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## President's Message

*By Neelam Dorman, T.E., ITE Western District President*

The Western District Annual Meeting is fast approaching (<https://www.westernite.org/annualmeeting/>). The draft technical program is up on the website and early registration ends May 1<sup>st</sup>. Come early and bring your family to run the MiteY Race and enjoy Family Night at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Western District elections are also underway. My February E-News President's Message included details on our election changes due to the re-structuring of the Western District. Ballots for Western District elections will be sent out in mid-May and our incoming officers will be installed at the Western District Annual Meeting in Monterey.

The Western District Annual awards deadlines are also fast approaching. Please check out website for details on each award and deadlines for submission (<https://westernite.org/annual-meetings/awards/>). We have retired the Career Guidance Committee's Employer Recognition Award and replaced it with a Mentor Award. The award recognizes professionals that provide exceptional support and guidance to young professionals in technical training, ITE activity, and professional development. Many of us are where we are in our careers and in ITE because of those incredible members. We hope this award will allow us to recognize the individuals who spend their valuable time with our young professionals to help them achieve their goals.

The Western District One ITE Task Force has been working on a Transition Plan to address the establishment of the redefined Western District and the Mountain District as directed by the International Board of Direction (IBOD). After months of coordination with the leadership from the future Mountain District, we are happy to share the Western District Proposal for Transition with our members was approved by the District Board in January. The Transition Plan covers District governance and distribution of Western District assets. An email was sent out to the redefined Western District members regarding the plan and the Transition Plan has been posted to the Western District website. The Mountain District is preparing a companion document that will be shared with their members. The Task Force will continue to work on transition issues for the redefined Western District as this transition proposal advances to the IBOD in April for them to act upon at their May 2019 meeting in New Haven, Connecticut, during the Northeastern District Annual Meeting.

# Mid-year Board Meeting Highlights

*Giancarlo Ganddini, TE, PTP, ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer*

On January 25th, 2019, Western District Board members, committee chairs, section leaders, and guests met in Oakland, CA for the 2019 Western District Mid-Year Board Meeting.

**President Neelam Dorman** discussed LeadershipITE support, Section/Chapter visits, OneITE Task Force, District Transition workshop, and draft transition plan.

**Vice President Paul Barricklow** reported on the travel budgets and closing of the 2017-2018 fiscal year records. There were no apparent abnormalities, the dues income increased, and the reserves account currently exceeds the target of 1.5 times annual expenditures.

**Secretary-Treasurer Giancarlo Ganddini** provided the 2018-2019 Financial Report. All income, expenditures, assets, and endowment balances are in line with the budget expectations.

**Past President Mark Spencer** reported that the call for Lifetime Achievement

Award nominations was conducted successfully; no nominations were received for the Individual Achievement Award.

The three International Directors, **Karen Aspelin, Carlos Ortiz, and Cathy Leong**, provided summaries of their recent activities. Key topics included updates on planning for the International meeting and nominations for Western District elections.

**International Vice President Randy McCourt** discussed the impetus for OneITE, clarified Chapter and Section distinctions, and Mobility as a Service.

**District Administrator Dalene J. Whitlock** discussed current efforts related to District re-chartering and draft by-laws.

Committee updates were given by **WesternITE Managing Editor Erica Jensen, Advertising Manager Robert Sweeting, Website Manager Cameron Shew, Technical Chair Amit Kothari, Membership Chair Joe De La Garza, Legislative**

**Chair Tom Mericle, Vendor Chair Janna McKhann, Student & Faculty Initiatives Chair Danielle Scharf, Student Endowment Chair Kimberly Leung, and LAC Task Force Chair Cathy Leong.** Committee highlights include: student membership is highest it has been in the past six years and a new LAC Manual has been prepared. Cathy Leong presented a draft promotional video on behalf of Public Relations Chair Paul Stanis and Neelam Dorman reported on behalf of Career Guidance Chair Joshua McNeill.

Meeting updates were provided by the LAC Chairs for their respective Annual Meeting. Committee Chair re-structuring resulted in the following new appointments: Student Funding & Initiatives Chair Kimberly Leung and District LAC Chair Cathy Leong.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the 2019 Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA, on Sunday, June 23, 2019.

