The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

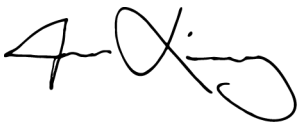
Radoslaw L. Michalowski, Ph.D., professor of civil and environmental engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2026.

Professor Michalowski received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Poznan University of Technology (PUT), Poland in 1974 and his Ph.D. from a joint program at PUT and the Polish Academy of Sciences in 1980. He was a Fulbright fellow at the University of Minnesota from 1981 to 1984, then served as a faculty member at PUT from 1984 to 1986. He served on the research faculty of the University of Minnesota (1986-1990) prior to joining the faculty at The Johns Hopkins University in 1990. Professor Michalowski joined the faculty in Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), College of Engineering (CoE), at the University of Michigan as professor in 1999.

During his tenure at the University of Michigan, Professor Michalowski contributed to his department through work on the Executive Committee, he led as chair of the Graduate and Curriculum committees and served on multiple faculty and administrative committees in CEE and CoE. A dedicated teacher, Professor Michalowski developed novel graduate-level courses and supervised thirteen Ph.D. dissertations. He received the J.M. Robbins Excellence in Teaching Award for the Great Lakes District of Chi Epsilon in 2003 and was selected Teacher of the Year in 2004 by UM students. He received the Monroe-Brown Foundation Education Excellence Award from the CoE in 2005. Professor Michalowski is an authority on geomechanics, engineering plasticity, and limit analysis. In 1992, he received the Young Investigator Award from the National Science Foundation. He is a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a member of the American Academy of Mechanics, and in 2022 he was elected a member of the Academy of Engineering in Poland.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Radoslaw L. Michalowski, professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering.**

Respectfully submitted:



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