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**United States Section**

*50 Years of Friendship*

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## UNITED STATES SECTION

The recognized founder of the US Section is Harold Litwin, but many others were involved including Charles Wright, Bruno Bock, Tom Murray and Leland Stipes.



***Founder Harold Litwin***

Charles Wright served in the British Police for 5 years and in January of 1951, he immigrated to London, Ontario, Canada where he joined the City of London, Ontario Police. Wright served from 1951 until his retirement in 1983. In his second career he worked as a Deputy Sheriff assigned as a steward to the Judges in the Criminal and Civil court. He served in that role until retiring again in 1997.

According to Wright, the London Police Revolver Club he co-founded in 1952, held police pistol matches across Ontario and later attended matches of the International Police Combat Match in Toledo, which became an annual event. The

police friendships made during those matches would have a great impact on the future US IPA.

Wright became an associate member of the French Section in 1958, and later received a letter from Arthur Troop who told him the IPA was



***Leland Stipes***

trying to form sections in both Canada and the United States. Troop asked Wright to assist in forming these sections. With the help of like minded Canadian officers, Wright founded the Canadian Section, Region 1, in Ontario in December 1960, and not long after Region 2 in Toronto.

During the London-Toledo annual visits discussion naturally turned to the IPA. US officer Leland Stipes was very interested in the IPA and Wright provided him further information. Troop was notified that Stipes and other US officers wished to form a section. Wright also sent a letter to Harold Litwin of Buffalo about his interest in forming a US Section.

Litwin was an officer with the Buffalo, NY Police and was assigned to the 9th Precinct. Litwin had learned of the IPA

from a fellow police officer, George Bennett, who had been an associate member of the British Section. Bennett forwarded copies of the Police World to Litwin who then applied for membership in the British Section. Litwin had a variety of

correspondences with Arthur Troop, and through those letters became friends.

About the same time, Bruno Bock learned of the IPA while visiting an in-law/member in Germany in 1957. Bock joined the IPA then and attended the International Congress in Stuttgart, Germany in 1961 and in doing so, became the first



***Bruno Bock***



***Tom Murray***



***IPA Canada Founder Charles Wright,  
and IPA US Founder Harold Litwin,  
2003 Niagara Falls, Ontario***

unofficial delegate and observer from the United States.

Wright made several trips to Buffalo to visit Litwin and discuss the International Police Association. During the winter of 1961 Wright met with Stipes in Toledo and worked on the bylaws and structure of the US Section. In 2010, Wright recalled “some problems in defining, ‘Membership qualifications’ and ‘Police’ as the Canadian Criminal Code defined both what a, ‘Police officer’, and ‘Peace Officer’ were in law, but this was not so in the USA, but an accommodation was found”. The definition of a police officer would continue to be modified and evolve over the next several decades. The US section did not have one definition for an officer as many other countries do, but at least 50, one per state.

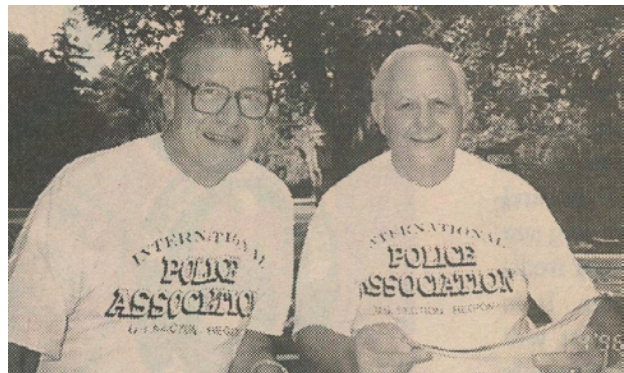
On February 26th, 1962, the founding meeting, establishing the National Section of the IPA US was held at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall on Summit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Troop was not able to attend and designated Wright to serve as his deputy. Because of the efforts of Wright, Stipes, Litwin and others, over 30 police officers were recruited as members. The officers were from Toledo (OH); Buffalo (NY); Trenton, (NJ);

Uniondale (NY); Schenectady (NY); Venice (FL); Chicago (IL) and Alexandria/Arlington (VA).

Wright and three car loads of members from Regions #1 and #2 drove to Toledo for the meeting. A group of police officers, led by Leland Stipes met the Canadian officers. Canadian Region 1 President, Joseph Summerlin, had an 8mm movie camera and recorded the entire event. Unfortunately, recent efforts to locate that historical film have been unsuccessful.

