

Bureau of Employment Relations
MERC PANEL MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Bishop, Harry W.

Business: Arbitrator
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Experience:

1966-1971 Union organizer and negotiation consultant for MEA; represented various regional MEA groups petitioning MERC for bargaining unit recognition; represented numerous local MEA units at the collective bargaining table in unfair labor practice hearings and grievance arbitration hearings.

1971-1973 MEA Uniserv Executive Director.

1973-1987 Employed by Michigan Association of School Boards to develop and supervise the Employer Labor Relations staff; represented school management in negotiations with Michigan's K-12 school districts, intermediate school districts, community colleges and universities; worked as a management advocate in arbitration, fact finding and unfair labor practices.

1987-1989 Retired as Associate Executive Director of Employment Relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards.

1990-1991 Placed on MERC's grievance arbitration, fact finding and Act 312 panel; appointed chairman and completed an Act 312 arbitration hearing and decision for the Okemos fire fighters case; appointed to a fact finding case; appointed to at least three additional Act 312 cases, but resigned from them when appointed by Governor John Engler to the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

1991-2005 Reappointed by Governor to additional terms on the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

Currently retired as a member of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

Education:

Central Michigan University, BS, Chemistry - 1957
University of Michigan, MS, Meteorology - 1963
Michigan State University - Post graduate training in labor relations.

Advocacy:

None.

Professional Organizations:

Lion's Club; American Legion; Board Member of the Bird Creek Golf Course

Charges:

PER DIEM: \$400 per day

Cancellation fee would be for any actual expenses incurred; State rate on mileage, hotel, etc.