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President’s Message

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

Hello ITE Western District members!

The Western District Board kicked off 2023 with our Winter Board Meeting in Oakland, California. We heard updates from our Officers, Section Representatives, and Committee Chairs; reviewed nominations for candidates and awards; planned for the upcoming and future Annual Meetings; and discussed initiatives for this year. Some highlights include:

- A new roster of Section Representatives joined the District Board: Bradly Coy (Alaska), Bryan Igarta (Central California), Tom Mericle (Central Coast), Jasmine Teramae-Kae-huaea (Hawaii), Chris Gregerson (Northern California), Carl Olson (Oregon), Steve Latino (Riverside-San Bernardino), Joe Schultz (San Diego), Tony Henderson (San Francisco Bay Area), Dina Saleh (Southern California), and Darcy Akers (Washington).
- Five of our Committee Chairs were appointed for new and extended terms: Jeanne Acutanza – Technical, Kayla Fleskes-Lane – Student Funding and Initiatives, Giancarlo Ganddini – Public Relations, Cathy Leong – District LAC, and Ryan Zellers – WesternITE Advertising Manager.
- The spring 2023 WesternITE will be our final printed version; electronic copies of the WesternITE will continue to be distributed twice a year. The monthly e-news will also continue to be sent to your inboxes. The District is also expanding our WesternITE Editorial Committee to continue

maintaining a high level of communication with all of our members.

- ITE International currently has a Planner Initiative encouraging transportation planning professionals to join ITE. ITE is a community of transportation professionals, and engagement and collaboration between planners and engineers is critical for the work that we all do.

The first part of this year was filled with several student events. 12 schools competed in this year’s virtual 2023 Western District Traffic Bowl, and Oregon State University was crowned the champion and will be competing at the Collegiate Traffic Bowl Grand Championship in Portland this summer. Additionally, the USC, UC Irvine, and Cal State Fullerton student chapters co-hosted a very successful Western District Student Leadership Summit. Over 120 students representing 14 student chapters met in-person in Southern California for a weekend filled with networking opportunities, resume reviews, mock interviews, and presentations and panel discussions with professionals.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 Joint International and Western District Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon from August 13th-16th. Registration and hotel reservations are now available on the ITE Annual Meeting website. Even though this will be a joint meeting, there will still be plenty of District-oriented events, including Family Night and our Annual Business Meeting. For students, we will still be holding the Kell Competition, MiteY Race, Career Guidance Session, and Student Awards Session & Young Member Social. Please continue to check the website for updates!

Winter Board Meeting Highlights

By Pat Marnell, ITE Western District Secretary-Treasurer

This year's Winter Board Meeting was held on Friday, January 27th at the Cal State East Bay Oakland Center in beautiful downtown Oakland. Board members, committee chairs, and sections representatives gathered, in-person and virtually, to conduct the sections' business.

President Kimberly Leung kicked off the meeting with a discussion about the WesternITE Newsletter and Student Leadership Summit. Vice President Doug Smith detailed the Western District's financial accounting for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Secretary-Treasurer Patrick Marnell shared that an initial Exchange of Records meeting was completed although a follow up meeting will be needed to complete the transfer of all accounting records.

Past President Joe De La Garza presented the nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award and Individual Achievement Award. The two International Directors, Neelam Dorman and Mark Spencer, provided summaries of recent International Board of Director meetings. Updates were also given by: District Administrator Dalene Whitlock, WesternITE Managing Editor 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 Committee Chair Giancarlo Ganddini, and District LAC Committee Chair Cathy Leong.

Section updates were given by each Section Representative including: Alaska Section Proxy Rep. Matt Cogburn, Central California Section Rep. Bryan Igarta, Central Coast Section Rep. Tom Mericle, Hawaii Section Rep. Jasmine Teramae-Kaehuaea, Northern California Section Rep. Chris Gregerson, Oregon Section Rep. Carl Olson, RSBITE Acting President Steven Latino, San Diego Section Rep. Joe Shultz, San Francisco Bay Area Section Rep. Tony Henderson, Southern California Section Rep. Dina Saleh, and Washington Section Rep. Darcy Akers.

