

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists
Of the
Province of Manitoba

Honorary Life Membership

to

Erwin Weiszmann

B. Sc. (Civil), P. Eng.

Erwin Weiszmann became registered with the Association on December 2nd, 1957, and has been a member continuously for 49 years. He was also registered in the Provinces of Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories. Erwin served on the Advocacy and Member Services Committee for 2 years and on the Consulting Engineers Committee (now called Practice Standards Committee) for 33 years of which he is still an active member. For a number of years he chaired the Consulting Engineers Committee and represented it at the CCPE meetings in Ottawa. This totals 35 Committee years of service.

Erwin received his degree in Civil Engineering from the Joseph Nador Technical University of Budapest, Hungary in 1949.

He worked as a structural design engineer and later as a department head at the Industrial Building Design Institute in Budapest, Hungary. He received several awards for his outstanding work there.

Erwin and his wife Judith, also a structural engineer, fled Hungary following the failure of the Hungarian Revolution in 1956.

As a refugee in Austria, Erwin was able to find work as an engineer first in Tyrol Austria at the Reuttener Textile Factory, where he designed industrial buildings and later in Vienna at the firm Industriebau Gessellschaft, where he designed the first high-rise building in Vienna, Austria while waiting for his immigration documents for Canada.

Upon arriving in Canada, he was employed as a structural designer at Letendre Monte and Associates Consulting Engineers in Montreal. Erwin and Judith moved to Winnipeg in the fall of 1957, whereupon, Erwin commenced work as a structural design engineer for Winnipeg Hydro (formerly called City Hydro).

He established the firm Weiszmann and Associates in 1959 and proceeded to design building structures in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories over the next 40 years. He designed structures for schools, public buildings, apartments and industrial complexes. He provided consulting engineering services for lawyers and investors, and was involved in a wide range of specialized engineering works over the 40 years in his varied consulting practice. He provided structural design for countless projects in Northern Canada, developing special techniques for ease of construction there.

As a former refugee, Erwin assisted newcomer engineers and technicians settle into practising their profession and assisted them in finding work.

Erwin was invited many times to give lectures regarding safe construction practices to members of construction companies. He was commissioned to write a handbook for building wood grain elevators.

He never stopped furthering his knowledge in his profession. In the year 2000 he received a "Golden Engineering Degree" from the Technical University of Budapest for his 50 years of outstanding engineering work.

Erwin is now winding down his consulting practice, but still does not refuse those who seek his help or ask him for his engineering advice.

Honorary Life Membership is granted to Erwin Weiszmann in recognition of his many years of service to the Association and his significant contributions to the engineering profession.

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