Letter from the President

One of the things I enjoy most in my spare time is working in the garden. I had the opportunity to spend a few hours doing just that this past weekend. As I cleared away a lot of the leaves and old branches from the fall, I was surprised to see the new crocuses and other buds already emerging from the ground. It will soon be time to plant some new seeds and seedlings, and encourage the growth of regular perennials. Even though this happens every year, it’s always refreshing to see spring emerge in the middle of our busy lives.

As we move into the spring season for ITE, I see some parallels with the garden – we have several key meetings that are conducted every year, due to the hard work of some of our members who volunteer to chair committees, combined with a few new meetings and topic ideas.

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This Month: ITE/IMSA Annual Meeting

LOCATION
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL
18740 Pacific Highway South
Seattle, WA 98188
Phone: (206) 246-8600

DATE
Monday, February 26, 2007

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MENU
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(Vegetarian option available upon request.)

COST
Displays, programs and seminars are free
Lunch Cost will be $30.00

MORE INFORMATION - PLEASE SEE PAGE 6 FOR MEETING DETAILS

RSVP
By Thursday, February 22 to Iris Cabrera at ITERegistration@ci.kirkland.wa.us

2006-2007 Washington ITE Membership Directory

Preparation of the 2007/2008 Washington Section Membership Directory is underway! We are working to update contact information for our members and solicit advertisers for the directory. If you have changes in your contact information please update the Membership Committee; more information is available on the ITE Washington Section website under the membership tab. A limited number of full page color advertisements will be available as well as black and white advertisements in full page, half page, quarter page, and business card sizes. The advertisements in the directory are used to offset the cost of directory reproduction. We hope to keep the advertisement rate the same as the previous directory. We will be able to confirm advertisement costs when we have a better idea of advertising interest. If you are interested in advertising, please contact Matt Nolan of the Directory Committee (matthew.nolan@metrokc.gov) for more information.
This year, Tim Newkirk and Lawrence Guan have organized our annual ITE/IMSA meeting. The meeting, taking place February 26, is a great opportunity for new staff to explore the technology behind the projects they are working on, and for seasoned professionals to learn more about the latest developments in developing markets like wireless communication for example.

Coming up in April, we will be having a joint meeting with ITS Washington. We will be joined by our District 6 President, Dalene Whitlock for this meeting. I encourage you to mark your calendars for this meeting and come meet Dalene. She has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for ITE and is looking forward to connecting with Washington Section members.

Our student chapter is working hard on preparing for the May student meeting. The student committee (Scott Lee, Megan Powers, and Jamal Mahmoud) has successfully raised $3,500 so far – thank you to everyone who has donated! In order to provide scholarships to two deserving students and send a few students to the District 6 meeting this summer, we ask you to consider providing a donation this spring in preparation for these upcoming events.

On behalf of the board, we appreciate everyone’s continued efforts at providing feedback, volunteering and sharing your ideas for future programs and ways to continue making the Section’s year successful, and developing plans for next year.

Sincerely,
Kerensa Swanson,
President, ITE Washington Section

“The Campus Corner”
By Scott Lee, Jamal Mahmoud, and Megan Powers

January has passed quickly and we hope everyone has had a great start to the New Year.

Thanks to our new web page guru, Gary Costa, we now have student activities and updates posted on the Washington Section Website at www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/studentactivities.htm

Washington Section student scholarship applications are now available on the state website. Two scholarships will be awarded this year, one for undergraduate students in the amount of $1,200 and one for graduate students in the amount of $1,500. Scholarships are open to all students pursuing a career in transportation engineering or planning. Applications are due no later than April 2, 2007.

Fundraising efforts continue with an additional $600 dollars being added to the fund this month, thanks to individual donors and All Traffic Data (making yet another $500 contribution), raising our total to $3,600!

Upcoming events include the student night competition in May. Stay tuned to future Campus Corner issues for more information regarding the new format of this exciting competition.

Newsletter Contact Info

If you have any changes in your contact information, please let us know so you continue to receive monthly ITE e-mail announcements and newsletters. To update your information, click on the "Membership" link on the Washington State Section ITE website: http://www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/membershipbak.htm
To submit your business card, please send a jpg or tif file of the desired ad to Nick Ching at nching@hntb.com

Also send a check for $100 (covers through December 2007) to Nick Ching:

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600 - 108th Ave NE, Suite 405
Bellevue, WA 98004
Direct: (425) 456-8551
Fax: (425) 456-8600
Call for Abstracts
2007 ITE Washington Section Annual Meeting
June 11, 2007, Yakima, WA

This year’s Annual Meeting of the Washington State Section of ITE has been scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2007 with a return to the east side of the state to the City of Yakima. The site of the meeting is the Red Lion Hotel-Yakima Center in historic downtown Yakima next to the Yakima Conference Center. The Annual Meeting committee is now inviting you to submit an abstract you would like to have considered for presentation or a technical training session that you would like to facilitate at the June meeting event. We highly encourage our Eastern Washington colleagues to showcase their projects and share the experience and challenges facing the growth on their side of the State.