## Annual Meeting Updates - Monterey, CA, June 23-26

*By Kimberly Leung and Justin Link, LAC Co-Chairs*

The 2019 ITE Western District Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) looks forward to hosting all of you at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa on Del Monte Golf Course this June 23-26! Over 150 abstracts were submitted for this year's technical program and the final program, focused on "Harbouring the Future of Transportation", is now available on the meeting website. Mr. Stanley Roberts was recently announced as the meeting's Kickoff Luncheon speaker. Mr. Roberts is an award-winning photojournalist, famous for his TV news segment "People Behaving Badly", wherein he would expose "individuals who brazenly defy the law or common courtesy, risking social and/or legal consequences." Keep an eye on the website as an announcement for the Keynote Speaker will be coming shortly! And don't forget that Family Night will be held at the World-Famous Monterey Bay Aquarium. Located at the ocean's edge, the Aquarium is a window to marine life and is home to sea otters, penguins, sharks, jellies, and thousands of other marine animals and plants. The Western District will have exclusive use of the Aquarium for Family Night, so it'll be a memorable event that you do not want to miss!

Be sure to register and book your conference rooms before May 1 to ensure early bird registration rates. More information about the Annual Meeting is available at [www.westernite.org/annualmeeting/](http://www.westernite.org/annualmeeting/). See you all in Monterey!



# Western District Officer Elections

The Western District One ITE Task Force (WD Task Force) has been working over the past few months to address transition issues for the remaining Western District as we prepare for the establishment of the Rocky Mountain District. One of the most immediate issues that has arisen over the past few months has been the upcoming 2019 District elections. To address this issue, the District Board sent out an open call for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer and International Director. We accepted nominations for both positions regardless of where the candidates resided. The International Board provided direction to the Western District in May in anticipation of the creation of a new Rocky Mountain District. In response to this, the Western District Board chose at our Mid-Year Meeting to only select candidates for Secretary-Treasurer from Sections that are anticipated to remain within the Western District to facilitate the transition of officers between the Western and Rocky Mountain Districts. No election for a Western District International Director will occur to preserve a slot for a new Rocky Mountain District International Director as two of the current standing International Directors are from states that would remain within the Western District (Carlos Ortiz and Cathy Leong).

Another consequence of the anticipated redistricting is that the current Vice President (Paul Barricklow) is anticipated to be one of the officers who will be transitioning to the new Rocky Mountain District based on his state of residency. As such, considering the necessary experience and District knowledge that a Presidential candidate should have, the Board has asked Neelam Dorman to run for a second presidential term. Mark Spencer will remain as Past President and Giancarlo Ganddini will be the candidate for Vice President.

In addition, the District Board elected to put forth only one candidate for Secretary-Treasurer for the 2019 elections. The Board is acutely aware of the challenges associated with the upcoming transition year and sought out candidates with recent leadership experience on the District level. The candidate that the Western District Board has selected for this year's election has been a Section Leader, LAC Chair, and a District Committee Chair for several terms. His attendance at District Board Meetings over the years has given him a good foundation in District policies and procedures, and a keen understanding of the One ITE initiative and the District's transition issues. Information regarding the Rocky Mountain elections will be shared with affected members at a later date.

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The following are the 2019 Western District candidates for office for your consideration. All members are encouraged to vote. 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 online; voting opens May 22 and online voting will close June 24 at midnight. If you are a voting member of ITE and have a valid email address on file with ITE Headquarters as of May 1, you will receive an email message with instructions on how to vote electronically. Please note that ballots for the upcoming election will only be sent to members from Sections within the remaining Western District. If you do not receive an email notification on May 22, please check your spam filter or contact the District Administrator, Dalene Whitlock at [dwhitlock@w-trans.com](mailto:dwhitlock@w-trans.com).

Members wishing to vote by paper ballot can request them from Dalene via phone (707) 542-9500, email, or by regular mail to: Dalene J. Whitlock; c/o W-Trans; 490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 201; Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

Paper ballot requests must be received no later than June 3 and completed ballots returned to the District Administrator no later than June 19. Completed ballots may also be returned in person at the Annual Business Meeting on June 25.

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 on the Western District the past three years. It has been an eventful year for our District and I am thankful for the trust put in me by the leadership to give me another opportunity to serve the District as President. I ask for your trust and support again as we continue to work through the transition process. In serving as a District officer, I've learned a lot about our District and about our dedicated members. This past year as President has also taught me how much we all value this organization and how hard we are all willing to work for its success.

My goals for this past year focused on improved communication, which I am happy to say we have made progress with, having met with every Section and Chapter. We are currently working with a social media consultant to improve our communication through our social media platforms. We have begun work on the changes needed to our operations to ensure financial viability and this will be a focus for me in the coming year. We will be busy this coming year with the transition process, but I do still hope to foster more programs targeted to our younger professionals. It is not an effort I have been able to devote time to this past year and hope that having a second term as President will allow me the ability to focus on this goal.

