ITE San Diego,

We certainly had an amazing (and exhausting) quarter, including a golf tournament, luncheon, volunteer mixer, summer social and our big event of the decade, the Western District Conference. We successfully hosted the Conference in San Diego, and it wouldn’t have happened without Joe de la Garza’s leadership, the Local Arrangements Committee’s (LAC) hard work and contribution from all the volunteers. And we could not be more proud of our San Diego Section being chosen as Western District’s best small section of the year. Thank you to all of our members, sponsors, chairs and board members for contributing to the section activities. Special thanks to Ryan Zellers/Hillary Potter for helping us produce a great looking report.

The second quarter is already in the books, and the following are the events that took place this quarter:

- **April** was Golf Tournament Month. We held the tournament at the Twin Oaks Golf Course on April 14th. There were about 80 players, and it was a great day to be outside. Big thanks to Saul Kane for organizing such a well-attended event. Thanks to attendees and our sponsors, this event was very profitable, and therefore San Diego ITE section was able to donate $1,000 to the SDSU ITE Student Chapter. Check out the pictures on our website.

- **May** luncheon featured Jennifer Williamson. We had our luncheon at Hilton Mission Bay, where Jennifer discussed the Purple Line Corridor. This was a great way for attendees to check out the venue for the western district conference. We had over 60 attendees at the luncheon, and our sponsor for the luncheon was Dokken Engineering. The presentation and photos have been uploaded to our website.
May was also volunteer mixer month. A Volunteer Mixer/Social Event was held at the North Park Beer Company. Approximately 30 people attended and several signed up for local chapter volunteer positions and also for western district conference volunteering. If you are interested in serving ITE San Diego as a chair or a board member, please reach out to any of our board members or attend the volunteer mixer next year for more specific opportunities.

June was summer social month. This year it was held at Tecolote Shores in North Mission Bay. We had over 100 guests attend the free member appreciation event. It was a great hit with games, great food, kid’s jumper and of course the company of ITE members. The event being a day before the Western District Conference and the location being adjacent to the conference venue provided an opportunity for several Western District Board members to attend the event with their families. Big thanks to our social chair Mario Flores for organizing such a fun filled event. Photos are uploaded to our website.

June was also the big month with our Western District Conference in Hilton Mission Bay. The event was held from June 17th through 21st in Hilton Mission Bay. Below are some of the highlights of the event:

- Joe de la Garza was the Local Arrangements Committee Chair (LAC) and below are all the members of the LAC that worked tirelessly for several years to organize the event.
  - **LAC General Chair:** Joe De La Garza, WSP
  - **Finance:** Marc Mizuta, Mizuta Traffic Consulting
  - **Hotel, Audio/Visual:** Miriam Jim, City of Escondido
  - **Audio/Visual:** Ali Shahzad, City of Escondido
  - **Registration:** Saul Kane, LIN Consulting
  - **Technical:** Erik Ruehr, VRPA Technologies
  - **Sponsorship:** Ryan Zellers, Michael Baker International
  - **Vendors:** Jennifer Harvey, NexTech Systems & Matt Keller South Coast Lighting
  - **Technical Tours:** Mark Jugar, Rick Engineering Company
  - **Social/Family Events:** Dawn Wilson STC Traffic
  - **Traffic Bowl:** Kathy Feilen, City of La Mesa
  - **Keynote Speakers:** Dennis Wahl, Retired
  - **Publicity & Website:** Debbie Leung, IBI Group
  - **Local Section/ Volunteer Liaison:** KC Yellapu, Linscott, Law & Greenspan, Engineers
  - **Program & Graphics:** Hilary Ellis, Michael Baker International

  - Scott Peters was the guest speaker for the opening general session.
  - Will Kempton was the keynote speaker.
  - Jeff Zevely was the Kickoff Luncheon Speaker
  - There were 32 sessions and over 100 speakers at the technical sessions.
  - There were four social events, two technical activities, three technical tours and four events for students & young professionals.
  - There were over 60 volunteers from our region that helped during the event day, and we are very appreciative of all the help from all the volunteers.
  - Additional conference information is provided in the brochure included in this newsletter.
  - All the presentations will be uploaded to the western district website.

Deep Breath! And on to the next quarter! We will have our monthly luncheon in August and our SDSU monthly luncheon in September. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events. Thank you again for all your support, and I look forward to seeing you at future events!
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PAST MEETINGS & EVENTS

APRIL GOLF TOURNAMENT

We have been holding our Annual Golf Tournament at the Twin Oaks Golf Course for the past few years. This year the tournament was held on April 14th. The staff is great to us and the course is a lot of fun. Saul Kane has been the driving energy behind this event. This year the event brought 80 players from both public and private sector. It was a great day to be out in the Golf Course. After everyone finished their rounds of golfing, people gathered at the clubhouse to grab an All-American Cookout dinner and see the results. Financially, we did great, thanks to our sponsors. We had money for lots of raffle prizes and still enough to donate $1,000 to our student section at San Diego State. They’ll get the official check at our September meeting, hosted by the SDSU Chapter on campus.