Abstracts on all transportation issues will be accepted for consideration and review. However, possible general presentation topics could include:

- Context Sensitive Design
- Traffic Calming
- ADA Design Updates
- Cross State Freight Mobility and Distribution
- Eastern Washington Projects or Programs (Spokane Valley City Incorporation Issues/Spokane Light Rail)
- Roadway Dieting
- Traffic Mitigation/Concurrency Issues
- Roundabouts
- Downtown Redevelopment Plans
- Tri City Area Projects and Challenges
- MUTCD or HCM Updates Review
- WSDOT Update of East and West side challenges, regional projects upcoming

Possible technical training session topics may include:

- Traffic Simulation (VISSIM/SYNCHRO-SIMTRAFFIC) Applications/Updates
- Agency and Consultant Relations – Pros and Cons
- MUTCD or HCM Analysis – WSDOT Adoptions
- Signal Operations and Improvements
- Transit Operations and Considerations
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Improvements
- Non-Motorized Travel Planning and Design Considerations

Abstracts should include title of paper, author/presenter(s), contact phone number and email address. Please keep abstract description to one (1) page in length. All abstract submittals should be forwarded by March 1, 2007 to Sherman Goong (Annual Meeting Chair) at:

Email: sherman.goong@ci.bothell.wa.us
Fax: (425) 486-2768 x4402
Mail: c/o City of Bothell Public Works
9654 NE 182nd Street
Bothell, WA 98011
Though the highways were bare and wet, many local roads were treacherously icy after being dealt another round of snow and freezing temperatures. However, even Mother Nature’s dispensation was not enough to halt the advancement of dedicated transportation professionals into the warm haven of the Blue Water Bistro in Carillon Point. Supplying a charming view of the marina and an exquisite lunch buffet, the accommodations served as a prize for the members that nearly packed the meeting room.

As the members convened, the topic of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) brought about curiosity from participants. Admittedly, my own comprehension of CSS did not proceed beyond buzzwords and acronyms that too often become glossed-over in conversation.

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) as described on FHWA’s website is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility.

CSS is an approach that considers the total context within which a transportation improvement project will exist. CSS principles include the employment of early, continuous, and meaningful involvement of the public and all stakeholders throughout the project development process.

Mr. Tim Bevan had the unenviable task of condensing a three-day training course into a 30-minute presentation. Highlighting the goals of CSS and displaying examples of its employment, the presentation illuminated the topic with the only inadequacy being the time available to absorb more on the subject.

However, those members sparked by the presentation can seek additional information regarding CSS through FHWA and WSDOT’s websites.

### 2006-2007 Washington ITE Monthly Meeting Calendar

ITE Washington Section programs generally occur on the second Tuesday of each month. The following dates and program topics are currently planned:

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### PROFESSIONAL TRANSITIONS

- Nick Ching, currently with David Evans and Associates, has accepted the position of Traffic Engineer with HNTB in Bellevue.

ITE Member Transition information will be added to future newsletters. Please forward any updates on your personal and career developments to Nick Ching at nching@hntb.com
ITE/IMSA Joint Annual Meeting and Vendor Exhibition

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Parking will be free, just proceed into the gated lots and take a ticket at the booths. Upon exit, mention you are with the ITE/IMSA meeting.

Reservations for Lunch: Reservations must be made in advance, before noon on Thursday, February 22nd by sending an E-Mail to ITERegistration@ci.kirkland.wa.us. Please clearly state your name, the name of your organization, and that your reservation is for the February meeting.

Lodging: We have a small block of hotel rooms reserved for Sunday and Monday night. Please contact the hotel directly to reserve accommodations and ask for the ITE rate. The phone number of the hotel is (206) 246-8600.

Technical Programs: This year there will be four Technical Sessions, 3 in the morning and 1 following lunch.

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Vendor Display: This one-day vendor exhibition has grown to become the premier trade show in the Northwest and a favorite of the vendors for traffic and transportation related products.

This is an excellent opportunity for traffic and transportation professionals, and signal and sign technicians to come and see “what’s new” in the industry, to meet with the manufacturer’s representatives, and to share ideas with others in this vast and ever changing field. We anticipate a large attendance with more than 200 professionals and over 30 different vendors at this year’s exhibition.

Hope to see you there!

For current information, go to the following web address:
http://www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/Meetings/Feb2007Meeting.htm
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