

**JOHN PATRONSKI  
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**GLOBAL EXPERIENCE SPECIALISTS (GES)**

**BIO**

John Patronski, a veteran of the exhibition and meetings industry, is the Executive Vice President/Industry Development for Global Experience Specialists (GES). He began his career as Operations Director of the O'Hare International Trade & Exposition Center before joining Andrews-Bartlett which merged with GES in 1993. Patronski has held various management and executive positions in operations, management, sales and marketing.

Patronski sits on the MPEA Advisory Council created as part of the new legislation passed by the Illinois General Assembly changing virtually all aspects of the operations of the MPEA. He has served on advisory groups for the Convention Industry Council (CIC) and the expansion projects of McCormick Place. Patronski serves on the Board of Directors of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.

Patronski has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau, Chair of the PCMA Education Foundation, Chair of the Exhibition Industry Foundation (EIF) and as a Director on the Board of PCMA.

Patronski was honored by the PCMA Education Foundation in 2009 receiving the Professional Achievement Award as the Supplier Partner Honoree. In 2005 he represented GES in the CEIR Industry Leadership Circle and is a member of the IAEE Platinum Circle. In 2003 Patronski was named to the "Power Pack 100" by Trade Show Week.

Patronski has been a panelist/speaker at many national industry events to include PCMA, IAEE, CEMA (Corporate Event Marketers Association), CESSE (Council of Engineering and Scientific Society), ESCA (Exhibition Service Contractors Association), ASAE, AMPROFEC and a contributor to industry-related publications.

Patronski works closely with many of the GES clients in the strategic planning and production of their events. During his career he has worked with show organizers in nearly every major convention facility in the United States.

A native of Chicago, Patronski holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Northern Illinois University and is a graduate of the Northwest Police Academy.