

Vaughn Wadelius ACER-CART President 2009-2011 Biography



Vaughn Wadelius retired in 1999 after 37 years in the teaching profession, two in Manitoba Catholic schools and thirty-five in the Kelsey School Division's public school system. A 1962 graduate of the Manitoba Teachers' College, he later completed a B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed. and P.B.Cert.Ed. at the University of Manitoba. During his career he taught in six schools (four as principal) at all levels, his last (1986-1999) as principal of Margaret Barbour Collegiate Institute which included an Adult Education Centre and post-secondary distance education components. He resides in The Pas, MB.

His teacher organization service included the provincial executive of the Manitoba Teachers' Society (1977-87), serving as MTS Treasurer (1981-83), Vice-President (1983-85), President (1985-86), and a Director of the Canadian Teachers Federation (1984-87). He was awarded the Dr. W. C. Lorimer Award in 1983 for "Outstanding Contribution to Northern Education", a life membership in the MTS in 2000, the Dr. John M. Brown Award in 2002 for "Outstanding Contribution to Teacher Education in Manitoba", and the Kelsey School Division Recognition Award in 2004 for "Exemplary Service in the Field of Education.". He participated in international teacher training projects in St. Vincent & the Grenadines (1981, 1982, 1983), India (1982), Thailand (1991, 1993) and Malawi (1999). As a member of the RTAM Board, Vaughn served as webmaster (2002-2007), chaired the Group Benefits Committee (2003-05), and co-chaired the AGM Committee (2007). He served as Vice-President (2003-05), President (2005-06) and Past President (2006-07). In May, 2009 he received RTAM's Distinguished Service Award.

Vaughn was an RTAM Observer at ACER-CART (2003, 2004, 2005), a member of the ACER-CART Communications Committee (2003-11), which he chaired (2005-11), and manages the ACER-CART web page. He was ACER-CART Vice-President (2007-09) and twice elected President (2009-11). He has played a leadership role in many community organizations such as Lions, Citizens on Patrol, and Knights of Columbus.

In 2006 and in 2010 he was elected school trustee of the Kelsey School Division in The Pas, MB. He served as the school board chair (2009-11) and chaired its policy and education committees. He was elected twice to the Manitoba School Boards Association (2010, 2011) provincial executive, and represented Manitoba trustees as chair of the Manitoba Education Inter-organizational Curriculum Advisory Committee (2007-2011).