

1981 Engineer of Distinction



Aubrey J. Wagner

B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Wisconsin, 1933
LL.D., Newberry College
Doctor of Public Administration, Lenoir Rhyne College

Chairman (Retired)
Board of Directors
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Citation

Aubrey J. Wagner retired May 18, 1978, after 16 years as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. He became a director on March 3, 1961, and was designated chairman by President John F. Kennedy in June 1962.

Mr. Wagner was a career official with service going back to 1934. A year after TVA was created, he was employed as an engineering aide in the General Engineering and Geology Division. In 1948 he was named Chief of the Navigation and Transportation Branch. In 1950 Mr. Wagner was appointed to the Committee on Domestic Water Navigation Projects and National Policy of the President's Water Resources Policy Commission. He became Assistant General Manager in 1951 and General Manager in 1954. In this capacity he was the agency's chief administrative officer.

Born January 12, 1912, in Hillsboro, Wisconsin, Mr. Wagner received a B.S. degree, magna cum laude, in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin in 1933. He has received the Distinguished Service Citation from the University of Wisconsin, an honorary LL.D. degree from Newberry College, an honorary Doctor of Public Administration degree from Lenoir Rhyne College, the N.W. Dougherty Award from the University of Tennessee College of Engineering, and the Lambda Chi Alpha Order for Achievement for leadership in government service and public utilities. In April 1973 he was elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

Mr. Wagner has been a member of the President's Appalachian Regional Commission; the President's Council on Recreation and Natural Beauty; the President's Council on Cost Reduction in Government; Board of Engineering Advisors, Tennessee Technological University; Governor's Science Advisory Committee,

Tennessee; National Advisory Council for 1974 World Energy Conference; Advisory Committee for 1972 United National Conference on Human Environment; AEC's Senior Utility Steering Committee; Breeder Reactor Corporation; FPC Executive Advisory Committee for National Power Survey; Electric Utilities Advisory Committee to Federal Energy Administration; LMFBR Utility Advisory Committee; U.S. National Committee, World Energy Conference; Joint Utility Committee on the Breeder; and Board of Directors, Electric Power Research Institute.

In 1978 he received the Walter H. Zinn Award of the American Nuclear Society and was made an Honorary Lifetime Member of the American Public Power Association and of the Technical Society of Knoxville.

Mr. Wagner has traveled extensively overseas as a consultant and adviser on resource problems. He served two terms as a member of the Executive Council of the Lutheran Church in America. He has been active in Boy Scout work since 1935 and holds the Lamb Award, the Scoutmaster's Key and Silver Beaver awards. He is Director of Roy F. Weston, Inc. and a member of the PG&E-SMUD Arbitration Board.



Landon Corbin (l), James Seay Brown (center), and Aubrey Wagner congratulate each other on their 1981 Engineer of Distinction awards