

IEBA Historical Timeline

1971

The first ICMBA Convention is held in Nashville

ICMBA has 17 charter members

Board:

President: Harry "Hap" Peebles (Founder)

Vice President: Jack Roberts

Secretary: Attorney Jack Norman, Jr.

Treasurer: Keith Fowler

Directors: Don Romeo, Paul Buck, John Boden

1976

Harry Peebles is re-elected ICMBA president

Vice presidents are chosen for numerous categories, including:

Auditorium Shows: Jack Roberts, Jack Roberts Agency (Bothell, WA) and A.V. Bamford (Leucadia, CA)

Auditorium Manager: Paul Buck, Charlotte Coliseum (NC)

Rodeo Producers: Ken Lance (Ada, OK) and Jim Sutton (Onida, SD)

Fair Producers: George Moffett, Variety Attractions (Zanesville, OH) and Don Romeo, Don Romeo Agency (Omaha NE)

Phone Promoter: Larry Sanborn, Argonaut Productions (Piqua, OH)

Fair Managers: George Meager, Kentucky State Fair (Louisville, KY), Paul King, Florida State Fair (Tampa, FL), and Myles Johnson, Clay County Fair (Spencer, IA)

Evelyn Zerr (Harry Peebles Agency) is re-elected secretary

Jack Norman, Jr., (Olympic Productions, Nashville) is re-elected treasurer.

1978

Officers:

President: Paul H. King, Florida Sate Fair manager (Tampa)

12 Vice Presidents

Secretary: Evelyn Zerr, Harry Peebles Agency (Kansas City, KS)

Treasurer: Jack Norman, Jr., Olympic Productions (Nashville)

Chairman of the Board and Executive Director: Harry Peebles, Harry Peebles Agency

1980

A new member category is introduced in June—associate member with no voting rights.

Glenn Arnette III, manager of the Buffalo Convention Center (NY), is elected president of ICMBA

Evelyn Zerr, Peebles Agency (Kansas City, KS), is re-elected as secretary.

Jack Norman, Jr., Olympic Productions (Nashville), is re-elected as treasurer.

The following directors are also elected:

Bette Kaye, Bette Kaye Productions (Sacramento, CA)

Sam Fulco, manager, Kansas Coliseum (Wichita)

Charles Smith, director, Arkansas Fair Managers Association (Searcy, AR)

James D. Taylor, manager, Iowa State Fair (Des Moines)

Don Romeo, Don Romeo Agency (Omaha, NE)

Myles Johnson, manager, Clay County Fair (Spencer, IA)

Jim Sutton, Sutton Rodeo (Onida, SD)

George Moffett, Variety Attractions (Zanesville, OH)

Paul Buck, Charlotte Coliseum (NC)

Ken Lance, Lance Rodeo Productions (Ada, OK)

Marcia Burwell, Carowinds Theme Park (Charlotte, NC)

Lt. Marshall Cornine, police department of Landing, NJ

Wayne McCary, Eastern States Exposition (W. Springfield, MA)

1981

Don Romeo, Don Romeo Agency (Omaha, NE) is elected president of ICMBA.

Paul Buck, manager, Charlotte Coliseum (NC), is elected first vice president.

Wayne McCary, Eastern States Exposition (West Springfield, MA), is elected second vice president.

Evelyn Zerr, Harry Peebles Agency (Kansas City, KS), is re-elected secretary.

Jack Norman, Jr., Olympic Productions (Nashville), is re-elected treasurer.