The Summer Board Meeting will be held at the 2023 Annual Meeting in Portland, OR on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

International Director's Report

By Mark Spencer and Neelam Dorman, Western District International Directors

The ITE International Board of Direction (IBOD) had its second meeting of the year virtually on March 6, 2023 to bridge the gap until the next in-person IBOD meeting in May. The Board received several updates:

- The Budget and Finance Committee completed its annual review of ITE's investments with investment advisor Cassaday. It recommended to the Board that a new Operations investment account be created and funded from excess revenues generated in 2022.
- The Transportation Planner initiative is progressing very well with over 700 new planning professionals having joined ITE. The Spring Conference focused on the collaboration between planners and engineers. Early registration for the conference was strong, and in total there were nearly 1,100 registrations.
- The all-member survey closed on March 10. Over 2,500 responses were received.
- The development of the next Strategic Plan (2024-2026) is well underway. An initial framework will be reviewed by the IBOD at its May meeting.

Other significant updates included:

- Two significant products were released in March – the new ITE TrafficWiki and a new edition of the Traffic Signal Maintenance Handbook. The ITE TrafficWiki is free for ITE members and replaces the ITE Traffic Engineering Handbook.
- Preparations for the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Portland, Oregon, August 13-16 continue to move forward smoothly. A record number of speakers have been invited. Registration is open (note that certain Western District events require a separate registration ITE Western District Annual Meeting).

The IBOD took several actions:

- Approved establishment of a new Operations reserve account.
- Approved changing the name of the Washington, DC section to the Chesapeake and Potomac Section.
- Rescinded charters for selected ITE chapters (including the Fairbanks and Inland Northwest Chapters) that were not transitioned to Sections or remained as chapter following the One ITE effort.

Mark your calendars!

Joint ITE International and Western District Annual Meeting is **August 13th-16th** in Portland Oregon.

Register now for Western District Events!

Western District Family Night

Date: Monday, August 14th, 6:30-10:00 PM

Location: Rose Quarter Commons – Main Amphitheater, adjacent to the Moda Center

Cost: \$35 members/\$65 guests

Western District Annual Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 15th, 10:00 AM-Noon

Location: Hyatt Regency Multnomah Room

Cost: Included with meeting registration

Western District Officer Elections

The election of Western District officers will open on July 11, 2023, and close at midnight on August 14. If you are a voting member of ITE and have a valid email address on file with ITE Headquarters as of June 1, you should receive an email message with instructions on how to vote electronically. If you do not receive an email notification on July 11, 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) 284-7738, 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 August 1 and completed ballots returned to the District Administrator no later than August 12. Completed ballots may also be returned in person at the Annual Business Meeting on August 15.

All members of the District are encouraged to vote. If you need help voting or have questions, please contact the District Administrator.

Candidate for International Board of Directors:

Peter Koonce, PE

I am grateful to be nominated as a candidate to serve the Western District on ITE's International Board of Directors. We are at a critical juncture and will need to



work together to insure that ITE continues to offer value to our members. I have been an active member of ITE ever since my first event, the Oregon ITE Traffic Bowl. As a past president of the Oregon Section and active with Western District events throughout my career. I have served as the Westernite Advertising Manager and the Local Arrangements Committee Chair for the 2007 meeting in Portland. That meeting was one of the most successful ever for the Western District and a highlight of my career. I have enjoyed working with colleagues across the Western U.S. and have been honored as a 2-time winner of the Van Wagoner Award. I have served on numerous technical panels and Committees for ITE including the controversial "Guidelines for Determining Traffic Signal Change and Clearance Intervals" document. The technical contributions of ITE members are vitally important to our standing in the world and I am committed to ensure that future work is of the highest quality.

