

Biography

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Roderick Cameron, Executive Board Member Alternate
Belmont

Rod was born in Laconia, New Hampshire and grew up in Dedham, Massachusetts, a Boston suburb. He spent his summer vacations and holidays in Laconia on the lakes or in the mountains. He participated in the detailed survey of Squam Lake in 1966 that produced "A Chart of Squam Lake New Hampshire", which was published in 1968 by the Boston Museum of Science and The Squam Lakes Association.

He attended Ripon College in Wisconsin where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. In 1970, he participated in a year-long Associated Colleges of the Midwest Urban Studies Program in Chicago, Illinois. Shortly after graduating, he volunteered for the United States Peace Corps Food for Work Program in Afghanistan where he organized and managed small scale rural development projects, including the construction of a school house in northern Kunduz Province.

As a result of his experience in Afghanistan, he attended Harvard Graduate School of Design's Career Discovery Program in Planning and Landscape Architecture. He returned to the Midwest in 1979 to study Landscape Architecture at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Rod obtained registration as a landscape architect in Massachusetts, Rhode Island & Connecticut, and became a Certified Planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners in 1999 until 2018.

Throughout his career, Rod has worked on a variety of planning, site design, and construction management projects across the US and overseas in Egypt, the former Soviet Union, Singapore, Nigeria, and Qatar. His last overseas assignment was as a Peace Corps Response Volunteer in the Philippines where he worked as a Solid Waste Management specialist in the Town of Odiongan, Romblon Province, from 2018-2021.