



**2001 Hall of Fame Inductee
Presented December 2000 Braintree, Massachusetts**

Raymond W. Gareau

Mr. Gareau was born in Montreal, Canada, raised in New York City, attended New York Public Schools, Mount St. Michael Academy in Bronx, New York, and Loyola University, Baltimore, MD.

Summary of Experience

Served in public transportation field in various capacities for 47 years (as of 2002). Mr. Gareau's transit career began within the maintenance ranks of the Baltimore Transit Company during transit's historic post-war boom and lasted into the early 90's. Five decades of change within the industry provided many opportunities for personal growth.

Positions with increasing levels of responsibility and at different properties throughout the country afforded a broad range of experience. Those included serving as either the chief operating officer or in the senior deputy position of public transportation systems in the following cities in New England: New Bedford, Fall River, Brockton, Quincy, Norwood, Lynn, Melrose, Salem, Lowell, Lawrence, Gloucester, Massachusetts, Manchester, New Hampshire, and Portland, Maine. In other parts of the country, similar positions were held in Salt Lake City, Utah and in Los Angeles, California.

During this time, other transit-related positions were held including consulting in both the appraiser and in a general advisory capacity for many New England business: Springfield Street Railway Company, Peter Pan Bus Lines, Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company, Service Bus Lines, H&L Bloom Bus Company, ABC Bus Lines, Medeiros Bus Company, American Eagle Motor Coach, Research Dynamics Corporation, Southern Massachusetts Passenger Carriers Association (SEMPCA) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation as well as a number of Massachusetts regional authorities, including Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority, Cape Ann Regional Transit Authority, Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority, and the Chitendon County Regional Transit Authority in Vermont and Manchester Transit Authority in New Hampshire.

Specific accomplishments include:

Service as principal negotiator in the resolution of over twenty labor agreements on behalf of both small and large private bus properties, as well as public transportation agencies

Oversight of many capital improvement projects including design, contracting, and financial and operations monitoring of several new bus garage facilities.

Responsible for operation and maintenance of bus fleets ranging in size from 8 to 1,500 vehicles

Development and administration of operating budgets for properties with employment populations ranging from 22 to 6,000 employees

Generation of capital grant applications and technical specifications for major bus purchases, the largest of which comprised just over 1,000 buses

Principal liaison with city, state, and federal agencies in ongoing efforts to obtain operating and capital funding

Industry Associations

American Public Transit Association

For thirty years, was active in the affairs of the Association and its predecessor organization, the American Transit Association. Participated in a support capacity to the Executive Committee during the deliberations for the selection of the first Executive Director of APTA, and subsequently in the organizational transition which combined the APTA and IRT.

Past member of the Board of Directors

Served as Chairman of the Small Operations Committee, representing on a national level transit properties of less than one hundred buses.

Former member of the Awards Committee.

Former member of the Legislative Committee for both the ATA and APTA, active in the efforts leading to the adoption of the Federal Aid to Transportation Act of 1964 and subsequent amendments.

New England Passenger Transportation Association

Served as President and member of the Board of Director of the New England Transit Club and subsequently as a Director of the successor organization, the New England Passenger Transportation Association, in addition to chairing its Finance Committee.

New England Bus Transportation Association

Former Vice-Chairman and current member of New England Bus Transportation Association's Legislative and Public Information Committee. Honorary member of New England Bus Transportation Association.

Northeastern University Center for Continuing Education

Former Affiliate Professor at Northern University Center for Continuing Education, and a member of the Curriculum and Facilities Committee.

Work Experience

1945-55	Baltimore Transit Company, Baltimore, MD
1955-61	Philadelphia Transportation Company, Philadelphia, MD
1961-70	Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, Boston, MA
1966-69	Southern California Rapid Transit District, Los Angeles, CA
1970-74	Manchester Transit, Inc, Manchester, NH, President
1970-80	Union Street, Inc. Boston, MA, President
1970-74	Salt Lake City Lines, Inc. Salt Lake City, UT, Vice President
1970-74	Lake Shore Motor Coach Company, Ogden. UT, Vice President
1974-91	Southeastern Regional Transit Authority, New Bedford/Fall River, MA
1980-91	Union Street Bus Company, Inc. New Bedford/Fall River, MA, President
1982-86	Cape Ann Regional Transit Authority, Gloucester, MA, General Manager
1982-95	Public Transit Management, Inc. New Bedford, MA President