

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Will Hansen, Ph.D., FACI, professor of civil and environmental engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on May 24, 2026.

Professor Hansen received his M.S. in civil engineering from the Technical University of Denmark in 1977, and a Ph.D. in civil engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1983. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1982 and was appointed as an assistant professor in 1983. He was promoted to associate professor in 1989 and professor in 2004. He also held a professorship at the Institute of Building Technology and Structural Engineering at Aalborg University, Denmark, from 1990 through 1992. He became fellow of the American Concrete Institute (FACI) in 2006.

Professor Hansen's expertise focused on materials and pavement engineering. His materials research focused on early-age concrete properties including shrinkage and creep, and frost durability. His pavement research has focused on curling and warping, and pavement performance issues in Michigan. He received the CEE Department Research Award in 1995 and the ASCE-CEE Teacher of the Year awards in 1996 and 2006. He is known for his work as a mentor as well as a major professor for 15 Ph.D. students. He led projects for the Federal Highway Association, the National Science Foundation, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and industry, and has over 150 published journal papers, conference proceedings, and technical reports in his field of expertise. He was chair of American Concrete Institute (ACI) Committee 231 on Early-Age Properties, 2007-2012, and is the recipient of the ACI Delmar L. Bloem Distinguished Service Award in 2012. Professor Hansen is currently the director of the MDOT Center of Excellence on Concrete Pavement Performance.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Will Hansen, professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering**.

Requested by:



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