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 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 for the 2019-2020 year.

## *Candidate for Vice-President:*

Giancarlo Ganddini,  
T.E., PTP



It has been a privilege to serve the Western District as Secretary/Treasurer this past year and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving as Vice President. The coming year presents the District with new challenges and I ask for your support in continuing to serve alongside an incredible team of leaders, so that I may contribute my part in steering the Western District towards a future of continued success.

My goal as Vice President is to serve dutifully by committing myself as necessary to addressing the needs of the Western District, especially in relation to OneITE. I believe implementation of OneITE presents an opportunity to increase member experience, value, and satisfaction, so long as we maintain focus on the District's Strategic Goals of supporting Student Initiatives, Career Development, Technical Excellence, Social/Networking, and Promoting the Profession.

I am the Principal/Owner of Ganddini Group, Inc., a transportation and environmental planning firm with its headquarters in Santa Ana, California. My professional experience as a small business owner complements my volunteer leadership experience with ITE. My ITE experience began as a team 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. I am a representative for ITE SoCal on the California SB 743 Task Force and Technical Program co-Chair for the 2020 Western District Annual Meeting.

As a Section Board member, I initiated a mini-job fair in conjunction with our Student Presentation Night. I have been a guest speaker at student chapter meetings, served on the judges panel for the Section Student Traffic Bowl, and have 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.

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

*Candidate  
for Secretary-  
Treasurer:*

Joe De La Garza, PE



When I was studying civil engineering as an undergraduate, I was drawn to the concepts and ideas of traffic engineering, and decided to devote my professional career to transportation. Many years later, as a Senior Engineer at WSP USA, Inc., I still find myself excited and interested in transportation and continue to find new ways to plan, design, and ultimately make communities better.

ITE continues to be the largest international transportation-focused professional organization. It is with ITE that many of us have found both professional satisfaction and personal enjoyment from sharing diverse technical information, meeting people and sharing ideas, and creating personal relationships that make us all better people. I have been actively involved in ITE for over 25 years and can say that the benefits I have received greatly outweigh the time that I have devoted. I think everyone who is involved with ITE can say the same thing and I am truly honored to have been nominated by my home section of San Diego as a candidate for Secretary-Treasurer and am grateful to the Western District Board's confidence in me. Following in the footsteps of some amazing Board members, that continue to be mentors to me, is a responsibility that I do not take lightly.

I have been involved with ITE at many levels and I have a good understanding of the roles and responsibilities and believe this has provided me the "education" to contribute to the District. The District is going through a transition that has been challenging to understand at times and difficult to process at others. Needless to say, the ITE Western District and ITE International leadership have been working hard to make the transition work for everyone as well as allay everyone's anxiety over the change. I hope to be part of this transition and believe my involvement as a committee chair for the District for the past 8 years has given me insight into the changes and will allow me to provide leadership and direction as we move forward. Some things will change, but many others will stay the same and there will inevitably be new opportunities that arise. The Western District will be poised to take advantage and provide the membership great things in the years to come. We are all volunteers in this organization and committed to make it a great organization to be a part of! Keep volunteering and I look forward to your vote!

## Committee Updates

### Career Guidance Committee

*By Josh McNeill, PE, TE, Committee Chair*

The Western District ITE Career Guidance Committee is continuing to foster the development of young professional in transportation engineering or planning during our annual meetings. In past years we have undertaken this effort by recognizing young professionals and employers and providing workshops to assist people in job searches and career growth early in their career. We have received great feedback with our efforts thus far, but are always looking for ways to improve.

One opportunity for improvement is the way that we recognize the people who have continued to help young professionals grow. The employer recognition award has recognized companies for mentorship programs, technical training, and advocating ITE participation. However, judging this award has proven to be difficult when organizations of different sizes or makeup compete. We did notice that the motivation for submitting nominations usually came from specific mentors. As such we have decided to replace the Employer Recognition award with the Mentor Award. This will give young professionals a chance to recognize those individuals that have helped them carve a path in the transportation, engineering, or planning industry.

You can find more information about the Mentor Award, the Young Professional Achievement Award, and the Best Paper by a Young Professional at our [website](#). Please note the award submission deadlines below and contact Joshua McNeill if you have any questions ([jmccneill@iteris.com](mailto:jmccneill@iteris.com)).

