

Outstanding Section / Chapter Award Saskatchewan Section Submission

Regular Meetings

Meeting #1 - Spring Session (Virtual): May 27, 2020

Due to the COVID 19 situation, the Saskatchewan Section opted to host a free online webinar for the Spring Session. The event had 74 attendees, which was an increase from previous events. The session was titled: “*Saskatchewan Municipalities Respond to Transportation-Related Issues of COVID*”. There were representatives from the City of Saskatoon and the City of Regina to discuss modifications made to the transportation networks (e.g. parking, transit, traffic signals) and travel behaviours as a result of the pandemic. Speakers for the session included:

- Nathalie Baudais, City of Saskatoon
- Julian Petras, City of Saskatoon
- Marina Melchiorre, City of Saskatoon
- Vikas Rivadas, City of Regina

Meeting #2 - Fall Session and AGM (Virtual): November 23, 2020

In November, the Saskatchewan Section hosted their first virtual Annual General Meeting and Fall Session. The event had 49 registrants with a mix of government, consultant, and student representatives who tuned in from across the province. The virtual environment made it possible to host engaging presentations from local and out-of-province presenters. The Fall Session presenters showcased highlights from recent projects, including:

- Ellen McLaughlin, Associated Engineering - Active Transportation on Bridge Audit for Saskatoon
- Ian Cantello and Hari Patel, City of Regina - Park Street Bike Lanes in Regina
- Craig Milligan, Micro Traffic - Rapid Before/After Safety Assessment
- Kristen Faber, WSP - Alternative Modes at the University of Regina
- Emanuele Sacchi, University of Saskatchewan - Speed Prediction Model Development and Investigation of the Relationship between Speed Variation and Crash Frequency in Saskatoon

Member feedback from both of the events was positive.

Student/Younger Member Support

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Application of Technical Knowledge

The Saskatchewan Section organized and hosted a session titled "*Saskatchewan Municipalities Respond to Transportation-Related Issues of COVID*" to address impacts to local transportation issues. This session presented the impacts and varied response techniques taken by Saskatchewan municipalities with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some examples of the items shared and discussed included the impacts on local traffic volumes and public transportation.

Networking Events

The Saskatchewan Section hosted two Student Pizza and Pint nights in 2020. The first was held in January at the University of Regina in Regina with 32 attendees. The second networking event was held in February at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon with 18 attendees. Attendees included engineering students, planning students, professionals from industry, and professionals from government agencies.

The Student Pizza and Pint nights served as an informal networking event that provided students with the opportunity to communicate with professionals and learn more about working in the transportation industry. Both events also provided professionals with insights into potential co-op and internship candidates. The event was sponsored in part by CIMA+ (through the annual sponsorship program). Door prizes were provided at both events along with swag provided by professionals in the industry.

To recruit students for the event, the Saskatchewan Section Board members spoke with 3rd and 4th year engineering students at the University of Saskatchewan as well as at the University of Regina. The Board members used this opportunity to pique students' interest in a career in the transportation field by providing an introduction to CITE as well as an opportunity to ask questions. The students were then invited to attend a Pizza and Pint night to network with professionals and learn more about the transportation industry.

K-12 STEM Outreach

The Saskatchewan Section did not participate in any STEM events in 2020, however, the membership was made aware of available resources at the 2019 Annual General Meeting and Fall Session. Individual Board Members were involved in the preparation or sharing of STEM materials, but events were unfortunately canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Member Recruitment

Prior to the student networking event, the Saskatchewan Section visited a transportation class at the University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan to talk about ITE and the benefits of being a member. All of our events were open to non-members and posted on our Facebook page as well as distributed to our Friends List (non-members who are subscribed to email updates). In all our events, we encourage non-members who are participating to sign up for membership. The Saskatchewan Sectional also reached out to local municipalities regarding agency memberships.

Diversity and Inclusion

In preparation for the student networking events, the Saskatchewan Section Board reached out to engineering and transportation planning students as well as professors.

With the rest of the Section events taking place virtually last year, people from different parts of the province were able to take part. The Saskatchewan Section Board was also able to include a speaker from out-of-province to present at the Fall Session. The Board encouraged participation from various groups and had presenters from the public sector, private sector, as well as educators.

After the election at the end of the year, the new Saskatchewan Section Board is composed solely of women, which is a first in this Section's history!

Training/Professional Development

The Saskatchewan Section provided an education opportunity for its members by hosting an online webinar titled: "*Saskatchewan Municipalities Respond to Transportation-Related Issues of COVID*". Representatives from the City of Saskatoon and the City of Regina were invited to speak to their City's responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar provided the membership the opportunity to learn about modifications made to transportation networks (e.g. parking, transit, traffic signals) and travel behaviours as a result of the pandemic.

The Saskatchewan Section did not host any formal training sessions in 2020.

Field Trips/Technical Tours

The Saskatchewan Section did not host any field trips or technical tours in 2020.

Service Projects

The Saskatchewan Section did not participate in any community service projects in 2020.

Funding Support

Beginning in 2020, the Saskatchewan Section initiated a tiered sponsorship program. This program includes three sponsorship levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Each level offers different benefits to the sponsor.

In 2020, we had one consulting firm choose to sponsor our Section with a Bronze sponsorship level.

LeadershipITE

The Saskatchewan Section did not actively promote LeadershipITE to its members in 2020. The Saskatchewan Section has not had any members express interest in LeadershipITE nor are we aware of any LeadershipITE alumni in our membership.

Advocacy

The Saskatchewan Section did not engage in any activities to educate or inform our members about issues, legislation, and/ or regulations that might impact the transportation industry in 2020

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University of Saskatchewan Pizza & Pint Night



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