My professional career has given me the opportunity to work in the public and private sector and to collaborate closely within research partners. I feel strongly that the connections within the profession are what makes our community great and if selected to represent you, I will work hard to make sure we can rely on ITE to publish high quality information. We have a lot of work to do to improve the inclusivity of this organization and I am excited to be part of the efforts to reduce barriers to those that are underrepresented. I will work to increase participation, improve our link between policies and practice, and to help us meet the transportation challenges of this era. Thank you very much for considering me for this role, I am excited for this new opportunity, if you have any questions feel free to reach me on Twitter @pkoonce or on LinkedIn.

WESTERNITE IS GOING GREEN!

This will be the LAST printed edition of the WesternITE biannual newsletter. Make sure you are on our email list and keep an eye on our website at www.westernite.org for future electronic newsletters.

Candidate for President:

Doug Smith, PE



Hello my name is Doug Smith and I want to thank all of our District membership for the honor of being your Vice President in 2023. Over the last two years I have had the pleasure to serve on the District board with a group of dedicated, professional ITE leaders and I can only tell you that this District is in great hands. I am excited to be the nominee for President of WesternITE. It seems like only a few months ago that I was running for Secretary-Treasurer and over the last two years I have had the opportunity to dive into the operation of the district and make a difference in our organization.. I believe my experience as Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President of the Western District and my involvement in the 2022 Palm Springs LAC has prepared me for the next step in WesternITE district office. While I have learned a great deal about the challenges of leading the District, it has also served to reinforce what I believe the vision of WesternITE is and should continue to be. I want to remind you of what my vision and goals were for my tenure on the board.

ENGAGEMENT: Develop plans and programs that will increase engagement and involvement of all sections and chapters within the Western District. We need to insure that our Sections are strong and providing members with the best possible experience;

INNOVATION: Improve and increase the virtual meetings and webinars available to our members to provide continuing education programs. We will continue to provide high quality and innovative multi-media meetings and conferences that can be attended in person or virtually. And we will focus on supporting the Sections in their activities;

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE: Provide technical content and technology sharing so that our members are the most capable in the industry. We must continue to attract and engage our young members and provide them with the opportunity to learn from the veterans of our industry;

COLLABORATION/MENTORING: Focus on improving our programs and providing young ITE members with mentoring to show them the benefits of ITE. Focus on strengthening our local Sections to be the strong local connection to ITE as a organization.

I would appreciate receiving your vote for President of Western District in the upcoming election.

Candidate for Vice President:

Pat Marnell, PE



I am writing to express my sincere interest in continuing to serve the district in 2024 as Vice-President. As the 2023 Secretary-Treasurer of ITE Western District, I have gained a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities in front of our organization, and I am confident that I possess the leadership skills and vision needed to help guide the organization over the coming years.

If elected as Vice-President, I will work tirelessly to continue building on our district's successes and ensuring that ITE Western District remains at the forefront of transportation education and professional development.

As Vice-President, I intend to focus on sustainable growth of our membership. To achieve this, I have identified the following three focus areas:

- Provide Excellent Technical Content,
- Convert Student Members into Professional Members, and
- Maintain an Engaging Member Experience.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as Vice-President of ITE Western District and look forward to working with all of you to advance our mission and goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pat Marnell

*Candidate
for Secretary-
Treasurer:*

Ryan Zellers, PE, TE



Hello out there to my extended ITE-family! I'm going to be straight to the point: Someone needs to steer this ship when the current crew leaves. I'm here to learn what is needed to take the helm and keep this boat in smooth waters. I think that my years in leadership in the San Diego Section, involvement with the 2016 Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee, and Western District Advertising Manager have prepared me to be on the District's Executive Board. My goals may not promise monumental change, but instead help make any course corrections that might be needed. Making ITE more accessible to all of our community with an emphasis on diversity and inclusion is something I'm passionate about. Getting the word out to more people and weaving in content that talks about improving our professional life as well as technical topics might bring more depth to our industry. I'd also like to see more involvement from our younger members by encouraging them to shadow current chairs and officers. Volunteering for ITE isn't as difficult when you have someone guiding you on how to be successful – and it's contagious. I would like to see a new wave of upcoming members gaining leadership roles and maybe soon being a part of this very board. Let's make that happen!