Career Guidance Award Deadlines	
Award	Deadline
Young Professional Achievement Award	March 21, 2019
Mentor Award	April 15, 2019
Best Paper by a Young Professional	April 15, 2019

## District Local Arrangements Committee (LAC)

By Cathy Leong, PE Committee Chair

Planning for the upcoming 2019 Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA (June 23-26, 2019) is well underway with their technical program anticipated to be published in early March. The District now has a permanent Annual Meeting website ([www.westernite.org/annualmeeting](http://www.westernite.org/annualmeeting)) that members can visit each year. Registration for the meeting is already open and hotel rooms are going fast. The LACs for 2020 (Hawaii), 2021 (Portland), and 2022 (Palm Springs) are continuing planning for their respective meetings with the assistance of the District LAC Committee (formerly known as the LAC Task Force). With the pending redistricting efforts by ITE International, those meetings are expected to be joint meetings with the new District, with International also joining us in 2021. In addition, the new District is expected to take the lead in planning a joint meeting in 2023 (Boise).

To help future local LACs, the District LAC Committee has been tasked with developing a new approach and procedures for how Annual Meetings are located and planned. The intent of these changes would be to provide more support for our local committees with hotel negotiations, preliminary budgeting, vendors, sponsors, and technical programming. Over the next month or so, the District LAC Committee will be meeting with each of the Sections remaining within the Western District to review these planned changes. We hope that the result of these conversations is a renewed commitment to bring our members technically excellent and family-friendly meetings like the ones we have enjoyed over the years.

## Public Relations Committee

By Paul Stanis, Committee Chair

The Public Relations Chair and the Westernite Managing Editor submitted a report to ITE International in spring 2018 for the 2018 District/Section Communications Award. The Committee is pleased to report that the Western District's report won second place at the 2018 Joint International and Midwestern/Great Lakes Districts Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Minneapolis last August. Special thanks to **Erica Jensen**, **Cathy Leong**, and **Mark Spencer** for their assistance.

Please welcome **Krista Purser** as the newest member of the

Public Relations Committee! Krista is an Engineering Associate at Kittleson & Associates in Portland and will be leading our social media efforts on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

## Student Funding & Initiatives Committee

By Kimberly Leung, PE, TE, Committee Chair

This spring, a new transition began with the District's Student Funding and Initiatives Committee. As a result of upcoming changes associated with the OneITE Initiative, the Student and Faculty Initiatives Committee and the Student Endowment Fund Committee have been combined to form the new Student Funding & Initiatives Committee that will be chaired by Kimberly Leung. Former Student Faculty Initiatives Committee Chair **Danielle Scharf** and former Student Endowment Fund Chair **Kimberly Leung** will be working closely together between now and the Annual Meeting in Monterey to fully transition duties.

### Future Meetings:

- 2020 Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2021 Portland, Oregon (joint with ITE International)
- 2022 Palm Springs, California

The bimonthly Student Endowment Fund spotlights continue to run on the website. You can hear directly from the students from San Jose State University, UC Irvine, and Oregon State University about the impact that ITE has had on their college experiences at [westernite.org/endowment-fund](http://westernite.org/endowment-fund).

## Technical Committee

By Amit Kothari, Committee Chair

The Technical Committee engages members with various technical activities by disseminating 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, the 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 ITE activities, including attendance at the District's Annual Meeting. In response to a Request for Proposals, the Committee received and reviewed 10 proposals and selected six winners for the 2019 Program. This year's winners are **University of Washington**, **University of California (Los Angeles)**,

**Brigham Young University, CalPoly (San Luis Obispo), Northern Arizona University, and University of Nevada.** 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.

