



Western District 2012 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

*Held at the Fess Parker Doubletree Hotel, Santa Barbara, California
Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Submitted for the Mid-Year Board Meeting, 2013

- President Alyssa Reynolds announced that the Student Endowment Fund booth has resumes and is compiling a list of mentors/mentees.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Moment of Silence for Deceased Members
 - Michael Burke
 - Richard Romer
 - Shahir Gobran
 - Roy Sawhill
 - Johannes Kurz
 - Charles Zell

II. WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTION

- A. A Last Call for Ballots was made by President Reynolds.
- B. Convene Tellers Committee
 - Election administrator Karen Aspelin convened the Tellers Committee, which was also comprised of Tim Harpst of the Utah Chapter and Ray Yparraguirre of the Arizona Section.

III. INTRODUCTION OF LEADERSHIP

President Reynolds introduced the ITE leadership present at the meeting, including the International officers and Directors from the Western District, and the Western District officers and committee chairs. Presidents from the District's sections and chapters were also recognized.

IV. INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT (MILLER)

International President Rock Miller made the following remarks in his address to the membership.

- ITE has about 15,000 members in 90 countries.
- ITE's Executive Committee directs ITE and conducts strategic planning.
- The focus of ITE's strategic planning efforts is quality of life, safety, sustainability, and meeting the needs of all transportation modes.
- More than 1.3 million people are killed in traffic accidents each year worldwide. ITE's focus is on the U.S. and other countries where we have a presence.
- Crash rates in the U.S. are similar to those in India, Poland, and Vietnam. Other countries, such as Canada, have lower crash rates than the U.S.
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has a safety tool list which includes median refuges, road diets, and roundabouts (which have been shown to cut fatalities by 10%).
- In March 2011 ITE produced its Policy on Roundabouts. ASCE is also considering such a policy.
- Rock mentioned ITE's new publications and older ones that need updating.
- In the fall there will be a Pro Walk/Pro Bike conference in Long Beach, CA.

- Rock is helping to plan an ITE bike facility tour of the Netherlands.
- The ITE Community is an online method of keeping up with what's going on in ITE.
- The *Trip Generation* manual is now available in a software format.
- The Certification Board is considering additional certifications.
- Federal programs that are being cut affect bicyclist and pedestrian safety. Money that is available is often being used for more bridges.
- The student traffic bowl is increasing in interest nationally.
- Rock noted that it is difficult to get candidates for leadership positions all over the country. ITE is considering changing the requirements for International President.
- The National Report Card on Signal Timing gave us a C+ this year, which is better than the previous year.
- The International ITE meeting will be held in Atlanta August 12-15, 2012.

V. STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS (REYNOLDS)

Western District President Alyssa Reynolds made the following remarks in her address to the membership.

- The District has 3,514 voting members, which is 126 members fewer than last year. There are 4,512 total members, including 805 student members.
- Over 100 students are attending this meeting in Santa Barbara; that is over 15% of the District's entire student membership.
- There are no new sections or chapters. USC and California State – Fullerton are the District's newest student chapters. The University of Colorado – Denver student chapter has been revitalized.
- Alyssa made presidential proclamations this year to Edgar C. Monroy and Karen Aspelin. Both proclamations were initiated by their sections.
- The Endowment Fund is over \$300,000. The mITEy Race and Traffic Hero games at the Santa Barbara meeting raised additional funds. Money is starting to be used for student initiatives but the fund is still growing.
- We are publishing two hard copies and one special issue of the *WesternITE* newsletter.
- Legislative chair Roberta McLaughlin needs help with legislative issues in your area, and she is planning to start an email service.
- The Public Relations committee is new to the District. Committee chair Chuck Huffine needs contacts at the local level.
- The District will be maintaining the inside/outside California rotation for officers. Next year the International Director candidates will come from inside California, and the secretary-treasurer candidates will come from outside California. It is the job of section and chapter past presidents to nominate candidates for these positions.
- Alyssa described the lifetime achievement award process.
- The District has new Student Traffic Bowl guidelines drafted which were used for the contestants this year.

VI. 2012-2013 BUDGET (ASPELIN)

Secretary-Treasurer Aspelin summarized the state of the District's accounts for 2011-2012 and introduced the draft budget for FY 2012-2013, which is included in the Annual Board Meeting minutes. The budget was approved by the membership.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- President Reynolds announced the locations of the Western District annual meetings for the upcoming years: July 14-17, 2013 – Phoenix, 2014-Rapid City, 2015-Las Vegas, 2016-Albuquerque, and 2017-San Diego.
- The winners of the 2012 election were announced: President Walter Okitsu, Vice President Karen Aspelin, Secretary-Treasurer Carlos Ortiz, and International Director Jenny Grote. The ballots were then destroyed.