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The May 2017 meeting was held at the Hilton Mission Bay. The hotel was chosen as location for this meeting as a sage way to the Western District Annual Meeting. Jennifer Williamson from SANDAG presented ‘Purple Line Corridor’. The presentation was followed by Q and A from the attendees. 62 people attended the meeting.

MAY LUNCHEON

In May, ITE held a Volunteer Mixer/Social Event at the North Park Beer Company in North Park, San Diego. Approximately 30 people came by and 8 people signed up to volunteer for various tasks within ITE San Diego. 10 people signed up to volunteer for the Western District Annual Meeting also.

MAY VOLUNTEER SOCIAL MIXER

The 2017 Summer Social was a hit, yet again, at Tecolote Shores in North Mission Bay. The sun was shining, music jamming, kids playing, good food being consumed, and great conversations among peers and their family members. The catered “street tacos” were great, as always. The jumpy was the additional fun for the kids to enjoy. The traditional volleyball and water balloon toss games were held with prizes awarded to the winners. This year’s extra attraction was the participants from the Western District Annual Meeting. The summer social was held right next to the Hilton Mission Bay Hotel where the Western District Annual Meeting was held. Many attendees from the meeting came to join the summer social. They made our summer social extra fun this year. It was a great summer day in Mission Bay in beautiful San Diego.

JUNE SUMMER SOCIAL

This year’s ITE Western District Meeting was held in our hometown, San Diego. The Hilton Hotel in Mission Bay hosted the event. It was a great location to enjoy sunny San Diego in the middle of summer. The technical sessions were well received over the 4-day event. Tours took participants around San Diego to District 11 TMC, MTS’ OCC, and on a biking tour. Family night at the hotel was entertaining for both adults and their kids.

JUNE WESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?
I was born in the Philippines and spent about half of my childhood there until I was 8 years old. I moved to the US and have lived in San Diego ever since.

WHAT SCHOOLS DID YOU ATTEND FOR YOUR DEGREES?
I attended San Diego State University for my BS in Civil Engineering. Go Aztecs!

WHAT/WHO INFLUENCED YOU TO CHOOSE TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING?
What has always drawn me to the Transportation Engineering field is the ability to work on projects that people utilize and interact with on an everyday basis. I feel that no matter what type or size of project it may be, it is going to affect someone in one way or another, and that is something that has drawn me to the field.

WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST ABOUT YOUR ITE MEMBERSHIP?
What I value the most is the camaraderie among ITE members and the willingness to share knowledge with one another. ITE, and ITE San Diego Section in particular, has a great sense of community and in my opinion goes beyond just a professional organization. It is a great place to meet new people and make friends who share the

MARIO FLORES

WHAT INTERESTING TALENT DO YOU POSSESS?
A little known fact about myself is that I enjoy painting and drawing and I am fairly good at it (If I do say so myself).

DESCRIBE A MEMORABLE/UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE/EVENT IN YOUR LIFE
One of the most memorable experience in my life was a trip that I took to the Grand Canyon. The goal was to be completely self-sufficient throughout the whole trip meaning no hotels nor restaurants and get off the “beaten path”. The trip comprised of off-roading through Joshua Tree National Park and Mojave Desert, camping and fishing along the shore of Lake Mead, camping in below freezing temperatures at the Kaibab National Forest and of course seeing the Grand Canyon. It was an awesome experience seeing and being one with nature.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES OR INTERESTS?
Some of my hobbies include fishing, off-roading, camping, and backpacking. I am also a big fan of music and enjoy going to all kinds of shows and concerts.

WHAT IS THE CRAZIEST (OR THE SCARIEST) THING YOU HAVE EVER DONE?
Another hobby of mine is freediving (essentially scuba diving sans scuba gear and other breathing apparatus) and spearfishing. One trip I will never forget was a trip to Catalina Island where I spent a couple days swimming and diving around. It was a beautiful experience but what made it the most memorable was after I got back from the trip, I was watching the news and that same week had one of the highest numbers of Great White Shark sightings in Southern California. It was scary to think that there very well could have been great whites in the same water that I was in but the mystery and the danger of the ocean is all part of the thrill and allure.

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LET’S GET SOCIAL

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

ITE/SDSU JOINT LUNCHEON
DATE: SEPT 21

ITE WORKSHOP VENDOR SHOW
DATE: OCT 12

ITE SDSU FOOTBALL TAILGATE
DATE: OCT 21

SDSU ENGINEERING DESIGN DAY
DATE: DEC 6

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON (AWARDS & ELECTION)
DATE: NOV 9

ITE HOLIDAY PARTY
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TO APPLY


We encourage all interested candidates to apply for this internship by sending us a completed employment application form along with a recent 2-to 3-page writing sample. A cover letter describing how this internship would contribute to your career goals in Intelligent Transportation as well as a resume is highly desirable. The application form can be downloaded from the Careers section of the SANDAG website. Once completed, your application and writing sample can be emailed to hr@sandag.org or sent to SANDAG, Attn: Human Resources, 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101.

Apply immediately. We are accepting applications on an ongoing basis until the position is filled. The internship is expected to start in November 2017.