



International Association of Exhibitions and Events™

Steven Hacker, CAE Biography



Since beginning his association management career in 1970, Steven Hacker, CAE has served dozens of boards of directors as key staff, chief staff executive, consultant, and advisor. He earned the coveted “Certified Association Executive” (CAE) designation in 1976, was named a “Fellow” of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) in 1988. He has been named “One of the 25 Most Influential People in the Meetings and Conventions Industry” for twelve consecutive years beginning in 1996. In 2005 he was named by the University of Nevada at Las Vegas as “Industry Leader of the Year”. In 2007 Hacker was recognized by the NY Society of Association Executives with their Vision Award, he was inducted into the prestigious Convention Industry Council’s Hall of Leaders in December 2007 and in August 2009 was named One of Ten Industry Leaders to Watch” by Trade Show Executive Magazine.

As chief staff executive he has successfully lead several not-for-profit organizations by emphasizing sound financial planning, membership growth, and volunteer involvement.

As President of the International Association of Exhibitions and Events (IAEE), formerly the International Association for Exhibition Management (IAEM), Hacker has helped to build membership from less than 2,600 to more than 9,000.

IAEE today is at the center of a large and growing network of national, regional and international organizations in the events business and has offices in Dallas, Brussels, Singapore and Beijing. Seventeen international, national and regional associations in the exhibition industry have aligned themselves as working partners of IAEE through a series of reciprocity agreements. IAEE’s CEM Professional Designation program now operates globally through a network of licensees.

Hacker is an active member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and serves as a Director of the Travel Industry Association (TIA). He serves on the Board of Distinguished Judges & Advisors for the Media Section of the American Business Awards. His passions are golf, fly-fishing, Porsches and photography.

He and his wife Evelyn, who is Executive Director of the National Association of Dental Plans, reside in Fairview, Texas and have two children, David (33) and Katherine (24).