IEBA members elected to 3-year terms on the board include:

Bette Kaye, Bette Kaye Productions (Sacramento, CA)

Sam Fulco, Kansas Coliseum (Wichita)

Lt. Marshall Cornine (Landing, NJ)

Glenn Arnette, VGA III (Winter Park, FL)

Sonny Anderson, Disneyland (Anaheim, CA)

Paul Buck

Jim Sutton, Sutton Rodeo (Onida, SD)

Members elected to 2-year terms include:

George Moffett, Variety Attractions (Zanesville, OH)

Marsha Burwell, Carowinds Theme Park (Charlotte, NC)

Don Romeo

Johnny Holmes, Arkansas State Fair (Little Rock)

Wayne McCary

Ruth Ferrara, North Florida Fair (Tallahassee)

James Taylor, Iowa State Fair (Des Moines)

Members elected to 1-year terms include:

William H. Luther, Greenville Coliseum (SC)
Ed Rock, State Fair of West Virginia
A.C. Chapman, Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (Louisville)
Dan Fleenor, Alabama State Fair (Birmingham)
Bill Hollingshead, Hollingshead Productions (Santa Anna, CA)
Dean Raymor, Gateway Attractions (St. Louis, MO)
Dean Justice, University of Texas Special Events Center (Austin)

1982

A membership meeting is held to install new officers:

President: Paul Buck, manager, Charlotte Coliseum (NC)
First Vice President: Wayne McCary, Eastern States Exposition (W. Springfield, MA)
Second Vice President: Myles Johnson, Clay County Fair (Spencer, IA)
Secretary: Evelyn Zerr, Harry Peebles Agency (Kansas City, KS)
Treasurer: Jack Norman, Jr., Nashville attorney
Beginning 3-year terms on the ICMBA board are:
W.N. "Bill" Pauley, Ponderosa Park (Salem, OH)
George Moffett, Variety Attractions (Zanesville, OH)
Don Romeo, Don Romeo Agency (Omaha, NE)
Johnny Holmes, Arkansas State Fair (Little Rock)
Ruth Ferra, North Florida Fair (Tallahassee)
James Taylor, Iowa State Fair (Des Moines)
Jerry H. Garren, Silver Fox Club (Greenville, SC)

1983

Officers:

President: Wayne McCary, manager, Cumberland County Civic Center (Portland, ME)
First Vice President: Myles Johnson, manager, Clay County Fair (Spencer, IA)
Second Vice President: Sonny Anderson, talent booking agent, Walt Disney Productions
Secretary: Evelyn Zerr, Harry Peebles Agency (Kansas City, KS)
Treasurer: Jack Norman, Jr., attorney (Nashville)
Elected to 3-year terms on the ICMAB board are:
Paul Buck, manager, Charlotte Coliseum (NC)
Sam Fulco, manager, Kansas Coliseum (Wichita)
Charles Hailey, president, Lanierland Music Park (Cumming, GA)
Rick Bjorklund, vice president, Three Rivers Stadium (Pittsburgh)
Don Zarndt, manager, Great Mississippi Valley Fair (Davenport, IA)
Thaxter Trafton, manager, Arizona State Fair (Phoenix)
Joe Sullivan, president, Sound Seventy Productions (Nashville)

1984

Officers:

President: Myles Johnson, secretary-manager, Clay County Fair (IA)

First Vice President: Sonny Anderson, entertainment director, Walt Disney World (Lake Buena Vista, FL) and Disneyland (Anaheim, CA)

1986

Officers:

President: Sid Hutchcraft, manager, Indiana State Fair (Indianapolis)

First Vice President: Don Romeo, owner, Don Romeo Agency (Omaha)

Second Vice President: Rick Bjorklund, manager, Rosemont Horizon (IL)

Secretary: Evelyn Zerr, Harry Peebles Agency (Kansas City, KS)

Treasurer: Jack Norman, Jr., attorney (Nashville)

ICMBA directors for 1986-1987 are:

Paul Buck, manager, Charlotte Coliseum (NC)

Irwin Ellis, manager, Albany Civic Center (GA)

Henry Ade, owner, Henry Ade Productions (Waterloo, IN)

Rick Bjorklund, manager, Rosemont Horizon (IL)

Sam Fulco, manager, Kansas Coliseum (Wichita)

Charles Hailey, president, Lanierland Music Park (Cumming, GA)

Don Zarndt, Stagecoach Productions (Herrin, IL)

Mike Pierce, manager, Riverside Centroplex (Baton Rouge, LA)—
appointed to an unexpired vacancy

1987

Officers:

President: Don Romeo, Don Romeo Agency (Omaha, NE)

First Vice President: Rick Bjorklund, manager, Rosemont Horizon
(Rosemont, IL)

Second Vice President: Jim Frost, Minnesota State Fair (St. Paul)

Treasurer: Jack Norman, Jr., attorney (Nashville)

Secretary: Evelyn Zerr, Harry Peebles Agency (Kansas City, KS)

ICMBA directors for 1987-1988 are:

Sonny Anderson, entertainment director, Walt Disney Co.