Wright was introduced by Stipes and the meeting began. The US Section had the required members and had elected Harold Litwin of Buffalo as President. Litwin was unable to attend as he was snowed in due to a storm in Buffalo; Leland Stipes was elected Secretary General.

Other officers were: Treasurer, Robert Turner of Toledo PD; 1st Vice-President, Bruno Bock of Nassau County (NY) PD; and 2nd Vice



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***U.S. Section Co-Historians Harold Litwin, Sr. and Ralph Archibald. Harold was the U.S. Section founder and first President. Ralph is currently Secretary & Editor of Region #1.***

President, Matthew Maloney of Trenton (NJ) PD. So began the US Section. Litwin would later comment “We had a section formed with officers and few members and no finances. I sat in my home and wondered just what I had gotten myself into!”

In the near future the few US members addressed the task of recruiting. The Canadian

Section's Associate Secretary to the U.S., Neil Grassick, provided great assistance. Grassick took two weeks of vacation and, at his own expense, toured through Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey visiting police agencies in his own recruitment drive. US Secretary General Stipes sent correspondence to as many agencies as possible letting them know about the IPA. Litwin kept busy recruiting members from agencies in western New York, while Bruno Bock signed up members in both the New York City and Long Island areas. According the Litwin, "The reply was very slow and there were many times when success was fading from the scene."

At the time the only real communication in the US IPA was a quarterly President's newsletter and it was decided to produce more of a magazine style document. The first issue of the IPA Journal was "twenty-four mimeographed pages and printed covers" and the issue was mailed to the members.



**London Police Revolver Club Members**

Litwin traveled to the Triennial Congress in Blackpool England in 1964. For two weeks he traveled the IPA way and saw how other sections operated their IPA. He returned home determined to expand the US IPA. An October 1964 visit by the British Section spearheaded by Bruno Bock, brought many British officers to the homes of US members. At one point, the British Bobbies, in uniform, directed traffic at Main and Court Streets

in Buffalo as well as in New York and Washington. That publicity, according to Litwin, "started to put our I.P.A. in the United States on the road to success."



**Harold Litwin**

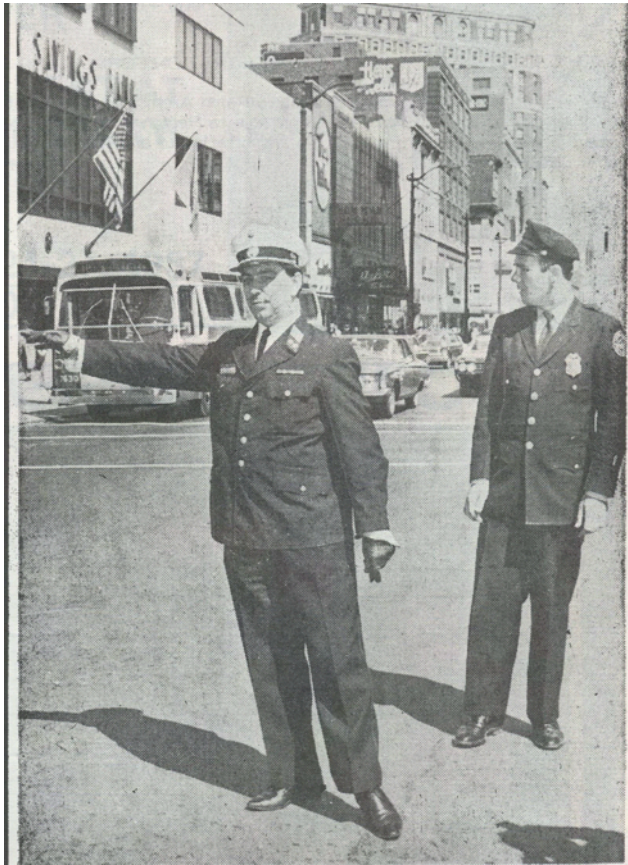
By the end of the first year membership was only 102, but it continued to grow. By June 1962, the bank balance stood at \$138.50 and the US still owed the British Section for lapel pins that were purchased! The US section had not held any meetings since its inception in February. All business was done by phone and mail.

Secretary General Stipes reported in June of 1962, that he had received the charter from the International. It was also learned that some European members were not happy with the US forming because of the US stand concerning LIFE members in the USA who were members of the French Section. Apparently the issue was put to rest at the International Conference when Arthur Troop threatened to walk out of the conference if the US Section was not approved.

