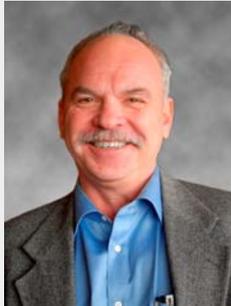




Letter from the President

Wow! Has it been another year for the Washington Section of ITE?! It sure seems to have gone fast.

For those who could not attend, we had an incredible Student Night. We had great attendance and great presentations. We had six student teams competing and in the first time in our collective memories, we had a tie for first place. I think the future of our profession is solid. Hats off to Meagan Powers and Scott Lee for their efforts in bringing this together.



Jim Bloodgood
WA Section President

I would also like to recognize and thank Claudia Hirshey for her generous donation of \$1,321 to the student fund from her campaign fund. This is a very gracious gesture and very much appreciated. Thank you, Claudia!

Looking back over the past year, we have had some incredible accomplishments. First and foremost, we are a financially healthy organization. As such, the Executive Board decided to contribute \$5,550 to the ITE Western District, Student Endowment Fund this fiscal year. The goal of this fund is to expand student initiatives to attract the best and the brightest in the west to the transportation profession by:

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Mark Your Calendars!

Plan ahead and mark your calendars now for upcoming Washington Section meetings and events:

- June 7, 2010 - Washington Section Annual Meeting
- June 8, 2010 - ITE Golf Classic #22, Battle Creek Golf Course
- June 27-30, 2010 - District 6 Meeting, San Francisco, California
<http://www.westernite.org/annualmeetings/meeting.htm>



- August 8-11, 2010 - International Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, <http://www.ite.org/AnnualMeeting/default.asp>



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- Waiving ITE dues and District Annual Meeting fees for faculty advisors
- Providing funds for reference books to new student chapters
- Waiving ITE Dues and subsidizing District Annual Meeting fees for students
- Funding travel to District Annual Meetings through student competitions, student papers, student projects, the Data Collection Fund
- Sponsoring special events for students and professionals

The Washington Section is the largest contributor in 2009-10 of any section or chapter or business in the Western District. You should all be proud of this.

Also this year we found out that we are not a tax exempt, non-profit organization. However, we are working with ITE International and their lawyers, at no cost to the section, to rectify this.

We also managed to reconcile our local membership database with that of ITE International. This is important to make sure that local dues are paid which helps keep us financially healthy. As you may know, there are several types of ITE membership. One can be a member of ITE International whose dues typically includes those for district and section membership. Or one could be a member of the district and section. Or one can be a member of the section alone. In the latter two cases, dues might not have been collected. In addition, there is student membership. So, things never quite matched up and, in fact, our databases were significantly different. Throw in people who have retired, moved out of the area or foreign students that have returned to their native countries that were still in our database and it looked like we were losing out on a lot of local dues. It was a painstaking process but in the end it turned out we were not nearly as far off as first thought but it did allow us to identify those section dues we had not been invoicing.

Changing gears, the ITE International Vice President Election has a strange twist this year. There are three candidates. That, in and of itself, is not unheard of. What is unique is that two of the candidates are from the Western District. My concern is that the two Western District candidates may split the Western District vote and hand the election to the third party. Rock Miller is from the Southern California area and was vetted through and nominated by the International Nominating Committee. The other candidate is from the Bay Area and used the petition process to appear on the ballot. Both have been long-time contributors to ITE and to the transportation profession. However, I believe it is important for the Western District and the Washington Section to be united behind one candidate. Therefore, I am endorsing Rock Miller in his bid for this important position. I hope will join me by casting you vote for Rock.

As I close out my term as President, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the volunteers that make this organization work. We just could not exist without you. I won't name everybody here but I do want to single out the Executive Board. Vice President/Treasurer Katherine Casseday, Secretary Kevin Chang and Past President Nick Ching are outstanding individuals and professionals. It has been a privilege to serve long side them. They are energetic, creative, dedicated and a fun group to work with. Thank you so much for making this year rewarding and successful!

I also want to thank all of you that attend our meetings, support the section and are part of the transportation profession. It makes our work all worthwhile.

With that, I bid you adieu.

Sincerely,

Jim Bloodgood
President, ITE Washington Section



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Scribe Report

By Paul Cho, City of Redmond

April 2010 Meeting

Something about a converted warehouse with its mix of old and modern construction amplified by the well worn wooden floors provides a warm and inviting meeting space for this month's ITE Washington Section luncheon meeting. Hosted at the Pyramid Alehouse near Safeco Field, the members spilled into the overflow area as they hunted for their seats. The popularity of April's presentation on the link between traffic engineering and urban space by Nate Larson (URS) drew quite a crowd. I'm sure the free parking and fabulous fish-n-chips didn't hurt either.



After allowing ample time for the members to catch up on recent activities and enjoy their meals, section President, Jim Bloodgood, began the meeting. Without wasting words, he introduced our speaker for the day and passed on the microphone.

