

2026 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

REG BROWN

Reg Brown was born and raised in Wawanesa, Manitoba. He moved to Winnipeg in 1980 where he enrolled in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Manitoba, and has lived here ever since.

As a manager and division leader with Price Industries, Reg travelled all over the world participating in trade shows and delivering seminars. His specialty was helping sales representatives and customers understand how to use air handling equipment to create comfortable, quiet, and healthy spaces.

As a manager and leader, he worked with a staff of 20 before transitioning to Canadian sales ahead of his retirement in 2017.

Reg started running in 2007 at a time when his mother was sick. She had asked him to quit smoking, and in Reg's words: "Running is the only thing that helped." He stuck with it, slowly improved, and ran his first race in 2012 at the Winnipeg Police Service Half-Marathon. Bitten by the racing bug, that year he also completed the Manitoba Half-Marathon and the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Half-Marathon. Since then, he has completed 62 half-marathons (and counting), including 15 in 2018, the calendar year after he retired. In his retirement, Reg runs to stay fit and keep up with his wife Sharon on their many trips and cruises.

Reg became an MRA member in 2013, and joined the Board in 2018 to keep busy in retirement. He served as a Board member for several years, including terms as Treasurer and Secretary. Looking for other ways to help in 2022 as we emerged from the pandemic, Reg joined the Race Series Committee, which decides which events will be recognized in our Classic and Youth Series.

Around that time, he also started working on the Youth Series stats. (Reg says that the spreadsheet work fits in with his love of computing and data.) Reg would quickly move beyond the stats to become an integral part of the Youth Series, attending almost every event to coordinate bib assignment and capture. Along with Aldo Furlan (a previous President's Award winner), Reg has become the face of MRA to most of our youth members. Reg says that he enjoys seeing the excitement in the kids' faces as they cross the finish line. And for that, we are truly thankful. For without Reg Brown, I do not believe the Youth Series would be as popular, as effective, or as well run as it is today.

Reg, for all the early mornings at events, and for all the late evenings wrestling with the data, it is my honour to recognize you with the President's award for 2026.

Derek Boutang
MRA President