Outstanding Service Award

Alan Pollard, P.Eng. FEC

Alan received his Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Manitoba in 1976. He continues to be involved with the faculty as an external thesis examiner and industry representative on selection committees. He was granted a Fellowship of Engineers Canada (FEC) in 2010.

He has 35 years experience in telecommunications, electronics, web and database development, and data security and computer forensics. His extensive experience includes 23 years with telecommunications carrier MTS, now MTS Allstream, starting out as a mobile telephone engineer and moving through positions in network technology architecture and new technology development to head up the new product development activity for the company. He also chaired the Data Networking and Technology Thrust Committee of TRLabs, a technology development and commercialization partnership with universities and government.

Alan spent eight years as Director of Technology for the Law Society of Manitoba, the regulatory body for lawyers, improving their data management and security. He has developed several patents in the field of data security and continues to give presentations and workshops in the field of data security.

Back in 1994, while a member of the Public Awareness committee, Alan started a student competition along with two engineers from Manitoba Hydro, to see if a model bridge could be built from spaghetti. Nineteen years later, that competition is ongoing during the Provincial Engineering and Geoscience Week celebration held during March every year.

He is currently co-chair on APEGM's Investigation Committee and chairs the Legislation Committee. He is also a Director on the board of the APEGM Foundation. Alan was President of the Association (APEGM) in year 2000.

Alan has been a speaker at the Pacific Legal Technology Conference and has presented at the annual conference for Professional Organizers in Canada. He is an associate member of the American Bar Association and of the Naval Officers Association of Canada. He is also an active participant with local and national technology organizations such as the Manitoba UNIX Users Group.

In his spare time, Alan finds time to volunteer each year at the Manitoba Robot Games and sit on the board of the Aurora Awards for Canadian literature and artistic excellence. He assists local non-profit organizations with their technology and has done work for the Winnipeg Music Competition Festival and the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers.

The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba is pleased to recognize Alan Pollard's continuing meritorious professional service by presenting him the 2013 Outstanding Service Award.