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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 joint Western & Texas Districts Annual Meeting in Keystone, CO June 34-27, 2018. ITE Western District election ballots will be sent

on May 25, 2018. I hope you'll spend the time to read each candidate statement and get to know 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 February 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.

One ITE. This initiative is part of ITE's goal to provide a consistent member experience across Districts, Sections, and Chapter. ITE International will be hosting a Town Hall session at our joint Western/Texas Districts Annual Meeting this summer to discuss equity in transportation, identify opportunities to improve member services, increase operational efficiency, and increase consistency.

Updated and New TPCB Certifications. The Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc. (TPCB), an autonomous certification body affiliated with ITE, offers several certification programs. In 2018 there will be updated Professional Transportation Operations Engineer (PTOE) and Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) exams to reflect current practice. A new Road Safety Professional (RSP) certification will be offered this year, with a Level 1 Road Safety Professional exam anticipated by October 2018 and a Level 2 Road Safety Professional exam anticipated later in 2019.

ITE Policy Updates. ITE policies governing professional, government, planning, design, operations, safety, environmental, economic, and social policies were last updated in 2012. A Board appointed committee is reviewing current policies to identify those that are out of date, missing topics, and policies that are not aligned with present day ITE. You can view ITE International policies here: [HTTP://WWW.ITE.ORG/POLICIES](http://www.ite.org/policies).

Technical Initiatives/ITE Community. Several technical initiatives undertaken by ITE International continue to make progress. These include Vision Zero, Transportation and Health, Smart Communities, and Connected/Automated Vehicles. You can find out more on each of these through the ITE Community, the online forum that connects all of us. You can sign in here [HTTP://COMMUNITY.ITE.ORG/HOME](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!

Technical Products. ITE has several new technical products on the horizon. Here is what you can soon add to your library:

- Rural Transition Zones Speed Management e-Primer
- Transit and Traffic Impact Studies Informational Report
- Traffic Signal Benchmarking Report
- Pre-Emption of Traffic Signals at Railroad Grade Crossings Recommended Practice
- ITE/NACTO Curbside Management Guide
- Traffic Signal Change and Clearance Intervals Recommended Practice
- Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Handbook
- Parking Generation Manual

ITE Website, Mentoring, and More! ITE will launch its new website by June 1, 2018. A new mentoring program will debut this summer through ITE Community. And be sure to look out for ITE promotional products through Lands End, including Western District logo items!

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



Jenny Grote organized an "ITE Dinner with the Presidents." ITE International President Michael Sanderson and ITE Western District President Mark Spencer joined Arizona Section and student chapter leadership for a dinner in conjunction with the 2018 AZ ITE-IMSA Spring Conference in Phoenix.

Congratulations to Bruce Belmore and Randy McCourt on being elected to serve as ITE Headquarters' 2019 international President and Vice President!



MiteY Race Updates

Join us in Keystone, Colorado on **Saturday, June 23rd** from **2:00 to 4:00 PM** for the next installment of the MiteY Race. This year's MiteY race is presented in conjunction with the 2018 Joint Western & Texas Districts Annual Meeting as a fundraiser for the Student Endowment Fund.

The MiteY Race is modeled after the hit television series "The Amazing Race" where teams follow clues and complete challenging but fun tasks. Since our inaugural race in 2010, teams have raced around San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Phoenix, Rapid City, Las Vegas, and Albuquerque, and explored "MR:8 Mission (Bay) Impossible" in San Diego last year.

This year's MiteY Race is themed "Keystone Cops" 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 Keystone Resort & Conference Center. Registration is open for the upcoming race at [HTTP://WESTERNITE.ORG/ENDOWMENT-FUND/MITEY-RACE-2018/](http://westernite.org/endowment-fund/mitey-race-2018/).

We already have two 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.



First MiteY Race photo hint

Western District Officer Elections

The following are the 2018 Western District candidates for office for your consideration. Regardless of how you vote, please vote and make your voice be heard. Thanks for helping the Western District serve its members efficiently and effectively!

Western District members may vote on-line; voting opens May 25 and on-line voting will close June 25 at midnight. If you are a voting member of ITE and have a valid e-mail address on file with ITE Headquarters as of May 1, you will receive an e-mail message with instructions on how to vote electronically. If you do not receive an email notification on May 25, please check your spam filter or contact the District Administrator, Dalene Whitlock at DWHITLOCK@W-TRANS.COM.

