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2018 Meritorious Service Award



PETE F. FAMIGHETTI

Pete F. Famighetti was born August 14, 1952 in Brooklyn, NY. He attended Waldwick High School, Waldwick, NJ graduating in June 1970. He then attended Bergen Community College part time while working full-time. In 1974 he entered South Dakota State University as a full-time student graduating in December 1977 with a BS in Electrical Engineering.

Pete began his career in 1970 with Western Electric, NJ, as a telephone mainframe system installer. In 1978 he joined General Electric Company, Schenectady, NY as an I & SE Field Service Engineer. Over his tenure with GE, Pete worked in Erie, PA, Chicago IL, and Appleton, WI. In 1986 he joined Allen-Bradley/Rockwell as Forest Products Service Manager & Director for Drive Systems Service. In 1992 he moved to ABB to become Vice President, Drive Support, Pulp & Paper Drive Systems. In 1999 he left ABB and was named President Drive Systems and a partner in Q Comp Technologies. In 2006 Pete returned to ABB as Service Sales Manager, MV Drives, for the USA marketplace in Phoenix. In 2014 Pete moved to a new role as Sales Engineer Excitation & LCI Systems and remained there until his retirement in October, 2017. Pete has worked in the Pulp and Paper Industry on Drive systems since Oct 1980. He has performed start-ups on dozens of drive systems including the first Bel-Bond drive and the first Tandem Off-Machine Coater start up in the USA and successfully managed the commissioning and start-up of the first Allen-Bradley/Stromberg paper machine AC drive systems in the USA.

Pete has been a member of IEEE for 34 years. He became a member of the IEEE Pulp & Paper Industry Committee in 1986 and has attended numerous technical conferences since joining. He was a member of the DCS subcommittee for 28 years and has been a member of the PDS subcommittee since 2015 sponsoring numerous papers over that time. He was also an active member of TAPPI from 1986 to 1998. In 2006 Pete volunteered to be the webmaster for the then PPIC conference, one of the essential roles in the committee. Starting in December of the year before the conference, the webmaster works closely with the local committee to present information for the event and to be certain the registration for the conference runs smoothly. A significant amount of time is committed to that effort. Initially Pete completed on-line training for website design and maintenance to enhance his skills. He has worked with the web hosting and registration software companies to improve their performance and reduce costs. During the last 13 conferences Pete has been the 'go to' person for solving its problems and correcting registration issues and single handedly managed, maintained and continued to improve its function and look. His efforts have reduced per conference cost by over \$8000.

Pete Famighetti has a long history of community contributions. He was on the board and treasurer of Evangel Assembly Church for 5 years, on the Board of Directors of Faith Based Church outreach center for 10 years including 3 as President all in Milwaukee, WI. He was also on the Board of Directors for the 403B Faith Based Organization in Orlando, FL for 10 years, where he organized mission teams to Central America and provided services to assist families of children with special needs.

Pete has been married to his wife, Joyce, for 44 years and they have three daughters and eight grandchildren. He obtained his private pilot license in 1970 and has a 500-acre farm operation in South Dakota, growing corn and soybeans. Pete and his wife split their time between Arizona and South Dakota.