A.C. Chapman, director, Richmond Center (VA)

Mike DuBois, manager, DuQuoin State Fair (IL)

Dan Fleenor, owner, Fleenor Productions (Tampa, FL)

H.B. Gibson, Arkansas Fair Managers Association (Berryville)

Marilyn Phillips, Stagecoach Productions (Albuquerque, NM)

Bob Romeo, vice president, Don Romeo Agency (Omaha, NE)

1988

Harry Peebles resigns as executive director of the ICMBA after 17 years. He will remain as lifetime chairman of the board.

Evelyn Zerr resigns as secretary. She is replaced by Judy Ade of Henry Ade Productions (Waterloo, IN). Ade is designated as the ICMBA's permanent historian.

Officers:

President: Rick Bjorklund, manager, Rosemont Horizon (IL)

First Vice President: Jim Frost, Minnesota State Fair (St. Paul)

Second Vice President: Jerry Garren, Eagle Productions (Nashville)

Secretary: Judy Ade, Henry Ade Productions (Waterloo, IN)

Treasurer: Jack Norman, Jr., attorney (Nashville)

Executive Secretary: Cathy Gurley

Directors include:

Johnny Holmes, manager, Arkansas State Fair (Little Rock)

Kent Hopper, Bonnie Nelson Enterprises (Nashville)

Sid Hutchcraft, Plus Management (Indianapolis)

Wayne McCary, senior vice president, Eastern States Exposition (West Springfield, MA)

George Moffett, Variety Attractions (Zanesville, OH)

Mike Pierce, executive director, Riverside Centroplex (Baton Rouge, LA)

Lon Varnell, Varnell Enterprises (Nashville)

James Cudd

Carey Harveycutter, administrator of the Salem Civic Center in Virginia, is designated to fill a vacant board position

1991

On June 10, the ICMBA becomes the International Entertainment Buyers Association (IEBA) after unanimous votes during both the board meeting and the general membership meeting.

The Harry Peebles Music Business Scholarship is initiated by the IEBA board. Each year, a student majoring in music business at Belmont will receive a scholarship.

1993

Harry Peebles passes away at the age of 80 on January 8 in Kansas City, Missouri.

1994

Don Romeo is named Chairman of the Board for a three-year term.

1995

The organization celebrates its 25th anniversary June 2-June 5 at Nashville's Hermitage Hotel. To commemorate the occasion, Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist proclaims June 2-5, 1995, as "International Entertainment Buyers Association Week."

IEBA opens a Nashville office with Laurie Stevens as the organization's first-ever full-time executive director.

1996

Reggie Churchwell is the incoming president.

IEBA members approve a new IEBA website.

1997

On June 15, Jim Halsey is honored at the Founder's Dinner with the first Harry "Hap" Peebles Award.

Also at the Founder's Dinner, the following President's Awards are presented:

Young artist—LeAnn Rimes

Promoter/producer—Reggie Churchwell

Agent—Mark Roeder (William Morris Agency)

Small Fair—Douglas County Fair, Sandy Rockwood

At the IEBA general membership meeting on June 16, officers are voted on:

President: Bobby Baker, Bobby Baker Enterprises

First Vice President: Larry Anderson, Wheeling Entertainment

Second Vice President: Carol Bowsher, Disneyland

Third Vice President: Stephen Tolman, Gary Musick Productions

Secretary: Judy Ade, Henry Ade Productions

Treasurer: H.B. Gibson, Northwest Arkansas District Fair (Harrison)

Chairman of the board: Don Romeo, Don Romeo Agency

New directors include:

Dick Beacham, The Beacham Agency

Fran Boyd, Academy of Country Music

Patti Craven-Feit, Walt Disney Company

Ray Sanderson, Dollywood

Lori Renfrow, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

George Moffett, Variety Attractions

John Juliano, Jr., Eastern States Exposition (West Springfield, MA)

Leroy Van Dyke, Leroy Van Dyke Enterprises

An announcement is made that Laurie Stephens is stepping down after two years as executive director after the June convention. She is given a lifetime membership for her efforts.

