

Chris Przirembel, PhD

Compressed Bio / Career Highlights

Chris Przirembel is a **Partner and Innovation Strategist** for **SK Strategies, LLC**, a Greenville, South Carolina-based consulting firm that specializes in integrated marketing, economic development, public/private partnerships, strategic planning, and innovation. Before joining SK Strategies, Przirembel served as **Vice President for Research and Economic Development** at **Clemson University**. During his tenure, Clemson's externally-sponsored programs grew from \$93 million to \$187 million, 15 endowed chairs were created through the SC Centers of Economic Excellence program, and four research and innovation campuses have strengthened the relationship between public higher education and private industry: the **Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR)**; the **Clemson University Biomedical and Bioengineering Translational Research Facility** at Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center's Patewood Campus in Greenville; the **Clemson University Advanced Materials Center** in Anderson County; and the **Clemson University Restoration Institute (CURI)** in North Charleston.

Przirembel earned B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. Degrees in **Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering** from **Rutgers University**. His research area is fluid dynamics, and he has published more than 50 technical articles. He held several faculty and academic administrative positions at both Rutgers and Clemson. He was the first educator to receive the Rutgers University Engineering Alumni Society's Distinguished Engineering Award, and was elected as an Honorary Member of the Clemson Alumni Association.

Przirembel has served on numerous state technical advisory bodies, including: Governor Beasley's **SC Science and Technology Advisory Council**; Governor Hodges' **Steering Committee of the Technology Transition Team**; and the **Board of Directors for the SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership**. He currently serves as **Vice Chair** of the **AnMed Health Board of Trustees** and as a **Vice Chair** for the **Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors**.

Przirembel has held major national professional society positions, including membership on the governing boards of the **American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)**, the **Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)**, and the **American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)**. He was elected as a Fellow of these three professional societies, as well as the **American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)**. He currently chairs the **ASME Innovation Committee**.

Przirembel has received numerous awards during his career. The most recent honors recognizing his contributions to South Carolina include: the **Order of the Palmetto** of the State of South Carolina; the **Upstate Alliance Spirit of the Upstate Award**; the **Greenville Chamber Special Chairman's Award for Education in Business**; and the **Charles Townes Individual Achievement Award**.



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