Mr. Larson began his presentation with an overview of information presented not too long ago on “complete” and “green” streets. He then turned the “way-back” dial some more to go over safety trends for vehicles and roadway designs of the past. As vehicle design incorporated more safety features, the injury and fatality rates began to drop. However, technology allowing for greater speeds in addition to driver overconfidence with their trust in new safety devices, acted as a balancing force that countered the benefits. Many are very familiar with keeping fixed objects away from travel lanes to lessen the accident potential and severity in case of a crash. However, as Mr. Larson pointed out, this may also lead to a less safe road.

Displaying a schematic of a multi-way boulevard, the points of conflict for vehicles at the intersection totaled about 100. Clearly, on paper, this was not a safe street. Yet, crash data shows they are no less safe than a traditional intersection. The boulevard with 4 lanes of travel separated by a median as well as another median for a parking access road provided a space for different users of the corridor. Many accidents can be linked to inattentive blindness (search Youtube for “how many passes does white team make”) which can hide conflicts. At the intersection, the perceived raised danger level commanded alertness and concentration to safely negotiate conflicting traffic. A dose of discomfort raises the attention level of drivers and the accident rate is far less than its initial appearance would have you believe.

Mr. Larson concluded his presentation by referencing the State Route 527 project in Bothell. This four block corridor will apply some of these multi-way boulevard techniques as well as other features that go “beyond” complete streets.

Following the presentation, Jim Bloodgood announced the upcoming Student Night in May and the Annual meeting in June along with District 6 and International meetings. Scott Lee announced 6 student groups from UW and Seattle U to present at the Ivar's Salmon House on May 11th. The winner of the event will receive a cash prize donated by All Traffic Data, DKS and Transpo.

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Join ITE August 8-11 in Vancouver, BC Canada for the ITE 2010 Annual Meeting and Exhibit

The ITE 2010 International Annual Meeting and Exhibit attracts over 1000 delegates including many from around the world. The Technical Program is divided into five tracks, offering 42 technical sessions. The track subjects are Traffic Engineering and Design, Safety, Planning, Transportation Operations, and Professional Development Seminars.

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2010/2011 Washington Section ITE Election Results

By Torsten Lienau

The Washington Section of ITE completed its election for the 2010/2011 Board on June 7th. Besides the usual stair-step promotions for Katherine Casseday (2010/2011 President) and Kevin Chang (2010/2011 Vice President/Treasurer), the Section was privileged to have two outstanding candidates for Secretary. Carter Danne has served the Section most recently as the newsletter editor, and he's presented several papers at the District level. Jim Ellison has served as a member of the ITE delegation to the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for the last 11 years, and when the International ITE Annual Meeting was held in Seattle in 2003, he served on the Local Arrangements Committee. Last year, Jim was honored with the Outstanding Service Award at the ITE Washington State Section conference.

Although both candidates were outstanding and have served the Section and profession admirably, only one can serve as the next Secretary on the Board. The Section is pleased to announce Jim Ellison will serve in that role for the 2010/2011 year. The Section greatly appreciates the service from both candidates and wishes both well. To our outgoing President and 2010/2011 Past President, Jim Bloodgood, the Board wishes to thank Jim for his tremendous leadership this year, and look forward to his continuing participation in the Washington Section.

For the second year in a row, the Washington Section ITE Elections were paperless. Twenty-five percent of the eligible members voted this year, approximately the same percentage that voted when elections were mailed and returned via postcard. Thank you to the membership for participating in the elections. If the Board can improve the improve the election process in the future, please let them know.

Dan Dawson – 2010 Washington Section ITE Award for Outstanding Service

By Katherine Casseday

Daniel L. Dawson, PE is the recipient of the 2010 Washington Section ITE Award for Outstanding Service to the community and the transportation profession. The award was announced at the 2010 Annual Meeting held June 7 in Bellevue, Washington and we will honor Dan in person at the September 14, 2010 luncheon meeting. Dan is a long-standing member of the Institute with a career focus on transportation design and mobility for all travel modes. Dan is a project manager and principal at Otak in Kirkland, Washington. Dan's contributions to the practice of transportation engineering include co-authoring the *Washington State Pedestrian Facilities Guidebook* for WSDOT, developing the design guidelines for pedestrian safety and accessibility, contributing to Transportation Research Board publications as well as the Public Rights-of-Way Access Advisory Committee (PROWAAC) *Special Report: Accessible Public Rights-of-Way, Planning and Designing for Alterations*. He has authored articles for ITE Journal and presents technical papers at ITE conferences to continue the education of the membership in designing for full accessibility and mobility. Dan continues his efforts to educate our members on accessible pedestrian signals (APS) through coordinating the upcoming training session for our Section. It is a pleasure to recognize Dan Dawson in 2010 for his Outstanding Service to the community and Washington Section ITE.



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