

Walt Jones (EE 75)

Mr. Walter Jones began his career at Stanley Consultants and quickly accelerated to Senior Vice President for the Power and Energy Business Unit.

He continued his career with the Intermountain Rural Electric Association (IREA) and is currently the Assistant General Manager of Operations and Engineering. IREA is the 11th largest electric cooperative in the U.S. servicing 5,000 square miles.

Jones acted as program manager for the electric sector of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Reconstruction of Iraq. In Iraq, Walter increased the size of the electrical team from six to thirty-eight to meet the U.S. Army's objectives.

Walter functioned as the Executive Manager for the Mid-America Transmission Project, which consists of a complete rebuild of a 345kV, double-circuit line from Omaha, Neb. to Des Moines, Iowa, and a new substation at the Des Moines terminus. Walter provided construction management services to Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA's) 500kV transmission line from Redding, Cal. to Livermore, Cal. as the Executive Manager of the California/Oregon Transmission Project.

He served as an advisor to the National Electrification Administration (NEA), responsible for electrifying rural areas of the Philippines. His duties included advising and teaching while working with the highest levels of the Philippine government.

He has authored papers and articles on automated mapping, design, and operation of electric utility systems. He is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He belongs to several branches of the IEEE including the Power Engineering Society, Industry Applications Society, and Rural Electric Power Committee. He is a member of the National Electrical Safety Code Accredited Standards Committee.

He serves on the Executive and Investment Committees of the Board of Trustees for SDSM&T and he served on the Industrial Advisory Board for the ECE and CEE Departments. He currently serves as scholarship chair of the Rocky Mountain Electric League Foundation.

Jones is from Lake Andes, South Dakota and graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines in 1975. He received his MBA in business administration from St. Ambrose University in 1985.

He and his wife, Lyn, have three children.