Members wishing to vote by paper ballot can request them from Dalene via phone (707) 542-9500, e-mail, 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 June 4 and completed ballots returned to the District Administrator no later than June 20. Completed ballots may also be returned in person at the Annual Business Meeting on June 26.

If you need help voting or have questions, please contact District Administrator Dalene Whitlock.

Candidate for President:

Neelam Dorman, T.E.

It has been a privilege to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President for the Western District the past two years and I am thankful to have the opportunity to continue to serve the District as President. In serving as an officer, I've learned a lot about how our District operates and had a chance to work with our incredible officers and chairs. We have, as a board, worked through some challenges and made great headway on many initiatives to ensure fiscal responsibility and equity.

As President, I will continue to work towards my goals for the Western District, including better communication between Section and District leadership, continuing to ensure efficient operation of the District as well as fostering current District Board initiatives, and continuing to engage the next generation of engineers and planners within ITE. I hope to foster more programs targeted to our younger professionals, and hope to reach beyond college students to middle and high school students and be well represented as a STEM profession.

I am a Senior Engineer with Kittelson & Associates in Orange County, CA. 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 in many other roles including as UC Irvine Student Chapter President, Southern California Section President, and District Career Guidance Chair.

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



Candidate for Vice-President:

Paul Barricklow, P.E., PTOE

I've been honored to serve as the ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer for the past year. I'd like to thank the membership for their confidence in me and I'm respectfully asking to continue to serve the district as Vice President.

I bring a team-oriented approach to the board that is both insightful and deliberate and I will use it to champion a set of priorities that include:

- Contributing to the evolving direction of ITE International,
- 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.

My ITE experience includes:

- 2016 Western District Albuquerque Meeting Co-Chair
- LeadershipITE Class of 2015
- 2010 ITE TCC Young Professionals Scholarship
- Western District Member since 2006
- ITE participant since 1993



I have 17 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.

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.

*Candidate
for Secretary-
Treasurer:*

**Giancarlo Gandini,
T.E., PTP**



I am grateful to both the Southern California Section for their nomination and the District Board for accepting my candidacy. I hope to continue the District's track record of fostering professional development, providing our members with the resources necessary to solve evolving transportation challenges, and ultimately effect positive change in our communities.

I am a Principal Associate and Manager of Traffic Engineering at Kunzman Associates, Inc., based in the City of Orange. My ITE experience began as a member on the UC Irvine Student Chapter Annual Project. I have since served as Student Chapter Liaison, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Past President for the Southern California Section.

As a Section Board member, I initiated a mini-job fair in conjunction with our Student Presentation Night to maintain scholarship funding and provide students opportunities to network with traffic engineering/planning firms. Other accomplishments include developing orientation documentation to aid our Section Officer transition process. I have been a guest speaker at student chapter meetings, organized the first SoCal Section Student Traffic Bowl, served on the judges panel for the Section Student Traffic Bowl, and volunteered for resume/interview workshops at the Student Leadership Summit and District Annual Meeting. In 2012, I was honored with the Section's Young Transportation Engineer of the Year award. Currently, I continue to serve my Section as a representative on the California SB 743 Task Force and the District as Technical Program Co-Chair for the 2020 District Annual Meeting.

It is a very exciting time to be a transportation professional. Whether it's accommodating growth and development, ensuring the safety of all roadway users, adapting to new technology and shifts in mode and perspective; our communities face many challenges that come with these changes. But, I believe the vast amount of knowledge and technical expertise amongst our members will help us overcome these challenges and keep moving us forward. I would like to focus on ways to further the exchange of ideas by increasing member participation and making valuable networking events like the District Annual Meeting more accessible. In pursuit of these goals, two potential initiatives I wish to explore include financial sponsorships for public agency members to attend District meetings and the feasibility of making technical sessions available online.

It's important that our District leadership reflect the choices of its members, so please vote. I appreciate your support and hope to see you at the District Annual Meeting in Keystone.

*Candidate
for Secretary-
Treasurer:*

Dennis Acuna, P.E., T.E.



I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for Western District Secretary-Treasurer. I would like to thank the Board for their confidence in my nomination as well as the Riverside-San Bernardino Section for their full support in my pursuit of this position. With this nomination, I am excited to have a larger role with ITE, for which I have been a part of for over 15 years.

