

ACCREDITATION AND WIE PROGRAMS

Moderator

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Irene Mikawoz completed a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology and a B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Manitoba. Following graduation, Irene worked for Procter and Gamble Inc. in Ontario in a number of positions ranging from production management to organizational development. During this time, she completed her course work for a masters in mechanical engineering from McMaster University. In 1992, she accepted the position of Director of Student Recruitment in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Manitoba. She left the Faculty of Engineering as the Director of Student Affairs in 1998. Irene started a private management consulting company which works with entrepreneurs, small business owners and with educational units and organizations.

Irene continues to be involved in numerous committees and organizations. She is an elected WEPAN Board member, an active member of the Prairie Regional Women in Science and Engineering Board, an active committee member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba (APEGM), a (GASAT) group. She is proud of the recruitment and retention programs she developed for the engineering students at the University of Manitoba, including her work on the development of the cluster format for mentoring and the successful outreach program; Access Program for Women in Science and Engineering.

This summer, the Pan American Games will be held in Winnipeg. And yes, Irene is volunteering for this event as well. If you have a chance to watch the opening or closing ceremonies on TV, you might even see Irene.

Presenters

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