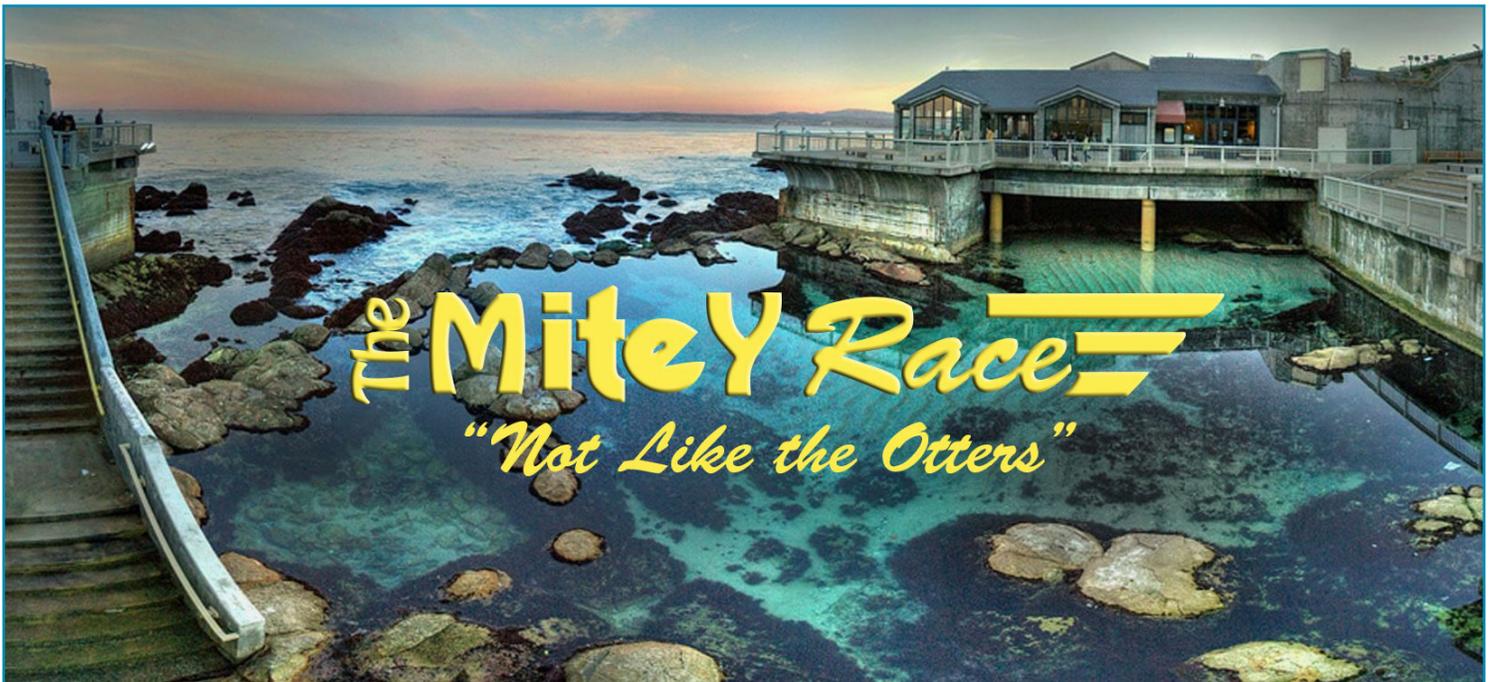
**Wayne T. and Patricia Van Wagoner Award** – This award recognizes the best technical paper published in the ITE Journal during the prior calendar year, authored by a member from the Western District. Currently, the Technical Committee is reviewing all eligible papers from the 2018 ITE Journals. The winner will be recognized at the Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA in June 2019.

*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](mailto:AMITONEKOTHARI@GMAIL.COM). Students are encouraged to participate as well.*

**Annual Meeting - Best Paper Award** – The Committee is working with the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for the June 2019 Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA. In May, the LAC will forward approximately eight technical papers accepted for presentation at the Monterey 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. The Committee will also identify Best Papers authored by a student and a Young Professional. Winners in all three categories will be recognized at the Wednesday States Luncheon on June 26, 2019.

## MiteY Race Update



Join us in Monterey, CA on June 22nd from 3-5 PM for the next installment of the MiteY Race. This year's MiteY race is presented in conjunction with the 2019 Western District Annual Meeting as a fundraiser for the Richard T. Romer Student Endowment Fund.

The MiteY Race is modeled after the hit television series "The Amazing Race" with teams following clues and completing challenging but fun tasks. Since our inaugural race in 2010, teams have raced around San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Phoenix, Rapid City, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, and San Diego, and last year explored Keystone.

This year's MiteY Race is themed "Not Like the Otters" and is again being held on the Saturday preceding the Annual Meeting. This year, student and family/friends teams will complete race tasks around the Hyatt Regency Monterey. Registration is open for the upcoming race at <http://westernite.org/endowment-fund/mitey-race-2019/>. Sign up today and stay tuned to our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/TheMiteYRace](http://www.facebook.com/TheMiteYRace)) for photo clues.