My ITE career started when I was an undergraduate student at Cal Poly Pomona. I served as the Cal Poly Pomona Student Chapter President during 2004/2005 and quickly transitioned to the Riverside-San Bernardino Section after graduation in 2005. Within a year, I was selected as Secretary for the Riverside-San Bernardino Section. I eventually served as President in 2009/2010. Currently, I'm serving as our Sections Social Chair and as Co-Chair for the 2022 Western District Annual Meeting to be held in Palm Springs, California.

During my professional career, I have developed a clear understanding of what the goals are for ITE, at the International and District levels. I fully support the current leadership's vision for the District, and feel that we are on the right path to succeed in this vision. If selected as your next Secretary-Treasurer, I will work with the District Board, International Direc-

tors, Committee Chairs, and Local Sections to ensure that we move forward as a cohesive group to accomplish our Districts short and long-term goals. In addition to supporting our current leadership, my goals for this position center on fiscal responsibility and growing ITE membership. During uncertain economic times, it is important to ensure affordability for all our members, including our student members. The idea of fiscal responsibility and membership growth is not new by any means, but I feel that this position provides an ideal platform for new and innovative ways to tackle these areas.

Professionally, I am a Senior Civil Engineer with the Riverside County Transportation Department. I have the full support of my superiors, as they have been involved in ITE and are aware of the commitment it takes to serve at the District level.

Candidate for International Director:

Cathy Leong, P.E., ITE Fellow

I have been privileged to serve as ITE Western District Past President for the past two years, continuing to assist with some of the Dis-



trict initiatives that we undertook during my tenure as an officer. We have so many new initiatives that will benefit our membership and I'm proud to have been a part of advancing the District's initiatives with students, young profes-

sionals, communication, and fiscal responsibility.

I've been an active ITE member for over 20 years, serving on my local Hawaii Section Board before joining the District Board as the 2006 Local Arrangement Committee (LAC) Chair. Since then, I've served two terms as the Student Endowment Fund Chair, as a District officer, and even signed up to Co-Chair another District Meeting in 2020. I'm pleased to complete my role as District officer with a District that is in good financial standing with a number of new initiatives underway. As I have always done for our District, I hope to continue to advocate for students/young professionals, improving communication with our members, and fiscal responsibility on the International level. I am honored to be nominated for the position of Western District International Director and I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the District.

Annual Meeting Updates - Keystone, CO

On behalf of the Keystone Local Arrangement Committee (LAC), we are excited to invite you to attend the 2018 Joint Western & Texas Districts Annual Meeting in Keystone Colorado from **June 23rd - June 27**. The Local Arrangements Committee has been busy planning for an unforgettable conference experience, with a great technical program, unique transportation tours, and plenty of Colorado mountain activities. Please visit WWW.ITEKEYSTONE2018.COM for full details on the conference, including:

- Registration information
- Vendor registration
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Technical Programs
- Technical Tours and Workshops
- Student and Young Progressional Involvement Opportunities
- Social Activities

The meeting will be held in the heart of the Rockies at the Keystone Resort and Conference Center. With beautiful green grass dotted with wildflowers against snow-capped peaks, a huge variety of outdoor activities and adventures, the Colorado Rockies cannot be beat for a family vacation spot. This is the ultimate Rocky Mountain playground for families and kids of all ages!

Registration

Registration is now open for all attendees and visitors! Rooms are available at the Keystone Resort and Hyatt Place Keystone and both are currently accepting reservations. Hurry- book your room soon for the best rate and availability! Keep in mind as you plan your trip that Keystone is approximately a 2-hour drive from Denver International Airport.



Beautiful Keystone Resort

Technical Program

Our Technical Committee is putting together an outstanding program that will include almost 100 presentations with a wide array of topics that present state-of-the-practice, fresh, innovative, and cutting-edge ideas in all areas of transportation planning and transportation engineering. Our technical program will include featured panel discussion with national experts on roundabouts and State Traffic Engineers from throughout the Western and Texas Districts.

