

# Southern Alberta ITE Section

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# Annual Section Report - 2020



Ms. Julia Salvini  
President, District 7  
Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers

Dear Ms. Salvini:

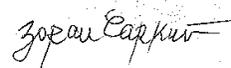
We proudly present our 2020 Annual Section Report for your review and consideration for the 2020 Outstanding Section Award. Our Section continues its excellent participation with transportation professionals in Southern Alberta through numerous technical, social, and student activities, even through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We hosted two regular monthly luncheon meetings in January and February. In March, due to COVID-19, The City of Calgary declared a state of emergency and the province implemented tight restrictions on gatherings to promote social distancing. The March luncheon was therefore postponed until further notice. However, in May, our Section was one of the first to host a virtual presentation for our members. The Section Executive held eight virtual presentations this year, including a social gala event in December featuring a panel discussion on diversity and inclusion and a project poster competition.

We continued to actively support our local University of Calgary student chapter through assisting with advertising and participating in events. In August, we hosted a virtual presentation for 4<sup>th</sup> Year Civil Engineering Students' Capstone Project on a Pedestrian System Plan for the Interface with the University of Calgary Campus. We also provide financial support for our students in general through reduced ticket pricing for our luncheons.

The financial state of the Section remains healthy, with a balance of \$6,947.32 at year-end. Use of the CITE website has contributed to this by reducing administrative costs associated with organizing our luncheons and virtual events.

It was another successful year for our Section, made possible through hard work and dedication from our outstanding members and Executive Team as well as support and guidance from our District Executive and our District Administrator, Steven Garner. We look forward to a great 2021!

Kind Regards,



Zoran Carkic, P.Eng.  
2020 President – Southern Alberta ITE Section

Cc: 2020 SA ITE Executive (Anne Cataford - Vice President, Josh Workman – Treasurer, Madhuri Seera – Secretary, Lou Mak – Publicity Coordinator, Monique Castonguay – Past President, Meera Kopp – CITE Director)



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# Section Executive

The Southern Alberta ITE Executive Elections were held in November 2019 with results announced at the January 2020 Annual General Meeting. All incumbent candidates assumed their new positions on the executive. Kari Fellows was Treasurer for part of the year and then moved out of Alberta. Josh Workman took over her role as Treasurer, and Lou Mak joined the Section Executive as the Publicity Coordinator. Meera Kopp assumed the role of CITE Director.

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## 2020 Executive Team

President	Zoran Carkic, P.Eng.	City of Calgary
Vice President	Anne Cataford, P.Eng, PMP	City of Calgary
Secretary	Madhuri Seera, P.Eng	City of Calgary
Treasurer	Josh Workman, P.Eng	Stantec
Publicity Coordinator	Lou Mak, P.Eng	TetraTech
CITE Director	Meera Kopp, P.Eng., PTOE	City of Calgary
Past President	Monique Castonguay, P.Eng.	City of Calgary

# Section Membership



2020 SAITE Executive (L to R: Kari Fellows, Josh Workman, Madhuri Seera, Anne Cataford, Zoran Carkic, Monique Castonguay and Ryan Vanderputten)

The Southern Alberta Section’s membership and associated annual dues are summarized in the table below. The section had 291 members as of December 2020, down 6 members from the previous year.

<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Honorary Member	1	0.3
Fellow	9	3.0
Fellow Retired	1	0.3
Member	98	33.7
Member Retired	1	0.3
Public Agency Member	159	54.6
Students	22	7.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>100</b>



In line with ITE International's goal to increase membership, the Southern Alberta Section strives to increase local membership by:

- cross promoting events with organizations such as the Consulting Engineers of Alberta, the Centre for Transportation Engineering and Planning, and the Alberta Professional Planners Institute,
- working with public agency members to ensure their staff are aware of opportunities to join ITE and the benefits of membership
- providing discounted luncheons and events for student members, and
- allowing non-members to attend luncheons at a higher ticket cost (\$40) to increase their exposure to ITE and their awareness of membership benefits.

# Section Finances Update

It should be noted that the virtual events held in 2020 were free of charge for all attendees. The balance of funds available at the beginning of the reporting period was \$4,964.71. Expenses and income over 2021 totaled \$6,188.76 and \$4,206.15, respectively, resulting in a year-end balance of \$6,947.32.

