

Presidential Recall



David Underwood
2002 - 2003



This month I am pleased to supply for the Chapter History a little information on another of our Past Presidents Mr. David Underwood.

David is a relocated prairie boy, born in Regina Saskatchewan without siblings. His family lived in several small towns in Saskatchewan and Manitoba as his father was a banker and was relocated many times during his youth. David attended the University of Manitoba where he received a BSc in Civil Engineering. This bachelor degree was rounded out by immediately after graduation, he started working for the Trane Co. for first ten years of his career in this industry.

He joined ASHRAE in 1973 after his employment with Trane ended. The main reason for joining ASHRAE was to have access to the latest technology in our business. This technical updating in his early career came from ASHRAE indirectly through Trane.

In his early ASHRAE activity, he attended the winter meetings primarily to see what was new at the AHR / ASHRAE Exposition. He learned that there really was more than the show and slowly started to be more actively involved at Society. His ASHRAE chapter activity came later, around the mid 80's.

His chapter activity covered the Toronto and the now defunct Mississauga chapter. David has been involved with most activities in the chapter including going through the Board of Governors and all the chairs of the chapter. His latest position is with Society as a Director at Large for Region II, and Chair for Resource Promotion for the Toronto Chapter.

The major changes he has experienced in his years involved with ASHRAE relay are in three areas. There have been major changes in control systems going from pneumatic and electro-mechanical to DDC. Due to cost concerns and environmental as well as energy availability has lead to marked improvement in equipment energy efficiency.

The third area of significant change revolves around refrigeration caused by the Montreal Protocol for refrigerant management.

David's involvement with ASHRAE has met the objective of providing the latest in technical information for his profession. Beyond the technical aspects of ASHRAE, this organization has provided business knowledge and the establishment of many life long friendships for David over the years and for many more he hopes.

As you can see there many sides to ASHRAE you just have to take the time to explore them all.

