



MICHAEL C. HIRSCHI, PE, professor emeritus of agricultural and biological engineering and academic advisor, College of Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and senior sustainability advisor at Agrible, Inc., Champaign, Illinois is being honored for outstanding contributions to the education of young engineers through teaching,

advising, mentoring, and accreditation activities.

While at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Hirschi served as an assistant, associate, and full professor. He also served as assistant dean of undergraduate programs in the College of Engineering, where he was responsible for undergraduate scholarships, donor stewardship, advising students, and accreditation details.

Hirschi has worked extensively on accreditation, both as a program evaluator through ASABE, as a member of the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), and also as a university administrator seeking to maintain program accreditation.

A 40 year member of ASABE, Hirschi has been an active member of the Foundation Board of Trustees and Foundation operations committee. Hirschi provided leadership on the ASABE Stewart Engineering Humanities award committee, and the Engineering and Technology Accreditation committee. Earlier in his career, he chaired the Soil Conservation Systems committee and was an active member of most of the committees within the Erosion Group and the Hydrology Group. He has also been an active member and leader within the Central Illinois section. Hirschi served as an adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Prairielands Council, and as a Unit Commissioner with the Prairie Fire District. Hirschi has been a cast member in numerous community theater productions including *Peter Pan*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *The Sound of Music*. In 2015-16, Hirschi served as President of the 150-member Champaign West Rotary club and currently serves as Annual Fund chair for Rotary District 6490.

Hirschi is author or coauthor of more than 160 peer-reviewed books, book chapters, conference proceedings, manuals, and other articles. Additionally, Hirschi has made more than 500 presentations on behalf of University of Illinois Extension. Hirschi has received six ASABE Educational Aids Blue Ribbon awards. He has also received many awards for teaching and work in extension from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign College of Agriculture and College of Agricultural, Environmental, and Consumer Sciences. Hirschi was made an Honorary Knight of St. Pat at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign College of Engineering in 2008 and has served as St. Pat, knighting engineering undergraduates selected for that honor since 2009.