

Presidential Recall



Richard J. Manuel
1997 - 1998



This month we feature Mr. Richard Manuel, President of the Toronto Chapter in 1997 – 1998. Richard was born in Toronto, Ontario the middle of three children, one brother and one sister. He graduated from college in 1977, and started working a sheet metal company in downtown Toronto.

From there he went to work for a boiler sales and service company Johnson Paterson Inc., where he is presently still working. When he started he was working on the service side of the business, and over the years he has held many hats, from service tech, service manager

to sales manager to his present position of Senior Vice President of the company. He has been married to his lovely wife Anne for the past 28 years. Richard has been involved with the sales, start up and commissioning of the heating equipment (Cleaver Brooks Boiler) as several large projects, Rogers Centre, Toronto Star, BCE Place, Bank of Montreal, CNE Place, and Canada Wonderland to name a few. Richard started with ASHRAE in 1985, and was on the Attendance Committee and eventually became the Chair . Over the years Richard has held many positions on the Board of Governors and Committees, helping where he could and was needed. His year as president 97 – 98 was during the years of change when a lot of our past presidents seemed to be leaving or transferred to other locations and the board was working extra hard to keep everything the way the chapter was used to. On top of all of this we had a Society meeting in Toronto, and thanks to his committees and Board of Governors everything went off with out a problem and everyone was happy. Richard feels that with good people working with you, and having lots of them helping, it not only makes the job easier but get done faster. Richard has some advice for the new chapter members, get involved with the Committees and you will find out how much more interesting the meeting and tours will be.