US Section IDs were designed and purchased by Litwin because the standard passport was too large for a wallet. These IDs were consecutively numbered with the US board being assigned the first numbers; Leland Stipes #1, Harold Litwin #2, Matthew Maloney #3, Bruno Bock #4 and Robert Turner #5.

The first National Executive Council (NEC) Meeting of the US Section was held January. 30, 1963, at the FOP Lodge in Toledo, the same location of the formation meeting. President Litwin, Secretary-General Stipes and Treasurer Robert Turner were present. First Vice-President Bock and Second Vice President Matthew Maloney

were unable to attend. Also present were Canadian guests including Canadian Secretary-General



**New Man at Main and Court**

And he's come all the way from Vienna, with 150 Austrian policemen visiting the Niagara Frontier on an International Police Association tour. He's Sgt. Karl Fichtenbaum, trying his hand at directing United States-style traffic under the watchful eye of Buffalo Patrolman Robert Reiman.—Story on Page 31.

Charles Wright and Region Chairman & Associate Secretary to the United States Neil Grassick. At this meeting Wright, Grassick and Arthur Troop were provided honorary membership in the US Section.

By the time this meeting membership stood at 108 members with a treasury of \$183.31. One of the primary motions of the meeting was to allow the President to create regions as needed. Elections were also held with all officers being re-elected except Leland Stipes. Stipes had decided not to run due to other obligations and commitments. Chief of Police Milton Mills of Inman, Kansas was elected Secretary General.

All members of the US Section were “at-large” members until the first region was formed. On July 16, 1963, President Litwin created Region 1 and Paul Sterling (IPA Member #70) was appointed the Region Chairman. Sterling was tasked with appointing other region members. The original 46 members of Region 1 were located in the western half of NY State and NW Pennsylvania.

By the end of 1963, membership was at 235 and the bank balance was \$232.40. Other changes included Secretary-General Mills moving to 2nd Vice-President, Keith Tedrow of El Monte, California was appointed Secretary-General and Paul Sterling of Region # 1 was Treasurer.

The second National Executive Council (NEC) Meeting of the US Section was held April 16, 1964, in Buffalo, New York. First Vice-President Bock, Second Vice-President Mills and Secretary-General Tedrow were not able to attend due to work. Membership was up to 275 and the



**Harold Litwin in the early years**

bank balance had not yet broke the \$300 mark and stood at only \$217.17. President Litwin was awarded a Life Membership for his past three year effort to build the IPA US.

As the IPA continued to grow, President Litwin created Region 2 on January 19, 1965. The region was made up of New York City and surrounding areas and John Love was to serve as Chairman. Very quickly that region had over 300

members just from the NYPD. The region was often referred to as the New York City Region. Other members were from Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk Counties) and Yonkers (Westchester County) and they were not satisfied with the region being referred to as the New York City Region since it was geographically made up of much more.

In an attempt to resolve this issue, the idea was tossed around about sub-regions, but it was decided that because of the number of members involved, separate regions made more sense. This was addressed at the third National Executive Council (NEC) Meeting of the US Section that was held May 14, 1965 at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City. At the request of President Litwin, this meeting was presided over by Anthony Prubrick who was the Associate Secretary to the US from Great Britain. US National officers present included Litwin, Vice-President John Love and Secretary General Sylvia Davlin. Davlin had succeeded Keith Tedrow.

Several members from Chicago, Eugene Van Arkel, George Gardner and Robert Rittenbacher, were present to request the start of a Chicago region. It was reported that the treasury stood at \$347.38, and a motion was made and passed at this meeting to raise the dues to \$5 beginning in January 1966. Dues had been \$3. The 'New York issues' were also discussed at this meeting.

President Litwin re-created Region 2 on May 17, 1965. Due to this action, Region 2 now consisted of just New York City. John Love was appointed Region chair and told to appoint other region officers. Region 3 was also formed and consisted of Westchester County (Yonkers area) with Michael D'Ambrosio serving as the first chairman. Region 4 was created to consist of the Chicago area and Eugene Van Arkel was appointed as first chairman. About a month later, Litwin created Region 5, consisting of Nassau and Suffolk Counties (Long Island area) and Robert Kirk was appointed the first chair.

Nominations for National officers were in November 1965, with elections in December. President Litwin announced that he would not accept nomination to a national office. John Love was elected President, served for 1 term, and later was succeeded by Thomas Murray, Region #5.

