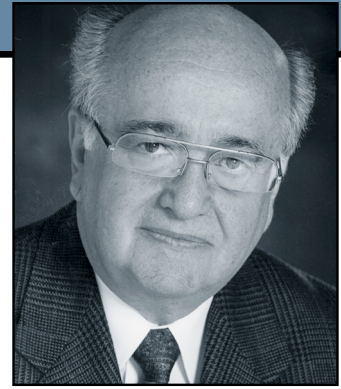


Dr. Frank R. Wilson, P.Eng.

Meritorious Service Award for Professional Service



*D*r. Frank R. Wilson, P.Eng. has an ability to get to the heart of issues and identify solutions. He has put this talent to use repeatedly in his efforts to serve the profession he loves, and to enhance the safety of Canada's highways.

Those skills were put to the test this past year, when Frank was asked to chair the engineering profession's advisory committee on software engineering. Its task was to formulate a position on the future use of the term software engineering that both the profession and university community could accept. Like King Solomon, Frank was equal to the task.

His interest in engineering began in high school, while working a summer job alongside a young engineering student. After graduation, and seven years as a school teacher, Frank found a job with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers working on construction projects in the Canadian North, and then as a surveyor. An engineer in Inuvik recognized Frank's talents, became his mentor, and gave him two choices: return to university with financial assistance from his employer, or be fired. Frank enrolled in the University of New Brunswick. He never looked back, and has never forgotten his profession.

Frank has been President of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick (APEGNB), and its member on the CCPE Board of Directors. He chaired CCPE's Canadian Engineering Resources Board (CERB) at a crucial period in its development, was a member of the CCPE's Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board (CEQB), and participated on a number of CCPE Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) visiting accreditation teams.

In addition to serving on committees and boards, Frank has made major contributions to the engineering profession in New Brunswick and Canada through his consulting, research, education, administrative and other professional services. From co-founding the University of New Brunswick's transportation group and leading its efforts to improve vehicle and road safety in Canada, to being the first "non-political" chairman of NB Power, the province's electric power utility, during a five-year period of extensive reorganization, he's always demonstrated the highest standards of engineering excellence.

Most of Frank's professional life has been spent at the University of New Brunswick. As the leader of the transportation research group, he has supervised or co-supervised the postgraduate education of more than 80 students. He was also the university's first vice-president – research and international cooperation, and has been dean of engineering, dean of graduate studies, and dean of students.

A member of APEGNB, Frank has enjoyed a diverse career in engineering, teaching, research, senior administration, consulting, community work and some dabbling in politics. Now he has come full-circle, from a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse to a mentor and leader for an entire profession.