

## **Lorin Brass (MetE 75)**

Brass joined Shell Oil Company as a Research Engineer at Shell Development Company in 1977. He progressed through a variety of technical and business assignments primarily in Shell Oil's Exploration and Production divisions in Texas, California, and Louisiana.

He held positions in Corporate Planning and was Vice President, Operations for Shell Services Company, a newly formed information technology and services company in the US. In 1997 he and his family moved to The Hague, The Netherlands, where he became CEO of Shell Services International, the global IT company for Shell.

Once the company was up and running, he moved into Shell International Exploration & Production and was appointed Director of Global Business Development in January 2000, responsible for oil and gas property acquisitions and divestments around the world. In 2005 he became Senior Advisor of Business Development for all Shell related activities, with particular emphasis on corporate acquisitions and divestments globally.

Lorin retired from Shell in June 2006 after nearly 30 years of service. Upon retirement, he and his wife returned to South Dakota with residences near Lennox and in the Black Hills.

Lorin Brass is a native of rural southeastern South Dakota and a graduate from Lennox High School, Lennox, SD. He received a BS degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and a MS degree in Material Science and Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Since retirement Lorin has been involved with boards of regional non-profits including being the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Foundation. He enjoys collecting and restoring antique tractors and operates a small farming operation. Lorin and his wife, Mary, have three daughters, all of whom are college graduates and are pursuing their personal and career goals.