

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Past President

It really has been a pleasure to serve as board president this year, and while the pandemic has limited my ability to get to know many of you in person throughout the majority of my time on the board, I am proud of the time spent (mostly virtually) with those I did cross paths. There are many talented professionals across the state, and I am very excited for the change and increased opportunities through ITE that are to come as we have successfully transitioned from a Chapter to a Section. My hope is the pandemic eases and the hard work of the volunteers within our Section will pay off for our members and we will see increased opportunities for networking, in person continued education, and local social events. I want to thank the board members I served with for their leadership, professionalism, and dedication to our organization, and our members. I look forward to continuing to work with the board and committees in the coming years to strengthen our Section. These are exciting times to be engaged in the Montana ITE Section, and with a little hard work and collaboration, we can all reap the rewards.

Thank you,

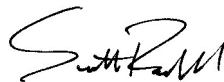


Stephen McDaniel, PE  
ITE Montana Section Past President

### Incoming President

I am very excited going into this year as we look to implement our plans to grow and strengthen our Section. It's been a long two years having to miss out on so many in-person opportunities and social events. We are going to do our best to make up for lost time and plan to focus more on networking and educational opportunities. This year, we will be looking for opportunities to coordinate with more organizations, continue to connect and engage with the student chapter, and encourage increased participation from all of our members. With that in mind, we will be leaning on our committees to expand our ability to provide benefits to our members. I want to thank all of you who have volunteered so far to get these new committees up and going. There has been a lot of time and effort spent behind the scenes that I know will serve us well moving forward. We will need all the help we can get to help achieve our ambitions plans to grow and provide more member benefits moving forward!

Thank you,



Scott Randall, PE, PTOE  
ITE Montana Section President

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership News:** Congrats to **Joey Staszczuk** (Sanderson Stewart) and **Kerry Pedersen** (RPA) for recently becoming **Level 1 Road Safety Professional Certified (RSP1)**!

**Section Technical Sessions:** Our Engagement Committee is working to provide technical sections quarterly, or as topics arise. Attendance will be free for ITE members with a \$15 fee for PDH credits.

- **March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Noon-1:00 PM):** David Kack and Marcel Huijser from the Western Transportation Institute will speak about road ecology and wildlife conflict mitigation.
- **April:** Doug Enderson from DOWL will present an overview of the diverging diamond interchange (DDI) for the Billings Bypass Project.
- **August:** Lloyd Rue and Alan Woodmansey from FHWA will provide national and Montana perspectives on federal funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

**Mountain District Annual Meeting:** Don't forget, the ITE Mountain District Annual meeting is being held in Bose, ID on June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. This three-day event will bring transportation professionals from around the mountain west, providing a wide variety of presentations, networking opportunities, and recreation. Early registration is open through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**2022 Joint Engineers Conference:** JEC planning is currently underway. We are planning to host a transportation track this year and are looking for presenters. **Please reach out to Sarah Nicolai by April 15<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in presenting.**

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

As we adapt to our new status as a Section, we will be relying more on our committees to help promote our industry and provide benefits to our members. We are always looking for volunteers! Let us know if you are interested in contributing and we will find an opportunity that matches your interest and availability.

- **Engagement Committee:** The committee has met regularly over the past few months to plan technical sessions and engagement opportunities. Check out the announcements for upcoming events and be on the lookout future correspondence as more opportunities are planned.
- **Local Arrangements Committee (LAC):** The Montana Section was selected to host the 2024 Mountain District Annual Meeting. The LAC is responsible for planning, overseeing, and implementing all local arrangements needed for the Annual Meeting. The committee is currently looking at identifying a host city and location for the meeting. More volunteers are still needed, so if you are interested, please reach out to Dillon McLain.
- **Scholarships and Awards Committee:** This committee will be responsible for promoting and reviewing applications for student scholarships and member awards. We are still looking for two additional volunteers so that we can get this committee up and running as soon as possible. Please let Scott Randall know if you are interested in helping out.

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