ITE BESTOWS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP UPON THREE OUTSTANDING TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS

WASHINGTON, DC – ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals congratulates its three newest Honorary Members, the highest recognition of notable and outstanding professional achievement ITE presents to an individual. Since 1933 when ITE selected the first Honorary Member, only 94 individuals have been recognized with this distinction. The ITE International Board of Direction has elected the following three individuals as Honorary Members: Bruce Belmore, P.Eng., PTOE, VMA (H); Kumares Sinha, Ph.D., P.E., NAE (H); and Dalene J. Whitlock, P.E., T.E., PTOE (H). Congratulations to these three individuals for receiving ITE’s highest honor!

Bruce Belmore, Principal, KGS Group in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, has 35 years of experience in the transportation industry, working with both private and public sector clients on a broad range of lasting solutions. He has had a profound impact on ITE, which has been his organization of choice since becoming a member right after university. Having served at the Section, District, and International levels of ITE, Bruce served as the president of ITE Canada in 2008-2009, and was elected International President in 2019, achieving the distinction of being only the fourth International President elected from Canada.

Bruce oversees a talented group of 25 transportation planners, engineers, and roadway construction administration staff at KGS Group, a 500+ person multi-disciplinary engineering consulting company with offices across Canada and locations in Sacramento, CA, and Seattle, WA. One of his proudest accomplishments has been to work on the event traffic and parking management plan for Mosaic Stadium sports and entertainment facility, home of the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Read more.

Kumares Sinha, Olson Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering at Purdue University, has had a long and sustained legacy of service to the transportation industry across the globe, and has had profound impact as a mentor to ITE members from students all the way up to leaders at the International level. He was the Head of Purdue’s Transportation and Infrastructure Systems Engineering from 1981-2001 and served as Director of the Joint Transportation Research Program of Purdue University and Indiana Department of Transportation from 1995-2010. For more than five decades, his research has covered an enormity of areas, from highway engineering, traffic operations and safety analysis to land-use transportation system modelling, transportation
financing, civil infrastructure management, and applications of emerging technologies in transportation. He has developed and taught a wide variety of transportation courses, including traffic engineering, public transportation, infrastructure planning and management, and intelligent transportation systems. Dr. Sinha is also recognized for his innovative research on road infrastructure deterioration and its impact on agency and user costs. Read more.

Dalene J. Whitlock, Senior Principal, W-Trans in Santa Rosa, CA, has been a tireless and passionate supporter of ITE and a successful transportation professional for more than 40 years. Dalene’s success includes having started her own business in 1995 that combines the values of the profession with those of ITE service. Her leadership journey began in 1989 when she was the Chair of the North Bay Transportation Forum. She has served on several committees and the elected Board for the San Francisco Bay Area Section as well as at the Section, District, and International levels, including Western District Director, and Financial Chair for the Local Arrangements Committees for Western District Annual Meetings. Dalene was Chair of the Expert Witness Council when it expanded its focus and became the Transportation Forensics and Risk Management Council and continues to serve on its Executive Committee and has been the Secretary of the Student Traffic Bowl Committee since its inception. Recently, she was on the committee that explored the concept of what “duty of care” means for transportation professionals. Dalene was the recipient of the Western District’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021. Read more.

Read more about each one of these dynamic individuals in the January 2024 issue of the ITE Journal here. Visit ITE’s Honorary Members web page to see a full list of Honorary Members.

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