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President’s Message

By Kimberly Leung, P.E., T.E., ITE Western District President

Hello ITE Western District members!

We wrapped up the summer with 1,600 attendees meeting for the ITE Joint International and Western District Annual Meeting in Portland! It was a busy

meeting with a robust technical program, Young Member events, and social and networking opportunities. We would like to thank our Western District event sponsors – Evari GIS Consulting, Lancaster Mobley, Q-Free, DKS, and HDR – for their support.

In mid-September, the Western District Board met for our Fall Executive Committee Meeting to plan for the upcoming year. **Josh McNeill** and **Peter Koonce** have joined the Board as our new District Secretary-Treasurer and International Director respectively on the Board. We are pleased to appoint new Western District Committee Chairs, including **Henry Hammel** as our Career Guidance Committee Chair and **Ryan Caldera** as our WesternNITE Managing Editor. **Jeanne Acutanza** was also reappointed to another term as the Technical Committee Chair.

Major topics of our fall meeting included closing out fiscal year 22-23, allocating excess revenue from the Portland Annual Meeting to support future District Annual Meetings, reviewing our District’s charter and bylaws, and discussing District results from the all-member survey.

The Board is continuing to explore ways to provide more content and resources to our members through District hosted annual webinars and increased technical content in the WesternNITE.

With the year winding down, I encourage you to save the date for these key events in 2024!

- Join us for the **Western District Student Leadership Summit** that will be hosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on February 2-4, 2024. Registration is now open, and sponsorship packages are available. Learn more about the SLS at ite2024sls.com.
- We look forward to seeing you at the **Western District Annual Meeting** that will be held June 23-26, 2024 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel in Sacramento, CA. Hotel reservations and sponsorship packages are now available. If you’re interested in presenting in the technical program, submit your abstracts by December 22, 2023. Please continue to check for updates at westernnite.org/annualmeeting.

Summer Board Meeting Highlights

Pat Marnell, ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer

As part of the joint ITE Western District and ITE International Annual Meetings, this year's Western District Summer Board Meeting was held on Sunday, August 13th at the Hyatt Regency at the Portland Oregon Convention Center. In addition to the hotly debated topics at the board meeting, Portland was experiencing a heatwave with average high temperatures above 100 degrees!

President Kimberly Leung kicked off the meeting with a discussion about annual awards and elections. Secretary-Treasurer Patrick Marnell shared that the district's fiscal year (FY) '22/23 budget was tracking as expected. After a vigorous debate, a balanced FY '23/24 budget was adopted without a Western District dues increase.

Updates were also given by: Vice President Doug Smith, WesternITE Editorial Committee Chair Ellie Simpson, Advertising Manager Ryan Zellers, Website Manager Cameron Shew, Technical Committee Chair Jeanne Acutanza, Career Guidance Committee Chair Jenny Tapat-Morrill, Student Funding and Initiatives Committee Chair Kayla Fleskes-Lane, Public Relations Chair Giancarlo Ganddini, and District LAC Committee Chair Cathy Leong.

Section updates were given by each Section representative including: Alaska Section Rep. Brad Coy, Central California Section Rep. Katie Lee, Central Coast Section Rep. Tom Mericle, Hawaii Section Rep. Jasmine Teramae-Kaehuaea, Northern California Section Rep. Chris Gregerson, Oregon Section Rep. Carl Olson, RSBITE Proxy Rep. Brandon Wong, San Diego Section Rep. Joe Shultz, San Francisco Bay Section Rep. Tony Henderson, Southern California Proxy Section Rep. Marc Violett, and Washington Section Rep. Darcy Akers.

The next Winter Board Meeting will be tentatively held in Southern California on January 19th, 2024.

Annual Business Meeting Highlights

Pat Marnell, ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer

The 2023 Annual Business Meeting of ITE's Western District was held on Tuesday, August 15th at 10:00 AM, at the Hyatt Regency at the Portland Oregon Convention Center. President Kimberly Leung began the meeting with a moment of silence for deceased members Kenneth Anderson, John Burnside, Jim Pline and Ed Rowe.

