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ITE MONTANA SECTION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Montana Section Members!

I hope this inaugural message from your Montana ITE Section Board finds each one of you healthy and having enjoyed our beautiful Montana summer, even through all the smoke. As times remain uncertain with the global pandemic, we have seen our opportunities for in-person engagement with our members dwindle. However, rest assured, the board has been busy behind the scenes transitioning from what was the ITE Montana Chapter, to the newly formed ITE Montana Section. This effort has included items such as a new charter, new by-laws, tax status, articles of incorporation, along with many new short-term and long-term goals to increase the member benefits. Some of these items include more regular webinars, an awards program, continued student engagement, and being able to administer our own scholarship program. Many of these items will need a committee to administer, and therefore we are soliciting volunteers to get these efforts off the ground (see below).

I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the ITE Montana Student Chapter for hosting a very successful Student Summit earlier this year. Student leaders demonstrated resiliency by shifting the entire summit to a virtual platform. Although unprecedented, the flawless execution gave participants and presenters ample opportunities to connect and learn. Furthermore, the successful summit is now a playbook for other student chapters to reference when planning virtual events. Feedback from this effort highlighted how engaging, informative, and well attended it was. These are no small feats to accomplish during a pandemic, and we should all be proud of these efforts. Congratulations to our Student Chapter!

Stephen McDaniel, P.E.
ITE Montana Section President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 ITE Mountain District Annual Meeting. The ITE Montana Section is thrilled to announce the District has chosen the great state of Montana to host their 2024 annual meeting. Meeting details are still being worked out and additional information will soon follow. Contact Dillon McLain if you are interested in being part of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for planning this event.

2021 Joint Engineers Conference (JEC).

JEC is planned to be held in Helena on November 3-5. While there is no dedicated ITE track this year, active ITE members are offered reduced member pricing for attendance. Check out their website for more information and to view the preliminary agenda:

<http://www.mtengineers.org/joint-engineers-conference/>

Outstanding Undergraduate Student

On behalf of the Montana ITE Section, we would like to congratulate our very own Bryce Grame of the MSU Student Chapter. Bryce was recently awarded the 2021 Mountain District Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student. The award recognizes students who have shown exceptional dedication to the transportation profession through ITE service, research, mentoring, or real-world experiences. While Bryce is moving away from our Section to pursue his PhD in Transportation Engineering, we wish him the best of luck and hope that he might one day return to Montana. Congratulations, Bryce!

2022 District Meeting

Save the Date! The Mountain District will be hosting the 2022 District Meeting in Boise, Idaho, June 1st -3rd.

ITE MAP Social

ITE partnered with the Montana Association of Planners to hold a joint social event that brought together transportation professionals and planners at the 2021 MAP Conference in Missoula, MT.

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

ITE Montana Section is currently soliciting its membership for committee volunteers. The commitment will be a two-year term on each committee and a chairperson will be selected. The initial committees we are hoping to form this fall include:

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS: This committee will spearhead ITE awards for Montana transportation professionals that generally align with the District's awards program found [here](#), and administer MT ITE Scholarships.

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT: This committee will work to host regular webinars and smaller social events for our members, as well as build on a strong foundation of outreach with our student Chapter. Danae Giannetti has agreed to be the student liaison, but more volunteers are still needed.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE (LAC): This section level committee is chaired by Dillon McLain and will be responsible for planning, overseeing, and implementing all local arrangements for the 2024 Mountain District Meeting to be hosted in Montana! Please consider getting involved in planning this exciting event.

Please visit our [ITE Montana Section Website](#) for additional information and board member contact information.