1998

Kymberlee Pearson is named executive director of IEBA

Barbara Hubbard is honored with the Founder's Award.

Brenda Lee presents the Living Legend Award to Eddy Arnold

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to Charlie Daniels.

Officers are:

President: Larry Anderson, Jamboree in the Hills

First Vice President: Carol Bowsher, Disneyland

Second Vice President: Steve Tolman, Gary Musick Productions

Third Vice President: Judy Ade, Henry Ade Productions

Directors include:

Wes Oler, Oler Productions

Barbara Daniel Rice, BDR Entertainment

Reggie Churchwell, Nashville International Concerts

Terry Jenkins, Sam's Town

1999

Billy Ray Cyrus is honored with the first-ever IEBA Humanitarian Award.

Patti Page is presented with the Living Legend Award.

Johnnie Holmes, former manager of the Arkansas State Fair, is presented with the Founder's Award.

Other awards are presented for:

Talent Agent: Rod Essig (CAA)

Manager: Clarence Spalding

Concert Promoter: Ben Farrell

Talent Buyer: George Moffett

Special Event: George Strait Country Music Festival

Officers are:

President: Carol Bowsher

Third Vice President: John Juliano, The Big E (West Springfield, MA)

Secretary: Judy Ade, Henry Ade Productions

Treasurer: Reggie Churchwell, Nashville International Entertainment

Elected for three-year terms as directors are:

Barbara Hubbard, entertainment consultant

Patsy Brooks, Florida Strawberry Festival (Plant City)

Sonny Anderson, entertainment consultant

Sam Giordano, State Fair of Louisiana (Shreveport)

Jerry Garren, Eagle Enterprises

Joe Gehl, Xentel

Bobby Baker, Bobby Baker Enterprises

2000

Patti Burgart is named executive director of IEBA.

Loretta Lynn is presented with the Living Legend Award.

Lou Rawls is given the Humanitarian/Lifetime Achievement Award.

Leroy Van Dyke receives the Founder's Award.

Other awards given are:

Talent Buyer of the Year: George Moffett, Variety Attractions

Talent Agent: Tony Conway, Buddy Lee Attractions

New Agent: Jeff Hill, CAA

Artist Manager: Erv Woolsey, Erv Woolsey Agency

Concert Promoter: Ben Farrell, Varnell Enterprises

Small Event Producer: Reggie Churchwell, Nashville International Entertainment

First-ever President's Award for Contributions to IEBA: Mitzi Robinson, Dream Seekers

Festival/Fair/Special Event of the Year: George Strait Country Music Festival

Officers elected are:

President: Steve Toman, LogiCom

First Vice President: Judy Ade, Henry Ade Productions

Second Vice President: John Juliano, Jr., Eastern States Exposition

Third Vice President: Lori Renfrow, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Secretary: Judy Ade

Treasurer: Reggie Churchwell, Nashville International Entertainment Group

Elected to the board are:

Brett Chance, Ohio State Fair (Columbus)

Chris Tahti, Minnesota State Fair (St. Paul)

2001

The Founder's Award is presented to Joan Saltel from Buddy Lee Attractions.

Brenda Lee receives the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Barbara and Irlene Mandrell present their father, Irby Mandrell, with the Pioneer Award.