President Kimberly Leung introduced the Committee Chairs and Section Representatives before District Awards were presented by Technical Committee Chair Jeanne Acutanza and Career Guidance Chair Jennylyn Tapat Morrill. The Section Activities Awards were presented to the Oregon Section (Larger Section) and Hawaii Section (Smaller Section). The Section Momentum Award was presented to the Riverside San Bernadino Section. The Outstanding Technical Paper Award was awarded to the *ITE Bicycle Signals Resource Guide* with Bob Murphy as project lead and contributing authors from the Western District including: Claude Strayer, Jessica Brinton, Reed Kempton, Peter Koonce, Rock Miller and Mike Sallaberry. The Mentor Award was presented to Mark Spencer.

Transportation Achievement Awards were presented in five categories: Planning Achievement - *City of Tacoma Vision Zero Action Plan*; Traffic Engineering Achievement - *City of Encinitas Leucadia 101 Streetscape Project*; Safety Achievement - *Caltrans District 11 Wrong Way Driving Prevention*; TSMO Achievement - *TriMet Division Transit Project Signal Priority Operations*; Complete Streets - *Clackamas County Clackamas Regional Center Mobility Improvements*. The *Clackamas Regional Center Mobility Improvements* project was awarded Western District Project of the Year.

The winners of the 2023 officer elections were announced: President - Doug Smith; Vice President - Patrick Marnell; Secretary-Treasurer - Josh McNeill; and International Director - Peter Koonce. The officers present were sworn in by Kimberly Leung and Rosana Correa.

President Kimberly Leung delivered the State of the District Address. Vice President Doug Smith reviewed the fiscal year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 budgets. ITE International President Rosana Correa delivered presidential remarks including congratulating Randy McCourt on being elected as an Honorary Member of ITE. Kimberly Leung recognized the 2023 Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) thanking them for their hard work. Cameron Shew, the 2024 LAC Chair, gave an update on the 2024 Sacramento Meeting and announced a "Western Roundup" theme for the Awards Banquet. Junior International Director Neelam Dorman recognized Senior International Director Mark Spencer for his nine years of service with the Western District Board. Mark gave a heartfelt and humorous reflection on his time with the Board. President Kimberly Leung provided final remarks closing the meeting at 11:35 AM.

2023 Annual Meeting Award Winners

Award	2023 Recipient
James H. Kell Competition Award	University of California, Berkeley
Lifetime Achievement Award	Walter Okitsu, KOA Corporation
Individual Achievement Award	Jennylyn Tapat Morrill, Wilson Okamoto Corporation
Outstanding Undergraduate Student	Garrett Davis, Univeristy of California, Berkeley
Outstanding Graduate Student	Kezia Suwandhaputra, Oregon State University
Outstanding Educator	Dr. Roxana Javid, University of Southern California
Section/Chapter Activities Award, Large Section	Oregon Section
Section/Chapter Activities Award, Small Section	Hawaii Section
Mentor Award	Mark Spencer, W-Trans
Section/Chapter Momentum Award	Riverside San Bernadino Section
Student Chapter Activities Award	University of Southern California
Student Chapter Momentum Award	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Student Regional Travel Scholarship	Ruimin Lin, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Alex Wang, University of Southern California
William C. Kloos Traffic Bowl Winner	Oregon State University
Transportation Project of the Year	Clackamas Regional Center Mobility Improvements
Young Professional Achievement Award	Katherine Lee, Caltrans
Outstanding Technical Paper	ITE Bicycle Signals Resource Guide Contributors: Claude Strayer, Jessica Brinton, Reed Kempton, Peter Koonce, Rock Miller, Mike Sallaberry, et al.

Committee Updates

District Local Arrangements Committee (LAC)

By Cathy Leong, Committee Chair

The Joint International & Western District Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon was a great success thanks to the efforts of the local LAC led by Julie Kentosh. Special thanks also go out to our District event leads, Phil Armand (Family Night) and Kayla Fleskes-Lane (Student Events) who assisted with advanced planning and coordination on event day. In addition to assisting with the recent Annual Meeting, the District LAC Committee has been continuing advance planning for our upcoming meetings. Planning for the upcoming 2024 Annual Meeting in Sacramento, California from June 23-26, 2024 is underway and Annual Meeting website has already been updated at westernite.org/annualmeeting/. The Call for Papers is open and links for registration (meeting, sponsorship, and exhibit) and hotel reservations are available online. Finally, the 2025 Long Beach LAC should be kicking off planning on their meeting soon and the District anticipates initiating negotiations on the 2027 San Diego hotel contract in the spring.