The US Section, has grown, adding a total



A BRITISH BOBBY tries his skill at directing traffic in Buffalo, N.Y.

of 62 regions. Like all sections, the US works hard to increase membership, a daunting task that has been difficult for all the years of the organization. Unfortunately, some of the regions have become inactive, but the US Section looks forward to the future and continues to spread the beliefs of Arthur Troop and *Service Through Friendship*. .

**Original 1962 Membership List**  
*from early issue of the National Reporter*

**Officers**

President Harold Litwin	NY
1st VP Bruno Bock	NY
2nd VP Mathew Maloney	NJ
Sec. General Leland Stipes	OH
Treasurer Robert Tuner	OH

**Members**

Gay Barbieri	NY
Gerald Arenberg	FL
Ervin Weber	NJ
Martin Smith Jr	OH
William Allen	IL
Robert Pitzen	OH
Lois Higgins	IL
Paul Myers	IL
Jerry Scockley	VA
Lawrence Boyle	OH
Edward Bombrys	OH
Harry Broadway	OH
William Cicarell	NY
Benjamin Cooley	OH
Donale Diefenbach	OH
James Dillon	NJ
Forrest Guhl	OH
Richard Lucherini	NJ
Charles Knight Jr.	OH
Frederick Neipp	OH
Dale Siefke	OH
Walter Synowczyk	OH
William Youngman	OH
Frank Kasee	OH
Robert Papenfus	OH
Robert Spencer	OH
Thomas Keeler	OH
James Parker	VA
James Limes Sr.	OH
Jerome Cieslikoski	NY
Robert Brice Jr.	NY
Thomas Parrini	NY
William Greiner	NY