"All Access" Industry Awards presented include:

Concert Promoter of the Year: Louis Messina

New Agent of the Year: Jeremy Palmer, Buddy Lee Attractions (Nashville)

Artist Manager of the Year: (Tie) T.K. Kimbrell, TKO Artist Management (Nashville) and Clarence Spalding, Titley, Spalding & Associates (Nashville)

Event Producer of the Year: Bobby Baker, Bobby Baker Enterprises (Des Moines, IA)

Talent Agent of the Year: Barry Jeffrey, William Morris Agency (Nashville)

Talent Buyer of the Year: Gil Cunningham, TBA Entertainment—Fair & Festival Group (Omaha, NE)

Fair/Festival/Special Event of the Year: Brooks & Dunn Neon Circus & Wild West Show

President's Award—Joe Guercio, TMF Entertainment (Las Vegas/Nashville)

Officers for 2002 are:

President: Judy Ade, Henry Ade Productions (Waterloo, IN)

First Vice President: John Juliano, Eastern States Exposition (West Springfield, MA)

Second Vice President: Lori Renfrow, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (Houston, TX)

Third Vice President: John Graham, University of Texas (Austin, TX)

Secretary: Judy Ade

Treasurer: Reggie Churchwell, Nashville International Entertainment (Nashville)

Executive Director: Patti Burgart

Historian: Joan Saltel, Buddy Lee Attractions

Chaplain: Father Joseph Breen

Re-elected board members are:

Phil Barber, Barber & Associates (Knoxville, TN)

Don Briscar, The Forum Civic Center (Rome, GA)

Gil Cunningham, TBA Entertainment—Fair and Festival Group (Omaha, NE)

Terry Jenkins, Boyd Gaming Corporation (Las Vegas)

Leroy Van Dyke, Leroy Van Dyke Enterprises (Smithton, MO)

Newly elected board members are:

Ed Bazel, That's Entertainment International (Nashville)

Connie Hunt, Renfro Valley Entertainment Center (Renfro Valley, KY)

Barry Jeffrey, William Morris Agency (Nashville)

Joey Lee, Buddy Lee Attractions (Nashville)

Bonnie Sugarman, Agency for the Performing Arts (Nashville)

Randy Wright, Integrity Events (Nashville)

2002

The Harry Peebles Award is presented to Jerry Garren of Greenville, SC, and Reggie Churchwell of Crossroads Arena.

Vince Gill presents the Industry Achievement Award to Larry Fitzgerald and Mark Hartley of the Fitzgerald Hartley Company.

Jeff Foxworthy receives the Humanitarian Award.

Johnny Cash, dressed in his trademark black, accepts the Pioneer Award.

He walks on the stage, pauses, and says, "Hello...I'm Johnny Cash."

There is a standing ovation from the capacity seating industry audience.

"All Access" Industry Awards are presented for:

Concert Promoter of the Year: Mike Smardak, Outback Concerts of TN, Inc.

New Agent of the Year: Abby Wells, William Morris Agency

Artist Manager of the Year: Clint Higham, Int'l Management Services

Event Producer of the Year: Crisper Stanford, Park Place Entertainment

Talent Agent of the Year: Stan Barnett, CAA

Talent Buyer of the Year: Fran Romeo, TBA Entertainment

Fair/Festival/Special Event of the Year: Rockin' Roadhouse Tour

President's Award: Barry Jeffrey, William Morris Agency

2003 Officers are:

President: John Juliano, Eastern States Exposition

First Vice President: Lori Renfrow, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

Second Vice President: Ray Sanderson, Houston Arena Theatre

Third Vice President: Ed Bazel, The Bazel Group

Secretary: Mitzi Robinson, Mickey Finn Productions

Treasurer: Reggie Churchwell, Crossroads Arena

Executive Director: Patti Burgart

Historian: Joan Saltel, Buddy Lee Attractions

Chaplain: Father Joseph Breen

2003

Kenny Rogers receives the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Wayne Newton receives the Humanitarian Award.

Freddy Fender is presented with the Pioneer Award.

Sonny Anderson is the recipient of the President's Award.

The Oak Ridge Boys present Paul Moore of the William Morris Agency with the Founder's Award.

