Bob Alden has combined a distinguished 40-year career as a teacher and researcher in electric power devices and systems with a 40-year record of volunteer service to IEEE and EIC. Bob retired from McMaster University in 2001 as Professor Emeritus. Within IEEE he has served at every level from student branch, local and national to international. He has served as Hamilton Section Chair, Canadian Director, Vice President of IEEE, and Chair of the first IEEE IT Strategy Committee, and is currently President of the IEEE Canadian Foundation.

Bob Alden a créé de nouveaux chapitres locaux de l'IEEE, créé une revue, et lancé une fondation au Canada. Au niveau international, il a fait partie d’un petit groupe qui a dirigé le développement d’un système de courriels et de sites web pour les bénévoles et les membres en général.

Tonight we recognize Bob Alden for his concept, planning and implementation of a strategy that culminated in creating IEEE Canada as a Member Society of the EIC while retaining its relationship within IEEE as Region 7; and for continuing with the development of IEEE Canada by implementing major improvements to its website, a major awards program and integration with the IEEE Canadian Foundation - truly a deserving and distinguished recipient of the honour we now confer.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, as the Recipient of the John B. Stirling Medal, please welcome Robert Alden.