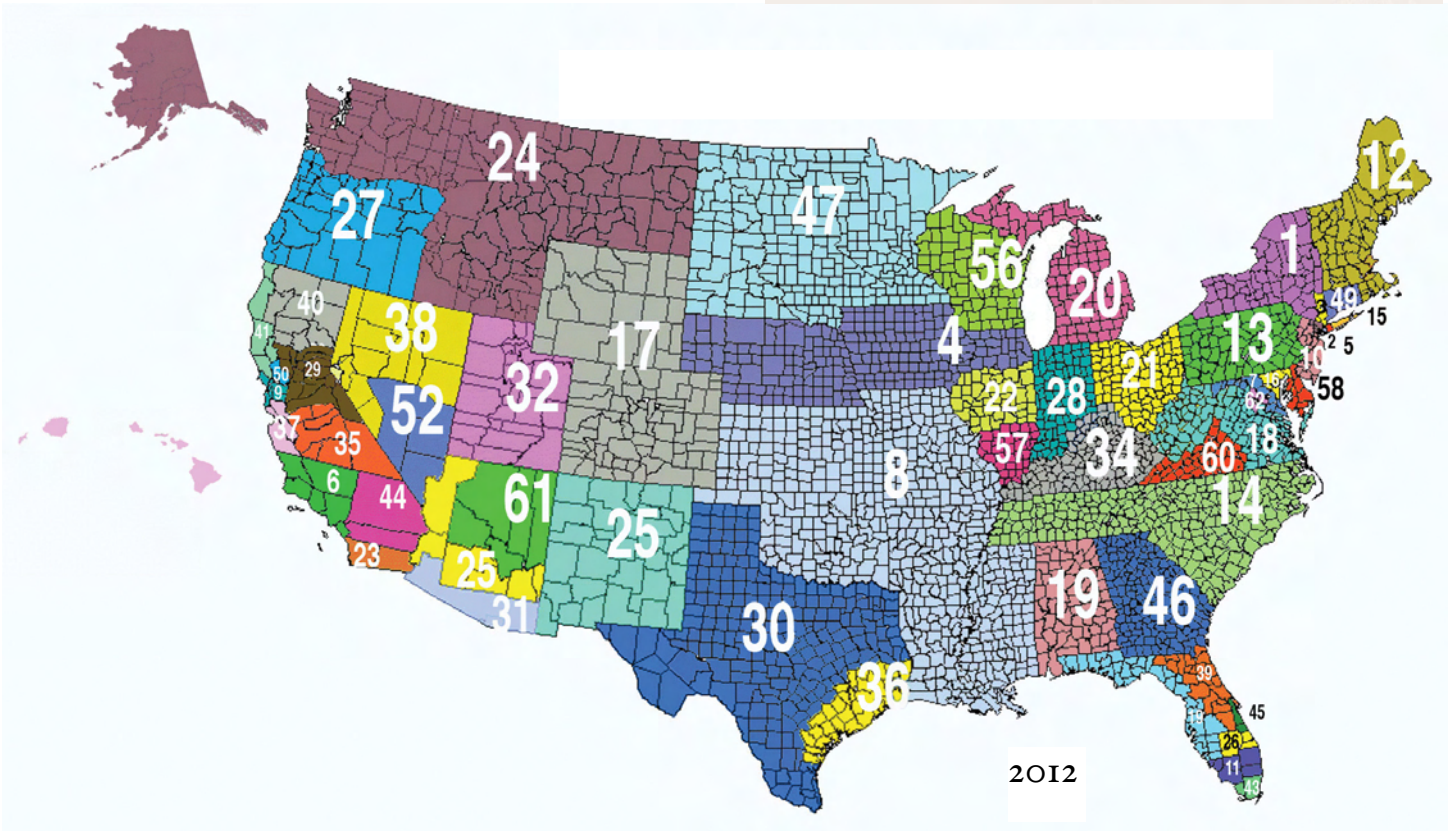
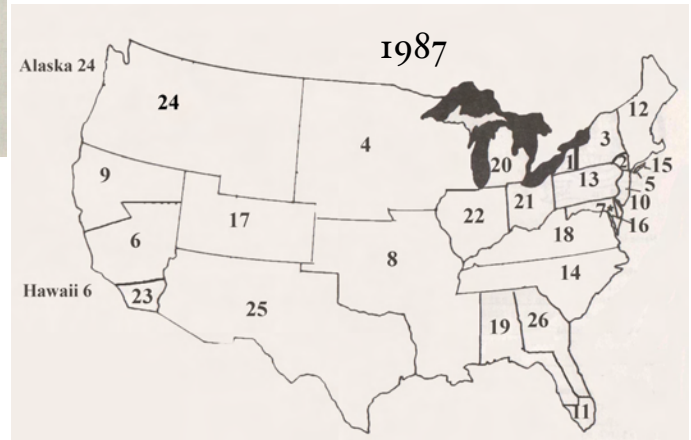
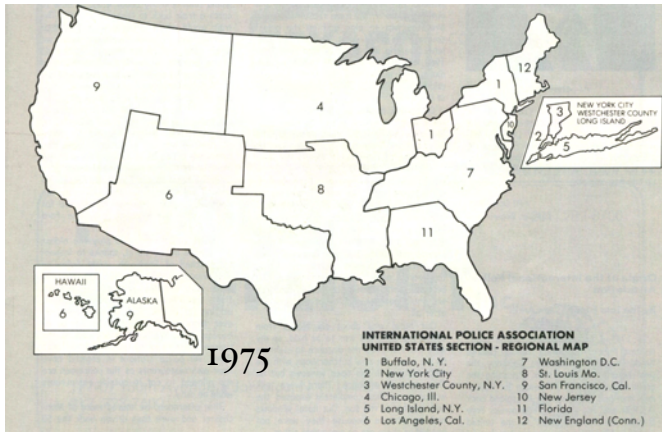


*Constable Derek Maddox of the Blackpool, England Constabulary talks with US members of the Triennial Congress of the IPA in Blackpool. Left to right: Constable Maddox; Earl R. Kingsland BPD; Harold Litwin BPD and US President; George F. Gardner, Chicago PD; Mrs. Ruth Litwin.*

Alfred Lee	OH
Robert Martin	NY
David Smith	Wash
Donald Brown	OH*
Arnold Grimes	OH
Thomas Murray	NY
Donal Eoin McNamara	NY
Constantine Papatsos	NY
Carl Maplethorne	OR
James Ryan	NY
Arthur Janssen	NY
Chester Pomorski	OH
Orin Kay	CA
Jesse Purdy	NY
Milton Mills	KS

\* NOTE: Toledo Ohio Officer Donald Brown was killed in the line of duty 06/12/1962