## Section and Chapter Updates

### Alaska Section

by Jared Travis, Secretary/Treasurer

The Alaska Section has remained busy since fall. Monthly luncheon presentations included:

- Working Near the Railroad (by Alaska Railroad Corporation)
- Fairbanks Area Signal Upgrades (by Lounsbury & Associates)
- Sterling Highway Rehabilitation and Passing Lanes Project (by AK DOT&PF and DOWL)
- Earthquake Response (by AK DOT&PF)
- Airport Way/Steese Expressway Interchange Project (by HDR).

Our annual silent auction fundraiser was a resounding success thanks to chief coordinator **Morgan Welch** from R&M Consultants. The Alaska Section provided a total of \$7,000 in scholarships split among UAA students **Ryane Schrank, Jae Ham, Ashley Andrews, Renee Newman, and Wenshi Frasier** (congratulations, students!), as well as \$250 to Food Bank of Alaska.

The Alaska Section's Active Transportation Committee has been enjoying the winter with activities such as February's Lunch Walk in Midtown, which highlighted some of the difficulties encountered by pedestrians in winter conditions and prompted creative discussion, coordination, and cooperation between members of local firms, agencies, and advocacy groups.



*A February Lunch Walk in Alaska demonstrates the difficulties pedestrians encounter in winter conditions.*

The Alaska Section Committee on Autonomous Vehicles has been in communication with the City of Las Vegas and NDOT learning from their experiences with an Autonomous Shuttle Bus. And finally, congratulations to CRW's **Erica Jensen** for being nominated as ITE's candidate for the Engineer of the Year award, which is presented as part of the Anchorage Engineers Week Engineering Excellence Award!

### Colorado/Wyoming Section

by Devlin Joslin, Scribe

At the September meeting, **Duane Cleere** (President), **Susi Marlina** (Vice President), **Brian Staley** (Secretary-Treasurer), and **Lou Davenport** (Past President) were sworn in as the Section's officers, and **Lou Davenport** was presented with the Past President's Award. More than 100 people attended the meeting, which included a presentation from **Allie Axley** about CDOT's new Traffic Analysis and Forecasting Guidelines.

The University of Wyoming Student Chapter graciously hosted our November Section meeting at the school; this provided students an opportunity to share their projects, show off their state-of-the-art driving simulator, and compete against professionals in a Traffic Bowl style competition. For the technical presentation, the Wyoming Department of Transportation, TriHydro, and the University of Wyoming spoke about connected vehicle applications that Wyoming has chosen to implement and deploy to address winter driving conditions along the I-80 corridor.

Two meetings were held in December. One in Glenwood Springs and the other in Denver. At the Denver meeting, the Scholarship and Career Guidance Committee presented a record-setting \$10,400 in scholarships to seven students representing five universities. The recipients were selected from a pool of 23 applicants. In addition, the Section's Highest Honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to **Doug Eberhart**, a Senior Environmental Planner at Wilson & Company in Colorado Springs.

The annual Vendor Show was held on January 18. Despite less than ideal weather, the event was a tremendous success, with over 233 attendees and 38 vendors. The show raised over \$11,000.

In terms of social activities, the Section held two joint happy hours in Colorado Springs with WTS, ASCE, APA and SAME. In February, our Section joined the WTS Colorado Chapter for

an epic day on the slopes in Breckenridge. Attendees enjoyed camaraderie on the bus up to the resort and also received a custom ITE/WTS neck gaiter.



*ITE and WTS members enjoy an epic day on the slopes in Breckenridge.*

## Idaho Chapter

*by Brett Kohring,*

The Idaho ITE Chapter has been very busy the last few months with an increase in attendance at our monthly meetings, socials, and scholarship drives. At our monthly lunch presentations, our attendance has averaged over 35 members this year, with our most recent meeting having over 55 people attend! With the increase in attendance, we've added an additional meeting to our monthly luncheon schedule.

Our chapter also partners with other organizations to create networking events for our membership. In December, we hosted a joint holiday social with the local ASCE, ISPE, and WTS chapters which proved quite successful. In total there were over 100 attendees and a total of 474 pounds of food was donated to the Idaho Food Bank. We also partnered with our local ASCE Young Members Forum to attend a hockey game.

Looking ahead, we are beginning our fundraising drive for our Student Scholarship Fund, with one of our members pledging to match individuals' donations up to \$1,000. With big changes coming to ITE with the One ITE initiative, several of our members volunteered to work with the One ITE task force to ensure changes are implemented smoothly. Our final event of our activity year will be an Idaho Chapter social at the annual Intermountain Section meeting in Jackson, Wyoming.