Technical Tours and Workshops

A variety of technical workshops and tours will be offered during the meeting. You won't want to miss out on a unique chance to see transportation infrastructure and operations in the Colorado mountains including:

- Roundabout Technical Workshop – Learn how to effectively evaluate roundabout options and identify solutions for optimal performance from nationally recognized experts.
- Crossing the Divide – See how the Colorado DOT operates their traffic management center in the Eisenhower - Johnson Memorial Tunnel
- The Summit Stage – Learn about the free rural transit system servicing the mountain communities of Breckenridge, Keystone, Frisco, and Dillon.
- Breckenridge/Frisco Bike Tour – This tour will highlight many of Breckenridge's trails that helped the City earn Gold Level Bicycle Friendly Community status. Don't worry, the ride will be a leisurely downhill trek for bicyclists of all abilities!
- Going Round in the Mountains – This tour will feature eight roundabouts in the mountains of Colorado through the beautiful ski towns of Breckenridge, Vail, and Avon.



Students and Young Professionals Involvement

The Western District has a long history of including students in our Annual Meeting and Keystone will be no exception! Students will have an opportunity to compete in the MiteY Race, the James H. Kell Student Design Competition, the WesternITE and TexITE student traffic bowls, and a Student Poster Session.

Students are invited to the Get Acquainted Social/Fundraiser for the Student Endowment Fund, Family Night, and the Awards Banquet. As part of the conference program, students will have the opportunity to participate in a Student Leadership Forum followed by a separate student/young professional technical track including a resume workshop and a career survival guide. Finally, the week will be capped off with a first ever Award Forum at the District Meeting just for students on Wednesday morning.

Social Activities

There are lots of opportunities for socializing and networking at the Annual Meeting starting on Saturday when teams can compete in the "Keystone Cops" MiteY Race. This event is a West-

ern District tradition for families and students to participate in a challenging but fun race to start the week. On Sunday evening we will officially kick off the meeting with a get acquainted social where there will be food, drinks, and lots of friends to catch up with. After the social, we will bring a little TexITE tradition to our meeting and have a Texas Hold'Em tournament. Our Family night will be in the Keystone Stables located close by on the Hotel and Conference Center property. We will have good food, a live band, fun games, and even pony rides for the kids. On Tuesday we will have another social event followed by our Annual Awards Banquet. The theme for this year's Awards Banquet is "Boogie Down" so brush up on your disco dance moves, bring your bell bottoms and grow out those afros and handle bar mustaches.

Sponsorship Opportunities

The LAC invites you to support the joint Western & Texas Districts Annual Meeting. Your generous support will help us create a high quality gathering for attendees from all over Texas and the western United States. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please visit <http://itekeystone2018.com/sponsors/>.

Mid-Year Board Meeting Highlights

Paul Barricklow, PE, PTOE, ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer

On January 26th, 2018, Western District Board members, committee chairs, section leaders, and guests met in Oakland, CA for the 2018 Western District Mid-Year Board Meeting.

President Mark Spencer announced the appointment of Erica Jensen as Managing Editor and the reappointment of Amit Kothari as Technical Chair. Mark also discussed District communications, LeadershipITE support, in-person outreach, membership initiatives, and the Committee Chair Duty Workshop outcomes. Resulting from the discussions, the Board redirected \$3,000 to LeadershipITE sponsorship and concluded committee chair duties will be realigned based on findings from the Workshop.

Vice President Neelam Dorman detailed the 2017 financial status. The District's income exceeded expenditures and funds were allocated to support District initiatives such as LAC Website Platform, Social Media Initiative, LAC and Meeting sponsorships, LeadershipITE, and Student Leadership Summit Scholarships. District reserves of 1.5 times annual expenditures are met and stable.

Secretary-Treasurer Paul Barricklow provided the 2017-2018 Financial Report. All income, expenditures, assets, and endowment balances are in line with the budget expectations.

Past President Cathy Leong presented the candidates for Secretary-Treasurer: Giancarlo Ganddini and Dennis Acuna. The nomination for International Director (ID) is Cathy Leong. The change in election schedule resulted in moving all election duties for the ID candidate from Past President to Senior ID.

The three IDs, Walter Okitsu, Karen Aspelin, and Carlos Ortiz, provided summaries of their recent activities. Key topics included updates on the Budget Committee, Constitutional Amendments, STEM Initiatives, and the Advocacy Standing Committee.

District Administrator Dalene Whitlock discussed ITE's insurance policies; details will be shared with the Sections.

