

## **2023 Excellence in Transportation Awards**

## BURTON W. MARSH AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MICHAEL P. SANDERSON, P.E., LEED AP, PTOE (F)



Michael P. Sanderson, P.E., LEED AP, PTOE (F) is pleased to announce that has been selected to receive one of ITE's top honors, the Burton W. Marsh Award for Distinguished Service. The award was established in 1970 to honor the legacy of long- time active ITE member and traffic engineering pioneer, Burton W. Marsh, and seeks to recognize an individual who has contributed to the advancement of ITE over a period of years in an outstanding fashion.

"Micheal is well deserving of this recognition. He has been a transformational leader for ITE. He was the driving force behind the creation of *Leadership*ITE, and he played an instrumental role in the success of the ONE ITE initiative," said Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E., ITE Executive Director and CEO.

Michael is President and CEO of Sanderson Stewart, an award-winning engineering and planning firm with offices in Montana and Colorado. Sanderson Stewart was recognized in 2014 as America's Small Business of the Year by the US Chamber of Commerce and has been recognized multiple times as a "Best Firm to Work For" in the A/E industry. Sanderson Stewart recently merged with Bellecci of Northern California and Summit Engineering of Nevada to form Sanderson Bellecci, a multi-discipline firm serving communities across the West.

Born and raised in Montana, Michael holds BS and MS degrees in civil engineering from Montana State University and an MBA from the University of Montana. He is a graduate of the executive program at the Harvard Business School.

Michael is also an active leader in civic, educational, and non-profit organizations and is a frequent lecturer and panelist on topics of corporate culture, organizational strategy, and the innovative business practices that build great small businesses, as well as topics related to the future of transportation and the transportation profession.

An active ITE member for 30 years, Michael has served as an officer at every level of ITE and was ITE's International President in 2018. He continues his ITE service today in many ways, including as the faculty advisor for the ITE Student Chapter at Montana State University.

Congratulations to Michael on this outstanding achievement and thank you for your many contributions to ITE and the transportation profession!