Pacesetter Awards honor achievement "in real time" — rather than over a lifetime -- and the people whose recent accomplishments chart a course for where the industry is today and where it is headed tomorrow.

There are three focus areas of the Pacesetter Awards:

Young Professionals – Young professionals with a proven track record of successful leadership whose forward thinking and innovative approach led to groundbreaking changes (or actions) that are making a palpable impact on the industry today.

Sustainability and Social Responsibility – Advocates at any level of their professional careers whose proactive leadership on social responsibility initiatives and impassioned drive around sustainability issues are moving (segments) the industry closer to an overall adoption of accepted standards and best practices.

Leadership and Innovation– Innovators at any level of their professional careers whose ideas, approach and concepts are changing the way we think of meetings and events and how we perform our jobs. The implementation of these professionals' techniques and/or products are helping move the industry forward in unexpected and groundbreaking ways.