

## 2019 Outstanding Service Award



*Donald D. Himbeault, Ph.D., P.Eng., FEC.*

Donald D. Himbeault, Ph.D., P.Eng., FEC, received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Manitoba and went on to obtain a Ph.D. from the University of Waterloo in 1989, specialising in metal matrix composite materials. In 2009, he obtained a certificate in Intellectual Property and Technology Commercialization Management offered by the University of Manitoba. He was granted a Fellowship of Engineers Canada (FEC) in 2010.

Following graduation, Don held positions as a Research Scientist, first at the Department of National Defence in Quebec, and then with Atomic Energy of Canada at the Whiteshell Laboratories. His research at these organisations led to several publications in the area of shaped charges and fracture mechanics, respectively. In 1998, he started work as a Research and Technology Advisor/Consultant, assisting companies in accessing research funding under the federal government's Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) program, largely in the Manitoba region. In this capacity, Don has supported hundreds of engineers and geoscientists in reviewing and documenting their research and development activities.

Don has an impressive record of service to Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, having served on Council and in other committees and volunteer activities such as Professional Development Committee, Ingenium Task Force, Nominations Committee, special awards judge at the Manitoba schools Science Symposium, and the Spaghetti Bridge Competition. Don was president of the Association in 2008-2009 and is still active on the Academic Review Committee as Chair. Don also has an active interest in professional regulation outside of the Association, having served as a Public Representative on the board of the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba, and is currently serving in the same role at the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba. His is also on the board of Nature Manitoba and was President of that organisation for four years.

Don is also active in promoting science and technology in the community, starting with being the instructor of the inaugural mechanical engineering module for Mini-University in 1984, and later being a presenter for the

Innovators in the Schools programs, which provided hands on science activities to grade 5 students. He is a member of the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association, having completed the electric drive conversion of a classic vehicle which he shows in various shows and events to promote electric vehicle technology and adoption.

In recognition of his commitment to the Association, the profession, and the public, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba is pleased to present the 2019 Outstanding Service Award to Donald D. Himbeault.