In the end, I want to make being a part of ITE useful for all of your careers and an enjoyable experience that you want to participate in. I hope you vote – because I truly believe you're in good hands, whomever you choose.

Big cheers – Ryan Zellers, PE, TE

*Candidate
for Secretary-
Treasurer:*

Josh McNeill, PE, TE



I am honored to be nominated for western district ITE secretary treasurer. Serving in a leadership role over a large organization is not an unfamiliar challenge to me. As a former president for ITE Southern California Section I saw an increase in membership to over 800 members. My fellow board members and I were resolute in providing valuable resources and events to our membership. I intend to bring the same commitment and dedication to the Western District Board. I'm grateful to the board for their confidence and I respectfully ask for your vote

Local section activity has become a focal point for the board with good reason. I was able to attend our mid year board meeting where section representatives shared their triumphs and trials. While some sections maintained a steady virtual presence during the pandemic, others struggled. There is now a common theme of reviving participation by providing in person activities while retaining the convenience of virtual events. Several sections are reporting a rebound of engagement from its members as a result of key successful events. As a new board member I will build on our commitment to section growth by highlighting these successes.

I previously served as chair for the career guidance committee where we were able to provide valuable technical sessions at our western district meetings and awards to recognize students, young professionals and mentors. I will continue to foster our support of student chapters and younger members as they need our support now more than ever. We work in a different environment now where most work can be done remotely, and meetings can be attended virtually. Young professionals in our industry will look to organizations like ITE to help fill the mentorship gap that a virtual work place might create.

I have a B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Irvine. I'm a licensed Civil and Traffic engineer in the state of California. I also have my PTOE certification. With 16 years in the transportation engineering industry, I'm currently a Principal Engineer at Iteris. I have the full support of my company and am eager to be elected as Secretary-Treasurer. I appreciate your support and respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you.

2023 Student Leadership Summit

By James Huang, USC

The 2023 Western District ITE SLS, co-hosted by USC ITE, CSUF ITE, and UCI ITE, was a resounding success, bringing together over 170 participants, 120 of whom were students from 14 student chapters.

We were thrilled to see the level of participation from undergrads, including freshmen and sophomores, who played key roles in the planning process and even led certain aspects of the event. We sought help from young professionals with experience hosting the SLS. We received invaluable support and advice from Brandon Wong and Emilio Murga, the RSBITE and SoCal ITE student liaisons.

The three days (February 24-26) of the 2023 ITE Western District Student Leadership Summit was a great success, despite the rainy weather. On Friday, over 70 students attended three separate tours, all of which provided unique insights into various aspects of transportation engineering and planning. The day was capped off with a social event at Rock and Reilly's, a local USC favorite bar and restaurant. The food was well received, and the event provided an opportunity for students to connect with one another in a more informal setting. The genuine connections made during the event helped to set the stage for a productive and engaging second day of the summit.



The second day was action packed. One of the highlights of the day was the Hospitality Suites session, during which professionals from various transportation-related industries rotated between 15 tables of students. This provided students with the opportunity to engage in one-on-one conversations with professionals and learn more about potential career paths and industry trends. Additionally, over sandwiches at lunch, attendees had the opportunity to hear from Ms. Min Zhou, President of KOA Corporation, as she shared her experiences as a woman leader in the transportation industry. Ms. Zhou provided insights into her leadership philosophy and how she has managed to lead a cutting-edge transportation firm.

The career fair and resume review workshops also proved to be a valuable opportunity for students, with 11 companies in attendance and over 30 professionals participating in one-on-one resume review and mock interviews. Students had the chance to engage in long and meaningful conversations with professionals, gaining insights and advice that will prove invaluable as they move forward in their careers.

