

Outstanding Service Award

Raymond Reichelt, P. Geo.



Raymond Reichelt, prior to being registered with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba in 2000, was a member of the Geoscientists Grandparenting Committee from 1997 to 2000. The Committee drafted the Terms of Reference for the admission of practicing Geologists and Geoscientists as members of the Association.

Raymond, like many Professional Geoscientists, has seen much of this country. Born in Nova Scotia to a Military family he has lived and worked in a number of Provinces. Following his early Education in Ottawa, Ontario and North Battleford Sask. he graduated with a BSc from the University of Sask. in 1979. Since then he has taken numerous work related courses to keep himself current in his profession.

Following Graduation Raymond worked in Petroleum exploration as a well geologist and mud logger with core laboratories and Exploration logging. The work locations were primarily in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin and projects in the Beaufort Sea on the East Coast. He also spent time in Mexico where he gained experience in describing lithology that was encountered during drilling using Gas chromatographs to analyze the gasses coming of the drilling fluid and assessing the potential for dangerous drilling conditions such as blowouts.

Raymond's career focus changed in 1989 when he worked as an Environmental Consultant, working with a variety of well-known Manitoba Consulting Engineering Companies as an Environmental Geologist/Hydrogeologist. The work ranged from initial environmental assessment of site conditions to site remediation, on-going monitoring of contaminated sites and reclamation of sites. His present position is with the Manitoba Government as The Contaminated Sites Co-ordinator responsible for the province's multi-million dollar program for the remediation of contaminated sites in Manitoba.

Raymond is married with 3 children and lives in Portage la Prairie where he is very active with the Presbyterian Church. His oldest son resides in North Battleford, Sask. Despite his busy family and work life Raymond has continued to provide volunteer service to Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba.

Following his period with the Geoscience Grandparenting Task Force where he was instrumental in setting the terms of reference for admitting Geoscientists to membership with the Association, he served on the Experience Review Committee for 8 years between 1999 and 2007, assuming the chair position for the last 4 years. Raymond served on the Admissions Board for 3 years from 2003 - 2006. In 2007, Raymond was elected as Councillor for 2 - two year terms, where he also sat on the sub-committees for investigation and registration. He served for 3 years as the Manitoba Representative on Geoscientists Canada and also continues to speak to groups of youth on Environmental matters, encouraging them to consider Geology as a career. He currently serves on the Keystone Committee, which is responsible for producing the membership's quarterly magazine, and served on the Nominating Committee for 2016.

Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba is pleased to recognize Raymond Reichelt's continuing meritorious professional service by presenting him the 2016 Outstanding Service Award