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INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS
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REGULAR MEETINGS (10 POINTS)

Regular Meetings:

#1 Date: 1-8-2019	Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK	Attendance: 62
Topic: Sterling Highway: Skilak Lake to Sterling, Rehabilitation and Passing Lanes Project		
Speaker: Chris Post (DOT&PF) & Steve Noble (DOWL)		
#2 Date: 2-05-2019	Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK	Attendance: 81
Topic: ADOT&PF's response to the November 30, 2018 Earthquake Event		
Speaker: Burrell Nickeson, Shannon McCarthy, Jake Gondek, and Todd Smith (DOT&PF)		
#3 Date: 3-5-2019	Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK	Attendance: 56
Topic: Airport Way/Steese Expressway Interchange Project (Fairbanks, AK)		
Speaker: Matt Stone, PE (HDR, Inc.)		
#4 Date: 4-02-2019	Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK	Attendance: 46
Topic: Combined Access Systems – Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), A Powerful Tool for Enhancing Rope Access to Improve Efficiency		
Speaker: Eric Thornley, P.E., SPRAT III, (Michael Baker International)		
#5 Date: 5-14-2019	Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK	Attendance: 51
Topic: The November 30, 2018 Anchorage Earthquake – A Geotechnical Perspective		
Speaker: John Thornley, P.E., (Golder Associates)		
#6 Date: 9-10-2019	Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK	Attendance: 58
Topic: What's Happening at AMATS		
Speaker: Craig Lyon, (AMATS)		
#7 Date: 10-01-2019	Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK	Attendance: 56
Topic: Alaska's Economy and What It Could Mean for Transportation Infrastructure and Funding		
Speaker: Jonathan King, (Halcyon Consulting Group)		
#8 Date: 11-12-2019	Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK	Attendance: 48
Topic: Vision Zero		
Speaker: Andrew Ooms, (Kittleson and Associates)		
#9 Date: 12-10-2019	Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK	Attendance: 50
Topic: DOT&PF Planning		
Speaker: Allen Kemplen, AICP-CTP of State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF)		

Joint/Special Meetings:

Date: 6-18-2019	Location: Lakefront Hotel, Anchorage, AK	2019 Host: APWA
Event: Annual Joint Meeting with APWA, ASCE, and ITE		
Speaker: DOT&PF Commissioner John MacKinnon		
Topic: Transportation Outlook		



STUDENT/YOUNGER MEMBER SUPPORT (15 POINTS)

Supporting UAA ITE Student Chapter

The ITE Alaska Section, along with the Faculty at the University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA) provided continued support of the efforts by students to maintain a UAA ITE Student Chapter. The student chapter is recognized by the Club Council at UAA. The following Guest Speakers visited the ITE Student chapter in 2019

- January 31st – Wende Wilber, Kittleson & Associates – Vision Zero Discussion
- February 14th – Avery Larsen, HDL Engineering Consultants – Glenn Hwy 34-42
- February 28th – Steve Noble and Ariel Hippe, DOWL – Sterling Hwy Passing Lanes
- March 28th – David Gamez Lounsbury
- April 11th – Colin Singleton and Erica Jensen, CRW – Pedestrians in the Work Zones
- October 21st - Edith McKee, HDL - Glenn Highway Corridor Management
- November 19th - John Thornley, Golder - 2018 Earthquake

Scholarship Committee

The objective of this committee is to prepare, advertise and promote the ITE Alaska Section scholarship application during the school year, and review and select the winner(s) of the scholarship(s). The Scholarship Committee was formed in February 2013 to encourage, promote, and assist college students in the study of engineering. The 2019 Scholarship Winners:

- Kacy Grundhauser (\$2,000)
- Matt Fischer (\$1,500)
- Carl Madson (\$1,500)
- Wenshi Fraser (\$1,000)
- Owen Rohler (\$1,000)

APPLICATION OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE (10 POINTS)

Submission of Comments on a Statewide Transportation Plan

The **ITE Alaska Section Active Transportation Committee** was invited to submit comments on the Draft Alaska Statewide Active Transportation Plan. The committee’s Technical Review Working Group prepared a summary of comments.

