

**In 1981, during the 26th Annual
Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Convention, a resolution was
introduced to create the
Labor Hall of Fame Award.**

**This award is presented to
men and women within the
labor movement whose efforts
and sacrifices have enhanced
the quality of life for
Iowa workers.**

Resolution No. 12

Subject: TO ESTABLISH AN IOWA LABOR HALL OF FAME
Referred To: EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Submitted By: CLINTON LABOR CONGRESS, AFL-CIO

WHEREAS; The labor movement in Iowa has produced many union leaders both in Iowa and in the international unions; and

WHEREAS: These leaders have built the solid foundations that we now in the Iowa movement benefit from; and

WHEREAS: In this one hundredth year of a unified labor movement, we should look back and recognize the accomplishments of our brothers and sisters who built, with their hard work, determination, tears and even their blood, a labor movement we are proud to continue and build on;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 26th Annual Convention of the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO set up a committee to make rules and regulations, to establish an Iowa Labor Hall of Fame to recognize and honor retired and deceased Iowa union builders: and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That the first nominees be made to the 1982 Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO convention, and that further nominations be made in succeeding years.

Charles E. Smith, President
Adopted September 1981

Ronald R Remrey, Secretary

Labor Hall of Fame Members

1982

Vernon Dale	Amalgamated Clothing Workers
Vernon Davis	IUPAT, IFL President
John L. Lewis	UMWA

1983

No Convention held

1984

Bill Fenton	Machinists
June McDonald	CWA
George O'Hara	IBT, BRCM, AFL-CIO

1985

John Grogan	Machinists
Dave Hart	UPWA, AMCBWNA
Reuben Roe	Cement, Lime & Gypsum

1986

James Caffrey	URW
George Weiny	Grain Millers
Joseph Glackin	UFCW

1987

Russell Bull	UPWA
Carroll Wright	UE, Machinists
Lloyd Weems	APWU

1988

Ray Mills	Teamsters 1st IFL President
Ben Root	AFSCME
Jake Mincks	UAW, IFL

Labor Hall of Fame Members

1989

Hugh Clark	UA, IFL President
Don Johnson	URW
Jack Tessin	IBEW

1990

D.K. "Jim" Gordon	CWA
William Keller	Machinists
Max Webster	ABG (now USW)

1991

Jerry Dunagan	IBEW
Alice Hamad Pence	URW, IBEW
George Peters	UFCW

1992 *(Inductees are all signers of the original IFL Charter)*

Ward Hauskins	UAW
Henry Schwenker	Plumbers & Steamfitters
Garold Ketchum	Field Rep. AFL-CIO
Lester Eichorn	UAW
Edris Owens	UAW
Bernard Buckley	Amalgamated Clothing Workers
Ben Jeffries	Laborers
Eugene Peterson	UPWA
Alex Kantrovich	Teamsters
Wilton Seymour	Plumbers & Steamfitters
Earl Baum	Grain Millers

1993

Warren "Pete" Polson	Machinists
Inez Pontious	SCIFL Aux.
Harry Smith	Barbers

Labor Hall of Fame Members

1994

Paul Larsen	Plumbers & Steamfitters
Harry "Hy" Miller	Machinists
Joe Rejsek	Cement, Lime & Gypsum

1995

Betty Talkington	IBEW, IFL Staff
Al Meier	IBEW, IFL Lobbyist
John Cooney	UAW, IUPAT

1996

Don Diskey	AFSCME, IAMAW
Don Rowen	GCIU, IFL Executive Vice President
Erma Wiszmann	CWA

1997

Wayne Huntsman	IBT
Pat Marshall	IBEW, IFL Board
Jim Wengert	UFCW, IFL President

1998

Robert Carson	HERE, Hawkeye Labor Council
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1999

Sharon McIntosh	IUPAT
Michael Mehaffy	SEIU

2000

No nominations

2001

Alan Lee	UFCW
Marian Moffitt	CWA
Gene Redmon	UFCW

Labor Hall of Fame Members

2002

Joe Heger	UFCW
George Kourpias	Machinists, IFL Board

2003

Bob Runde	Machinists
Russ Woodrick	Machinists

2004

Al Schultz	IBB
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2005

No Nominations

2006

Pearl McGill	Button Workers
Roberta Till-Retz	AFT

2007

No nominations

2008

Robert Soesbe	CWA
Mark Smith	AFT, IFL President

2009

John Connors	IAFF
Dick Fallow	Machinists, AFL-CIO
Robert Connett	Machinists, IFL Board

2010

Cheryl Hannah	AFSCME
Charlie Smith	IBEW
Norm Sterzenbach	IBEW

Labor Hall of Fame Members

2011

William Herrig	Plumbers & Steamfitters
Donald Schuettpelz	Ironworkers, IFL Board
Midge Slater	CWA, IFL Board

2012

Ted Fehn	Machinists
Tom Gillespie	Plumbers & Steamfitters, IFL Board
Dale Jeter	GMP, IFL Board

2013

Jan Laue	BCTGM, IFL Sec/Treasurer
Ron Montgomery	GCIU, IFL Auditor
Ken Rains	CWA, IFL Board

2014 Honorary Member

Senator Tom Harkin	Honorary IBEW Member
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2014

Joe Ironside	IAMAW, IFL Board
Jim Marshall	ATU, UFCW, NW Iowa Labor Council
MacDonald Smith	AFT

2015

Senator Dick Dearden	AFSCME
Mark Fallis	NALC IFL Board & Auditor
Francis Giunta	CWA Dubuque Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

Labor Hall of Fame Members

2016

No Labor Hall of Dinner held due to 60th Anniversary Celebration for the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

2017

Bruce Clark	APWU, IFL Board
Representative Jerry Kearns	USW
Fred Noon	LIUNA

2018

Lance Coles	APWU
Tom Courtney	UAW
Jack E. McCoy	UPWA

2019

Todd Anderson	SEIU/AFL-CIO
Ron Koppes	IAMAW
Marcia Nichols	AFSCME

2020

No Ceremony Due to Pandemic

2021

Randy Boulton	USW
Ken Sagar	IBEW
Anthony Stephens	UPWA