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President ASHRAE Ottawa Valley Chapter, 1994-1995

Pierre was born in Ottawa in 1956. He graduated from the University of Waterloo in 1980 with a Bachelors' degree in Applied Science in Systems Design Engineering. He is married and has four children. His family shares his passion for the outdoors and all of them are avid sailors, skiers and skaters. Highlights of their outdoor adventures include whale and puffin watching in Newfoundland and sailing the North Channel of Georgian Bay in their keelboat. In his spare time he enjoys sailing on the Ottawa River, Alpine skiing and renovating his house.

Upon graduating he traveled across North America for 8 months as far west as Vancouver Island and as far south as Tulum Pueblo in Mexico. During this trip he spent 4 weeks imitating a Saskatchewan farm hand at a beef breeding ranch near Kamsak and 4 weeks in Oregon as a limer, buckler and a skidder in a horse logging operation. Upon his return he worked as a junior HVAC design engineer in a small consulting firm in Ottawa before starting with CEDSI, an international consulting engineering firm whose mission was to mobilize renewable energy technology to developing countries. He eventually relocated to Ottawa from Jamaica in late 1983 and started doing energy audits and energy retrofits of existing buildings. From 1984 to 1990 he developed a building services group at Delcan consulting engineers Ottawa office which was successful in publishing research in air quality, producing M & E plans and specs for major building retrofits, additions and asbestos abatement. Since joining the University's Physical Resources Service as an Energy and Environment engineer he has made public the institution's Emissions Management Action Plan and won numerous awards and recognition for some very business wise and sustainable initiatives which have collectively reduced the Universities Utilities costs by \$3 million each year.

Pierre joined ASHRAE in 1984 and chaired the Student Activities Committee and the Program Committee before being invited to the Board of Governors where he worked through the Chairs to become our Chapter President in 1994. This year was one where meetings were very well attended and the 147 that showed up in January seriously tested the caterer's capability. The Chapter earned the Golden Gavel award for meeting all its objectives.

Other than his contributions to ASHRAE Pierre is a member of: AEE, OAPPA Energy committee, ERAPPA 2007 Conference Education committee, and APPA. He has given talks at ASPE and ASHRAE meetings as well as at National and local conferences on the subject of Sustainable Development.