



**David N. Skillings, Jr. (1934-1999)**

1998 Medal of Merit Recipient

David N. Skillings, Jr. is president of DN Skillings Inc., which publishes Skillings Mining Review and the Skillings Minnesota Mining Directory, with offices in Duluth, Minnesota. David Skillings, Jr. earned a B.A. in economics at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, and has been associated with Skillings Mining Review since 1958. In addition, he is president of Skillings Conferences, which organizes the World Iron Ore Conference held in the fall of each year.

Skillings Mining Review is a mining magazine published every week since June 1, 1912, covering the worldwide mining industry. The magazine was founded originally by Charles D. Skillings, who was active until 1943. He was succeeded by his son, David N. Skillings, father of David N. Skillings, Jr., who took over as publisher in 1975. The magazine has appeared each week without exception since its beginning in 1912.

In 1992, the Minnesota Mining Directory, which was started in 1920 and published by the University of Minnesota until 1989, was acquired and is known as the Skillings Minnesota Mining Directory. In 1996, the Skillings Conference was started as an additional service to the industry. His grandfather and father began regular trips to copper and other mines in the southwestern U. S. and Mexico after World War I. David Skillings, Jr. made his first trip to Arizona in 1939, and since that time, he has visited all copper mining operations in Arizona and New Mexico. Presently, he makes at least three trips a year to the Southwest to update mining information for publication in the Skillings Mining Review.