



Steve Trussell

**Executive Director, Arizona Rock Products Association
and Arizona Mining Association,
Mining Advocate and Lobbyist**

2022 Medal of Merit Recipient

Steve Trussell received a B.A. and Master's Degree from Arizona State University and a Post Baccalaureate Degree from Ottawa University. He began his career in mining as a consultant for the Arizona Mining Association (AMA) as an advocate of the copper mining industry and later with the Arizona Foundation for Resource Education.

Trussell joined Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) in 2002 as Community Relations Director and became the Executive Director in 2007. He is responsible for the promotion and preservation of the sustainability of the rock & construction materials industry through active involvement with Arizona public officials on the policy, regulatory and community relations challenges facing the rock products industry.

In 2017, Trussell added to his responsibilities by becoming the Executive Director of the Arizona Mining Association where he showcases his advocacy for the mining industry and utilizes his skills in community relations, government affairs, regulatory processes and general legislative processes at the federal, state and local level.

He serves on several boards and committees including the Technical Advisory Board for the Center of Environmentally Sustainable Mining, the Governor's Regulatory Review Council, Executive Committee for the University of Arizona's Mining School and the Board of Directors for the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Trussell has been nominated for two national instructor of the year awards, was inducted in the Minor League Football Hall of Fame, received the Adjutant General's Medal from the Arizona National Guard, has been recognized as Policy Leader of the Year at the Arizona State Capitol and was honored by the National Sand, Stone and Gravel Association as the State Association Executive of the Year. In addition, he has served numerous charitable organizations.

His greatest accomplishment is being married to and having the opportunity to support his amazing wife, Ashley.