Committee updates were given by WesternITE Managing Editor Erica Jensen, Advertising Manager Robert Sweeting,

Website Manager Justin Link, Technical Chair Amit Kothari, Legislative Chair Tom Mericle, Career Guidance Chair Joshua McNeill, Vendor Chair Janna McKhann, Student Endowment Chair Kimberly Leung, Public Relations Chair Paul Stanis, Traffic Bowl Chair Ken Ack-eret, and LAC Chair Randy McCourt.

Committee highlights include: ITE's membership has reached 15,000 total members, Western District has increased its membership to 4,176, and the Endowment Fund balances remain well above the \$500K goal. Discussions continued regarding future initiatives for the Endowment Fund.

President Mark Spencer reported on behalf of Membership Chair Joe De La Garza, and Student Initiatives Chair Danielle Scharf.

Meeting updates were provided by the LAC Chairs for their respective Annual Meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Keystone, CO, on Sunday, June 24, 2018.

Committee Updates

Student Endowment Fund

By Kimberly Leung, Student Endowment Committee Chair

The Western District Student Endowment Fund annually supports over \$18,000 in student initiatives including Data Collection, the James H. Kell Competition, regional travel scholarships, the Student Leadership Summit, and numerous awards. This is the first year that additional funding was included in Data Collection to support a 6th project. Beginning this Spring, the District membership will now have an opportunity to hear directly from the students through the Endowment Fund Spotlights. Student chapters are being invited to share with the District about what excites them about ITE and the transportation field and the ways in which the Endowment Fund has benefitted their chapters. Hear more from the students, beginning with the UC Berkeley ITE student chapter, in the next Spotlight at westernite.org/endowment-fund.

Local Arrangement Committee (LAC)

By Randy McCourt, LAC Liaison

The LACs for 2021 (Portland) and 2022 (Palm Springs) are negotiating contracts for their respective WesternITE Annual Meetings. The Portland meeting may be a joint meeting with International ITE. Boise (2023) will be working on their contact soon. Arrangements for Keystone, CO (June 23-27, 2018) are well underway - over 200 abstracts have been received and hotel rooms have been going fast.

To help future LACs, we are developing a standard web template that will allow our local committees to spend less time with web site development/registration and more with meeting preparation. We now have detailed historical data for past meeting attendance, vendors, sponsors, floor plans, and budgets to help LACs propose on future meetings, stay focused

on meeting delivery, and spend less time on administrative efforts. With guidance from Keystone and Portland, the committees for Monterey (2019) and Honolulu (2020) have been preparing meetings to ensure members experience ITE in the fullest.

Any ideas that you may have to improve our annual meetings are welcome and should be directed to me at RSM@DKSASSOCIATES.COM. Thank you.

Future Meetings

- 2018 Keystone, CO (joint with Texas District)
- 2019 Monterey, California
- 2020 Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2021 Portland, Oregon (tentative with International ITE)
- 2022 Palm Springs, California
- 2023 Boise, Idaho

Technical Committee

By Amit Kothari, Chair

The Technical Committee engages members with various technical activities through dissemination of information through the District website, newsletter, and e-mails as well as numerous competitive technical programs. Some of the programs are highlighted here.

Student Data Collection Fund: Under this program, student chapters across the District have an opportunity to submit an innovative trip generation and parking data collection project

proposal for an under-represented land use and, if selected, receive one of the six \$1,000 grants to support the chapter's activities including attendance at the District's Annual Meeting. In December 2017, the Committee reviewed 13 proposals and selected six winners for the 2018 Program. This year's winners are University of Washington, San Diego State University, University of California (Berkeley), Brigham Young University, Montana State University, and CalPoly (Pomona). All student chapters are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal later this year. Request For Proposals are typically advertised in November of each year and sent to all chapters.

Wayne T. and Patricia 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 2017 ITE Journals. The winner will be recognized at the Annual Meeting in June 2018.

If you are interested in serving on the panel to select the best paper, please contact Amit Kothari, Technical Committee Chair at AMITONEKOTHARI@GMAIL.COM. Students are encouraged to participate as well.

Annual Meeting - Best Paper Award: In May, the LAC for the 2018 Annual Meeting will forward about eight technical papers accepted for presentation at the Keystone meeting to the Technical Committee. The Committee will review these papers prior to the meeting and observe actual presentations at the meeting. Based upon established criteria, a panel of judges will select the Best Paper that will be recognized at Wednesday's States Luncheon on June 27, 2018.