Student Funding & Initiatives Committee (SFIC)

By Kayla Fleskes-Lane, Committee Chair

The Student Funding and Initiatives Committee (SFIC) was excited to host over 60 Western District students at this year's joint Western District/International Annual Meeting in Portland. The Annual Meeting started off with the Kell Competition, MiteY Race and a Student Awards Event on Saturday where the [Student Chapter Award](#) was presented to the University of Southern California and the [Student Chapter Momentum Award](#) was presented to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. The following days also included more student-focused events like a career guidance panel session, a student and faculty leadership forum, and, of course, the Student Traffic Bowl where Oregon State University represented the District in the International Competition.

This fall, we also launched a new [Connections Grant](#) to support student chapters that host activities involving other organizations or student chapters. All the student activities and awards led by the SFIC are made possible by the [Student Endowment Fund](#), which supports over \$15,000 worth of student initiatives and scholarships every year. Thank you to all the past and current donors who have made these initiatives possible. For more information on the Endowment Fund and to donate, please visit westernite.org/student-endowment-fund.

Career Guidance Committee

By Jennylyn Tapat, Committee Chair

The Career Guidance Committee is intended to promote the advancement of the transportation planning and engineering profession by fostering close connections between senior and young professionals. As part of this year's Joint Annual Meeting programming, **Jenny Tapat** and the Career Guidance Committee hosted a session entitled the "Young Professional's Career Survival Guide." The networking session included small group conversations on key workplace topics like the importance of equity in transportation, how to deal with conflict in the workplace, and work-life balance. The small group discussions were guided by special guests including previous recipients of ITE International's Young Leaders to Follow Award, and other key leaders from ITE. The small group discussions were followed by a large group discussion facilitated by **Cathy Leong** and **Mark Spencer** on additional topics such as ethical dilemmas and dealing with Imposter Syndrome.

The Career Guidance committee also assisted with the MiteY Race held in advance of the annual meeting's regular programming. Thank you to all the student teams that participated! The top teams were:

- 1st Place: Olive King and Kelly Chan, UCLA
- 2nd Place: Kai Vincent, Alex Wong, and Dhruv Chakraverty, USC
- 3rd Place: Josh Ogden and Matthew Davis, BYU

Are you looking for guidance on how to navigate the next stage(s) of your professional career? Have questions on what work/life balance looks like or how to manage conflict in the workplace? Check out the MiteY Mentorship website, westernite.org/mitey-mentorship.

Want to submit feedback and shape the next generation of the MiteY Mentorship program? Contact **Henry Hammel**, Career Guidance Committee Chairperson.



Section and Chapter Updates

Hawaii Section

by Jasmine Teramae-Kaehuaea

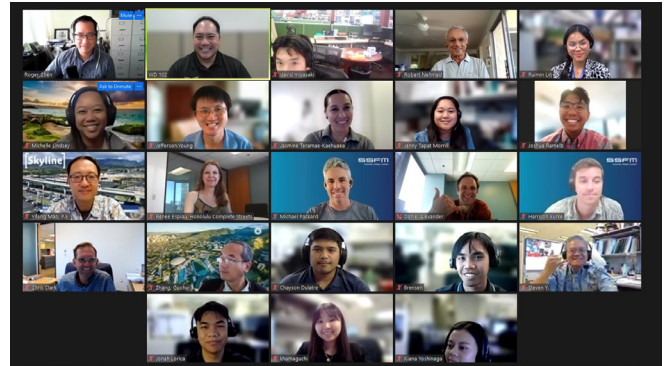
Hawaii is normally seen as a place for R&R. Upon reflecting on our activities this year, the Hawaii Section has been busy leaving little time for R&R, but it's been worthwhile!

