

2018 Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award

John Matonich, PS

Chairman of the Board, ROWE Professional Services Company



John Matonich, PS, is the Chairman of the Board of ROWE Professional Services Company, a firm specializing in consulting engineering, surveying, planning, landscape architecture, aerial photogrammetry, and land development services in the Midwest and across the country. John joined ROWE in 1981. He was named a principal in 1992, promoted to president in 1997, to Chief Executive Officer in 2001 and as Chairman in 2006. John retired from management of Rowe in January of 2016. John is licensed as a professional surveyor in Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. He served as president of the National Society of Professional Surveyors, (NSPS) in 2009-2010, and currently serves as the Treasurer of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors. John is also a past president of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS). John was voted as a Fellow Member of the NSPS, ACSM and MSPS organizations.

In 2010, John was appointed by Governor Granholm to Michigan's Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and reappointed by Governor Snyder in 2014. He served on the NRC until his second term expired at the end of 2017 and served as the Commission's Chair for the last 3 years of his second term. John is also a member of the Surveying Curriculum Advisory Committee at Michigan Technological University and has served in that same capacity at Ferris State University. He has also served as adjunct faculty to the University of Michigan - Flint Earth Sciences Department and has been a contributing writer for "Professional Surveyor" magazine as well as a contributing writer for "American Surveyor."

Locally, John is past-chair of the Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce and past chairman-elect of the former Flint Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as well as the past president of the Davison Chamber of Commerce. He is also a former member of the Rotary Club, Optimists Club, and is past chair of the Lapeer Downtown Development Authority. John also served as a Board Member of the Lapeer Economic Development Corporation and the Genesee Shiawassee and Lapeer Hundred Club. He is currently on the Board of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

John obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Land Surveying with honors from Michigan Technological University in 1981.

John resides in Marenisco with his wife, Stephanie and has two children, Katelynn and Matthew.