# IPA US REGIONS THEN AND NOW



## **UNITED STATES REGION FORMATION**

<u>1 New York</u>	<u>07/1963</u>	<u>33 Hawaii</u>	<u>08/1990</u>
<u>2 New York</u>	<u>05/1965</u>	<u>34 Ohio</u>	<u>08/1990</u>
<u>3 New York</u>	<u>05/1965</u>	<u>35 California</u>	<u>08/1990</u>
<u>4 Illinois</u>	<u>05/1965</u>	<u>36 Texas</u>	<u>06/1991</u>
<u>5 New York</u>	<u>07/1965</u>	<u>37 California</u>	<u>06/1991</u>
<u>6 California</u>	<u>03/1966</u>	<u>38 Nevada</u>	<u>06/1991</u>
<u>7 Wash D.C.</u>	<u>03/1966</u>	<u>39 Florida</u>	<u>06/1991</u>
<u>8 Missouri</u>	<u>07/1968</u>	<u>40 California</u>	<u>06/1992</u>
<u>9 California</u>	<u>01/1972</u>	<u>41 California</u>	<u>06/1992</u>
<u>10 New Jersey</u>	<u>06/1973</u>	<u>42 California</u>	<u>06/1992</u>
<u>11 Florida</u>	<u>06/1973</u>	<u>43 Florida</u>	<u>07/1993</u>
<u>12 Massachusetts</u>	<u>06/1973</u>	<u>44 California</u>	<u>07/1993</u>
<u>13 Pennsylvania</u>	<u>06/1975</u>	<u>45 Florida</u>	<u>09/1993</u>
<u>14 South Carolina</u>	<u>06/1975</u>	<u>46 Georgia</u>	<u>07/1995</u>
<u>15 New York</u>	<u>06/1975</u>	<u>47 Minnesota</u>	<u>07/1995</u>
<u>16 Maryland</u>	<u>06/1975</u>	<u>48 New Jersey</u>	<u>07/1995</u>
<u>17 Colorado</u>	<u>07/1976</u>	<u>49 Connecticut</u>	<u>06/1996</u>
<u>18 Virginia</u>	<u>06/1977</u>	<u>50 California</u>	<u>11/1997</u>
<u>19 Florida</u>	<u>10/1977</u>	<u>51 Puerto Rico</u>	<u>11/1997</u>
<u>20 Michigan</u>	<u>10/1977</u>	<u>52 Nevada</u>	<u>06/1998</u>
<u>21 Ohio</u>	<u>10/1980</u>	<u>53 California</u>	<u>06/1998</u>
<u>22 Illinois</u>	<u>10/1981</u>	<u>54 Florida</u>	<u>06/1998</u>
<u>23 California</u>	<u>10/1981</u>	<u>55 Tennessee</u>	<u>04/1999</u>
<u>24 Washington</u>	<u>07/1982</u>	<u>56 Wisconsin</u>	<u>08/1999</u>
<u>25 Arizona</u>	<u>11/1982</u>	<u>57 Illinois</u>	<u>10/1999</u>
<u>26 Florida</u>	<u>06/1983</u>	<u>58 Maryland</u>	<u>07/1999</u>
<u>27 Oregon</u>	<u>06/1984</u>	<u>59 Massachusetts</u>	<u>10/1999</u>
<u>28 Indiana</u>	<u>09/1987</u>	<u>60 Virginia</u>	<u>12/2000</u>
<u>29 California</u>	<u>09/1987</u>	<u>61 Arizona</u>	<u>09/2003</u>
<u>30 Texas</u>	<u>09/1989</u>	<u>62 Virginia</u>	<u>09/2003</u>
<u>31 Arizona</u>	<u>09/1989</u>		
<u>32 Utah</u>	<u>08/1990</u>		