The Hawaii section held three virtual speaker meetings in April, June, and July, which also served as our first hybrid meeting. Topics included minimum parking requirements, Vision Zero, and pedestrian route choices.

- In May, we held our annual Technical Solutions Event, where members met with various industry partners in breakout rooms to learn about existing and new technology.
- In August, over a dozen Hawaii Section members traveled to Portland for the Joint International and Western District Annual Meeting, where two individuals, the UHM Student Chapter, and the Hawaii Section won awards.
- On September 21, 2023, the Hawaii Section hosted a technical tour of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Service (DTS) Skyline Rail Operations Center.
- Finally, we closed out 2023 with an in-person Annual Meeting social event at the Outrigger Canoe Club with special guest Kimberly Leung, ITE Western District President. It was a great way to reconnect with colleagues and celebrate another successful year.

We also have tried to stay engaged with the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) student chapter and participated in various events such as Blueprints (Fall welcome) Event, Resume and Interview Workshops, and Discover UHM Open House.

The 2023 Hawaii Section Board is comprised of Keoni Wasano (President), Mike Motoki (Vice-President), Michelle Lindsey (Secretary/Treasurer), and Jasmine Teramae-Kaehuaea (Past-President).



Section and Chapter Updates cont'd

Washington Section

By Darcy Akers

In 2023, ITE Washington has hosted several events engaging with students. In March, the Student Committee hosted a Student-Professionals Industry Night in Eastern Washington at Gonzaga University. The event brings back a pre-covid event where industry professionals meet with students from colleges on the eastern part of the state. In May, the Annual Student Night returned to Ivar's Salmon House. While primarily a networking opportunity, this event also featured a technical group activity using a real project in Seattle to re-envision the roadway layout.

At the May Student Night, ITE WA awarded 3 scholarships to some outstanding students. The undergraduate recipient was Antonio Roman Campos, Gonzaga University and the graduate scholarships went to Ollie Wiesner, University of Washington and Dikshit (Digo) Goel, Seattle University.

ITE WA also hosted two social events this spring: a virtual transportation trivia night and annual golf tournament. This trivia night is a fun social event that was hosted virtually although several teams met up together in-person to participate. The golf classic was held at Snohomish Golf Course and was a fun day of networking and golf had beautiful weather and brought together both new and seasoned players.



May Student Night at Ivar's Salmon House

Oregon Section

By Carl Olson, Past President

Current officers are Past President Carl Olson, President Molly McCormick, Vice President Stefan Bussey, and Secretary-Treasurer Jason Spencer.

The Oregon ITE section remained very active in 2023. Following on the heels of our Winter Workshop in February and our Greater Oregon subcommittee event in March, the Oregon ITE SimCap Subcommittee held a luncheon in April. The luncheon included a presentation from FHWA on guidelines for applying microsimulation, a case study on brief cluster analysis, and updates on ODOT's Analysis Procedures Manual.

The months leading into summer included a variety of outdoor events. In May, Oregon ITE hosted a volunteer event with SOLVE for a cleanup in NW Portland. In June, Oregon ITE hosted a BYOB(ike) event to see how traffic signals make Better Naito Forever the best with a focus on unique signal equipment and strategies used. In September, Oregon ITE hosted a group ride during the Sunday Parkways event held in SW Portland. In rounding out our outdoor activities, Oregon ITE hosted two different "Walktober" walking tours in October. The "Walktober" in Portland event included a tour of the new Blumenauer Bridge and East Burnside ETC projects and another event held in Eugene included a tour of the Amazon Parkway and Portland Street Paving project.

Last and certainly not least, Oregon ITE extends a big "Thank You" to everyone involved with the ITE International / Western District joint conference held in Portland Oregon this year.



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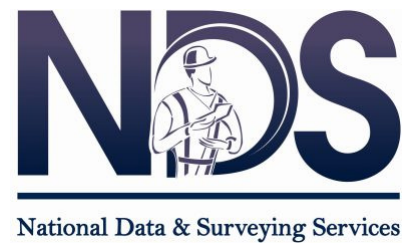
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