

ILEA CANADA PENNI HOLDHAM VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded: Evaluated annually, but only awarded based on merit.

Presented: At the ILEA Canada AGM each year there is deserving winner, beginning in 2011

Eligibility: Nominees must be members of ILEA Canada, and cannot be a previous recipient.

Nominations: Cannot be self-nominated.

Must be nominated and seconded by two ILEA Canada members.

The nominators may not be employed by the same company as the nominee.

Time Frame: Nominations will be accepted in July and August for volunteer service from July to June of the previous term.

Deadline for Nominations: August 31th

Award Selection Committee:

Nominations will be reviewed each year by a committee to consist of the ILEA Canada Immediate Past Chair, Current Chair, and Chair-Elect. The committee will be chaired by the ILEA Canada Chair who was in office for the term of the award.

NOTE: These 3 individuals will not be eligible to receive the awards during their terms.

Award Description

We are part of an industry that is essential, creative and communicates. For an organization like ILEA Canada and our industry to survive and thrive, it requires the volunteer efforts of countless people in each chapter and across the country. It is important to recognize and thank these individuals, as their volunteer efforts help to provide our members with collaborative networking, mentorship, education and professional development, inspiration, advocacy, economical and social benefits to our communities, and outward awareness and credibility to ensure a thriving local and global creative events profession.

The ILEA Canada Penni Holdham Volunteer of the Year Award has been developed to recognize the outstanding achievements of an individual that has demonstrated their commitment to our Association, our members, or our industry in a defined and measureable way.

Terms of Reference:

The award will be for an individual who has demonstrated applied volunteerism that benefits ILEA Canada, its chapters, our members, our industry or the wider community.

Volunteerism:

As active members of ILEA, we all volunteer our time, skill sets, and resources to enhance the experience for our colleagues and to ensure the growth of our industry locally, nationally and internationally. In its purest form, volunteerism is the provision of time, talent, and services without the expectation of financial compensation. Each volunteer effort is necessary for the success and vibrancy of our industry, from the willingness to “lend an ear” to help resolve a problem, to advocating for change that benefits our community and industry, to improving national and international relations and connections, to the acceptance of leadership roles and responsibilities that can impact the growth of the industry nationwide. All of these activities individually, and more importantly, collectively, absorb our time and individual talents in ways that are immeasurable.

Applied: The term applied often speaks to the end result being practical and tangible in its demonstration, rather than esoteric or philosophical, applied volunteerism demands a measurable and substantiated outcome.

The ILEA Canada Penni Holdham Volunteer of the Year Award will recognize an individual that has provided their time, talents and resources toward a specific outcome for ILEA Canada, its Chapters, the local or national industry and our community with benefits to our members. This outcome must be demonstrable, measureable and tangible. This award recognizes leaders for their commitment to ILEA Canada, its Chapters, and the development and growth of our industry locally and across Canada.

This Award was inspired by the applied volunteerism demonstrated by Penni Holdham CSEP between 2008 and 2010 as she developed policies and protocol for the efficient operations of the ILEA Canada Structure.

RECIPIENT RECEIVES

- Leadership Awards - Glass/Acrylic Award, engraved
- Participation in the AGM Awards Presentation
- Profile as award recipient in communications materials and a profile on the ILEA Canada website

Past Recipients

2015 – Emily MacDonald: A long time board member of ILEA Vancouver, Emily's work in the role of VP Communications made a great impact on the Chapter's marketing reach and she helped resolve number of issues that arose for the chapters across Canada as a result of CASL coming into place. Emily was committed to innovative communication tools and launched the ILEA Vancouver App and new website to better engage Vancouver and global members.

2014 - Jason Harmer: Dedicated to using technology to bring our industry closer together, Jason worked tirelessly to establish a series of online moderated educational panel discussions, ILEA Hangouts, to help ILEA members form closer ties with other Canadian and International chapter members through bringing event professionals together from around the world to share their experiences, knowledge and expertise with other members and students.

2013 - Debra Lykkemark: Debra has been a long time industry supporter and advocate. Her work creating a lobby group advocating to change outdated BC liquor legislations in 2012-2013 resulted in positive change to legislation that not only benefits the growth of the special events industry, but also simplifies processes for all parties, government included.

2012 - Peter Cornforth: Peter, a founding member of ILEA Calgary, was instrumental in Chapter development across Canada and in particular with developing and guiding the ILEA Edmonton Chapter In Formation Board through the 2011-2012 year.

2011 - Karen Eluck: Karen worked closely with the ILEA Canada chapters to create and implement new discounts to help motivate successful membership drives and resulted in increased membership numbers across Canada.

2010 - Penni Holdham: This Award was inspired by the applied volunteerism demonstrated by Penni Holdham CSEP between 2008 and 2010 as she developed policies and protocol for the efficient operations of the ILEA Canada Structure.

NOMINATION FORM FOR ILEA CANADA PENNI HOLDHAM VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Name of Individual Nominated for Award:

Name of 1st Person Making Nomination:

Name of 2nd Person Making Nomination:

Provide a 100-500 word summary of how the nominee has demonstrated a commitment to ILEA and has volunteered their time, skill sets and resources to provide our ILEA members or live events community with (but not limited to) the following:

- development or strengthening of the infrastructure or operations of ILEA Canada and/or its Chapters across Canada
- collaborative networking
- mentorship
- education and professional development opportunities
- inspiration
- advocacy
- economical and social benefits to our communities
- creating outward awareness and credibility for ILEA and our industry
- exception efforts to ensure a thriving local and global creative events profession

Include specific examples that show demonstrable, measurable and tangible results or outcomes.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Nominee must be a full member of ILEA Canada, during the period of recognition. Student members do not qualify.
2. Nominations must be made and seconded by current full members of ILEA Canada. Student members are not permitted to submit nominations.
3. The decisions of the Selection Committee are final.
4. In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information about nominators and nominees is collected for the sole purpose of administering the Penni Holdham Volunteer of the Year Award. It will be used to select and publicize the achievements of the award recipients.
5. Nominations that are incomplete or do not comply with these guidelines may be disqualified. ILEA Canada takes no responsibility for incomplete, inaccurate, lost or late nominations.

REVIEW CRITERIA

The Committee will follow an established evaluation guideline, including, but not limited to:

1. The duration and impact of the volunteerism;
2. The number of years, months, and approximate number of volunteer hours the nominee committed to the activity;
3. The uniqueness and inclusiveness (involving others) of the nominee's contributions and commitments;
4. Their leadership role in the ILEA Canada community; and
5. The challenges and/or barriers the nominee had to overcome in order to achieve their goal.