

Memorial Resolution on Behalf of W. David Bostwick

December 4, 1937 – January 25, 2008
Professor Emeritus
Purdue School of Engineering and Technology

The Purdue School of Engineering and Technology is profoundly saddened by the passing of one of its most respected colleagues. Professor Bostwick was Professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision (OLS) in the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology, IUPUI. He served his department, school, and students with dedication and distinction.

Professor Bostwick was born December 4, 1937 in Fayette County, Illinois to the late Willard and Lena Bostwick. Possessing a high level of intelligence and drive, David earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Northern Illinois University in 1961, an M.A. in Educational Administration from Roosevelt University in 1964, and his Ph. D. in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Kentucky. Rising to the rank of Captain in the Naval Reserves he retired after 29 years of distinguished service. Professor Bostwick was a Fulbright Scholar and received The Commander's Award for Public Service from the U.S. Army.

Professor Bostwick began his career in higher education at the University of Louisville when he joined the faculty as an instructor in 1965. He was promoted to associate professor in 1972. In 1976 he joined the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI as Director of External Programs and Professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision (OLS). During most of his career in the school he served in administrative roles rather than as a professor in the classroom. He served as the Associate Dean of Student Affairs from 1976 to 1992 and as the Associate Dean of Technology Programs from 1992 until his retirement in 2001. Several semesters before retiring he taught the senior capstone course for OLS majors. His students learned a great deal from him and deeply appreciated his concern for their education. They spoke often of his effective teaching style.

His dedication to advancing the goals of higher education earned him the greatest respect and admiration from his students and peers. In testimony to his contributions in administration and service, he received the Edward C. Moore Top Administrator award, and the Glenn W. Irwin service award. He was a prolific researcher and scholar on topics important to engineering educators, especially in integrated learning programs such as co-operative education.

He had many interests beyond the University. One of his favorites was showing his prized Otterhounds in competition.

In honor of his military service, he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. Professor Bostwick is survived by his wife, Patricia Brown Bostwick; daughters, Carrie Wyatt, Susan Bellon, Becky Feigh, Lisa Bostwick and five grandchildren.

THUS, BE IT RESOLVED: that this memorial resolution be placed in the minutes of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Faculty Council with a moment of silence observed in his honor. A copy of this memorial resolution will be delivered to his wife.

This resolution is written on behalf of Professor Bostwick's students, staff, and colleagues. This resolution was prepared by Cliff Goodwin., Associate Professor and Chair of the Organizational Leadership and Supervision Department.