

# Shaun Barker



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Director of Operations and Assessment  
The Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence



Shaun Barker has been the director of operations and assessment for The Shingo Prize since 2001. In this position, he focuses on overall Shingo Prize organizational operations, including finance, human resources, information technology, marketing and development. He is also responsible for the assessment value stream and its pool of over 200 examiners from industries around the world. He has personally participated in dozens of comprehensive site assessment visits to business and government organizations worldwide that have challenged for The Shingo Prize. He participates in the development of Shingo materials, including the model and guidelines, which are recognized as the international standard of operational excellence. He also helped with the creation of a lean certification program sponsored by AME, SME, ASQ and The Shingo Prize.

Mr. Barker is an engaging speaker and instructor for The Shingo Prize and trains companies on the Shingo model and guiding principles, teaching how to apply principle-based leadership to their own operations and how they can use the assessment tools to foster continuous improvement within their organizations in pursuit of operational excellence. Mr. Barker has delivered operational excellence related presentations and workshops in various countries, including the United States, Canada, China, Mexico, and Europe.

Mr. Barker's professional industry background in retail management operations included 14 years of work with Sav-On Drugs, Wal-Mart, and Dollar General. He has experience with profit and loss

responsibility for multi-million dollar operations in high growth environments. His work took him to California, Oregon, Washington, and Georgia.

Mr. Barker earned a bachelor's degree in marketing with a minor in economics from Utah State University in 1984 and an MBA with an emphasis in entrepreneurship in 1999. As an instructor for the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University, Mr. Barker has taught courses in organizational change management, marketing, and introduction to business.

Mr. Barker spent his childhood in the Philippines where he lived for 13 years. He speaks the national language of the Philippines, Tagalog, fluently. At the age of 15 he began his working career. His first job was as a wrangler at a ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and he also worked other cattle ranches. He would fly back to the U.S.A. from the Philippines to work the summer returning home in August each year. In 1978, the same year he returned to the U.S.A. permanently, he worked on a commercial fishing boat in the Gulf of Mexico. While attending college, he worked for Del-Monte Corp., E.A. Miller Beef, and Trans-Western Airlines. Mr. Barker has a rich variety of life and work experiences that he is eager to expand.

Much of his spare time is spent following his children's sports games and other interests. He enjoys most outdoor activities, including skiing, snowboarding, camping, tennis, and golf – regardless of the score, as well as anything else his kids can challenge him with.

## AFFILIATIONS

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## EDUCATION

BS, Marketing with a minor in Economics, Utah State University, 1984

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