Activities	Income	Expenses
<b>2019 Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>\$2,083.06</b>	
2019 Luncheon Event November and December	\$2,030.00	
2019 City of Calgary Staff Attendance Reimbursements	\$1,500.00	
2019 John Vardon Scholarship		\$ (500.00)
2019 EWB Donation		\$ (100.00)
2019 Overpayment Refund		\$ (20.00)
2019 December Event Expenses		\$ (28.35)
<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$4,964.71</b>	
2020 Luncheon Sponsorship and Revenue	\$4,115.00	
2020 ITESA Section Dues	\$2,073.76	
2020 ITESA Section Dues Distribution to Lethbridge		\$ (89.66)
2020 Engineers Without Borders Donation		\$ (350.00)
2020 Executive Meetings		\$ (108.08)
2020 Monthly Luncheons & Tours (Catering & Facilities)		\$ (3,640.91)
2020 Bank Fees		\$ (17.50)
2020 Total	\$6,188.76	\$ (4,206.15)
<b>Estimated End of Year Balance - December 31</b>	<b>\$6,947.32</b>	

# Section Activities

A summary of the technical activities conducted by the Southern Alberta Section in 2020 is provided below.

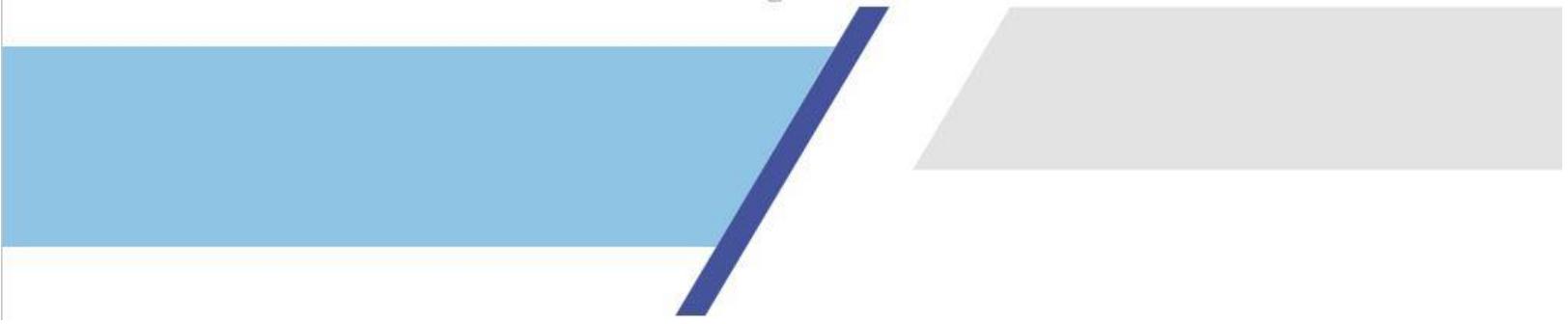
<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Number of Meetings</b>
2020 AGM	1
Virtual Presentations/ Webinars	8
Regular monthly luncheon presentations	1
Virtual Year End Gala Event	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

## Monthly Luncheons

Every year, the Southern Alberta Section organizes regular monthly luncheon meetings to conduct the Section's business, convey announcements, enable networking and provide informative presentations. Presentation topics are planned in advance and adjusted throughout the year as needed. This helps ensure luncheons are diverse and remain a source of current information about important developments in the transportation (or related) field at the local, provincial, and national level.