## Montana Chapter

*by Dillon McLain*

The Chapter held their year end meeting in November 2018 in conjunction with the Montana Joint Engineers Conference. We will be holding our Annual Business Meeting during the first part of April where we will be electing the new officers and also allocating our yearly contributions.

The chapter will be hosting a PDH eligible webinar sometime in April as well. Some of us are gearing up for the Intermountain Section meeting in Jackson in May.

## Nevada Chapter

*by Baillie (Sproul) Keach, Secretary/ Treasurer*

The Nevada Chapter held the following meetings during the Fall and Winter Seasons with an average of 29 attendees:

- September 2018: **Cathy Leong** P.E. Western District ID Elect made a presentation on the Western District OneITE Initiative.
- November 2018: **Noam Maital** CEO of Waycare gave us a presentation on artificial intelligence driven mobility solutions for smart cities.
- January 2019: We used the ITE Learning Hub to watch a webinar on Lagging Left-Turn Arrow Safety & Operations.
- February 2019: **John R Peñuelas Jr.** PE PTOE gave a presentation on using technology to locate active lane closures.

The Nevada Chapter's November meeting was a joint meeting with the Nevada Chapter of ITS. That meeting was a great success with over 53 attendees.

On October 30 & 31, 2018, the ITE Nevada Chapter co-sponsored the Fall Transportation Conference with ITS Nevada, the ASCE Southern Nevada Branch, the UNLV College of Engineering, and the WTS Nevada Chapter. About 225 professionals, technicians, and students were in attendance, which featured one and a half days of technical presentations, vendor exhibits, and a student paper competition.

## Oregon Section

by Molly McCormick, Scribe

The current officers are: **Mark Haines** (Past President), **Patrick Marnell** (President), **Julie Kentosh** (Vice President), **Maggie Lin** (Treasurer). Recent meetings include:

- October Luncheon: Sullivan’s Crossing Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge. A planned new bicycle and pedestrian bridge in the city of Portland across Interstate 84 and the Union Pacific Railroad at NE 7th Avenue with construction slated for 2020 was presented by **Dan Layden** (PBOT), **Craig Totten** (KPF), **Trent Thelen** (ZGF), **John Breshears** (a2), and **Yi-Min Ha** (Kittelsohn & Associates).
- January Luncheon: Vision Zero. This luncheon was a panel of speakers covering state-, county-, and city-level efforts on Vision Zero in Oregon. Presenters included: **Tiana Tozer** (ODOT), **Rob Sadowsky** (Clackamas County), and **Clay Veka** (PBOT).

Other notable events include the 27th Annual Bill Kloos Traffic Bowl, held November 15<sup>th</sup>. Over 120 transportation students and professionals came together to enjoy dinner and conversation while watching teams from the Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Portland, and University of Washington compete for \$1,800 in prizes, the coveted push-button trophy, and oversized novelty checks denoting their winnings. At the end of the night, **Oregon State University’s** knowledge of the interstate system, the volume-to-capacity ratio, Vision Zero, highway design, and transportation-related dad jokes helped them win.



Oregon Section’s Annual Traffic Bowl held at the Portland DoubleTree Hotel

The annual Oregon ITE Winter Workshop occurred in March 2019. The day included sessions on projects, updates on local shared mobility programs, and walking tours in downtown Portland.

The Oregon Section organizes networking events every quarter, including Golf for People Who Don’t Golf and happy hours.

The Oregon Section also conducted outreach at Portland State

University and offered student tours, partnered with Portland Metro STEM for their Teacher Externship Program, and created a new Sustainability Subcommittee.

## Riverside San Bernardino Section

by Bowen Yang & Trisha Munoz, Scribes

The February meeting took place at the Old Spaghetti Factory, in Rancho Cucamonga. **Cameron Brown**, a Senior Planner from San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBC-TA), provided insight on the San Bernardino County Transportation Model, the functions of SBCTA, key components of Planning, and the San Bernardino County Transportation Analysis Model (SBTAM).

Our next meeting will be the 36th Annual RSBITE Golf Tournament March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## San Diego Section

by Phuong Nguyen, Secretary

The 2019 Officers were sworn in at the November meeting: **Teala Cotter** (President), **Mohammad Amin** (Vice President), **Karen Jewel** (Treasurer), and Secretary **Phuong Nguyen** (Secretary). Additionally, awards presented included:

- President **Ali Shahzad** was presented with an award for his service for the year, working hard to keep the programs on track and presiding in, as always, a calm and collected manner!
- **Mario Flores** is our Young Transportation Professional of the Year
- The City of Carlsbad won Technical Paper of the Year
- Caltrans I-5 Genesee Ave. Interchange Reconstruction won Project of the Year
- City of Chula Vista was named Public Agency of the Year

Past meetings include:

- December 2018 – holiday party at Stone Brewery.
- January 2019 - our first meeting to kick off 2019 was well attended and included a presentation by **Doug Bilse** from the City of Carlsbad on “A Brave New Multimodal World and How to Analyze It.”



