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Happy February 2020!

I would like to begin by thanking all volunteers, vendors, and participants who took part in the Vendor Show on January 31st, especially Alex Larson and Brian Staley who served as the Executive Committee Chairs for this event. The annual Vendor's Show at the Douglas County Fairgrounds continues to be a huge success for the Colorado/Wyoming ITE Section.

After a few years of managing the old Section website, Andrew McFadden has passed on the Chair of the Website Committee position to Cara O'Donnell. Cara has graciously stepped into this role and we are excited to have her. She did a great job completing the new Section's website and welcomes any feedback.

We have Facebook and LinkedIn accounts too! Links have been posted on our Section's website. Greg Baker has been maintaining the Section's social media for quite some time. Please join our accounts to get the latest information about our enriching and fun activities.

Some people call this time of the year "Award Season," I couldn't agree more. CO/WY ITE Section Professional Transportation of the Year Award nomination is due by March 6 and Student of the Year Award nomination is due by March 15. Please submit your nominations.

As a friendly reminder, it's not too late to renew your ITE membership for 2020. ITE membership connects you to a world of ideas, people, and resources.

There are a couple exciting events coming up soon, including the next joint ITE/ASCE luncheon meeting on March 6 in the Colorado Springs area and the 17th Annual Spring Transportation Symposium on May 1 at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.

I hope to see you in Colorado Springs for our next luncheon.

Susi Marlina
President
Colorado-Wyoming Section ITE

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Upcoming Events:

- March 6 - Colorado Spring Luncheon
- May 1 - [Spring Transportation Symposium](#)
- June 5 - Golf Tournament

Colorado Springs Luncheon



Friday, March 6, 2020
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Warehouse Restaurant - 25 W. Cimarron Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Registration fee:

\$30 - not a member of ASCE or ITE

\$25 - member of ASCE or ITE

\$20 - public agency

\$10 - students

Join ASCE Southern Colorado and ITE for lunch, networking and an exciting talk by Mike Falini, of Jacobs Engineering. Mike will discuss the importance of Mentoring Young Engineers.

Stay tuned for registration info!

Spring Transportation Symposium



Registration is Open!!

Date: May 1, 2020

Location: Sheraton Downtown Denver

[Click here to register!](#)

Join over 600 of the region's transportation planners, engineers, and decision makers on May 1, 2020 from both the public and private sectors to share information and lessons learned from innovative and successful transportation projects throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

Space is running out for sponsorship opportunities, if you are **interested in sponsoring** the symposium or participating as a vendor, please contact John Hansen at jhansen@2itshelp.com.

[Visit our website for more information on this exciting event!](#)

Save the Date - Golf Tournament



Legislative Update:

On January 30, 2020 **ASCE** released the **Colorado Infrastructure Report Card**. Overall Colorado received a C- reflecting that our infrastructure is in fair condition with an increasing vulnerability to risk.

[Click here to see how Colorado did on the report card!](#)

Transportation specific grades and key facts include:

- Bridges C+ (up from the 2014 grade of C-)
 - 488 (5.59%) of the 8,717 bridges are structurally deficient
- Rail B- (was not evaluated in 2014)

- 2,427 miles of freight railroads across the state, ranking 28th nationally
- Roads C- (up from the 2014 grade of D)
 - 88,818 miles of Public Roads, with 22% in poor condition
 - \$637 per motorist per year in costs from driving on roads in need of repair
- Transit C- (up from the 2014 grade of D+)
 - 125,463,344 annual unlinked passenger trips via transit systems including bus, transit, and commuter trains

A few updates on current legislative items under consideration before the Colorado General Assembly:

- SB 20-061 - Yield to Bicycles in Bicycle Lanes: Creates a new traffic offense for failing to yield to a bicycle in a bicycle lane as a Class A traffic offense, unless it is the cause of a crash or causes bodily harm, then it is a careless driving offense.
- SB 20-151 - Administration of the RTD Region Transportation District: Modifies the "Regional Transportation District Act" to (1) provide factors for RTD decisions about services, route planning and rates, (2) adds board members, (3) increases the number of board meetings, among other provisions.