## *National Meetings*

1968	New York City, NY	National	Spring	1987	Buffalo, NY	Region 1	Fall
1968	New York City, NY	National	Fall	1988	Phoenix, AZ	Region 25	Spring
1969	Oceanside, NY	National	?	1989	St. Louis, MO	Region 8	Fall
1970	Buffalo, NY	Region 1	Spring	1990	San Franc, CA	Region 9	Summer
1970	Washington, DC	Region 7	Fall	1991	Reno, NV	Region 29	Spring
1971	Oceanside, NY	National	Spring	1992	Dallas, TX	Region 30	Spring
1971	Chicago, IL	Region 4	Fall	1993	Anchorage, AK	Region 24	Spring
1972	St. Louis, MO	Region 8	Spring	1994	CO Sprgs, CO	Region 17	Spring
1972	Long Island, NY	Region 5	Fall	1995	Chicago, IL	Region 4	Spring
1973	Washington, DC	Region 7	Spring	1996	NY City, NY	Region 2	Spring
1973	Los Angeles, CA	Region 6	Fall	1997	CA Cruise	CA Regs	Fall
1974	Atlantic City, NJ	Region 10	Spring	1998	Orlando, FL	Region 39	Spring
1974	New York City, NY	Region 2	Fall	1999	St. Louis, MO	Region 8	Fall
1975	Chicago, IL	Region 4	Spring	2000	Philadelphia, PA	Region 13	Fall
1975	Warrensburg, NY	Region 3	Fall	2001	Reno, NV	National	Sep*
1976	Boston, MA	Region 12	Spring	2002	Miami Cruise	National	Nov
1976	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Region 11	Fall	2003	Niagara Falls, CA	National	Sep
1977	Washington, DC	Region 7	Spring	2004	Billings, MT	National	Jun
1977	Suffolk County, NY	Region 15	Fall	2005	Windsor, Canada	National	Fall**
1978	Buffalo, NY	Region 1	Spring	2006	Carnival Cruise	National	Nov
1978	St. Louis, MO	Region 8	Fall	2007	Las Vegas	National	Nov
1979	Baltimore, MD	Region 16	Spring	2008	CO Sprgs, CO	Region 17	Oct
1980	Philadelphia, PA	Region 13	Fall	2009	East St. Louis, IL	Region 57	Oct
1981	Washington, DC	Region 7	Fall*	2010	Seattle, OR	Region 24	Jun**
1982	Detroit, MI	Region 20	Spring	2011	Mesa, AZ	Region 25	Oct
1983	Springfield, IL	Region 22	Spring	2012	Washington, DC	National	Nov
1984	Nassau County, NY	Region 5	Spring				
1985	San Diego, CA	Region 23	Spring				
1986	Baltimore, MD	Region 16	Fall				

\*IEC

\*\*Joint meeting with Canada

## *National Executive Councils*

### **PRESIDENT**

1962-1965	Harold Litwin
1966-1968	John Love
1969-1974	Tom Murray
1975-1982	Jerry Avellino
1983-1988	Randall Hutnik
1989-1991	Andy McLachlan
1992-1997	Howard Rogers
1997-1999	Jim Cain
1999-2006	M.G. "Mike" Lynch
2006-2009	Viola Powrie
2009-2012	Bob Killen
2012-2015	Kevin Gordon

### **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

1962-1965	Bruno Bock
1966-1966	Robert Kirk
1967-1970	George Amandola
1971-1974	Donald Bartel
1975-1979	Joseph Faherty
1980-1982	John Leonard
1983-1988	Andy Mclachlin
1989-1994	Paul Weber
1995-1997	Jim Cain
1997-1997	Steven Weatherford
1997-1999	M.G. "Mike" Lynch
1999-2003	Ron Boerst
2003-2006	James Foster
2006-2009	Bob Killen
2009-2012	Kenn Morton
2012-2015	Steve Livingston

### **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

1962-1963	Michael Maloney
1964-1964	Milton Mills
1965-1965	John Love
1966-1967	Lawrence Van Arkel
1968-1974	Raymond Dillon
1975-1982	Richard Grace
1983-1988	Joe Folio
1989-1994	Don Nolan
1995-1997	Steven Weatherford
1997-1997	M.G. "Mike" Lynch
1997-2000	Oscar Vance
2000-2003	James Foster
2003-2006	Viola Powrie
2006-2008	Larry Kiceina
2008-2012	Steve Livingston
2012-2015	Calvin Chow

### **THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**

1962-1967	None
1968-1968	Tom Murray
1969-1970	Jerry Shapiro
1971-1972	George Moulds
1973-1974	Tony Dwyer
1975-1982	Theodore Haverchack
1983-1994	Fred Barney
1995-1997	M.G. "Mike" Lynch
1997-1999	Ron Boerst
1999-1999	Bill Kroeger
2000-2000	Nick Mileur
2000-2006	David A. Bacigalupi
2006-2008	Steve Livingston
2008-2009	Steve Kear
2009-2012	Rich Resling
2012-2015	Cory Freadling

## *National Executive Councils Continued*

### **SECRETARY GENERAL**

1962-1962	Leland Stipes
1963-1963	Milton Mills
1964-1964	Keith Tedrow
1965-1965	Sylvia Davlin
1966-1966	John Chartrand
1967-1967	Raymond Dillon
1968-1970	Joe Esposito
1971-1985	Edward Watson
1986-1988	Howard Rogers
1989-1991	Jim Cain
1992-2000	Ken Davis
2000-2006	Bill Kroeger
2006-2015	Richard Nevarez