Erv Woolsey accepts the IEBA Artist Manager of the Year Award on behalf of Scott Kernahan.

Dale Morris, Dale Morris & Associates, receives the IEBA Industry Achievement Award.

Clint Higham, International Management Services, accepts the IEBA Special Event of the Year Award for Kenny Chesney's "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems" Tour.

2004

Officers:

President: Lori Renfrow, Gattis Renfrow Entertainment

First Vice President: Ed Bazel, The Bazel Group

Second Vice President: Mike Smardak, Outback Concerts of TN

Third Vice President: Gil Cunningham, Neste Event Marketing

Secretary: Judy Ade, Henry Ade Productions

Treasurer: Reggie Churchwell, Crossroads Arena

Executive Director: Patti Burgart

Historian: Joan Saltel, Buddy Lee Attractions

Chaplain: Father Joseph Breen

Bobby Baker of Bobby Baker Enterprises is the recipient of the Founder's Award.

Ralph Emery and the Hager Twins present Florence Henderson with the Humanitarian Award.

Lorianne Crook presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Merle Kilgore.

Ron Baird (CAA) is awarded the Industry Achievement Award.

A scholarship is given to Candice Surrency of MTSU on behalf of the late Ray Sanderson as the President's Award recipient.

The "iebaLIVE!" Industry Awards are presented for:

Concert Promoter of the Year: Mike Smardak (Outbak Concerts of TN)

New Agent of the Year: John Gimenez (William Morris Agency)

Artist Manager of the Year: J.P. Williams (Parallel Entertainment)

Event Producer of the Year: Gil Cunningham (Neste Entertainment)

Talent Agent of the Year: Bobby Cudd (Monterey Peninsula Artists)

Talent Buyer of the Year: Gil Cunningham (Neste Entertainment)

Fair/Festival/Special Event of the Year: CMA Music Festival

Officers for 2005 are:

President: Ed Bazel, The Bazel Group

First Vice President: Mike Smardak, Outback Concerts of TN

Second Vice President: Gil Cunningham, Neste Event Marketing

Third Vice President: Carey Harveycutter, Salem Civic Center

Secretary: Judy Ade, Henry Ade Productions

Treasurer: Randy Wright, Integrity Events

Executive Director: Patti Burgart

Historian: Joan Saltel, Buddy Lee Attractions

Chaplain: Father Joseph Breen

2005

Joe Guercio receives the Founder's Award.

Vince Gill is honored as the Humanitarian of the Year.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to Cheap Trick.

Doc McGhee is the recipient of the Industry Achievement Award.

Officers for 2006 are:

President: Mike Smardak, Outback Concerts of TN

First Vice President: Gil Cunningham, Neste Event Marketing

Second Vice President: Carey Harveycutter, Salem Civic Center

Third Vice President: Randy Wright, Integrity Events

Secretary: Judy Ade, Henry Ade Productions

Treasurer: Liz Cunningham, Neste Event Marketing

Executive Director: Patti Burgart

Historian: Joan Saltel, Buddy Lee Attractions

Chaplain: Father Joseph Breen

2006

IEBA makes a special presentation to the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band on October 15 to celebrate their 40th year in the business. Rodney Crowell presents the award to the band before they give a special performance.

Nick Dorr, Vice President of Variety Attractions and General Manager of Nationwide Demolition Derby, is the recipient of the Founder's Award.

Joe Galante presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Ronnie Milsap. The Living Legend Award goes to ZZ Top.

Narvel Blackstock of Starstruck receives the Industry Achievement Award. The Career Achievement-Retirement of Performance Award goes to Ricky Van Shelton

Brian O'Connell of Live Nation is named Talent Buyer of the Year.

Mike Smardak presents the President's Award to Carey Harvey Cutter (Salem Civic Center).

The "iebaLIVE!" Industry Awards are awarded for:

Concert Promoter of the Year: Live Nation

Agency of the Year: CAA

Talent Agent of the Year: Kevin Neal, Buddy Lee Attractions

Venue of the Year: Mohegan Sun

Entertainment Buyer of the Year: Mike Smardak, Outback Concerts of TN

Fair/Festival/Special Event: CMA Music Festival

The IEBA offices move from 16th Ave to 209 10th Ave South, Suite 222 in Nashville.

