



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Past President

This past year has brought us some much-needed return to normalcy which has allowed us to hold more in-person events and engagement activities. It was great being able to get back together with members at our professional education events and at JEC. It was also great to see many of you at the District Meeting in Boise this summer. They definitely set a high bar for us as we prepare to host in 2024! I hope that going forward we continue to find new members and encourage active participation recognizing that it takes a lot of people and effort to make our section a success. One of the highlights of the past couple of years for me has been being able to work with and get to know many of the committed members of the MSU Student Chapter. It's great to see their high levels of interest in transportation and engagement in ITE. While I may be transition out of the Section President role, I will remain active as the newly elected Montana Section Representative for the Mountain District for the next two years. In this role, I hope to learn more about what the other sections are doing so that we can continue to make improvements and offer benefits to our members.

Thank you,

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Scott Randall, PE, PTOE
ITE Montana Section Past President

Incoming President

Happy new year, MT ITE! I am looking forward to working with the Board this year to build on our momentum and continue offering member engagement opportunities that provide value and enhance our professional lives. Based on feedback from our member survey, we will be focused on continuing to offer hybrid virtual/in-person technical sessions, project tours, and regular opportunities for social gatherings.

One of the most fulfilling aspects of ITE for me has been the opportunity to work closely with the Board and get to know fellow members through committee participation. I've truly appreciated the collaboration, and I want to thank everyone for the time and effort put into making our organization a success. If you are looking for additional ways to connect professionally, I encourage you to consider volunteering for a committee. MT ITE will be stronger with your ideas and energy!

I look forward to seeing everyone again as we kick off 2023.

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Sarah Nicolai, PE, PTP
ITE Montana Section President

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPDATES

Annual Meeting: Please join us Wednesday January 25th at noon! Thanks to the support of our host firms, we welcome you to participate in person at the following locations, where lunch will be provided. Virtual accommodations will also be available.

- Billings: DOWL, 222 N. 32nd St, Suite 700
Bozeman: Sanderson Stewart, 106 E. Babcock, L1
Helena: RPA, 3147 Saddle Drive
Missoula: WGM, 111 E. Broadway

Member Survey: Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2022 member survey! Your input is extremely valuable to help us plan for the upcoming year. Here are a few highlights from what we heard.

- Hybrid meeting format is valued. We will continue to provide virtual accommodations as well as in-person meeting opportunities for 2023 events.
JEC, technical sessions, and the 2022 project tour were very valuable for attendees. We're thrilled our programming was a success! We will continue planning technical content for our members, and we will identify a new community to host our 2023 project tour. Stay tuned!
Additional member social events and in-person opportunities are desired. Our Engagement Committee will continue to look for social gathering opportunities. Ideas are always welcome!

Visit from ITE Mountain District International Director: In March, Ben Waldman, PE, PTOE, will visit Bozeman with his family, and we will plan a social event to welcome him to Montana. A date and time will be announced once Ben's travel plans are confirmed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Our committees continue to meet regularly to provide engagement opportunities and other benefits to our members. We are looking for more volunteers! Learn more about each committee at https://mountainite.org/Montana_Committees. Let us know if you are interested in contributing, and we will find an opportunity that matches your interest and availability.

- Engagement Committee: We are kicking off 2023 to plan for the year's programming. Watch for upcoming announcements about technical sessions and social events, and please contact committee members or the MT ITE Board with any requests or ideas!
Local Arrangements Committee (LAC): The LAC is continuing to plan for our upcoming 2024 Mountain District Annual Meeting. Contract negotiations are underway to secure the event location. More volunteers are still needed, so if you are interested, please reach out to Dillon at dillon.mclain@kljeng.com
Scholarships and Awards Committee: The 2023 call for awards is now open! Categories include the Student Award, Young Professional Award, and Transportation Achievement Award. Reach out to the Committee Chair (srandall@rpa-hln.com) if you have any questions. All submissions are by February 3, 2023. Winners will be announced by February 17, 2023.

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