### **TREASURER**

1962-1963	Robert Turner
1964-1965	Paul Sterling
1966-1966	Tom Murray
1967-1967	Jerry Shapiro
1968-1968	John Demeis
1969-1980	Peter Kelly
1981-1982	James Gaglio
1983-1988	James McGauley Jr.
1989-1994	Rudy Deutsch
1995-2003	Tom Ciurlik
2003-2012	Kevin Gordon
2012-2015	Vi Powrie

### **ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL\***

1962	None
1963	David Smith
1964	Sylvia Davlin
1965	None
1966	William Smith
1967	W. George
1968	A. Tritini
1969-1970	R. Garafola
1971-1975	Al Schilling

\*Office Removed at N.E.B. 1976



## *Scholarships & Awards*

### **Gimborn Scholarship:**

2004	Mike Bazzell	Region 57
2005	Steve Livingston	Region 21
2006	Chris Mannino	Region 4
2007	Kenneth Csizmadia	Region 20
2008	Roland Fogt	Region 8
2009	Cory Freadling	Region 21
2010	Kevin Moran	Region 61
2011	Scott Barthelmass	Region 8
2012	Roger Chien	Region 6

### **Harold Litwin, Sr Memorial Scholarship:**

2009	Jacob H. Vislay	Region 8
2009	Christopher Roth	Region 25
2009	David Jacobson	Region 26
2009	Amy Holiday	Region 29
2010	Joseph K. Metzler	Region 2
2010	Emily Feinstein	Region 15
2011	Leah J. Mathey	Region 4
2011	Christopher Jacobson	Region 26
2011	Christopher Roth	Region 27
2011	Ryan Goodman	Region 43
2012	Joseph Mitzler	Region 2
2012	Nicole Simi	Region 4

### **US Winners of Arthur Troop Scholarship:**

2008	Roger Chien	Region 6
2009	Mary Anne Villardi	Region 15
2009	Mark Miller	Region 29
2010	James Morgan	Region 6
2011	Jessica Welker	Region 37
2011	Scott Barthelmass	Region 8
2012	Byron Lee	Region 44

### **US Service Through Friendship Award:**

2007	Diana Tyler	Region 37
2008	Mike Lynch	Region 29
2009	Clark Paris	Region 38
2010	Kevin Gordon	Region 57
2011	None	
2012	To Be determined	



# ***IPA Organization***

## **INTERNATIONAL**

There are 3 basic areas of the IPA; International, Sections (countries) and Regions. The International Executive Council (IEC) meets every year but every third year it is referred to as the World Congress (WC). Elections occur at the World Congress. The IEC is composed of one delegate from each Section (country), usually the President, and the PEB.

PEB stands for the Permanent Executive Bureau, the elected officers of the International organization. The PEB are elected at the World Congress and serve for 3 years. They are responsible for the management of the Association and for implementation of decisions made by the IEC at the annual meeting. The PEB have the power to act on behalf of the IEC in any matter requiring immediate action

## **SECTIONS/REGIONS**

A section is a country of the IPA while Regions are chapters within the section. Some countries have sub groups called branches along with regions.

In the US, the National Delegate Council or NDC, is the voting body of the US Section and meets at an annual conference. An NDC rep is chosen by each Region to represent the region at the conference and vote on various issues. Also present at the conference is the NEC (see next paragraph) but unlike the international board, they do not have a vote.

The NEC is the National Executive Council. They are the six nationally elected officers of the Section. They also are elected every three years and each region has one vote. Similar to the international group, the NEC is responsible for the management of the Section and for implementation of decisions made by the NDC members at the annual meeting. The NEC generally meets twice a year. One meeting is held

in conjunction with the national conference (usually the day before the NDC meeting). The second meeting is approximately 6 months later, causing a meeting to be held each 6 months.

## **ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

Due to the size of the worldwide organization, it was determined years ago that a small administration center was needed. This International Administration Centre (IAC) is located in the West Bridgford area of Nottingham, England. It is maintained by the PEB, and the staff work with the International Secretary General and the PEB as well as with National Sections around the world.

## **EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD**

There are 4 primary events held around the world. The National conference and the International conference have already been discussed. Any member is welcome to attend any section's national conference and all members are welcome at the international conference.

The other two events are the Anniversary event and the Friendship Week. They are just what they sound like. Any section or region can have an anniversary event. Usually these are weeklong and they are open to members from around the world. It is a celebration of the section or region anniversary.

A friendship week is a week planned for friendship that includes a banquet, tours etc. It held simply to promote friendship. Either a section or a region can put on a friendship week. There is usually a friendship week following an IEC that is provided by the host section. Members are welcome to attend any international, section or region meeting or event anywhere in the world.