As the day came to a close, we held a dinner and student competition, which provided an opportunity for students to showcase their skills and knowledge in front of industry professionals. The dinner banquet also featured an inspiring speech from Mr. David Kim, former Secretary of Transportation for California and current Global Head of Mobility at WSP. Mr. Kim's remarks were particularly relevant, given the pressing need for innovative solutions to transportation challenges in our modern society. We were honored to have such a notable and respected figure in the industry speak at our banquet dinner.

The final day was filled with engaging eight panelists discussing their future careers in the industry. The panelists shared insights and experiences that provided valuable guidance for students looking to pursue careers in transportation. In addition to the panel, the day also featured three simultaneous presentations on the "Future in the Transportation Industry." These sessions provided students with a comprehensive and up-to-date overview of the latest trends and developments in the transportation industry.

The 2023 ITE Western District Student Leadership Summit was a resounding success, in large part due to the high level of engagement by students. It was clear that attendees were truly passionate about transportation engineering and planning and were eager to learn, network, and engage with professionals in the field. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, students worked hard to attend this event, traveling from as far as Montana and Hawaii to participate. Their enthusiasm and passion for transportation engineering and planning were truly infectious and contributed greatly to the overall success of the event.

We are proud to have hosted an event that provided students with a platform to learn, grow, and connect with professionals in the transportation industry. We are confident that the connections made during the summit will continue to flourish and that the students who attended will make significant contributions to the field of transportation engineering and planning in the years to come. We are thrilled to see such a high degree of interest in hosting the 2024 ITE Western District Student Leadership Summit and we look forward to attending a revitalized SLS next year and seeing the continued growth and success of student chapters in the Western District.

Committee Updates

District Local Arrangements Committee (LAC)

By Cathy Leong, Committee Chair

The District LAC Committee continues to assist the local LACs for upcoming annual meetings with advance meeting planning. The LAC has been planning District-oriented events for the upcoming 2023 Joint Meeting with International in Portland from August 13-16, 2023. The District will be hosting student events and awards on Saturday, August 12th, and a Career Guidance Session and Family Night event on Monday, August 14th, in addition to the traditional Board Meeting and Annual Business Meeting. In addition, the District continues to assist with planning for the 2024 meeting in Sacramento from June 23-26, 2024, as well as kicking off advance planning for the 2025 Long Beach and 2026 Bellevue meetings.

Public Relations Committee

By Giancarlo Ganddini, Committee Chair

The Public Relations Committee is pleased to share that William Andrews has taken on the role as the Western District's Social Media Manager. The Social Media Manager now works with the District's Webmaster for a streamlined online presence. William has done a great job getting our message out across the District's social media channels, especially during this busy time of year. Please welcome and support William Andrews in his new role!

For those attending the Joint International/Western District Annual Meeting in Portland, the District's Lifetime Achievement Award and Individual Achievement Award will be presented during the ITE Awards Lunch.

Interested in helping promote all things Western District? We are always looking for new volunteers to assist. Please contact Giancarlo Ganddini (giancarlo@ganddini.com) if interested!

Student Funding & Initiatives Committee (SFIC)

By Kayla Fleskes-Lane, Committee Chair

Several exciting student events have occurred the past few months, with even more planned. This February, USC/Cal State Fullerton/UC Irvine teamed up to host the 2023 Student Leadership Summit (SLS), an event planned by students, for students. Over the course of three days, 120+ student members from 14 student chapters were encouraged to develop their leadership skills through panel discussions, interactive games and networking events. The 2024 SLS will be hosted by Cal Poly SLO, so stay tuned for announcements about the planned program and sponsorship opportunities, to continue to help support this tremendous student event.

The SFIC is helping plan a day full of student events at the ITE Annual Meeting in Portland on Saturday August 12th, 2023, including coordinating the Kell Competition, MiteY Race, and Student Awards/Young Member Social event. The ITE International Meeting program will also include a Career Guidance Panel Session and the Student Traffic Bowl on Monday August 14th, 2023. At the International Student Traffic Bowl competition, Oregon State University will be representing the Western District, so please come cheer them on if you will be in Portland!

