

Life Membership

One Journey Ends and Another Begins

(By Bob Gamble, Past President)

Many years ago five men started out on separate journeys into uncharted waters, not knowing where their travels would take them and where and when those journeys would end. The men did not know each other, they lived in different parts of the country, their ages and backgrounds varied greatly, but, as they would learn later, they had so much in common that even though they lived apart they were bonded together for life.

One, they were members of the same large organization; two, they wore the same “company uniform”; and, three, they all aspired to be the very best in their chosen avocation. Little did they know, at the beginning of their respective journeys, that there was a day of destiny in the distant future which would cause their paths to cross at the same time. The day has arrived!

On Saturday, April 30, at high noon, during the IAABO Annual Convention, the five men will be honored in front of hundreds of delegates, family members, and friends at the prestigious “6th Annual IAABO Life Member Luncheon.” Selected from a membership of almost 15,000 and after a compelling record of service examination process by the IAABO Life Membership Committee, the five will be presented at



the luncheon with the beautifully handcrafted and coveted “IAABO Life Member Ring.” It is the highest award that the IAABO organization can bestow on any one member.

The “Life Member Award” for the current membership year will be awarded during the luncheon ceremonies to the following IAABO members:

Dan Barringer, Bd. 55 OH

Francis Cummings, Bd. 27 MA

Joseph DeCerbo, Bd. 121 NY

John Pierantozzi, Bd. 196 NJ

Jack Doyle, Bd. 27 MA, IAABO President

Each of the five honorees will be presented to the luncheon attendees via a graphics presentation of their officiating accomplishments, family, and the contributions that each of them has made to the IAABO organization and to their community.