Section and Chapter Updates

Arizona Section

by David Lucas, President

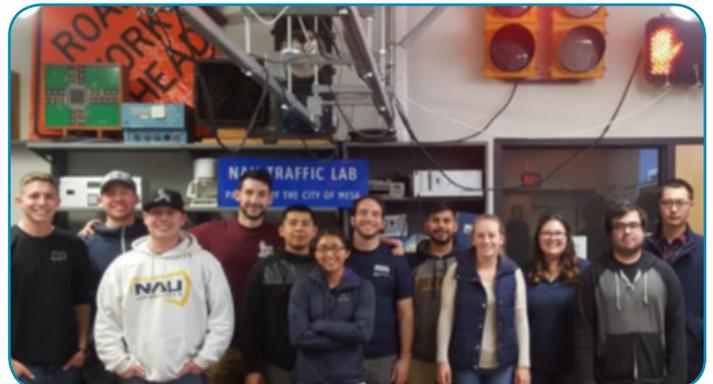
Here are some of the recent happenings and updates from the Arizona Chapter:

- The City of Peoria received the Traffic Engineering Council's Technical Achievement Award for its Video Archive Project
- Faisal Saleem received the TSM&O Council Individual Achievement Award
- The Jenny L. Grote Student Leadership Award, including a \$1,000 cash award and a \$500 travel stipend to

attend an ITE District or International Meeting, was presented to Amin Ariannezhad from the U. of AZ.

- The Arizona Section Past President Award was presented to Alejandro Angel.
- At our annual business meeting in September, International Director Karen Aspell joined us to induct the new board and provided an update of activities at the

District and International levels. She also met with the ASU and NAU Student Chapters during her visit.



Northern Arizona University (NAU) Student Chapter

- Our Holiday Party this year was a family-oriented event at The Enchanted Island Amusement Park in Phoenix and was well-attended by members and their families.

- The Arizona Section continues to sponsor webinars for our membership, including most recently “Vision Zero for All Users: Lessons Learned and New Strategies.”

- The Section continues to provide several \$250 travel stipends to members who present at district and international ITE meetings.

- In partnership with ITS Arizona and the regional AZTech Operations Committee, the Arizona Section sponsored a four-part series of review sessions on the Signal Timing Manual, 2nd Edition.

- Recent topics at our monthly luncheons have included Pedestrian Crossing Treatments, Update to the Trip Generation Manual, and Special Event Planning with Ride-sharing.

- The Section earmarks \$1000 for travel stipends for each of Arizona’s three student chapters to encourage attendance at ITE conferences and has seen increased participation as a result.

- In the past, the Arizona Section has “taken a break” during the summer, but since 2015, we have held a three-part “Summer Breakfast Series” of meetings during the hottest part of the year to provide additional outreach to both our members and the ASU Student Chapter, with meetings held near campus. The 2017 series focused on legal issues related to transportation. Topics included Eminent Domain and Condemnation, Damages for Change of Access, and Liability, and were very well attended.

- The 2018 Summer Breakfast Series will be research focused, with updates on the latest transportation-related research from ASU, NAU and UA.

Colorado/ Wyoming Section

by Devin Joslin, Section Scribe

Here are some of the recent happenings and updates from the CO/WY Section:

- In October, the Section joined with Rocky Mountain ITS to host a conference and vendor show. The full-day program brought together nearly 175 attendees and 30 vendors in a fun venue with an awesome classic and exotic car collection.



Car collection at the conference and vendor show.

- The Mountain & Western Slope meeting was held in Glenwood Springs, CO in November. The meeting included presentations from multiple local agencies and a walking tour of the Grand Avenue Bridge project.

- At the December meeting, the section awarded \$9,000 in scholarships to seven deserving undergraduate and graduate students representing five universities. The meeting drew a large crowd of over 120 attendees.

Idaho Chapter

by Crystal Grasmick

Membership for the Idaho Chapter is up almost 29% from last year! Our monthly lunches are pulling more audience than ever before and we’ve experimented with broadcasting the presentations across the state. So far, we’ve gotten good feedback and have been able to reach more people in the rural areas of

our state.

As a reminder, the Idaho Chapter was successful in our bid to host the Western District meeting in 2023. Two of our members, Josh Saak and Jeff Jones, have stepped up to be Co-Chairs. They are actively planning and we can’t wait to share our city with the rest of the ITE community.