NETWORKING EVENTS (10 POINTS)

Date: 11-09-2019	Location: Alaska Zoo	Attendance: 120±
Event: Beer & Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser		
Date: 6-04-2019	Location: Valley of the Moon Park	
Event: Annual Membership Appreciation BBQ		



K-12 STEM OUTREACH (10 POINTS)

Each year, former Board Member Sean Baski leads the **K-12 Stem Outreach for Engineer’s Week** – Anchorage. ITE specifically supports the **LEGO Construction** station with the donation of the LEGOs, and with ITE member volunteers.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT (10 POINTS)

In 2019 the Alaska Section joined the OneITE initiative and began promoting the enrollment of our members in the ITE international membership process. In May, Western District President Neelam Dorman visited the Alaska Section and gave a short presentation on the benefits of ITE International membership. Introductory ITE members were charged only the \$45 Section dues. Returning ITE Members were charged the \$45 for the Alaska Section, above International \$285 and Western District \$30 Dues. All dues are collected by ITE International.

	Membership Grade	Annual Dues Rate
26	Introductory International members (Alaska Dues Only)	\$45
32	International members	\$305
7	Student	\$0
4	Lifetime	\$0

In 2018 the section had 101 affiliate members. In 2019, the Alaska Section only collected \$45 for 58 members. This is a 42% decrease in local membership.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (5 POINTS)

Alaska Sections strives to provide a variety of presentations during regular luncheons, including planners, economists, public sector (Municipality of Anchorage and Department of Transportation) and Private sector. Students are always provided a free lunch for attending the meetings.

TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (5 POINTS)

Other than presentations during regular luncheons, the ITE Alaska Section did not provide any specific training opportunity in 2019.

FIELD TRIPS/TECHNICAL TOURS (5 POINTS)

ITE Alaska Active Transportation Committee hosted a **Walk/Ride Discussion** on a route featuring some difficult places to walk in Midtown, as well as some recently improved sections. The route included sidewalks, separated pathways, and bike lanes on both DOT and MOA roads. Attendees included ITE members and representatives from various local agencies and advocacy groups.

This discussion group walked adjacent to proposed improvements on W 32nd/ E 33rd Ave, bike lanes on Arctic Boulevard, ADA improvements on Northern Lights Boulevard, road diet and bike lanes on Spenard

Road, and Benson Boulevard separated pathway. Discussion included winter maintenance, walkability, and various design elements.

SERVICE PROJECTS (5 POINTS)

Date: 12-10-2019 Location: BP Energy Center

Event: Food Bank of Alaska Fundraiser (at our monthly meeting) ITE matches up to \$200 in donations.

FUNDING SUPPORT (5 POINTS)

The objective of the Fundraising Committee is to plan, organize, and administrate the Beer & Wine Tasting Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser event normally held at the beginning of November. The Fundraising Committee was formed in June 2012.



Beer & Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser Volunteers

Fundraising Activities:

Date: 11-09-2019 Location: Alaska Zoo Attendance: 120±

Event: Beer & Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser



LEADERSHIPITE (5 POINTS)

N/A for 2019

ADVOCACY (5 POINTS)

Alaska Professional Design Council

ITE Alaska Section supports, financially and through volunteer efforts, the Alaska Professional Design Council (APDC), a non-profit umbrella organization that provides a forum to coordinate and complement the efforts of its member societies, especially in areas of public policy and education. APDC, which represents 13 local/state chapters of design and surveying organizations including the ITE Alaska Section, maintains close contact with the state Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors (AELS Board), monitors legislation in Juneau, and works with other agencies and organizations in Alaska to weigh in on issues affecting professional practice.

In early February, APDC held its annual legislative fly-in to Juneau. Over 25 professional and engineering students attended the fly-in where we met with the governor's office, the commissioner of DOT, and over 30 of our legislators through individual meetings. We presented a position paper in support of a sustainable capital budget, adequate funding for maintenance and operations, STEM education programs from K-12 through the university system, and adequate travel allowance for the AELS Board. In addition, APDC, through the generous support of its members (including ITE), held a lunch-and-learn to present the ASCE Alaska Infrastructure Report card. Over 70 legislators, staff, and guests attended the lunch and learn.