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As we have communicated previously, there are significant efforts underway to establish a new ITE District in the West. This is a good opportunity to recap the status of these efforts. As part of the ONE ITE effort initiated in late 2017, the ITE International Board of Direction (IBOD) redefined the roles of District, Sections, and Chapters and, as called for in the ITE Constitution (Section 8.1), reviewed the distribution of membership and the existing District boundaries. In 2018, the IBOD decided to advance several district boundary actions related to the Florida, Great Lakes, Midwestern, and Western Districts.

In October 2018, the IBOD directed the ONE ITE Task Force to form a Sub Task Force to develop a transition plan for a new Western District that would address issues and opportunities identified by the IBOD, the Western District, and impacted Sections and Chapters and provide a roadmap for implementation. The Sub Task Force consists of 25 ITE members from the eight states representing the new district, including elected, legacy, and active leaders. The group has met initially via phone conference three times for orientation in preparation for a work session in Denver, CO, USA, February 22 and 23. At this work session the Sub Task Force will be addressing various elements of the transition (including communication, meetings, student initiatives, structure, and leadership) and developing an implementation timeline. It will provide findings to the IBOD at its May 2019 meeting in New Haven, CT, USA just prior to the Northeastern District Annual Meeting.

The IBOD at its January 2019 meeting during TRB directed the Western District to proceed with its operation, governance, and elections with the understanding and anticipation from the Board that a new district composed of the Intermountain Section Chapters, the Colorado-Wyoming Section, the Arizona Section, and the New Mexico Section will be formed. The IBOD requested that the Western District develop a companion transition plan for a reformed Western District for IBOD consideration at its meeting in May.

Additional information will be shared in ITE Spotlight leading up to and following the May Board meeting. If you would like more information on the ONE ITE Initiative, please go to https://www.ite.org/about-ite/governance-documents/oneite/ or email us at ONEITE@ite.org.

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