The Western District student events and awards are supported in part by the Student Endowment Fund, which was founded in 2004 to provide a stable source of funding for the District's student initiatives. For more details on the fund and how to support student initiatives, please visit <https://westernite.org/student-endowment-fund>.

Technical Committee

By Jeanne Acutanza, 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 hosting numerous competitive technical programs. Are you are interested in joining the Technical Committee? We are always looking to expand our pool of reviewers for awards and abstracts. If you are interested, please contact Jeanne Acutanza (Jeanne.Acutanza@WSP.com). Students are encouraged to participate as well.

Student STEM Outreach Projects – We are returning to the Student Trip Generation Data Collection projects with an emphasis on re-counting sites that were counted prior to the pandemic. This year the student chapters looked back at sites counted in the past including one chapter looking at a site counted in the midst of the pandemic. The Committee selected four proposals for the 2023 Program: CalPoly – Pomona, Oregon State University, University of Hawaii – Manoa, and University of California Los Angeles. All student chapters are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal for the next funding cycle which will be advertised in fall 2023.

Awards and Papers – We are also reviewing Technical Papers and Section and Chapter awards for Section Momentum and activities as well as projects in the categories of Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO), Traffic Engineering, Safety, Planning and Complete Streets. We are forwarding our best Western ITE projects and sections to International for their consideration. We are looking forward to ITE International in Portland where we can celebrate these winners.

Committee Updates cont'd

Career Guidance Committee

By Jennylyn Tapat Morrill, Committee Chair

The Career Guidance Committee is intended to promote the advancement of the transportation planning and engineering profession by fostering close association of senior professionals and young professionals. The MiteY Mentorship program was created in 2021 to create a community-based approach to mentoring, making available a community of mentors who are able to provide support to young professionals as they adapt to the constantly changing world we live in.

The most recent MiteY Mentorship event was held last November and focused on the Project Lifecycle. The session

MiteY
Mentorship

Presents

Your Role in
the Project
Lifecycle

included presentations from Katie Kuciemba Halse (City of Bellevue), Wendy Taylor (HNTB), Ravi Narayanan (Mott McDonald), and Joshua McNeill (Iteris), who helped to explain the different phases of a transportation project—including planning, design, construction and completion—and what skills come into play for each phase. Check out a recording of this video and other Career Guidance Resources in our District Website.

If you (or someone you know) are looking for guidance on how to navigate the next stage(s) of your professional career or maybe you have questions on what work/life balance looks like or how to manage conflict in the workplace contact Henry Hammel and Daniel Lai, our MiteY Mentorship Leads.

Section and Chapter Updates

Hawaii Section

By Jasmine Teramae-Kaehuaea

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

We closed out 2022 with an in-person Annual Meeting social event at the Outrigger Canoe Club. It was a great way to reconnect with colleagues and celebrate another successful year. We kicked off 2023 with a presentation from Randy McCourt on ITE's Guide for Vertical Deflection Speed Reduction. In February, our members participated in a virtual resume workshop with UHM engineering students and hosted an Engineer's Week booth at a local mall to talk about different modes of transportation. Our next virtual section meeting will be held on April 26, 2023. Brian Canepa from W-Trans will join us to discuss minimum parking requirements.

San Francisco Bay Area Section

By Tony Henderson

The SF Bay ITE Chapter has had a great start to 2023! We started the year off with a presentation from Fehr & Peers' Bob Grandy and Ian Barnes on AB 747 Evacuation Analysis. In February, we learned about Parking Exemptions under AB 2097 from W-Trans' Brian Canepa. With AB 2097 significantly reshaping the policy landscape around parking minimums near transit, Brian shared how this bill relates to our everyday work.

