

Don Koval - nominated by IEEE Canada

Since 1980, Don Koval has been a Professor in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering at the University of Alberta. His engineering career started at INCO in Thompson, Manitoba; he then moved to the Saskatchewan Power Corporation in Regina and to B.C. Hydro & Power Authority in Vancouver where he worked for 13 years as a Distribution Special Studies Engineer.

Don has worked diligently on various assignments for the profession, particularly for the IEEE in Canada. He served as the IEEE Student Branch Counselor at the University of Alberta for 10 years up to his retirement in 2005. During that time, Don was instrumental in encouraging his student branch to develop a McNaughton Learning Resource Centre and to guide them through the process. He is currently Chair of IEEE Standard 493-1997 Committee and was Co-Chair of the IEEE Industrial and Commercial Power Systems Conference 1998, and will be Chair for the next Conference to be held in Edmonton in 2007. He also served a term as distinguished Lecturer for the IEEE Industry Applications Society.

Don Koval is an outstanding researcher and has published in all aspects of engineering planning and operation of transmission and distribution systems. He is a pioneer in developing innovative practical models in the field of reliability analysis and value-based probabilistic planning. Don brings both theory and utility experience to the planning, design and operation of electrical energy systems. He has received numerous awards throughout his career, including his election to Fellow of IEEE. Tonight, the EIC honours Don in a similar way for all his accomplishments and contributions throughout a distinguished career.

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