

DENNIS STEEN APPOINTED MISA LIFE MEMBER

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I met Dennis Steen for the first time when I joined MISA in 1978. I was fortunate to join the organization at a time when it was growing quickly and it was beginning to recognize that it had something significant to contribute to the effective operation of municipal government.

At the time, the Province was looking for municipal input with respect to its standard assessment system. Who better to provide that input than an association of municipal information systems professionals representing municipalities of all sizes from across the province?

An enthusiastic Executive led by Tom Becke was preparing to present its case to the Ministry of Revenue and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. It was the dawn of a new era for our Association and for all municipal information systems professionals. And there, in the middle of it all, was Dennis.

He was the Municipal Affairs representative on MISA at the time, and I could tell from the start that he believed in the Association — he believed in MISA as an important link between municipal government and the province and he believed that its vision of sharing and cooperation amongst municipalities and between various levels of government was critical for the future.

Dennis brought energy and enthusiasm to our mission and over the years, even when some of the shine had worn off our idealism, his energy and enthusiasm never waned. Dennis proved to be a tremendous source of inspiration and support for the Association, its Executive, its Committees and its individual members. He was there for everyone, though Lord knows how he found the time.

If you needed a contact, an idea, an extra pair of hands, some help with a committee or just some good old fashion advice — Dennis was your man. If the Association, the Executive, a Committee or an individual member got behind on some commitment, Dennis was right there to help out—usually without being asked.

Outside of MISA, Dennis was busier than most of us, but he sacrificed personally and professionally to help MISA realize its potential and, in doing so, challenged us all to try just a little harder and to give just a little more.

Some of you may not be aware that Dennis has been on the MISA Executive longer than any other board member past or present. For many years, Dennis was the provincial advisor/liaison to MISA (representing Municipal Affairs where he worked for 24 years). Recently, he served MISA as its Executive Director. Over the years, Dennis was involved with numerous MISA initiatives.

In addition to his other contributions, Dennis participated in the development of MISA's Application Directory and in the writing of the current By-Laws. He worked on the early Assessment Committees, the Inter Municipal GIS Coordinating Committee, the *Municipal Interface* Committee, and both the Working Group and Executive of the MISA/TRI-Committee Joint Venture.

In 1988, Dennis received the John Cushing Award of Merit. This award is given to recognize those individuals

who, through their extraordinary personal efforts over many years, have furthered the aims and objectives of MISA in helping municipalities to use new technologies and to recognize individuals, have made significant contributions to the evolution of MISA through hard work on committees and long service in positions on the MISA Executive. This certainly describes Dennis.

Today, after retiring from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and while pursuing a career as a consultant to municipal governments, Dennis continues to contribute significantly to our Association and is well deserving of the Life Membership.

Congratulations, Dennis... and thank you.

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By Darryl D'Sousa

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MISA 1995 Conference, Toronto

Keith Hall, recipient of the John Cushing Award of Merit, absorbed in discussion.



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