In December, we hosted a joint holiday social with ISPE, ASCE, and WTS that brought in around 60 people and almost two full 55 gallon containers of donations for the food bank!

This March, two of our members traveled to the University of Idaho to encourage membership and engage our student chapters. Both events were a great success!

Intermountain Section

by Cameron Waite

The 2018 Intermountain Section Annual Meeting will be held May 17-19 in Jackson, WY.

We have met monthly as the Intermountain Section Board and also met quarterly with our Board and representatives from each of the chapters in our Section.

Nevada Chapter

by Paul Villaluz

The Nevada Chapter held four meetings during the Fall and Winter Seasons with topics including potential roadway extensions, future transit plans, and new access management systems.

The ITE Nevada Chapter joined with ASCE, ITS Nevada, and WTS International to present the 2017 Fall Transportation Conference in October 2017. At least 200 people and 12 vendors attended the conference.

ITE Nevada Chapter contributed \$200

to support Neighborhood Housing Services of Southern Nevada in December 2017 as part of the APWA Nevada Chapter's Stuff the Stocking Program.

Kondala Rao Mantri, P.E. won the ITE Nevada Chapter's 2017 Transportation Engineer of the Year award at the Engineers Week Banquet in February 2018.



Kondala Rao Mantri (right, pictured with John Penuela) won the ITE Nevada Chapter's 2017 Engineer of the Year.

ITE Nevada Chapter also awarded the 2017 Transportation Project of the Year Award to NDOT and AECOM for the Las Vegas Boulevard Upgrade project from Carey Avenue to Nellis Boulevard.

Northern California Section

by Cameron Shew

NorCal ITE kicked off our program for the new year with the annual Oktoberfest Classic Golf Tournament. 40 members from public agencies, consultants, and vendors teamed up to raise nearly \$1,000 for the Richard T. Romer Student Endowment Fund. The tournament was followed by a "beer and brats" lunch.

In January, the Section partnered with ITS California to hold a joint meeting on connected and automated vehicles. The

half-day workshop was attended by 170 people and was very well received.



2017 NorCal Vendors' Night

The Section is finalizing arrangements for our 45th Annual Vendors' Night, which will be held on March 15, 2018 in Lodi, CA. The showcase/banquet is hosted by our vendor partners, and is NorCal ITE's biggest event of the year. Each year, over 200 people come to learn about the latest products and technologies, and stay for an evening of good food, prizes, and company!

Oregon Section

by Molly McCormick

Fall Oregon ITE events included a "Golf for People that Don't Golf" tournament, which was all about having fun and socializing with other members of Oregon ITE. This year was a foot golf style round - 18 holes of soccer golf!

Other fall events included Fall Happy Hour, the Annual Bill Kloos Traffic Bowl, and a Winter Workshop with topics covering specific project, value pricing, panel discussions, and planning.



Traffic Bowl 1st place: PSU!

Upcoming summer meetings include our Summer GOITE Event, which will be

in Bend this year. It will include a workshop, happy hour, and a golf tournament the following day.

2018 ITE Quad Conference

Oregon ITE is hosting the upcoming Quad Conference in May and have solicited participation and attendance from student chapters. A trivia night and scavenger hunt are being developed to encourage further socializing between students and professionals in addition to the conference sessions.

The QUAD Conference is an annual transportation conference held in the Pacific Northwest that is meant to represent transportation professionals from British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and beyond. The Greater Vancouver, Vancouver Island, Washington State, and Oregon State Sections each take turns hosting, and the 2018 QUAD Conference will be held in Portland, OR.

We're bringing together unique, innovative, and (dare we say) wild transportation projects to all across the Pacific Northwest. Come share your experiences with us, connect with other professionals across the region, and explore wild Portland while you're here! We'll see you at the ITE Quad Conference.

We will be hosting two days of presentations with one day fully dedicated to transportation technology. Some of the more fun events we will be including are a happy hour transportation trivia with students and professionals teamed together, a technology lunch panel on Tuesday, sponsorship happy hour, tour in a connected vehicle (hosted by TTS), scavenger hunt, and since we are in Portland we have to have a Bike tour where the famous Peter Koonce may be making a cameo.

Please check out our website at: WWW.2018ITEQUAD.COM or find us on twitter @2018ITEQuad.