Officers for 2007 are:

President: Gil Cunningham, Neste Event Marketing

First Vice President: Carey Harvey Cutter, Salem Civic Center

Second Vice President: Randy Wright, Integrity Events

Third Vice President: Barry Jeffrey, William Morris Agency

Secretary: Larry Werner, Panhandle Productions

Treasurer: Liz Cunningham, Neste Event Marketing

2008

Tiffany Davis joins IEBA as the executive director in January.

In March, Cori Dodson joins the staff in the role of Special Projects and the IEBA Office relocates to Music Row, across from ASCAP and Sony Publishing. The new office is a Victorian house located at 9 Music Square West.

2008 officers are:

President: Carey Harvey Cutter, Salem Civic Center

First Vice President: Randy Wright, Integrity Events

Second Vice President: Barry Jeffrey, William Morris Agency

Third Vice President: Shelley Todd, Outback Concerts

Secretary: Larry Werner, Panhandle Productions

Treasurer: Liz Cunningham, Neste Event Marketing
The IEBA Interactive Program welcomes its first interns.
Andrew Farwell, a summer intern, joins the IEBA staff as an assistant in August.

Loggins and Messina receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.
The Country Music Association (CMA) is recognized for celebrating 50 years in the industry.

APA is honored as the Agency of the Year.

Steve Moore, executive vice president of AEG Live!, is the recipient of the Humanitarian Award.

Voted awards are given for:

Entertainment Buyer of the Year: Gil Cunningham, Neste Event Marketing

Talent Agent of the Year: Kevin Neal, Buddy Lee Attractions

Concert Promoters of the Year: AEG Live! And Red Mountain Entertainment

Venue of the Year: Sommet Center

Festival of the Year: CMA Music Festival

Small Venue Artist of the Year: Sugarland

Large Venue Artist of the Year: Kenny Chesney

Andrew Farwell (intern) joins staff of as an assistant

2009

Officers:

President: Randy Wright, Integrity Events

First Vice President: Barry Jeffrey, William Morris Agency

Second Vice President: Shelley Todd, Outback Concerts

Third Vice President: Linda Smith, Glenn Smith Presents, Inc.

Secretary: Larry Werner, Panhandle Productions

Treasurer: Liz Cunningham, Neste Event Marketing

IEBA Honors held at Ryman Auditorium for first time with performances by:

Jamey Johnson, Randy Houser, Jessie James, Chris Young, Judson

Laipply, Lorrie Morgan and Chubby Checker

Barbara Hubbard awarded Harry A. Peebles Award presented by Paul Moore and John Huie

Joan Saltel awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award (retires from booking) presented by Lorrie Morgan

Chubby Checker awarded Career Achievement Award presented by Brenda Lee

Industry Winners:

Entertainment Buyer of the Year: Todd Boltin

Concert Promoter of the Year: Outback Concerts

Talent Agent of the Year: John Huie

Venue of the Year: Ryman Auditorium

Event of the Year: Bonnaroo Music Festival

The IEBA Scholarship Endowment Fund is instituted and includes the following scholarships:

Harry A. Peebles – Belmont University

Don Romeo – Belmont University

J.P. Williams – Belmont University

George Moffett – Belmont University

Barbara Hubbard – New Mexico State University

Bylaws are rewritten and updated to reflect current industry trade organization standards and practices – new officer succession plan to be implemented in 2010

2010

40th Anniversary of IEBA!

Officers:

Chairman: Barry Jeffrey, William Morris Endeavor Entertainment

Immediate Past Chairman: Randy Wright, Integrity Events

President: Linda Smith, Glenn Smith Presents

Vice-President: Rick Murray, Greylock Entertainment

Secretary: Larry Werner, Panhandle Productions

Treasurer: Karen Clark, Pinnacle Financial Partners