

## ***William Gruver - nominated by IEEE Canada***

William (Bill) Gruver is Emeritus Professor of Engineering Science at Simon Fraser University where he has taught and conducted research since 1992. He continues to direct the Intelligent and Distributed Enterprise Automation Laboratory which he founded. During his academic career, Bill wrote three books and more than 200 technical articles on the many facets of systems engineering. He has held many positions in industry over the years, with companies such as IRT Corporation, General Electric and LTI Robotic Systems. Since 1993, he has served as President and CEO of Intelligent Robotics Corporation which transfers valuable knowledge from university research to product development and sales.

*Bill Gruver's volunteer activities with the IEEE and the community are many and varied. He has served as associate editor, IEEE Transactions on Robotics and Automation; as General Chair of technical conferences focusing on Systems, Man, Cybernetics, Robotics and Automation; on the Board of Directors of the North American Fuzzy Information Processing Society; on the Advisory Board of the IEEE Systems Journal; and as President, IEEE Systems, Man and Cybernetics Society. He is now poised to serve as a member of the IEEE Board of Directors for 2007-2008 as Division X Director.*

Bill Gruver's contributions to the development of the engineering profession at national and global levels have been truly remarkable. In addition to his technical activities, Bill finds time in his life for music, and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Ashland School of Music in Lexington, Kentucky and Vancouver Early Music. He must have enjoyed his time as a chorister and board member with the Christ Church Cathedral Choir in Lexington so much that when he went to Vancouver, he joined the Christ Church Cathedral Choir in that city.

We are only too pleased tonight to honour Bill Gruver for his many achievements as a distinguished Fellow of the EIC.

Ladies & gentlemen and Mr. President, please welcome William Gruver as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.