

Honorary Life Membership Award

Raymond Hoemsen, P.Eng. FEC



Ray Hoemsen, P.Eng. has held a dizzying array of leadership positions in the public and private sectors, and as a volunteer in his community and profession. Ray Hoemsen is currently the Director of Applied Research and Commercialization at Red River College (RRC). Raised on the family farm near Elkhorn, Manitoba, Ray has spent his professional career as an agricultural engineer working with Manitoba industry, as well as academe. His career has spanned agricultural machinery design, a provincial research council, a high technology spinoff company, university and college technology transfer and commercialization, research park development, a federal granting council and management consulting.

Ray's current and lifetime accomplishments in leading and creating sustained applied research, innovation, and commercialization programs across industry and academic organizations is nothing less than exceptional; his reach and involvement extends past local, to provincial and national communities and his efforts have had positive impacts to not only RRC's reputation and success, but to Canadian businesses and the economy.

Ray has, and continues to be, heavily involved in his professional communities across Canada, but his leadership doesn't stop there; he also holds, or has held, an astounding number of volunteer leadership positions ranging from neighborhood organizations, to city, provincial and national athletic groups representing players, coaches, and officials of all levels. Ray has led or been an active volunteer with more than 70 professional, sports, and community organizations. He currently serves as a volunteer in organizations such as the Alliance for the Commercialization of Canadian Technology, the Association of Canadian Community College's National Research Advisory Committee, the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance, the Conference Board of Canada's Innovation Council, the Composites Innovation Centre, Manitoba's Centre for Emerging Renewable Energy, the Manitoba Foundation for Sport, Manitoba's Vehicle Technology Centre, Rugby Manitoba and Sport Manitoba.

Over his career, Ray has also remained closely engaged with APEGM, serving twice on Council for 3 year terms, 12 years on the Investigations Committee, as well as serving on many other committees including the Discipline, EGAIAR Joint Board, Executive/ Finance, Consulting Engineer, Awards, Public Awareness, Nominating, Public Awareness and Research and Development committees. In 2005 Ray was recognized for his service to APEGM and was awarded the Outstanding Service Award.

Ray's character, integrity, and passion to better his communities ultimately propel his actions – it is this genuine approach that embodies what it means to be a true leader and professional engineer.

In recognition of his dedicated service to the engineering profession and voluntary service to APEGM, the Association is pleased to confer Honorary Life Membership on Mr. Ray Hoemsen.