

## 2016 Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award

**Walter H. Alix, PE, PS**

Vice President, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.



Walter Alix has been both a Licensed Engineer and Surveyor for over 40 years. He followed in his father's footsteps of engineering and being active in ACEC. His father, Neree D. Alix, was also very active in the early years of ACEC. Walter started out with his father's company during high school and college. He traveled some, working in New Orleans for several years and Alaska for a year. He then came back home and worked for Mosher Associates until joining Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. in 1981.

Mr. Alix has been on the ACEC/Michigan Board of Directors for nine years. He has been a National Director for the last three years. He has been active on both the state and national fronts, having participated for many years on the trips to the State Capital and the Hill in Washington DC. Walter has been the ACEC/Michigan Board of Directors' liaison to the Engineering & Surveying Excellence Committee for eight years. Mr. Alix also served on a committee that met with MDOT to further refine the "Conflict of Interest" policy that was promulgated by FHWA.

Walter obtained a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Michigan in 1975. He has served as a past president of the University of Michigan Civil and Environmental Engineering Friend Association. He was a part of that board for eight years and is a lifelong Wolverine fan. He has been active in the American Public Works Association, American Water Works Association, Southern Michigan Water and Sewer Utility Association (past president), Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors, and the Water Environment Federation. Mr. Alix has represented the interests of ACEC at many of these association's gatherings.

Mr. Alix has been with HRC for 34 years and has been a Vice President for 23 years. He has managed the field operations including Surveying, Observation and the Materials Testing Laboratory during his tenure. He worked with many municipal and county clients during his time at HRC developing Master Plans for sewers, water systems and storm water systems. He is proud of his contribution to those communities where Master Planning Improvement Projects were designed and constructed to enhance the communities' way of life. HRC is celebrating its 100th year anniversary. Being in business that long speaks to the quality of service HRC has been providing over that time. Walter believes that ACEC has helped elevate the status of the engineering profession in order for the public to see the essential part engineering provides in attaining a better way of life.