

Montana Professional Engineers Hall of Fame

Robert J. Peccia, P.E.

Montana Professional License Number 3275

- * B.S. in Civil Engineering, Montana State College, 1965 (last class to graduate MSC before it became MSU).
- * 15,000th student that graduated from MSC (only distinction in college other than pool and poker!).
- * Recruited by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District after graduation. Obtained California PE license in 1969.
- * Returned to Montana in 1969 to work for Menasco-McGuinn Associates on interstate highways, subdivisions, and water systems.
- * Founding partner of Daily-Peccia and Associates in 1972. Became sole owner of Robert Peccia & Associates in 1978. Started and funded an ESOP with company profits in 1991 converting to full 100% employee owned ESOP in 2009. RPA was chosen as the "Best Firm to Work for" in the United States by CE News Magazine in 2001.
- * Completed his first National Park Service (NPS) traffic safety study in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming in 1983, and would go on to complete or be the principal-in-charge of over 100 NPS projects in 58 National Park units throughout 28 different states, the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.
- * Served as project manager for the \$27M Butte Water System Improvements project in the early 1990's and facilitated the transfer of ownership of Butte's water system from Washington Corporation to Butte Silver Bow.
- * Utilized innovative technology to meet growing contemporary needs for Montana communities. One example was the Fort Benton Ranney Collector Project where exhaustive research went into types and effectiveness of ultraviolet treatment, a European technology at the time. The Fort Benton facility would become the first municipal-scale ultraviolet drinking water disinfection system in the United States.
- * Received MSU "Centennial Alumni Achievement Award" in 2003.
- * Member of National Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Water Works Association, Institute of Traffic Engineers (President & Scribe), and American Society of Planning Officials.
- * Was an inaugural member and served seven years on the Carroll College Engineering Advisory Board. Served eight years on the Carroll College Board of Trustees and was chairman of the Finance Committee.
- * Served on the Board of Directors of Bison Engineering, assisting the company in converting to an ESOP.
- * Was an organizer and director of the Valley Bank of Helena, serving on the Board of Directors for over 40 years.
- * Chosen as "Business Person of the Year" by the Helena Chamber of Commerce 2020.
- * Remains active in businesses including RPA Board of Directors, Vice President of PEC, Inc., President of CIPP Corp, Montana Coffee Importers, Little Otter Creek Cattle Ranch, and the Beaverhead Gateway Ranch Wetlands (environmental project).

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