Other opportunities to get involved and/or educated:

- ACEC Colorado Legislative Day & Reception with Legislators - February 20, 2020 from 1:30 to 6:30 PM, [click here to find out more](#)

Event Recap - Vendor Show:



The Vendor Show was held on Friday, January 31 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. It was once again a huge success, with over 275 attendees and nearly 40 vendors. Thank you to Alex Larson and Brian Staley for being the lead organizers. The show included two tracks of technical sessions in the morning with six different presentations. The food, as always, was like a Super Bowl party that came two days

early. The happy hour was held in a building adjacent to the show, so many folks attended. Fun and friendly competition in corn hole and Jenga was had by all.

Scholarship Announcement

Who: Undergraduate and graduate students in transportation-related majors (See application for full eligibility requirements)

What: Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Colorado and Wyoming Section 2020 Scholarships

Where: Scholarship applications available at www.cowyite.org

When: Submit Application by April 1, 2020

Why: Free money!

Scholarships available include:

The ITE CO/WY Undergraduate Level Scholarship - (\$1,000 - \$2,000) per applicant

The ITE CO/WY Graduate Level Scholarship - (\$1,000 - \$2,000) per applicant

The ITE CO/WY Executive Committee Leadership Award - (Undergraduate or Graduate Students) - (\$700 - \$1,000) per applicant

Note: Scholarship awards will be distributed on an annual basis until funds are depleted, the scholarship award will be given in the student's name, and the student at their discretion will use the award amount.

Award recipients will be recognized at the ITE luncheon on Friday, May 15, 2020.

Questions?

Contact the CO/WY ITE Scholarship Committee chair, Alvin Stamp at alvin.stamp@state.co.us or 303.875.9238

Student of the Year Award

Do you know an exceptional student in the transportation field? Consider nominating them for the Student of the Year Award! This award will be presented in May to recognize a

notable student member of the Colorado/Wyoming Section, and is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. A broad range of activities and achievements may be recognized through this award, including:

- Dedication to the transportation profession
- Leadership within a Colorado/Wyoming student chapter of ITE
- Leadership in other student organizations and/or activities related to transportation
- Commitment to growing student participation in the Colorado/Wyoming Section
- Participation in research activities and/or publications and presentations
- Dedication and professionalism in a transportation-related internship

Nominees must be a student member of ITE and must be a current undergraduate or graduate student at a school within the states of Colorado and Wyoming. Students who have graduated within the current school year may also be considered. The nomination form can be found on the [Section website](#) and **nominations will be accepted until March 15, 2020.**

The winner of the award will receive a plaque and a \$500 monetary prize at the May CO/WY Section Luncheon. If the winner of the Colorado/Wyoming Section Student of the Year Award chooses to attend the Joint Western/Mountain District Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI, in June 2020, additional monetary aid will be available for partial reimbursement of registration, travel, and/or lodging costs.

For more information, and to apply, please visit our website. If you have any questions, please contact Victoria Edington at victoria.edington@stantec.com.

Transportation Professional of the Year Award

We are seeking nominations for the Transportation Professional of the Year Award for contributions to the profession and/or ITE. The Awards Committee strongly requests that each member consider submitting a confidential nomination.

The Transportation Professional of the Year Award is presented in May and recognizes notable professionalism and achievement by a Section member during the previous calendar year. A broad range of activities and achievement may be recognized by this award, including:

- Leadership or technical activities on a specific project.

- Leadership (including administration and training) or technical activities within an organization.
- Research activities and/or publications and presentations.
- Notable service to the Institute and/or the Colorado/Wyoming Section.
- Volunteer service effort (such as to community groups) that promotes the professional practice of transportation engineering.

Please submit applications by March 6!!

[Click here for the Transportation Professional of the Year Nomination Form](#)

Employment Opportunities

[Resident Engineer, Limon \(PE II\) - Colorado DOT](#)

[Travel Model Supervisor - Denver Regional Council of Governments](#)

[Traffic Operations Engineer \(PE II\) - Colorado DOT](#)

[Transportation Engineer - Apex Design](#)

[Civil Analyst - Transportation/Traffic - Kimley-Horn](#)

[Senior Engineer - City and County of Denver](#)

[Traffic Engineering Technician - City of Broomfield](#)

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