

Bio for Russell Brooks

Russell Brooks is the founder and principal of R. P. Brooks & Associates, LLC, a management consulting firm that is focused on corporate governance and strategic plan facilitation.

In 2013 he retired after nearly eleven years as President and CEO of SPE Federal Credit Union, an \$80,000,000 credit union headquartered in State College, Pennsylvania.

Prior to becoming SPE's President and CEO, Brooks founded and operated R. P. Brooks & Associates, a management consulting firm that worked with organizations to leverage human capital and increase revenues through effective training and managing for results. In recent years he provided consulting services on corporate governance and board-CEO relations.

A graduate of Penn State University, he has over thirty years of management experience in industry and banking. Prior to forming his own consulting company in 1995, he held the position of Senior Vice President of retail banking in a high performance community bank based in State College, Pennsylvania. While employed in the industry he completed the Graduate School of Savings Institution Management offered by the Institute of Financial Education and The University of Texas at Austin.

In 1994 United Federal Bank was acquired by PNC Bank. Brooks worked for PNC Bank in State College, Pa. from January 1994 until July 1995 in the Capital Markets group, when he started R. P. Brooks & Associates.

In addition to his work in the private sector, he served for many years as an instructor in the Penn State University College of Business Administration. He has taught courses in marketing, management, and organizational behavior.

Active as a volunteer in his church and community, he has served on numerous boards and authorities over the years including the Centre County Solid Waste Authority, the Centre County Planning Commission, and the Penns Valley Area School Authority. Brooks has held elected office as a director of the Penns Valley Area School District and as the Mayor of Centre Hall, Pennsylvania. He served twelve years as a Trustee of the Mount Nittany Medical Center, a 250 bed regional medical center based in State College, Pennsylvania.

He currently serves on the Centre County Industrial Development Authority and on the board of directors of The Foundation for Free Enterprise Education. Brooks has volunteered every year for over twenty years as a company advisor at Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week.