

Dr. Larry Manziek Posthumous Award given to Bob Jacobsen

Sabin Metal Corporation mourns the passing of Dr. Robert Jacobsen on March 17, 2018

Dr. Robert Jacobsen, affectionately known as Dr. Bob, received a BA in Chemistry, from the University of Rochester in 1958. He continued on to get his MS in Education from Columbia University in 1960. Dr. Bob taught Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics at Lakeland School District #1 at Mohegan Lake, NY from 1959 - 1962.

After attending a seminar at Clarkson University, Dr. Bob decided to go back to school for a PHD. Dr. Bob received his Ph.D in surface chemistry from Clarkson in 1966.

Dr. Bob completed his Post Doc in Chemical Physics at Cornell University in 1967, after which he was offered a position at Sprague Electronics in North Adams, MA. Dr. Bob worked in Research and Development for 7 years. Working on: Silicon Surfaces, Electro Optics, Thick Films, High Purity Ceramic formulations, and Precious Metal Pastes and Powders. Dr. Bob worked his way up the ranks from R&D to Plant Manager of the Precious metal and ceramic powder production(1974-1979). In 1979 Dr. Bob assumed the role of Process Engineering Manager for Ceramic Capacitors.

In 1980, Dr. Bob Joined Sabin Metal Corporation, where he would remain for the rest of his career. From 1980 - 1988 as the Technical Director and Assistant to the General Manager. In 1987, Dr. Bob was named Vice President. In 2004 Dr. Bob brought on a new Technical Director which allowed him to focus more attention on the operations of the North Dakota and Cobalt plants. Dr. Bob was intimately involved in the purchase and development of both facilities. Ironically, the Cobalt plant was purchased June 28, 1998 and the Williston plant was purchased June 28, 2000.

Dr. Bob was always active in various professional organizations, such as;

American Institute of Chemical Engineers, American Chemical Society, New York Academy of Sciences, Society of the Sigma Xi and The International Precious Metal Institute (IPMI). Dr. Bob was a very active member of the IPMI as a member of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Committee and as part of the Board of Directors. Bob has presided as technical chairman, conference session moderator as well as giving numerous papers throughout his years in the IPMI.

In 2004, Dr. Bob was presented with the first IPMI Distinguished Service Award. This reward was in recognition of his 20 years of service and numerous contributions to the IPMI.

Dr. Bob was seen as one of the precious metal industry's premier experts in sampling techniques. He has given numerous presentations on sampling theories and techniques.

Dr. Bob had many passions outside of his professional life as well. He was a proficient wood worker, skier, kayaker, and hiker. He loved to travel and see new parts of the world and meet new people. Dr. Bob and his wife, Elaine, loved to cruise. They actually met on a cruise touring St. Petersburg. They continued their love affair with each other and travel. They visited such destinations the coast of Norway, Antarctica, river cruises through Europe, and many other parts of the world.

Dr. Bob will be missed by all in the precious metal industry. His knowledge, wit and leadership have affected many of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

