

DRI Canada 2020 Award Winners

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Patrick W. (Butch) Brennan

The **Lifetime Achievement** award is presented to **Patrick W. (Butch) Brennan** who has demonstrated exceptional professional achievement within the Business Continuity and Technology Recovery (BC/DR) industry over the course of his career.

- Nominated by: **John Yamniuk**

Patrick W. (Butch) Brennan has been involved in many aspects of the Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity industry in both public and private sectors for over 30 years.

In 1977 Butch started in the Finance area of AGT, developing operational policies and procedures for programs and systems relating to financial, administrative, and business operations, and their IT disaster recovery requirements. Butch completed the DRI training program and in September 1995 received his professional CDRP/CBCP certification and assumed responsibility for completion of the business continuity plans for all business units within the 23rd to 36th floors of the Edmonton TELUS Tower on behalf of the corporate business continuity area of AGT/TELUS.

From 1996 to 1998, Butch worked in Ottawa where he led the team tasked with the development, evaluation, and validation of the SCNM Business Continuity Program, including direction and completion of the Business Continuity Plan that complimented and supported the business continuity plans of the SCNM Alliance partners through the devastating 1998 Ice Storm.

In 2003, Butch left TELUS and joined Alberta's Emergency Management Agency (which is now the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)) where he worked to develop and implement a Business Continuity Management (BCM) program for the 26 Ministries within the Alberta Government. In 2005, he moved into the Alberta Education/Advanced Education Ministry, where he was responsible for development and implementation of business continuity planning within those Ministries.

In September 2006, Butch left the Alberta Government to join Athabasca University as Director Risk Management, where his responsibilities included accountability as the Chief Risk Officer, the Chief Internal Auditor, responsibility for the development,

implementation, and maintenance of their BCM program and also included direction and oversight for the Archives and Institutional Records Management functions of the University.

In 2013, he returned to Edmonton as the City of Edmonton's Business Continuity Planning Coordinator where he was responsible for the development and management of the BCM program for all City departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and associated or related organizations. Butch retired from the City in 2018 but continues to be active with DRI CANADA as a retired member and volunteer. Throughout his BCM career in both the public and private sectors, Butch has been a strong proponent for the use of the DRI Professional Practices and a huge promoter of all DRI associated certifications.

Butch was an avid contributor to the development and growth of the business continuity industry as well as DRI CANADA. While involved with various aspects of the business continuity industry, Butch joined and became an active member of DRI CANADA. Over the years he held various roles - Regional Director, Director at Large, Treasurer, Certification Commission Member, Certification Commission Chair and the DRI CANADA representative on the DRI International Commission. His passion, time, and commitment were vital in the development of the DRI CANADA's Certification Commission and the development of the relationship with DRI International.

His continued dedication to the field of Business Continuity, his enthusiasm, contributions to DRI CANADA, and support of those he was involved with make him the ideal recipient of the DRI CANADA Lifetime Achievement Award.



DRI CANADA BUILDER AWARD

Ann Wyganowski

The **DRI CANADA Builder** award is presented to **Ann Wyganowski** who has made a significant contribution to the development and growth of DRI CANADA.

- Nominated by: **Nancy Holloway-White**

Ann is a Master Business Continuity Professional (MBCP), with extensive international experience developing and implementing global BCP programs for clients and their business partners. Ann has also managed many emergencies and BCP activations during major business disruptions around the world, all resulting in no lost revenues and successful plan execution. Her experience includes facilitating over 300 simulation exercises and development of plans across diverse organizations and industries.

Ann has an extensive history of volunteer work. In addition to her volunteer time for DRI Canada, Ann was President and Board member of the Toronto Disaster Recovery Information Exchange from 2006 to 2015, and currently is a Past President. She is also a member of the Ontario Association of Emergency Managers. During her career, Ann has chaired:

- Centennial College's Emergency Management and Public Safety Institute Steering Committee
- Greater Toronto Incident Management Exercise from 2008 to 2015 to create a public private partnership with the City of Toronto, BOMA and IAFM to help educate planners and bring them out of their respective siloes.

Over many years, Ann has made a true leadership and commitment to furthering DRI Canada. She served on the DRI Canada Board of Directors as the Ontario representative from 2013 to 2018. Ann was very active during her time on the Board of Directors; committing many hours of thought and action to move DRI Canada forward.

She served as Treasurer from 2013 to 2018. During Ann's time as Treasurer, Ann led DRI Canada through a financial transformation. She led the charge; engaging in difficult conversations head-on to accomplish goals that only benefited DRI Canada. Out of this period of change emerged an organization that is strong and progressive; able to invest in the future for its members through e-learning and virtual solutions. These changes have allowed DRIC to continue with educational efforts during the pandemic.

Ann supported the DRI Canada New Canadians program by recommending the first person go through the sponsorship program for new Canadians. She furthered her commitment and hired the graduate. Ann is currently in the process of submitting another New Canadian candidate.

Ann also volunteered as a DRI Canada mentor. The DRI Canada Mentorship program pairs mentors with DRI CANADA members wishing to partake in the program. Each pair works together to set out the goals of the relationship to develop a relationship that will have long lasting benefits.

Ann is a DRI Canada instructor. In addition to teaching, she has pushed the boundaries for DRI Canada teaching mediums, promoting and supporting the use of tools to enable online course teaching.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

John Yamniuk

The **Volunteer of the Year** award is presented to **John Yamniuk** who has demonstrated exceptional achievement and commitment to the Business Continuity and Technology Recovery (BC/DR) industry through volunteering efforts.

- Nominated by: **Perry Ruehlen**

John is currently the Chair of the Education Commission, has served many years on the DRI Canada Board of Directors in various capacities, including President. He chaired the Awards Committee from 2014 - 2019 and currently serves as a member on the Committee.

John has established himself as the face of DRI Canada at conferences and events across Canada. At these events, he promotes the need for and value of certification and advanced certification through DRI, supporting members and BCP practitioners across Canada. In his role as President of DRI CANADA, John applied the concepts of the Professional Practices to help ensure the success of ongoing operations.

Specifically, he helped establish and maintain the overall program, assessed risk for the various operational and education functions, lead strategy development, and used the elements of the PPs to guide DRI CANADA. He promotes awareness of the Professional Practices and the value they have to the profession.

He was very well respected during his working career and continues to be an invaluable volunteer. His tireless effort and innumerable devoted hours has moved DRI CANADA forward and maintained its leadership position within the industry.

He was integral to the development of the Crisis Management Plan for DRI Canada, and continues to support the Strategic Plan of the organization for which he was a steward during his presidency.

John's has deep seated knowledge of the DRII Professional Practices and their application across many industry segments. John quotes material from all 10 PPs when addressing a large audience or an individual in his volunteer role. He uses the 10 PPs to highlight how their application can support any size of organization and provides practical examples. He is truly an exceptional individual in regard to his promotion and support of DRI CANADA and the DRII Professional Practices.