Riverside - San Bernardino Section

by Bowen Yang & Trisha Munoz

The October RSBITE meeting topic was "Exploring Options to the 85th percentile: Setting Speed Limits for all Road Users" presented by John Lower. The November joint RSBITE/SoCal ITE meeting topic was on Transportation Safety on Regional Existing Conditions presented by Courtney Aguirre. The January RSBITE meeting/Vendor Show topic was "Redefining Mobility" presented by Timothy Haile. The February RSBITE meeting topic was "SBCTA: Thinking Outside the Box DDI's, Roundabouts, and Express Lanes" presented by Tim Byrne.

San Diego Section

by Karen Jewel

Our 2017 officers were sworn in at the November 9th meeting by Western District President Mark Spencer. Additionally, seven awards were presented at the meeting.

- President KC Yellapu – for his service working hard to keep the programs on track and always presiding in a calm and collected manner!
- ITE San Diego Small Project of the Year – Armorlite Dr. Smart Growth Improvement Project
- ITE San Diego Large Project of the Year – Downtown San Diego Transit Plan and Design of BRT Stations
- ITE San Diego Technical Document of the Year – Linda Vista Comprehensive Active Transportation Strategy (CATS)
- ITE San Diego Public Agency of the Year – City of Chula Vista
- ITE San Diego Transportation Professional of the Year: Joe De La Garza
- Certificate of Appreciation – K.C. Yellapu

The San Diego State University Student Chapter has been busy this past year with over 19 events! Their proposal for the Data Collection Fund was selected and they are busy gathering data in advance of the District Annual Meeting.



SDSU Design Day – Winning Student Team Project: City of Coronado Pomona Avenue and Glorietta Boulevard Roundabout

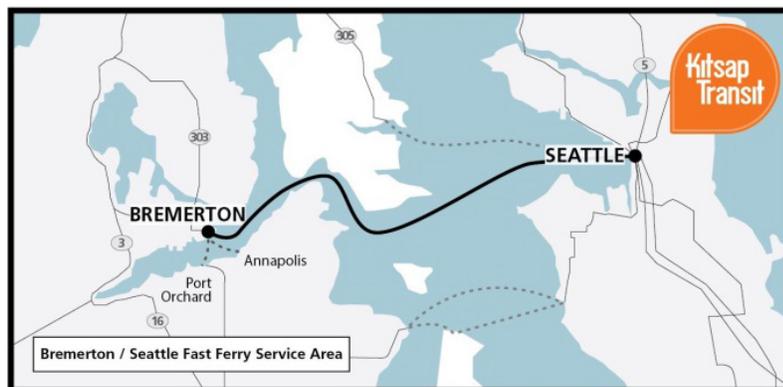
Washington State Section

by Claudia Hirschey

The Washington State Section has had robust technical programs since Fall of 2017. Our highlights:

Kitsap Transit High Speed Ferry Service

The first passenger ferries started in the 1930s and auto service started a few decades later. The high speed ferry ride from Seattle to Bremerton (half hour versus one hour) was available until 2003. With a voter approved tax, services commenced again in the summer of 2017 between Bremerton and Downtown Seattle. Kingston and Southworth will follow.



SDOT Bike Share Program & Networking Event

This last year has been a dramatic change in Seattle's bike share program: from the end of Pronto in March 2017 to the launch of the free-floating bikes in July 2017. Seattle was the U.S. testing ground for this large of a free-floating bike share program. The new system has shown a ridership 3 times more than Pronto. The average trip length is over 20 minutes and 4 miles.

ITE Washington Safety Training

This half-day training began with an update on the national perspective of Vision Zero and the importance of data and monitoring. We held a discussion dedicated to Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons for which the interim approval was recently rescinded. An overview of the Highway Safety Manual and how that pertains to safety action plans. The last topic was a University of Washington research project that evaluated a system that used video cameras on the buses to detect bicyclist and pedestrians that could potentially collide with the bus.

ITE/IMSA Annual Meeting

This year's meeting was our most successful with over 400 in attendance. This one-day vendor exhibition has grown to become the premier trade show in the Northwest and a favorite of the vendors for traffic and transportation related products. Participants receive 6 hours toward Professional Development

Hours. Vendor fees support ITE Washington Scholarship and except for lunch, the meeting is free to attend.

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