*San Diego Section January meeting*

- February 2019 - our second meeting of 2019 was well attended with 70 attendees on a day where it was raining cats and dogs. The luncheon topic was SR-11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry, presented by **Mario Orso**, Caltrans District 11 Trade Corridor Director.

Upcoming meetings include a joint workshop and luncheon with the SoCal and San Bernardino Sections, a social mixer, our annual golf tournament, and regular monthly meetings.

ITE San Diego Section is proud to support the ITE SDSU Student Chapter and actively relays opportunities to the student chapter. Some of the notable activities of the student chapter include a trip generation workshop by **Jorge Cuyatch**, receipt of \$1,000 donation, and volunteering at the ITE Holiday Party.

**Leonardo Flores** led the effort to host an ITE booth at the ASCE\_YMF Engineering Day (E-Day) at the mall on February 23, 2019. This is an opportunity for ITE to show local families what STEM, and specifically traffic engineering is all about through learning activities and prizes.

## *Southern California Section*

*by Sowmya Chandrasekhar, Section Vice President*

The ITE-SoCal Section continued to actively engage our professional community through meetings, and supporting our local student chapters. Between the months of October 2018 and March 2019, we held five monthly meetings, including joint meetings with other professional organizations and an annual student traffic bowl in February. In addition, the section also hosted the Annual Holiday Mixer in December.

A quick summary of the events between October 2018 and March 2019 is as follows:

- October 2018 – Joint Meeting with Orange County Traffic Engineers Council (OCTEC): “Flashing Yellow Arrows and the Virtual Yellow Trap” presented by **Walter Okitsu**
- November 2018 – Joint Meeting with Riverside San Bernardino ITE (RSBITE): “Safety Liability and the MUTCD in a Changing World” presented by **Rock Miller**
- December 2018 – Joint Annual Holiday Mixer with OCTEC and RSBITE
- January 2019 – Joint Meeting with City Traffic Engineers (CTE): “Urban Mobility in a Digital Age” presented by **Jay Kim**
- February 2019 – Joint Meeting with Central Coast ITE Section – “Santa Monica Adapting to Ever-Changing Mobility Solutions – A Scooter Share Story” presented by **Jay Dinkins & Kyle Kozar**
- February 2019 – Annual Student Traffic Bowl hosted at Cal Poly Pomona with six student chapters in attendance (USC, UCLA, UC Irvine, CSU Long Beach, Cal Poly Pomona, and CSU Fullerton). Winner – **USC!**
- March 2019 – Joint Workshop with RSBTE and ITE-San Diego: “Planning and Deploying Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Projects” presented by **Ed Alegre, Ellison Alegre, Morteza Fahrtash, Farid Nowshiravan, Vassili Alexiadis, Nick Compin, and Joe Butler**

The section also participated in the STEM Outreach Competition. Section member, **Ruben Hovanesian**, held an outreach event at the East Los Angeles Renaissance Academy, which is specialized with a focus in urban planning and design. We went to five math classes and interacted with over 160 students with a presentation that covered the topics of Civil Engineering in general, Transportation Engineering and the movement of people and goods (with tie ins to the physics and math formulas they were currently learning about to make it relevant, to the pleasure of the teachers), college life, and dispelling some myths and false stereotypes regarding the field. We hope to include more ITE members in these events in the future, and have an even stronger STEM presence next year.



*Southern California Holiday Mixer*

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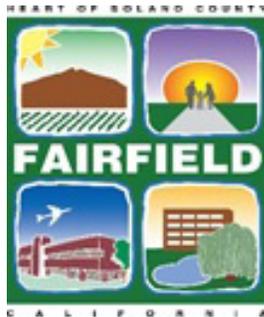
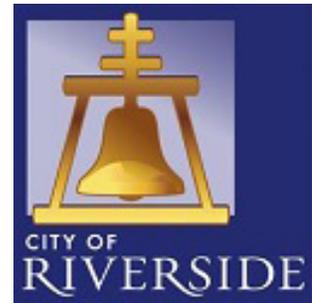


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