In March, we took a break from webinars and hosted a Happy Hour in Walnut Creek. It was great to connect with people from various parts of the Bay Area and we hope to provide more in-person meeting opportunities for the Section in the coming months.

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Southern California Section

By Dina Saleh

The ITE SoCal Section ended 2022 with our annual Holiday Mixer in collaboration with OCTEC and ITS CA. The event was well attended with casino games, raffles, and lots of laughs all around. Everyone was excited to get together in person and share the holiday spirit! In February, ITE SoCal continued the annual Training Series featuring vehicle to infrastructure and vehicle to vehicle (V2I/V2V) technology versus connected vehicles to infrastructure (C-V2X) technologies and practices. Training included discussion about compliance with Vision Zero, how smart cities are or can be involved, and expectations with autonomous vehicles. The presentation was educational and informative to the attendees as the field is constantly evolving.

The newly elected ITE SoCal Board started off the 2023 calendar year by planning meeting and events for the members. The 2023 ITE SoCal Board is as follows:

- Marc Violett – President
- Saly Heng – Vice President
- Jason Xu – Secretary
- Shirjeel Muhammad – Treasurer
- Dina Saleh – Section Representative and Past President

Washington Section

By Darcy Akers

The Washington Section has been excited to host a mix of in-person, hybrid and virtual events in the recent months. Last November, we hosted our first hybrid event for an all-day safety meeting. The conference included 3 technical sessions and keynote addresses from Robert Wunderlich (TTI), Mark McKechnie (WTSC) and Fred Wegman (IRTAD, TU Delft). We began 2023 with a virtual business meeting in January. In

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February, we hosted our annual joint conference with IMSA. This in-person event featured a full day of technical presentations and a vendor exhibition and had close 300 people in attendance. This spring the section is looking forward to two different student focused events and our annual scholarship program. Our current officers are:

- President – Ryan Peterson, PE, PTOE
- Vice President - LisaRene Schilperoort, PE
- Secretary/Treasurer – Lawrence Guan, PE
- Immediate Past President- Darcy Akers, PE

Central Coast Section

By Travis Low

The 2023 officers for the Central Coast Section are Kathy Kleinschmidt, President; Tom Mericle, Vice President; and Ryan Caldera, Secretary-Treasurer. The officers are hard at work to deliver a robust 2023 program for the membership!

The Section hosted a virtual meeting in February covering a recently completed safety improvement project in the City of Santa Barbara. Derrick Bailey, Principal Transportation Engineer for the City, presented the collision analysis that identified the need, operations considerations, design, and construction. In March, the Section jointly hosted a Quad-California Section virtual meeting. Josi Hartley, EV Program Manager for the Alaska Energy Authority, presented the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Implementation Plan for the State of Alaska. In April, the Section jointly hosted a hybrid meeting with the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Student Chapter where the City of San Luis Obispo presented its 2022 Paving Project. Special events being planned for the year include a vendor show and a golf tournament student fundraiser.

Northern California Section

By Chris Gregerson

2023 has gotten off to a great start for NorCal ITE and we're looking forward to a successful year for the Section. Our January meeting's presentation topic was titled: Utilizing Innovation to Drive Operational Efficiencies within the Traffic Space, while our February meeting's presentation topic was titled: VantageLive! and how detection can be used for real time data collection and decision making. We had over 30 attendees at both meetings and are looking forward to our upcoming meetings for April, May, and June before the summer break. The highlight of 2023 so far has been our 49th annual Vendors Night, which was held on March 16th. With 25 Vendors and almost 200 attendees the Section was able to raise more than \$3,000 for the student endowment fund, making it one of our most successful events in recent years.

