

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Montana Section Members,

It was great to see so many familiar faces at the Mountain District Annual Meeting in Boise. There were over 250 attendees with more than 20 representing the Montana Section. In addition to being a great opportunity for socializing and networking, the conference offered three tracks with topics on everything from complex traffic engineering, autonomous vehicles, active transportation, and emerging technologies. We had many great socializing opportunities including a Montana Section social (in conjunction with the Idaho Section), and a great off-site dinner on the Basque Block in downtown Boise. Overall the return to an in-person event was a great success and we will have a lot to live up to when we host the Annual Meeting in 2024.

Recognizing the benefit and desire for more engagement opportunities, we are continuing to look for ways to get our membership together. We recognize the value of getting out from behind the computer screen for networking and socializing. It is difficult in a state as vast as ours, but as we continue to offer technical sessions we will encourage in-person attendance in our host cities as an opportunity to get together. The Engagement Committee will also be planning on a social event at JEC in November to combine with our great ITE track that has been assembled. More details to come, but make sure to register at jecmt.org when it opens up.

Lastly, we have had another change with our communications platform. As ITE transitions to more consistency across the districts, sections, and chapters, we are moving over to their platform for communication and engagement. All communication will be made through StarChapter and will come from the email address montana@itedsc.org. Please make sure to add this email to your approved list in your email program to ensure our messages get delivered and not marked as spam.

Thanks for your continued support of MTite! We look forward to seeing you at our next engagement opportunity.



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ITE Montana Section President



Over 20 representatives from the Montana Section, including 6 MSU students, attended the ITE Mountain District meeting in Boise.



Special appreciation goes out to Lisa Fisher (HDR) and Dillon McLain (KLJ) for their outstanding leadership and service to the ITE Montana Chapter/Section over the past few years!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Technical Sessions/Project Tours: Our Engagement Committee is working to provide technical sessions quarterly or as topics arise, with free attendance for ITE members. The next session is anticipated in September 2022 with in-person and virtual options. We are also exploring opportunities for onsite project tours. Watch the website and your email for upcoming announcements!

Annual Meeting and Exhibition: The ITE Annual Meeting is being held in New Orleans July 31st through August 3rd. The event, themed “Investing in Our Future”, will feature sessions focusing on the impacts of the new infrastructure bill, key elements of USDOT’s National Roadway Safety Strategy, and the opportunities and challenges in building a nationwide electric vehicle charging network. More than 1,000 people are anticipated to attend.

2022 Joint Engineers Conference: Save the date! MT ITE will be hosting a transportation track at JEC in Helena this year, with seven speakers lined up to present on a variety of topics. The conference is scheduled for **November 2-4, 2022**. Additional information will be posted at jecmt.org in the coming weeks.

MSU Student Chapter: The MSU Student Chapter was recognized at the District Annual Meeting for experiencing the greatest momentum, or most improvement, in the past year. The student chapter has shown great interest in and dedication to transportation as evidenced by their strong attendance in Boise, which included two teams for the traffic bowl. They are also planning to send members to New Orleans for the Annual Meeting where they will undoubtedly be exposed to some great learning and networking opportunities.



Congratulations to Montana State University for winning the Student Chapter Momentum Award! Kayla Rod accepted the award on behalf of the MSU Student Chapter at the Mountain District Conference.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

We are still looking for volunteers on many of our committees! Let us know if you are interested in contributing and we will find an opportunity that matches your interest and availability.

- **Engagement Committee:** This committee meets regularly to plan technical sessions, JEC presentations, and other engagement opportunities. In addition to offering the recent and upcoming hybrid sessions, they are looking at ideas for other social events and ways to build off other conferences and events. They recently organized a Montana social as part of the Mountain District Annual Meeting and plan to hold another during JEC.
- **Local Arrangements Committee (LAC):** The LAC is continuing to work in preparation for the 2024 Annual District Meeting in Montana. They are currently evaluating potential host locations and hope to confirm the venue soon.
- **Scholarships and Awards Committee:** This committee will be responsible for promoting and reviewing applications for student scholarships and member awards. We now have four volunteers and will be kicking off the committee soon.

We are also looking for volunteers to represent Montana on Mountain District Committees. They are currently looking for representation on both the Membership and Fundraising Committees. They are also looking for a STEM Liaison to represent the Section. Please reach out to Dillon if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



Thanks to Doug Enderson (DOWL) for presenting to our membership on the Diverging Diamond Interchange Design Challenges at Johnson Lane in Billings. Over 30 members attended the hybrid event in April.

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