7Q\\_RY](https://youtu.be/IKbUNC7Q_RY)). **Joseph Totten**, Portland State University, was the runner-up with a video and original song titled "The Roundabout Song" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaWyPagVeOY&feature=youtu.be>).
- Oregon ITE hosted a fascinating luncheon program that explored the Smart Cities grant proposals. **Peter Koonce**, Traffic Signals, Street Lighting, and ITS Manager for the Portland Bureau of Transportation discussed the city's experience applying for the grant. **Ben Pierce** from HDR, the chief architect and a key contributor to the

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successful Smart City application for the City of Columbus, Ohio also joined the program.

- The Bill Kloos Traffic Bowl turned 25 this year and it was the biggest event yet! Transportation engineering students from Oregon and Washington duked it out over transportation trivia to take home the coveted trophy and the claim the biggest novelty check! Here are the results:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Oregon State University
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Portland State University
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: Oregon Institute of Technology
  - Runners up: University of Portland, University of Oregon, and Washington State University



Bill Kloos Traffic Bowl

- Oregon ITE and Greater Oregon ITE are joining together and becoming one representative ITE branch for Oregon. We will be planning events around Oregon and be working towards finding ways to allow for remote viewing of events whenever possible.

**San Diego Section**

(Report provided by **Mohammad Amin**)

- The 2017 Officers were sworn in at the November 3, 2016, San Diego Section Meeting by **Zaki Mustafa**: **KC Yellapu**, President; **Ali Shahzad**, Vice President; **Teala Cotter**, Treasurer; **Mohammad Amin**,

Secretary; and **Ryan Zellers**, Past President

- Awards for 2016 included:
  - ITE San Diego Technical Paper of the Year: **Downtown San Diego Mobility Plan**
  - ITE San Diego Small Project of the Year: **12<sup>th</sup> Street and D Ave Roundabout in National City**
  - ITE San Diego Large Project of the Year: **Blue Line Trolley Stations**
  - ITE Young Transportation Professional of the Year: **Jorge Cuyuch**
  - ITE Transportation Professional of the Year: **Zoubir Ouadah**
  - ITE Student Scholarship: **Alidad Ahmadi**
- The Annual Holiday Party was held at the Royal India restaurant. Close to 70 people were in attendance at our annual holiday dinner/ dance. Everyone was dressed in their finest to enjoy the holiday festivities at this Bollywood themed party that our section Vice President **KC Yellapu** organized. Dinner and drinks were served with a peppering of raffle prizes, dance breaks, and Casino Night! Pictures were taken of our section letting loose and getting down to Bollywood music and dancers. Other Section meeting topics have included V2If : Vehicles to Infrastructure on the Cheap Connected Vehicles and the I-5 North Coast Corridor Project.

- Final 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](http://www.sandiegoite.org)

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