ITEM 181-2003-R1118

<u>Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer</u> <u>Engineering on Dr. Hashem Nehrir, Montana State University</u>

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Hashem Nehrir from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, in the Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Hashem Nehrir received his B.S. in 1969, his M.S. in 1971 and his Ph.D. in 1978, all in Electrical Engineering from Oregon State University. Dr. Nehrir joined Montana State University in 1987 as an assistant professor, became an associate professor in 1991 and a full professor in 1996. He has faithfully served the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Montana State University for over 31 years.

Dr. Nehrir became a Life Fellow of IEEE (Eye- triple E) the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in 2013, after a prestigious career in the Power Engineering Society where he published over 150 conference and journal articles in the area of power systems and renewable energy.

He served in many positions in the local Montana Section of IEEE including the Vice Chair in 1997 and the Chair in 1998. Dr. Nehrir was the conference chairman and instrumental in bringing the 27th annual North American Power Symposium to Bozeman and Montana State University. More than 150 international professionals and graduate students from more than 10 countries attended the very successful two-day event in October 1995.

During his lifelong career, Dr. Nehrir mentored numerous graduate students on countless grants. He was recognized in 2010 for his admirable achievements in research and creativity by receiving the *Charles & Nora L. Wiley faculty Award for Meritorious Research.*

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. Hashem Nehrir the rank of Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None