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## *October Newsletter*



Hello everyone!

Hopefully, you are all doing great and taking care of yourself. As the weather is getting colder, nothing brings me more peace than a cup of hot chocolate, being positive and reading books. Speaking of books, since we cannot travel, books take you where you have never been...

Did you know that thanks to all of you, our first September virtual Business Meeting was held successfully? Paul Neiman (CDOT) presented the latest updates on the I-25 Gap Project.

We are excited for next month's Northern Business Meeting. We will have great speakers. We also would like to honor the 2020 Student Scholarship, Transportation Professional of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients. Please note that the Mountain and Western Slope Luncheon has been postponed.

Trick-or-Treat? Don't forget to sign up on our virtual gathering of the Halloween Happy Hour. Let's have

fun carving your pumpkin and wearing your awesome costume on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

I understood some of you more likely to feel news fatigue, especially when the election is the subject. However we want to thank you for voting in the CO/WY ITE Section's election for the next Secretary-Treasurer. We are proud to announce that your next Secretary-Treasurer will be Cara O'Donnell!

On these uncertain times, remember to take a deep breath and relax. Enjoy your family, your friends, and spoil yourself.

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President  
Colorado-Wyoming Section ITE

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## *Halloween Happy Hour*



Please join us for a virtual gathering to engage in some Halloween festivities!

We will have a pumpkin carving contest - bring your pumpkin and creativity!

Halloween costumes encouraged!

**When?**

October 15th, 6PM

Registration Open Now! [Click here to Register](#)

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***Announcement: Mountain and Western Slope Luncheon***

The Mountain and Western Slope Luncheon will be postponed until December 2021. This was a hard decision, but we hope to see you next year!

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***Legislative Update***

If you haven't heard, it is Election Time! Despite the national discussion about the security of voting-by-mail, Colorado has been conducting elections by mail since 2013.

Here are a few key dates and steps to take to ensure that your vote is counted:

**October 9, 2020:** Ballots are mailed to active voters.

**October 19, 2020:** Drop boxes and early voting and polling centers open. Drop box and polling center locations are available on your county website which you can access here: <https://www.clerkandrecorder.org/allcounties>.

**October 26, 2020:** The last day to update your registration and receive your ballot at your designated mailing address. This is also the last day to mail in your ballot. After this date you can return your ballot using one of the 24-hour drop boxes. beginning **October 19, 2020**.

**November 3, 2020:** Election Day! You can still register to vote in-person on Election Day. All ballots must be received by **7pm**.

### **Check if you are registered to vote in**

**Colorado:** <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/findVoterReg.xhtml>

**How to make sure your vote was counted:** Voters who provide an email address with their voter registration are automatically enrolled in ballot tracking. To enroll in ballot tracking, use this link: <https://ballottrace.org/home>.

**How do I know that drop boxes are secure?** By state law, ballot boxes must be secured with 24-hour surveillance and placed somewhere that is well lit. The boxes are metal, weather-resistant and bolted to the ground. Boxes are emptied at least once every 24 hours. On Election Day, they are emptied at least twice; at 1pm and 7pm.

**Can I be a poll watcher?** Under Colorado law, a poll watcher must be appointed by one of three entities: A political party on the ballot, an issue committee affiliated with a ballot measure, or an unaffiliated or write-in candidate. The poll watcher must attend a training seminar to get certified for the job, and then take an oath to uphold the law.

**Why is this election important?** Coloradans will be voting for President, US Senate, US House, State Senate, State House, State Supreme Court, Appellate Court, Local Judges and the State Board of Education. Additionally, there are numerous local ballot measures unique to where you live. You can find a sample ballot here, based on your address: [https://ballotpedia.org/Sample\\_Ballot\\_Lookup](https://ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup)

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## *Secretary/Treasurer Results*

**Congratulations goes to Cara O'Donnell** for being elected as our newest Section Officer serving in the position of Secretary / Treasurer. Cara will be sworn in at our December business meeting along with our other Officers and her new position will become effective January 1, 2021. Cara will transition out of her current duties as Section Webmaster over the next few months.

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## *Employment Opportunities*

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