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
Ronald R Remrey, Secretary

Adopted September 1981
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

1999
Sharon McIntosh  IUPAT
Michael Mehaffy  SEIU

2000
No nominations

2001
Alan Lee  UFCW
Marian Moffitt  CWA
Gene Redmon  UFCW
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<td>Jan Laue</td>
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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