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THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS (ITE) BESTOWS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP UPON THREE OUTSTANDING TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS

WASHINGTON, DC —The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) congratulates its three newest Honorary Members, the highest recognition of notable and outstanding professional achievement ITE presents to an individual. Since 1933 when the first Honorary Member was selected, only 91 individuals have been recognized this way. The ITE Executive Committee has elected the following three individuals as Honorary Members: Alfred A. Guebert P.Eng., PTOE (H), Ransford S. McCourt, P.E., PTOE (H), and Earl E. Newman, P.E., PTOE, PTP, RSP1 (H). Congratulations to these three individuals for receiving ITE's highest honor!

Alfred (Alf) A. Guebert, P.Eng., PTOE (H), has been an active and sustaining member of ITE since joining in 1984, and his contributions to traffic engineering, planning, and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) have been instrumental to the advancement of the industry. Alf is the President of AAGuebert & Associates Consulting Inc., in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. With more than four decades of experience, he has provided planning and design services to both public and private sector clients throughout Western Canada. He has achieved a reputation for managing projects in a collaborative way that allows the project team to find innovative, multimodal solutions to help build better communities. Alf's experience includes both public sector and private sector work, with expertise in traffic analysis; traffic signal design; traffic signal timing; functional planning of multimodal corridors and networks; ITS; and road safety.

Alf's leadership has been fundamental to the growth of ITE, serving on a wide range of ITE Technical Councils and Committees, Board Committees, and in leadership positions at the Section, District, and International levels. He served as Section President and Founder of the Saskatchewan Section from 1990-1994, going on to become Canada District of ITE's (CITE) President from 1997-1998, and District Director on the ITE International Board of Direction from 2001-2003. His leadership with ITE culminated in 2008 during his time as International President. Since 2015, he has served on the Executive Committee of the ITE Consultants Council. He received



the H. Robert Burton Distinguished Service Award in 2012, CITE's highest honor recognizing service to the transportation profession in Canada.

Ransford (Randy) S. McCourt, P.E., PTOE (H), is the true "Energizer Bunny" of the transportation world, displaying exceptional leadership and bringing a special brand of enthusiasm throughout his years of dedication to ITE. His contributions to ITE and the profession in both planning and engineering over the course of his career are exemplary and have earned him the distinction of ITE's highest honor, Honorary Membership.

After more than 40 years at DKS Associates and recently retiring having served as president, his background on major projects in the western United States is extensive, including the Embarcadero Freeway replacement; Alaskan Way Viaduct Partnership; light rail projects in Portland, OR, Seattle, WA, San Francisco, CA, Sacramento, CA, Dallas, TX, and San Diego, CA; and active traffic management technology on I-5, I-90, SR 520, OR 217, and I-80. Randy helped manage one of the first Transportation System Plans in Oregon that addressed all modes of travel that was approved at local, regional, and state levels.

With involvement at the Section, District, and International levels of ITE for more than 40 years, Randy has served in numerous leadership positions since his first chair position in the Bay Area in 1984. Before being elected to the Executive Committee and becoming International President in 2020, Randy served ITE on the boards of the Bay Area and Oregon Sections, the Western District, and the International Board of Direction as District Director. As a member and leader of multiple ITE Technical Councils and Committees, Randy's work through these groups continues to make an active contribution to the profession. He has authored numerous ITE publications and papers including *Parking Generation*, and chapters of the *Traffic Engineering Handbook* and *Traffic Control Devices Handbook*.

Earl E. Newman, P.E., PTOE, PTP, RSP1 (H), spent most of his storied career in transportation with the City of Springfield in Missouri, USA, first as city traffic engineer (1974-1992), and later as assistant director of Public Works. During his second tenure from 1999-2010, traffic crashes reduced by 1,400 per year (8,400 to 7,000) with implementation of improvements for all users. During his career with the city, Earl provided the Master Plan for the City of Springfield Computerized Traffic Signal System, which included interconnection of all traffic signals and construction of a centralized Springfield-MoDOT Transportation Management Center.



After obtaining a bachelor's in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri, he served in the U.S. Army from 1969-1971, receiving the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. Earl then received a Fellowship to attend the historic Bureau of Highway Traffic Program at Pennsylvania State University under the Direction of Fred Hurd, ITE Honorary Member. Earl received his master's in Civil Engineering and is the 24th graduate of the Bureau to be named an Honorary Member of ITE.

Holding leadership positions at all levels of ITE throughout his career, Earl's contributions to the organization have made him an exemplary member. In 2003, Earl was a founding member of the Ozark Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (OCITE) located in Southwest Missouri. In 2007, he received the Transportation Professional of the Year Award from the Ozarks Chapter of ITE, and in 2011, the chapter recognized his contributions by presenting him with their prestigious Distinguished Member Award.

Read more about each one of these dynamic individuals in the January 2023 issue of the *ITE Journal* here. Visit <u>ITE's Honorary Members web page</u> to see a full list of Honorary Members.

About ITE — Founded in 1930, ITE is a community of transportation professionals including transportation engineers, transportation planners, consultants, educators, technologists, and researchers. Through meetings, seminars, publications, and a network of more than 16,000 members working in 78 countries, ITE connects members to a world of ideas, people, and resources. For more information, visit www.ite.org.

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