Central California Section

By Bryan Igarita

The last few months of 2022 are a good reflection of where our Section is currently at in terms of our goals looking forward to 2023: continuing to take advantage of the perks of virtual meetings, while also slowly getting back to in-person events with our members again. We also held our own Section meeting in November, with a presentation by Neelima Ghanta on the New Zealand approach to sustainable transportation. In December, we delivered jackets and other essential items on behalf of Zaki Mustafa and Transforming a Life to a local shelter. We also ended 2022 with the elections for our 2023 Board:

- President: Katherine Lee
- Vice President: Nick Carcha
- Secretary-Treasurer: Rebekah Brechman
- Past President: Bryan Igarita

In March, our Section held our first virtual meeting of the year with a presentation by Irene Lee of Caltrans District 6 on the International Agri-Center Way Interchange Project in Tulare, CA. And as we look forward to the rest of the year, we plan to continue having virtual lunch meetings, while also thinking of more opportunities to join and interact with our members in-person.

Alaska Section

By Brad Coy

The ITE Alaska Section has been busy as we continue to adapt to post-COVID conditions. Since October 2022, we have been successfully holding monthly hybrid meetings. Presentations have covered topics, such as The Hiland Avalanche Response, Alaska Moves 2050 (the state's long range transportation plan), Ice Road Design and Construction, Dowling Road Roundabouts, and Fairbanks Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan. In January, we held our annual fundraising auction and raised over \$7,000 for use in awarding annual scholarships to full-time students who are Alaskan residents, enrolled in an accredited transportation-related program, and members of ITE. We are excited to be able to support our up-and-coming transportation professionals and encourage their continued involvement in ITE!

Our 2023 ITE Alaska Section board includes Brad Coy (President), Matt Coburn (Vice President), Colin Singleton (Secretary/Treasurer), and Pat Whitesell (Past President).

San Diego Section

By Andrea Look

The San Diego section elected new board members for the year: President - Raul Armenta, Vice President - Jacob Swim, Treasurer - Joe Shultz, Secretary - Andrea Look, and Past President - Phuong Nguyen. The February meeting was held in

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person, where the officers were sworn in. The SDSU Student Project Highlight award was given to a team that developed plans for a bike path connection from SDSU main campus to Mission Valley.

The March meeting was jointly hosted by the Quad-California Section. Meetings will continue to be held monthly and will be hybrid, in person, and virtual.

Oregon Section

By Carl Olson

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

We hosted two joint events last fall with ITS Washington; "SensorAMA 2022" and "The Future of Transportation is Today!" In October, Oregon ITE hosted a happy hour and November marked the return of our in-person, 31st Annual Bill Kloos Traffic Bowl. Over 100 individuals attended traffic bowl including students from Oregon State University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Portland State University, and University of British Columbia. Oregon State University took home first place this year.

Oregon ITE started 2023 off strong with our annual Winter Workshop in February with sessions on Signals & ITS, Trans-

portation Planning, Safety & Sustainability, and presentations from students. In March, Oregon ITE's Greater Oregon subcommittee held an all-day event at Oregon State University that featured presentations from the OSU student chapter, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and faculty of Oregon State and Portland State universities.

Riverside San Bernardino Section

By Steven Latino

Current officers are President Steven Latino, Vice President Brandon Wong, and Secretary-Treasurer Abe Campos. 2023 started off with our Annual Vendor Show which was held in January in Ontario, California. The show was a success and was well attended by Public Agency Staff, Consultants and Vendors.

Upcoming meetings on the calendar include April 20th, where RSBITE and ITS California will join to talk about Building the Next Generation of Smart Transportation and Digital Infrastructure in the Inland Empire. May 4th will be our annual Bob Crommelin Student Presentations. In addition to all this fun and excitement, our Web Master, Rob Sanders has worked to revise and improve our website which can be seen at rsbite.org. RSBITE is excited about the momentum we have started 2023 with and we look forward to Running Toward the Future!



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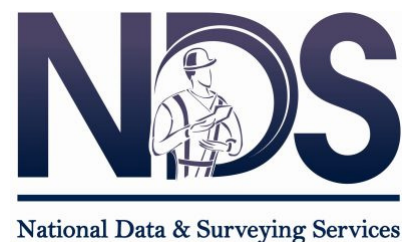
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