



Lee W. Saperstein

Lee W. Saperstein, 82, is Dean Emeritus of the School of Mines and Metallurgy and Professor Emeritus of Mining Engineering at the University of Missouri- Rolla (UMR), now named Missouri University of Science and Technology. He served as Dean from July 1, 1993, to June 30, 2004; he retired from MST at the end of December 2006. In retirement, he serves on national and local advisory committees. He holds a B.S. in Mining Engineering from Montana School of Mines (1964), now Montana Technological University, and a D.Phil. in Engineering Science from Oxford University (1967), which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. He was a faculty member in mining engineering at Penn State from 1967 to 1987 and then at the University of Kentucky for the following six years, where he also served as Chair of the Department of Mining Engineering.

His research specialization has been in environmental engineering of mines and the safety and health of miners. He has supervised Master's and Ph.D. students, published papers, proceedings articles, book chapters, and informal articles on these subjects. He created Penn State's first surface-mining design course, and he has taught courses in senior design, explosives engineering, erosion and sediment control, and reclamation engineering. He has also supervised training programs for miners, including health and safety training and job skills training. Other than ABET, his activities included Chair of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers' Educational Advisory Board, member of the American Society for Engineering Education's Engineering Deans Council (and former member of their Public Policy Committee), former Chair of the Mineral and Energy Resources Section, and one-time Chair of the Board on Natural Resources of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC, now APLU). He is a Fellow and Distinguished Member of his professional society, Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME-AIME), which has also awarded him the Ivan B. Rahn Award for Education. He also received the SME President's Citation for services to education. He has chaired SME's Education Board, Research Council, and Erskine Ramsay Medal Award Committee. Montana Tech has granted him the Distinguished Alumni Award and its Chancellor's Medallion. He is listed in Who's Who in America. He is licensed as a Professional Engineer in three states. Saperstein has served on four State Committees of Selection for the Rhodes Scholarship and was Secretary for the State of Kentucky. He volunteers in a number of Nantucket Town committees.

Within ABET, he served as President in 1999-2000 and has completed 25 years of service to ABET. He has been Representative Director for SME-AIME as well as Secretary, President, and Past-President of the Board of Directors. He served as Chair of the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) from 1989 to 1990. As an EAC Commissioner, he led evaluation teams to 13 universities, and as an officer, he edited the reports of 75 more. As Chair, he dealt with 96 institutions. A member of ABET's Strategic Planning Committee, he was named a Fellow of ABET. He most recently served as Chair of the *ad hoc* Task Force on Governance, which has delivered a new Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Procedure to ABET. He is a recipient of the Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award. He continues as a program evaluator.

He has served NIOSH as a contractor providing guidance and service to the Mining Sector Council of NORA from 2010 to 2025 and is a major editor of the "Mining National Research Agenda."