

AMTA 2023

Distinguished Service Award

**Antenna Measurement Techniques Association Distinguished Service Award
Presented to**

David Pinnell



The 2023 AMTA Distinguished Service Award is presented to David Pinnell, who throughout his career has exemplified and promoted the goals and objectives of the Antenna Measurement Techniques Association.

The AMTA hereby cites David Pinnell for:

- Tirelessly supporting AMTA's growth to the benefit of the organization and its members by actions such as helping to establish new policies that allowed non-US Board of Director members to serve in any Board position and the very first Boot Camp in 2016.
- Contributions through service on the Antenna Measurement Techniques Association Board of Directors in the positions of Treasurer (2015-2016), President (2017) and Past President (2018).
- Serving on the Host Committees for AMTA 2002 in Cleveland, Ohio and AMTA **2010** in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Serving as Co-Chair of AMTA 2013 in Columbus, Ohio and as Chair of AMTA 2021 in Daytona, Florida.
- Serving on the Nominations and Awards Committee in 2015 and 2017 and as Chair of the committee in 2018.
- Serving in the role as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) since 2017 and continuing to serve in this capacity.
- Successfully lead AMTA through US Internal Revenue Service audit during the year 2018.
- His many ongoing years of AMTA support.

David Pinnell's bio in his own words:



My career of nearly 44 years has taken me many places and each has played a significant part in bringing me to where I am today. Graduating high school early at the age of 16 and enlisting in the US Air Force at the age of 17 led to my enthusiasm and appreciation for technology. After serving 6 years of active duty, my civilian career afforded me the opportunity to work with many highly respected technical companies such as Electro-Magnetic Sciences, Dyncorp, Denmar Technical, EG&G, Johnson Controls, and finally to STAR Dynamics.

I have been an AMTA member for 24 years, served on the host committee for AMTA 2002 & 2010, served as co-chair for AMTA 2013 and chair in 2021. I was awarded AMTA Senior Membership in 2013 and elected to the Board of Directors in 2014. I have served as Treasurer from 2015 to 2016 during which I helped to change Board policy and procedures to allow any elected BoD member to serve in any role, including that of treasurer. As a result, AMTA has had three non-US treasurers since 2017. I served in the position of President in 2017, Past President 2018, and I have served in an advisory role as CFO since 2017.

However, my accolades are less about me and more about those who encouraged and supported me along this path. God, who put me in the right place at the right time over and over again; my wife Amy, who has been my friend and confidant for over 40 years; Jim Lutz, who taught me to spell RCS; Randy Jost, who taught me to use it; Dan McCain, who taught me to manipulate it; Paul Swetnam, who convinced me to support it; and finally Jerry Jost, who has allowed me to lead, sell, and grow this amazing technology.

I also have been blessed along my path to be able to work alongside so many with a passion to teach, mentor, and challenge. They instilled in me that same desire. Encouraging and sharing knowledge with the next generation is essential and listening to the next generation and what they have to offer is just as important. I have come to know that even when teaching, you are rarely the smartest person in the room, you just have information that others desire. Every person around you has something to teach, if you take the time to listen. Isn't this exactly what AMTA is all about?