Brief summaries of the presentations hosted by the Southern Alberta Section in 2020 are provided on the following page.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Registered</b>
January 22	Ryan Vanderputten, City of Calgary & CITE Executive – VP	Transportation Planning Focus Areas for 2020 & CITE Presentation	Stantec	60
February 12	Eric MacNaughton (City of Calgary) & Zhoadi Culbreath (Tesla)	Calgary’s Electric and Low- Emission Vehicle Strategy and Tesla’s Charging Infrastructure implement.	Urban Systems	57
May 13	Kerensa Fromherz, City of Calgary & Anthony El-araj & Jonathan Chapman, City of Calgary	Transpo Infrastructure (TI) activities amidst COVID-19  Adaptive Roadways Initiative		132
June 16	Mac Logan, Maplehawk Projects and Consulting Corp. & Ezekiel Dada, Bunt and Associates	Evolution of Mobility		105
July 16	Kari Fellows, CTS and Gary Vlieg, CTS Okanagan Office	Estimating Traffic Data for Transportation Studies during COVID-19 Pandemic		111
August 11	Ala Ebdalla, Cassidy Stadel, Catalina Barreto, May Hassanin, Morgan Grab, Saad Khurshid, Zachary Redick, UofC	Pedestrian System Plan for interface with the University of Calgary (UofC) campus		103
September 8	Cynthia Albright and Stephen Oliver, Stantec Consulting Ltd	Data Driven Transit Service and Infrastructure Planning		124
October 13	Ahmed Ali , <i>City of Lethbridge &amp; Raheem Dilgir, TranSafe Consulting Ltd.</i>	Safety First – A new paradigm in the development of Lethbridge Transportation Master Plan		102
November 17	Jack Mason and Alana Getty Somers of <i>ISL Engineering</i>	Highway 3 Functional Planning Study for the twining of the highway through the Crowsnest Pass		112



## **Annual General Meeting**

The Southern Alberta Section Annual General Meeting in 2020 focused on reviewing 2019 activities and finances as well as swearing in the new 2020 executive. This year we were honored to have Ryan Vanderputten Executive – Vice President of CITE Board to conduct the swearing in ceremony. Ryan also presented the City of Calgary’s Transportation Planning Project Focus Areas for 2020 & CITE Presentation.

## **Year End Gala and Poster Projects Competition**

ITE SA held a virtual 2020 Year-End Gala, themed “Together We Are Stronger”. This included a panel discussion with four torch bearers (Jen Malzer – City of Calgary, Harold Horsefall – City of Calgary, Jillian Jack – Tetra Tech, and Mia Talavera – Stantec) who are leading diversity and inclusion initiatives in their workplaces. The panelists brought tremendous insight and knowledge of how their respective organizations are reaching out to their staff to provide avenues of awareness and promote dedication towards diversity and inclusiveness. We also held a project poster presentation where HDR Inc. was awarded the Best 2020 Project Poster for their Ontario Line project. Lastly, we wrapped up the event with video hugs from the ITE and industry members.



## Lethbridge Chapter

The Lethbridge Chapter has 13 confirmed members. Due to COVID-19 social gathering restrictions, no meetings and events were held throughout the year. Members used some virtual participation opportunities though.

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### **2020 Executive Team**

President	Chris Poirier
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# University of Calgary Student Chapter

The Section continues to support our local University of Calgary (U of C) ITE Student Chapter through advertising events, participating in panel discussions and subsidizing student attendance at Section luncheons and events. The Student Chapter has 30 members. The chapter held a Student Orientation in Fall 2020,.Every second Friday through the fall of 2020, they held student presentations, workshops, and round tables with professional development topics.

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<b>2020 Executive Team</b>	
<b>President</b>	Marcela Lopes, U of C
<b>Advisor</b>	Dr. Alexandre de Barros, U of C
<b>Vice President Finance</b>	Negar Heidari, U of C
<b>Vice President Events</b>	Reza Ansari Esfe, U of C

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## Legislative Activities

The Section's Charter and Bylaws were updated in 2020, and now include a map to indicate section boundaries.

Regarding the nominee for CITE Director in the new bylaws, the Southern Alberta Section has agreed to the following approach:

*Section 4.1* - The elective officers of the Section shall be {at a minimum}: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Coordinator, Past President, and Section Director. Officers shall be elected annually for a term of one year, except the Section Director which will be two years, and shall take office January 1 . No member shall occupy the same elective office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Coordinator, Past President, or Section Director for more than two consecutive terms.

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*Section 4.4* – The Section shall nominate the Section Director as Section Representatives to serve on the District Board.

Additionally, the Section conducted an Election of 2021 officers in alignment with our by-laws. Meera Kopp, Past, Past President of the Southern Alberta Section, was the Elections Committee Chair. Results were announced and the new executive were sworn in at the Annual General Meeting in January 2021.