



# Harry Atkinson

The Operators Award is named in honour of Harry Atkinson, the seventh President (1961-1962) of the Association. Harry served as the Manager of the Kerrisdale Arena in Vancouver, where he and his team worked diligently to maintain a high standard of operations for facility users. This dedication was recognized in written reviews from the 1960s.

As Association President, Harry also addressed the significant provincial issue of music royalties, a concern that remains relevant in recreation facilities today.

Harry contributed to the Association's annual conferences by helping organize the Spouses' Program. Marilyn Bate, a past recipient of this award, valued Harry's efforts for the program. Originally, the Spouses' Program was created for the wives and girlfriends of members, Associates, and Recreation Commissioners, allowing participating spouses to form lasting friendships and enjoy time in the host communities of the annual event.

Harry passed away in 1987, leaving a legacy of dedication and service to the Association.

